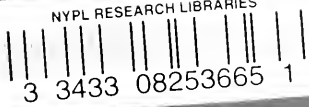
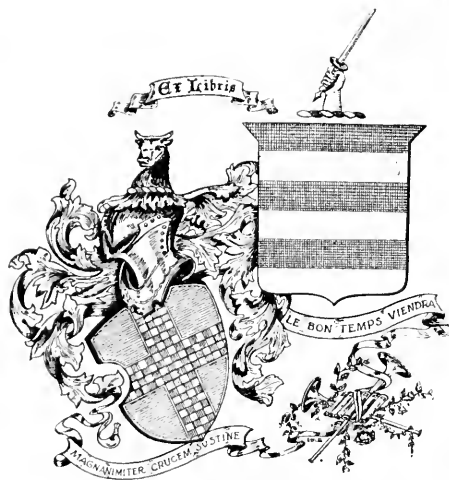


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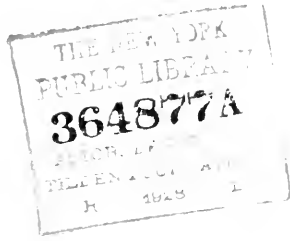
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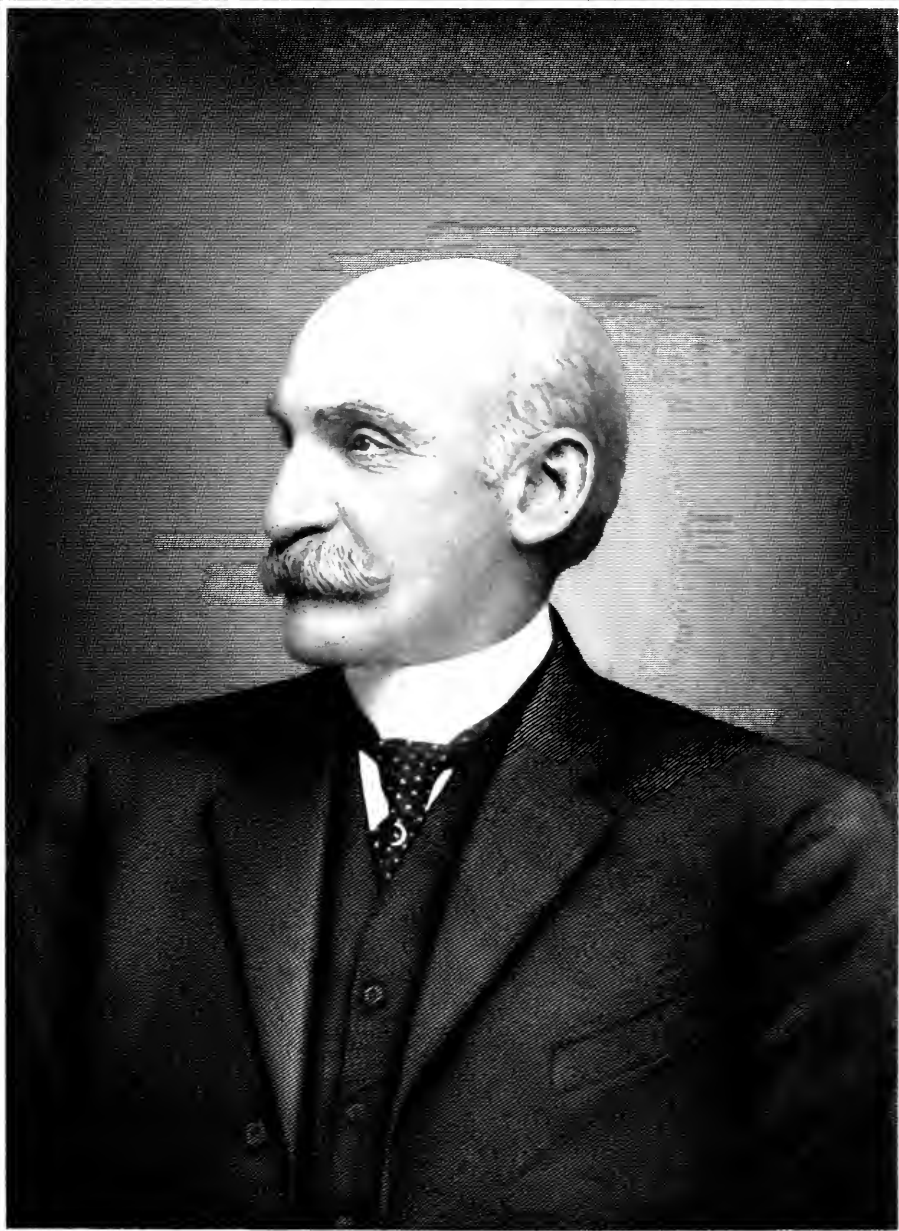
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**SMITH, C. Fayette,**

**Banker.**

Dean of the banking fraternity of Holyoke, C. Fayette Smith reviews a life of fifty years spent in the banking business. The institution of which he is the honored head and in which he began as cashier holds a commanding position among Western Massachusetts financial concerns and is regarded as Holyoke's leading bank. Its phenomenal growth since his connection began may be justly attributed in a large degree to his clear vision, modern progressive management and to his personal reputation as one of the foremost financiers of his State. With the exception of three years passed in the employ of the George W. Prentiss Company, wire manufacturers, he has been engaged in the banking business from the time he was sixteen until the present, beginning as clerk in the Hadley Falls Bank. In 1897 he had reached his present position, chief executive of the City National Bank of Holyoke, and for twenty years has ably guided the destinies of that institution. He is a descendant of William Smith, born in England, who with four brothers and a sister settled in Connecticut, William settling later in Wethersfield in that State, where he died in January, 1670, leaving nine children by his wife, Elizabeth (Starling) Smith, whom he married in 1644.

The line of descent from William Smith, the founder, is through his son, Benjamin Smith, born in Farmington, Connecticut, in 1658, a farmer and saw mill owner of West Springfield, Massachusetts. He died in 1738, at the good old age of eighty, leaving sons and daughters by his wife, Ruth

(Loomis) Smith. The line continued through Jonathan Smith, son of Benjamin and Ruth (Loomis) Smith, who was born at West Springfield, and there lived a strict and pious life until his death, February 9, 1772. He married Margaret, a daughter of Samuel Ball, who bore him sons and daughters, including a son, Jonathan (2) Smith, born about 1725. He inherited the Ball homestead at West Springfield, through his mother, and there resided until death, leaving among his seven children a son, Jonathan (3) Smith, who also resided at West Springfield, married and left a son, Jonathan (4) Smith, grandfather of C. Fayette Smith, of Holyoke.

This Jonathan (4) Smith was born at West Springfield, August 27, 1790, and resided in that part of the town now Holyoke. There he followed his trade of cooper until his death, February 27, 1845. He married, February 27, 1816, Martha, daughter of Joseph Ely, of West Springfield, a descendant of Nathaniel Ely, through his son, Samuel Ely; his son, Deacon Joseph Ely; his son, Joseph (2) Ely; his son, Captain Joseph (3) Ely, an officer of the French and Indian War; his son, Joseph (4) Ely, a soldier of the Revolution, who married Martha Smith, and they were the parents of Martha, born May 29, 1793, died March 24, 1867, married, February 27, 1816, Jonathan (4) Smith.

Jonathan Moseley Smith, eldest son of Jonathan (4) and Martha (Ely) Smith, was born at South Hadley, Massachusetts, March 20, 1817, died March 13, 1867. In early life he was a farmer, but later and for many years he operated the swing ferry. He married, March 30, 1843, in West Springfield, Lucinda Warren, born Novem-

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ber 3, 1823, died in Holyoke, November 13, 1908, daughter of Oliver and Esther (Dickinson) Warren, of Amherst, Massachusetts. They were the parents of four children: Emily M., deceased, was the wife of F. L. Seaver; Ellen S.; Charles Fayette, of further mention; Herbert M.

Charles Fayette Smith, elder son of Jonathan Moseley and Lucinda (Warren) Smith, was born at Holyoke, Massachusetts, August 24, 1851. Until sixteen years of age he attended the public schools, and at that age he became a clerk in the Hadley Falls Bank, a connection which existed for fourteen years, the boy becoming a man of banking experience and teller of the bank for a number of years. At the age of thirty he resigned his banking position to enter the employ of the George W. Prentiss Company, but three years later returned to his first love, the banking business, as cashier of the City National Bank of Holyoke, serving in that position from his election in 1884 until 1897, when he was elected president of the bank, a position he now holds. In 1900 he was appointed receiver for the Glasgow Manufacturing Company, and after closing up all the affairs of the old company he organized a new corporation, the Hadley Mills, of which he was chosen treasurer, serving ten years. The mills of the old company after being closed four years were reopened by the new company and have since been in successful operation. He was also president of the Holyoke Ice Company, and is deeply interested in all that tends to promote the welfare of his city. In political faith he is a Republican, his clubs the Bay State, Holyoke Canoe, Holyoke and Mt. Tom Golf.

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**TOWNE, James Weld,**

**Printer and Business Man.**

Of the ninth American generation of his family, Mr. Towne, although born in Cali-

fornia, has spent the years of his life since 1881 in Massachusetts, the State in which his American ancestor lived from the date of his coming from England, about 1635, until his death. The surname Towne is an ancient English surname, but not of frequent occurrence. It is found as early as 1227, and again in the reign of Henry IV.; the coat-of-arms of the Towne family and the family name are found on a memorial window in a church at Kensington, County Kent. The arms are thus described: "Argent on a chevron sable, three crosses crosslet, ermine."

(I) William Towne, the founder of the family in America, was born in England in 1600, and baptized May 21, 1603. He married, at Yarmouth, Norfolkshire, England, March 25, 1620, in the Church of St. Nicholas, Joanna Blessing, and there six of his children were baptized. He came to New England about 1630, settled first at Salem, Massachusetts, where he had a grant of land in 1640, residing in that part of the town called Northfields until 1651. In 1652 he sold his Salem property and bought land in Topsfield where he died about 1672. His widow died in 1682. They were the parents of ten children, two of whom were put to death during the infernal "witchcraft delusion," which left so black a spot on the history of Massachusetts. Children: Rebecca, baptized February 21, 1621, executed for witchcraft in Salem, July 19, 1692, wife of Francis Nourse; John, baptized February 16, 1624; Susannah, baptized October 20, 1625; Edmund, baptized June 28, 1628; Jacob, baptized March 11, 1632; Mary, baptized August 24, 1634, executed for witchcraft at Salem, September 22, 1692, wife of Isaac Estey; Sarah, baptized September 3, 1648; Joseph, of further mention.

(II) Joseph Towne, son of William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne, was born about 1639, baptized September 3, 1649, resided in Salem until March 22, 1690, then moved to

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Topsfield, where he was a member of the church, and died in 1713. He married Phebe Perkins, daughter of Thomas Perkins, of Topsfield. Children: Phebe, born May 4, 1666, died young; Joanna, born January 22, 1668, married Thomas Nichols, December 15, 1694, lived in Sutton; Mary, born March 27, 1670; Susannah, born December 24, 1671, married John Cummings, January 23, 1688, died September 13, 1776; Joseph, of further mention; Sarah, born December 30, 1675, died November 1, 1760; John, born February 20, 1678; Martha, born May 19, 1680, married Isaac Leach; Phebe, born July 23, 1685, married Mr. Newhall, he died June 10, 1736.

(III) Joseph (2) Towne, son of Joseph (1) and Phebe (Perkins) Towne, was born at Topsfield, Massachusetts, March 22, 1673, died May 28, 1757. He married (first) Margaret Case, of Salem, November 9, 1699; married (second) Abigail Curtis, November 5, 1707; married (third) Mary Mower, February 21, 1730. Children of first wife: Margaret, born August 6, 1700, died January 5, 1757, married Samuel Perkins, August 22, 1723; Joseph, born December 26, 1701; Archelaus, August 31, 1703; Israel, of further mention. By his second wife Joseph Towne had ten children and by his third wife one child.

(IV) Israel Towne, son of Joseph (2) Towne and his first wife, Margaret (Case) Towne, was born at Topsfield, Massachusetts, March 24, 1705, died at Amherst, New Hampshire, in 1791. He was one of the early settlers of Narragansett, afterward named Souhegan, and incorporated as Amherst in 1760. The first settlement was made there in 1734, and September 22, 1741, when the church was organized, the name of Captain Israel Towne appeared. He married, May 23, 1729, Grace Gardner, of Middletown, who died in 1803. Children: Thomas, born 1732; Archelaus, 1734; Israel, of further mention; Moses,

born May 6, 1739; Gardner, born June 6, 1741, married Abigail Hopkins, no issue; Elizabeth, born May 28, 1745, died July 16, 1794; Susannah, born May 28, 1748, married Timothy Nichols, October 2, 1779; Mary, born April 20, 1751, died August 29, 1781.

(V) Israel (2) Towne, son of Israel (1) and Grace (Gardner) Towne, was born at Topsfield, Massachusetts, November 16, 1736, died at Stoddard, New Hampshire, April 28, 1813. He went with his parents to Amherst, New Hampshire, and there married, July 31, 1760, Lydia, daughter of Benjamin Hopkins. Children: Israel, of further mention; William, born July 21, 1763; Gardner, May 1, 1765; Benjamin, March 23, 1767; Andrew, July 11, 1769; Lydia, April 11, 1772, died August 28, 1777; Daniel, born August 20, 1774; Hannah, August 28, 1776, died October, 1872, aged ninety-six, married Ebenezer Bancroft, of Dunstable.

(VI) Israel (3) Towne, son of Israel (2) and Lydia (Hopkins) Towne, was born at Stoddard, New Hampshire, June 14, 1761, and died May 2, 1848. He married Hannah Abbott, of Stoddard, who died March 9, 1847. Children: Lydia, born September 11, 1781, died June 28, 1878, married Oliver Hodgman; Archelaus, born November 29, 1782; Israel, of further mention; Hannah, born October 9, 1786, died July 28, 1864, married Asa Copeland, April 2, 1809; Esther, born June 24, 1788, died August 23, 1871, married Isaac Howe, of Milford, New Hampshire, October 15, 1809; Grace, born March 24, 1790, killed by a falling tree; Gardner, born February 16, 1792; Ebenezer, August 3, 1795; Lucy, born August 16, 1797, died February 11, 1888.

(VII) Israel (4) Towne, son of Israel (3) and Hannah (Abbott) Towne, was born at Stoddard, New Hampshire, November 22, 1784, or 85, died at Amherst, New

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Hampshire, October 25, 1858. He married (first) June 14, 1812, Clarissa Weld, of Boston, born December 3, 1795, died January 13, 1815; married (second) July 23, 1815, Sarah L. Brazier, born June 11, 1796, died May 22, 1874. Children by first wife: Sarah, born February 8, 1813, died April 15, 1813; Clarissa Weld, born October 9, 1814, married Elijah Bagnall, of Chelsea. Children by second wife: Maria B., born August 7, 1817; Pamela C., born May 1, 1822, died 1887, married Zephaniah Bassett; Hannah C., born April 5, 1825, died 1887, married W. Weston Wilson, July 2, 1856; Betsey Elizabeth B., born March 29, 1827, married William J. Weston, February 14, 1850; James Weld, of further mention; Emily R., born June 14, 1832; William Henry, May 27, 1835; Charles G., July 12, 1838.

(VIII) James Weld Towne, son of Israel (4) Towne and his second wife, Sarah L. (Brazier) Towne, was born at Amherst, New Hampshire, May 29, 1829. His boyhood was spent in Amherst and Milford, New Hampshire, and he learned the printer's trade in the office of the "Farmers Cabinet," of Amherst. For a short time he was a journeyman printer in Boston, but in 1852 he journeyed to San Francisco and engaged in the printing business very successfully, being a member of the pioneer printing firm, Whiton, Towne & Company, later a member of the firm, Towne & Bacon. In 1868 his health failed and he returned East, locating at East Orange, New Jersey, acting as New York resident partner of the San Francisco paper house of Blake, Moffitt & Towne.

He married (first) May 29, 1855, Cynthia Gowing, who died July 8, 1875, daughter of Joseph Gowing, of Amherst, Mr. Towne coming from California to claim his bride and taking her back with him. He married (second) October 3, 1877, Rebecca Eames, of Wilmington, Massachusetts.

Children, all by his first wife: 1. Arthur G., born May 12, 1856; married, May 14, 1885, Alice Wolcott Nichols and has James Wolcott and Arthur Wolcott Towne; resides in San Francisco. 2. Emma, born August 18, 1858; married Hugo Richards and moved to Prescott, Arizona. 3. Carrie, born December 18, 1861; married Frank W. Wilson, of East Orange, New Jersey. 4. Frank Beckwith, born January 7, 1865; married, at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1894, Harriet A. Peale, daughter of S. Richard and Harriet (Alter) Peale; child, Richard Peale, born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, October 5, 1899, an adopted daughter, Barbara Boynton, born August 5, 1904. 5. Edward S., born April 18, 1866; married at Richmond, Indiana, September 14, 1893, Joanna Maude Hogan, daughter of John D. and Mary E. (Sands) Hogan; they reside in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and have a son, Herbert Sands Towne, born October 9, 1899, at Holyoke. 6. Charles, born in 1868, died in infancy. 7. William, born 1870, died in infancy. 8. Bessie, born December 8, 1871, died 1886. 9. Joseph M., born July 7, 1875.

### MOORE, Philander,

#### Retired Business Man.

Philander Moore, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Holyoke, Massachusetts, comes of a family whose name appears in national history, both in the annals of peace and war.

Major John Moore, great-grandfather of Philander Moore, fought in the battle of Bunker Hill, and a handsome monument erected to his honor is to be seen at Norridgewock, Maine, the place of his birth.

Goff Moore, son of Major John Moore, was born in Maine about the year 1761, and there spent most of his life of ninety-one years, his death taking place there in 1851. He was a patriot like his father and

served his country during the Revolutionary War, at the termination of which he returned to his home at Norridgewock, Maine, and there followed agricultural pursuits and hunting. He was twice married, and was the father of the following children by his first marriage: Samuel, John, Goff, Jr.; of second marriage: Moses, Daniel, Robert.

Goff (2) Moore, son of Goff (1) Moore, by his first marriage, and father of Philander Moore, was born at Norridgewock, Maine, February 23, 1791. He rose to distinction in the State, both in military and civic activities. He was the proprietor of a saddlery and harness business of substantial importance in the town of North Anson and later in Madison, Maine, where his personality brought him much power and prestige. He had inherited the martial spirit, and entered enthusiastically into the operations of the State militia, eventually rising to the rank of colonel. He also participated energetically and forcefully in local and State politics, and at one time held the postmastership at Madison, Maine. To church affairs he gave much of his time and substance, his hospitable entertainment of the dignitaries of the church being noteworthy. Twice he married, his first wife having been Alice Patten, and his second Mrs. Mary Spaulding, *nee* Mary McLaughlin, of Stark, Maine. To the first marriage were born eight children: Albert, James, Philander, Jane P., Goff A., Maria E., Alice P., and Olive S.; and to the second marriage two children: Philander, who is the subject of main reference herein, and James. Philander Moore is the only one living of the entire family at the present time.

Philander Moore, son of Goff (2) and Mary (McLaughlin-Spaulding) Moore, was born in Madison, Somerset county, State of Maine, July 19, 1844. In due course he passed through the public schools

of his native town, and received further education at North Anson Academy, after which he became associated in business with his brother, who was a printer in North Anson, Maine, remaining with him for four years. During the next two years he filled the capacity of clerk in a store at Anson, Maine, and then, coming to Chicopee, Massachusetts, was for six months employed in the store of the well-known grocery firm of Carter & Spaulding. His next commercial activity was in the city of Springfield, Massachusetts, where he entered the employ of E. B. Haskell & Sons, grocers, serving that company until October 1, 1865, then came to Holyoke, which city has since been his home. For a year or so he was a clerk for W. C. Carter, and then purchased an interest in the business of Mr. Tuttle, the firm becoming known as Tuttle & Moore. Mr. Moore continued in the partnership for three years, at the expiration of which time he acquired Mr. Tuttle's interest. Some time later he formed a partnership with Mr. Glover, the firm name then changing to Moore & Glover. His place of business was situated at the corner of High and Dwight streets, where the Holyoke National Bank now stands, and which corner Mr. Moore owned at that time. Three years later he purchased Mr. Glover's interest and again became sole proprietor of the business, which he continued to operate successfully until 1891 when he decided to retire. That was many years ago, while Mr. Moore was still able to appreciate and find pleasure in things other than business, consequently he has been able to spend the intervening time profitably in pleasure, chiefly in travel. He has been once around the world; has crossed the Atlantic to Europe a number of times, and has traveled the length and breadth of the United States upon different trips.

Although now retired, Mr. Moore still

takes an interest in the affairs of institutions with which he is associated. He has been a director of the Hadley Falls National Bank for thirty-five years; is a member of the Mount Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Holyoke, in which he has taken an interest, and for several years was treasurer of the lodge. He has attended the Second Congregational Church of Holyoke for fifty years. Mr. Moore has seen Holyoke grow from a little rural community of four thousand to a thriving city of seventy thousand population in the years he has resided in it.

In 1872 he married (first) Ida A. Grover, who was born at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, but at the age of two years was brought by her parents to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where her father, William Grover, had been appointed agent for the Hadley Mills. Her mother was Anna P. (Bailey) Grover. Two children were born to Philander and Ida A. (Grover) Moore: Emily S., who died at seventeen, and Helen P., who is married to Aaron C. Bagg, of Holyoke, son of E. P. Bagg. Mr. Moore's one grandchild was christened Aaron Moore Bagg. Mrs. Ida A. (Grover) Moore died in 1901, and in 1911 Mr. Moore married (second) Lydia M. Hardy, a native of Vermont.

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**LYMAN, Charles Perry,**

**Business Man, Public Official.**

Back into the centuries, Charles Perry Lyman, of Holyoke, traces his ancestry through eight American generations to Richard Lyman, the patriarch of all the Lyman families of America of English descent, and through ten generations of English ancestors to Thomas Leman, who held land in County Wilts during the reign of King Henry III. of England. The name continued as Leman until early in the eighteenth century, when it became Ly-

man, its present form. The Lyman families were of the landed gentry, owned large estates, bore the title of "gentleman" and intermarried with leading families of their section of England. They bore arms distinguished by a ring within a triangle quartered with the Lambert armorials. Although the name Leman occurs in the Book of Domesday and is traced in male and female line to Alfred the Great, the authentic male line begins two centuries later with Thomas Leman, of County Wilts, in the reign of Henry III. in the last half of the thirteenth century.

Richard Lyman, the American ancestor, sold his lands in the parish of Ongar, Essex county, England, in August, 1631, and sailed for America with his wife and children on the ship "Lion." Among the passengers on the ship was the wife of Governor Winthrop, and John Eliot, afterward known as the apostle to the Indians. Ten weeks later, on November 2, the ship arrived in Boston, Richard Lyman settling at Charlestown. Later he joined Rev. Hooker's party and went to Connecticut, where his name appears on a list of the original founders of Hartford, 1636. He married, in England, Sarah Osborne.

Lieutenant John Lyman, son of Richard Lyman, the founder, settled in Northampton, Massachusetts, where he died August 20, 1690, aged sixty-seven years. He was in command of Northampton troops at the famous Falls fight above Deerfield, May 18, 1676. He married Dorcas Plumb.

Moses Lyman, son of Lieutenant John Lyman, was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, and there died February 25, 1701, aged thirty-eight years, his wife, Ann, surviving him.

Captain Moses (2) Lyman, son of Moses (1) Lyman, was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, February 27, 1689, died March 24, 1762. He married Mindwell Sheldon.

Deacon Elias Lyman, son of Captain Moses (2) Lyman, was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, September 30, 1715, died in Southampton, February 18, 1803. He was a deacon of the church, member of the Provincial Congress, 1768, 1775, deputy to the General Court, member of the Committee of Safety, and a soldier of the colonies, 1745. He married Anne Phelps.

He was succeeded by his son, Deacon Stephen Lyman, born in Chester, Massachusetts, September 8, 1742, died December 8, 1811. He married (first) Anna Blair; married (second) Mrs. Anna Clark.

His son, Deacon Samuel Lyman, born in Chester, Massachusetts, May 2, 1787, died in 1876. He was a colonel of state militia and served in the War of 1812. He was a farmer of Southampton, where he died. He married (first) October 20, 1809, Miriam Tinker, born August 8, 1790, died January 14, 1847. He married (second) Julia A. Marble, and had issue.

Samuel Tinker Lyman, son of Deacon and Colonel Samuel Lyman and his first wife, Miriam (Tinker) Lyman, was born at Charlestown, Massachusetts, August 5, 1824, died October 3, 1901, at Holyoke. He was educated in public schools and Chesterfield Normal School, and for a short time was in business in Boston. Later he taught school at Agawam and had a store in Huntington. In 1861 he was appointed postmaster at Huntington, an office he held until removing to Holyoke in 1872. There in connection with his son, Charles P. Lyman, he founded the mercantile business of S. T. Lyman & Son, continuing in successful business operation until 1886, when he retired. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church, a man of high character and purity of life. He married, in 1849, Augusta, daughter of Thomas Kirkland. They were the parents of Eugene K.; Charles Perry, of further mention; Cassius S., superintendent of schools,

Hudson, Massachusetts; Robert H., journalist, and editor of the "New York World."

Charles Perry Lyman, son of Samuel Tinker and Augusta (Kirkland) Lyman, was born in Agawam, Massachusetts, December 25, 1850. He was educated in the public schools of Huntington, at Ripon College (Wisconsin) and Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachusetts. In 1872 he joined with his honored father in the hardware business at Holyoke, Massachusetts, under the firm name of S. T. Lyman & Son. In 1886 Samuel T. Lyman retired, Charles P. Lyman continuing the business most successfully until the present time (1916). He has built up a large business, dealing in furniture, stoves and hardware, also conducting a plumbing department. He is a man of strong business ability, progressive, honorable and upright, worthy of the honored name he bears. For two years Mr. Lyman represented his ward in the Holyoke City Council and takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his city. He is a member of the Second Congregational Church, and affiliated with Connecticut Valley Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, of Holyoke.

Mr. Lyman married, July 16, 1878, Jennie E., daughter of Samuel A. and Clarissa Louise (Smith) Judd, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, her father a captain in the Union army, killed at the battle of Fair Oaks (see Judd family).

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**WHITE, Hon. John J.,**

**Mayor of Holyoke.**

Among those whose rise in station is due solely to their own unaided efforts is the Hon. John J. White, the present mayor (1917) of Holyoke, who is regarded by his fellow townsmen as one who in his life exemplifies the spirit of highest citizenship, of honor in public life and of fidelity to public duty.

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Hon. John J. White was born in Lee, Massachusetts, January 13, 1866, son of Martin and Winifred (Keyes) White, natives of Ireland, the former named coming to this country in young manhood, the latter named in childhood. Martin White located first in Lee, Massachusetts, where he resided until 1869, then removed to Holyoke, same State, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1896 at the age of fifty-five years. He was a papermaker by trade and followed that line of work during his active years, thereby earning a good livelihood for his family. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, three of whom were living in 1916: Maria L., who makes her home with her brother, John J.; John J., whose name heads this sketch; George J., superintendent of the White Paper Box Company. The mother of these children died in 1901.

John J. White was educated in the schools of Holyoke, completing his studies at the age of fourteen years, when he accepted a position as bellboy in the Windsor Hotel, later in the old Holyoke House, a well known hostelry in those days, and for a number of years he gave his entire time and attention to the hotel business, advancing from his first humble position to that of clerk, the result of ability and efficiency, and served in that capacity in various hotels in Holyoke, Greenfield and other places, finally removing to Amherst where he became clerk of the Amherst House, which position he filled for one year to the satisfaction of the proprietor and patrons. His next position was as traveling salesman, his route covering the New England States, and in this he was also successful, but his ambition was to conduct a business on his own account, and accordingly, in 1885, he inaugurated the White Paper Box Company, in which he has since, a period of more than three decades, been successfully engaged, and is now serving in the capaci-

ties of president and treasurer. The concern does a large business in the manufacture of a fine line of stationery boxes, about thirty hands being employed in the factory, which is thoroughly equipped with the latest improved machinery and everything needful for the comfort and safety of the employees. He has directed his business interests in a careful and conservative manner, his success being the outcome of his well directed labors and energy. His career demonstrates what may be accomplished through the possession of these qualities, qualities which may be cultivated by all.

Mayor White entered the political arena in 1903, when he was elected an alderman to fill out the unexpired term of J. J. Farrell, and was again elected in 1904-08-09-10, serving in all five years as alderman from the Fifth Ward. His conscientious and faithful performance of every duty that devolved upon him, and the interest he displayed in serving his fellow townsmen to the best of his ability, led to his nomination as mayor of Holyoke, to which high office he was elected in 1911-12-13, and again in the fall of 1915 to serve during the year 1916. During his mayoralty, in addition to a vast amount of improvements along all lines, a large number of public buildings have been erected, notable among which are the High School Gymnasium of the Metcalf School and the Central Engine House, one of the best in the country, and an addition to Police Headquarters. His political career has been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of his constituents, and his devotion to the public good has been unquestioned. Such was his record and the satisfaction that he gave that in 1916 he was again elected to serve his fifth term, 1917.

Mayor White is equally popular in fraternal and social circles, holding membership in numerous organizations and socie-



ties, including the Royal Arcanum, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Order of Eagles, Improved Order of Red Men, Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Holyoke Club, Holyoke Golf Club, Holyoke Country Club and a number of others. He has been a member of the Royal Arcanum for two decades, and for the greater part of that period he gave freely of his time to promote the interests of the organization, in which he has held all the offices. He represented Nonotuck Council of Holyoke at many Grand Councils, and he has also officiated as district deputy of this district.

Mr. White married, in 1894, Rose A. Charest, a native of Canada. They are the parents of three children: Gertrude, Muriel, John J., Jr.

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**KNIGHT, Homer Lincoln,**

**Business Man.**

The ability of a man to rise above the ranks and attain a position of prominence in the business world presupposes a strength above the average, a stability of character that will endure all discouragement and disappointments and in the end triumph over every impediment that obstructs the pathway to success. Mr. Knight is among this class, the success he has attained being the reward of personal merit, integrity of character and a strict adherence to the highest standard of principles.

Horace B. Knight, grandfather of Homer Lincoln Knight, was one of the pioneers in Mayville, Chautauqua county, New York, and there spent the greater part of his days, prominent in community affairs. He married Susan ———, who bore him four children, as follows: Horace West, mentioned below; Joseph, for many years a resident of Troy, New York; John F., a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Frederick L., a resident of Akron, Colorado.

Horace West Knight, father of Homer Lincoln Knight, was born at Mayville, Chautauqua county, New York, 1839, and died in December, 1915. After completing his studies in the schools adjacent to his home, he turned his attention to business pursuits, and in due course of time became a manufacturer of metallic letters and figures in Seneca Falls, New York, in which town he resided during the greater part of his active life. He took a keen interest in all that pertained to the welfare of his adopted town, contributing liberally of his time and means to worthy enterprises, was a charter member of the Congregational church, and a staunch Republican in politics. He married Sophia Elizabeth Taylor, born in 1839, died in 1902, aged sixty-three years, daughter of Samuel Taylor. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Charles H., deceased; Horace D.; Willis Grant; Homer Lincoln, mentioned below; Robert, a physician, practicing at Seneca Falls, New York, now city physician and county coroner.

Homer Lincoln Knight was born at Seneca Falls, Seneca county, New York, March 15, 1876. He attended the public schools of his native town and of Ithaca, New York, this course of study thoroughly equipping him for the duties of an active career. He learned the art of photo-engraving, at which he became highly proficient, and followed his trade for one year in the city of Buffalo, New York, from whence he removed to the city of Rochester, same State, where he followed the same line of work for a period of three years. He then entered the employ of the United States government and in the year 1902 was sent to the Philippines by the bureau of public printing to teach photo-engraving to the natives, he being well qualified to serve in that capacity. At the expiration of three years, having faithfully fulfilled his mission, he returned to the United States by

way of Europe, completing a trip around the world and visiting in his journey the principal points of interest, from which he derived both pleasure and profit. Upon his return to his native land he secured employment in New York City, and subsequently was employed at his trade in Illinois; at Toronto, Canada; at Akron, Ohio, and at Grand Rapids, Michigan, his work meriting the approval of his superiors, he giving to it the best of his skill and effort. In the year 1915 he established at Holyoke, Massachusetts, the Holyoke Electrotpe and Photo-Engraving Company, of which he was made president, and he continued his connection with that concern until March, 1916, when he disposed of his interest therein and established the Knight Engraving Company of Holyoke, of which he is the sole owner, and which is one of the many successful enterprises of that thrifty and energetic city, his close application to business and his earnest purpose securing him a liberal patronage which promises to increase in large measure in the near future. He is not lacking in that honorable ambition which is so powerful and useful as an incentive to activity in public affairs and he regards the pursuits of private life as being in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts.

Mr. Knight married, August 19, 1911, Mrs. Elizabeth Dymond, *nee* Elizabeth Cain, of Piqua, Ohio. She had one daughter by her former marriage, Ruth Dymond, born July 31, 1907.

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**WEBSTER, William Elroy,**

**Representative Business Man.**

William Elroy Webster, well-known throughout New England as a general advertising agent, has been since a young man a resident of Holyoke, Massachusetts. In a profession requiring special gifts and individual training he has met with a high de-

gree of success. Not only in his present business, but as a merchant, he has demonstrated his ability to meet the requirements and difficulties and solve the problems of the present day. He belongs to the class of selfmade men, like the majority of the substantial merchants, manufacturers and other men of affairs of Holyoke. His father was an officer of distinction in the Civil War, and he gave his life to his country, leaving his widow and son of three years without an income. During the years that followed Mr. Webster owed everything to the ministering care and love of his mother.

The Websters are of English stock. Mr. Webster's ancestry is traced to Colonial days in the same family as that from which the famous Daniel Webster was descended. As a family it has no superior in point of character, in the number of great men bearing the name, in all the substantial virtues that have been cultivated for ten generations in New England.

John Webster, the immigrant ancestor of William Elroy Webster, was born in England. As early as 1634, however, he had made his home among the early settlers and proprietors of Ipswich, Massachusetts. He died soon. He married Mary Shatswell, sister of John Shatswell, who made her a legatee in his will. After the death of John Webster, his widow married, October 29, 1650, John Emery, Sr., of Newbury, and removed with him and her children to Haverhill. Her husband and his son, John Emery, were appointed guardians of her children, Israel Webster, aged eighteen years, and Nathan Webster, aged sixteen, at their request, November 26, 1662. The estate of John Webster was divided among his children, who were as follows: John, born 1632; Hannah, married Michael Emerson, and their daughter, Hannah, who married Thomas Dustin, was the famous woman who slew her Indian captors and became an immortal figure in

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American history; Israel, born 1634; Nathan mentioned below; Stephen, born 1637; Elizabeth, married Samuel Simonds; Abigail, married Abraham Morrill.

(II) Nathan Webster, son of John Webster, was born in 1636, and died in 1694. He married Mary Haseltine, born September 10, 1648, died March 27, 1735. Children, all born in Haverhill: Nathan, born March 1, 1678-79; Joanna, August 26, 1682; Abigail, March 3, 1684-85; Israel, August 9, 1687; Samuel, mentioned below; John, October 5, 1694; Mary.

(III) Samuel Webster, son of Nathan Webster, was born at Haverhill, Massachusetts, September 25, 1688, and died in 1769. He was an early settler at Chester, New Hampshire. He married, August 13, 1713, Mary Kimball, who was born February 26, 1694, at Hampstead, New Hampshire, a descendant of Richard Kimball, the pioneer of the Kimball family in this country and one of the first settlers in New England. Children, born at Haverhill: John, mentioned below; Mary, born September 9, 1716; Rev. Samuel, August 16, 1718; Jonathan, August 31, 1720; Ebenezer, March 6, 1724; Thomas, December 2, 1726; Ephraim, May 13, 1730; Nathan, May 1, 1732; Sarah, March 27, 1734; Asa, May 31, 1736, at Chester.

(IV) Colonel John (2) Webster, son of Samuel Webster, was born at Haverhill, Massachusetts, August 9, 1714, and died at Chester, September 16, 1784. In 1735 he removed to Chester and settled on Lot No. 76, soon afterward opening the first general store in the town. Afterward he bought land on the present site of Bachelor's Hotel, building a house and store there. It is said that he also kept a tavern. He was surveyor of highways in 1743, selectman in 1744, and for several years represented the town of Chester in the State Legislature. During the Revolution he was an active and ardent patriot, serving as muster master and

often advancing money to the government for the pay of recruits. He married (first) November 29, 1739, Hannah Hobbs, who died November 20, 1760. He married (second) November 17, 1762, Sarah Smith, of Hampton, New Hampshire, a widow. She had by her first marriage two daughters: Hannah and Sarah Smith. She died April 30, 1795. Children of Colonel John Webster by his first wife: Mary, born June 2, 1741; Hannah, 1743; Sarah, November 14, 1745; Anna, February 4, 1749; Elizabeth, 1752; John, March 13, 1754; Samuel, mentioned below. By second wife: Toppan, July 22, 1765; Mary, May 6, 1768; Elizabeth, 1771; Edmund, 1773, succeeded to the homestead of his father.

(V) Samuel (2) Webster, son of Colonel John (2) Webster, was born in Chester, New Hampshire, January 15, 1757. Early in life he removed to Goffstown, New Hampshire, and thence in 1795 to Newport in the same State, locating in the westerly part of the town on what was later known as the Samuel Crowell place. He was a lieutenant in the service during the Revolutionary War and served with distinction. He married Anna Roby, born October, 1757, died March 26, 1814, a daughter of John Roby, of Chester. Their children were: John, born March 23, 1774, died November, 1775; Harriet (or Hannah as given in the Newport history), born June 23, 1776; Samuel, December 1, 1778, died in 1853; John, mentioned below; Anna, born September 25, 1783; Ebenezer, May 30, 1786; Jesse, June 26, 1788, died February, 1811; Thomas, born October 31, 1790; Sally, May 12, 1793; Wingate, July 23, 1796; Anna (given Asa in the Newport history), March 20, 1799; Betsey, April 26, 1801.

(VI) John (3) Webster, son of Samuel (2) Webster, was born in Goffstown, New Hampshire, April 14, 1781, and died in Newport, New Hampshire, October 1, 1839.

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He went to Newport with his father and later followed farming in the northwest part of the town. The town history makes mention of his relationship to the famous Daniel Webster. He married, July 26, 1807, Deborah Dow (another record gives the name as Robie). She died February 25, 1833, aged fifty years. Family records give her birth as January 2, 1783. Children, born at Newport: 1. Elizabeth Ann, born May 2, 1808, married, in 1826, Captain Obed Stannard, and they lived on the A. Hall farm. She was the mother of Edward O. Stannard, of St. Louis, of flour fame, later Governor of Missouri. 2. Samuel C., born September 11, 1809, died in 1841; married Elizabeth Tilton. 3. Jesse, born June 7, 1811, a tailor at Henniker, New Hampshire; married, July, 1834, Susan C. Newell; their son, Newell Webster, was the third American to settle in Helena, Montana. 4. Sally Marietta, born December 13, 1813; married Sherburne Lakeman, of Goshen, New Hampshire; their son, Daniel, resides in Nashua, New Hampshire. 5. Almeda, born November 8, 1815. 6. Melissa, born May 21, 1817, died in 1848. 7. Emeline P., born February 25, 1819. 8. John Robie, mentioned below. 9. Eluthera D., born July 29, 1825; married Rufus Underhill, of Nashua, New Hampshire; lived at Billerica, Massachusetts. 10. Zerviah K., married Professor I. S. Whitney and lived at Manchester, New Hampshire; died at Riverdale, New Hampshire. 11. Alphonso, born March 1, 1827, died August 6, 1827. 12. Clarissa, born October 2, 1828.

(VII) Corporal John Robie Webster, son of John (3) Webster, was born February 17, 1822, in Newport, New Hampshire. He received his education in the public schools of his native town. He learned the trade of beltmaking. At the beginning of the Civil War he was living in Hartford, Connecticut, and from that city he enlisted in the

Fourteenth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, Company K. He entered the service with the rank of corporal, and for bravery and distinguished service at the battle of South Mountain he was to be promoted, but in the battle of Antietam, the next day, September 1, 1862, he was mortally wounded. He was removed to the military hospital at Frederick, Maryland, where he died October 10, 1862. He married, in 1850, Ann Margaret Houston, who was born in Bedford, New Hampshire, 1826, a daughter of William and Sarah (Kimball) Houston. She died in August, 1895. (For her ancestry, see the sketch of the Houston family of Holyoke in this work). Children: Elroy Houston, deceased; William Elroy, mentioned below.

(VIII) William Elroy Webster, son of Corporal John Robie Webster, was born at Northampton, Massachusetts, where his parents were then living, January 30, 1859. After his father was slain in the Civil War, his mother made her home in Northampton and he was educated there in the public schools. He entered the employ of the government as a letter carrier in Holyoke and held the position for a period of eighteen years. The thorough knowledge of the city and the people of Holyoke acquired while handling the mail became highly useful to him afterward. He resigned from the postal service to engage in business on his own account. He conducted a retail grocery business in Holyoke during the next seven years, originating and developing during that time many of the ideas that have proved valuable in the general advertising business to which he has devoted his attention exclusively for the past twelve years. He has studied the subject of publicity in a practical school and has applied his knowledge most successfully in conducting his advertising business. His offices are at No. 236 Maple street, Holyoke, Massachusetts. In politics Mr. Webster is a Republican. He

is a member of Camp No. 60, Sons of Veterans, and of the Congregational church.

Mr. Webster married, in 1884, Minnie E. Thorpe, who was born in Northampton, an adopted daughter of her uncle, Lyman L. and Eliza M. (Barnard) Thorpe. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have no children.

### **SMITH, Josiah R.,**

#### **Head of Mercantile House.**

As executive head of the J. R. Smith Company of Holyoke, Massachusetts, Mr. Smith manages one of the largest retail grocery businesses in Western Massachusetts, a business for which he is mainly responsible. Thirty-two years ago he laid aside his duties as clerk to be a partner with R. W. Sanderson and the business they began in a small store at No. 405 Main street is now established on the first floor of the eight-story building, Nos. 274 and 276 High street, erected by Mr. Smith in 1906, he having been sole proprietor since 1886, and since December, 1908, when the J. R. Smith Company was incorporated, has been its president and treasurer. The high standing he has attained in the business world has been fairly won through energy and unusual ability, there never having been a time when he was not familiar with every necessary detail of the business and its propelling force. Now in the full prime of life and in a position allowing him the greatest freedom, he keeps his hand on the helm and displays the same devoted interest in the corporation as he did when it was his own private business. He is one of the world's workers, and has ever pursued a definite course of action and compelled success by deserving it. He is a son of Timothy P. and Louisa (Caswell) Smith.

Timothy P. Smith was born in 1828 in Vermont, and after a life of activity in many localities died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, October 25, 1915. He learned the

trade of pattern maker and in early manhood accompanied Zenas Field, a contractor, to Northampton, Massachusetts. Later he moved to Sedalia, Missouri, thence to the State of Kansas, where he built a residence, but only remained a few months. On his return to Massachusetts he lived in Wilimansett and later at South Hadley Falls, following his trade of pattern maker with the Hadley Thread Mill Company for about ten years. He then purchased a farm in Ashfield, which he managed until 1914, then removed to Holyoke, where he died. He married Louisa Caswell, daughter of Doctor Caswell, who moved from the United States to Canada, settling in the Province of Quebec, where he was the moving spirit in the upbuilding of the town of Caswellton, named in his honor. Timothy P. and Louisa (Caswell) Smith were the parents of six children: Carrie L., wife of Ellsworth Keach, of Hartford, Connecticut; Josiah R., of further mention; Albert Burton, a merchant of Haverhill, Massachusetts; James A., an advertising specialist of Beverly, Massachusetts; W. R., of the J. R. Smith Company, of Holyoke, Massachusetts; and James A. The mother of these children died at the age of seventy-five. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Josiah R. Smith was born at Stanslead, Province of Quebec, Canada, August 19, 1857. He there began his education in the public schools and later he attended the Bay State and Holly grammar schools in Northampton, Massachusetts, but at quite an early age became a wage earner employed in the Bay State Cutlery Works at Northampton. He spent three years with that concern, then went with his father to Missouri, where he was employed at farming. He later returned to Massachusetts and for a time was employed in the Hadley Thread Mills. Then entered the employ of the

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wholesale and retail grocery firm of Richards & Thayer in Holyoke, with whom he remained in a clerical capacity for ten years. His connection with that house was of the utmost value to the young man and was the turning point in his hitherto undecided career. Richards & Thayer conducted a very large business, both wholesale and retail, and operated that business along the best modern lines and in accordance with the highest code of business ethics. In such a school Mr. Smith developed his latent business talent and became thoroughly impregnated with the spirit of progressiveness and fair dealing which permeated the establishment. In 1884 he had reached a point where he felt his best interests called for independent action, and in association with R. W. Sanderson he started in the retail grocery business at No. 405 Main street, Holyoke. In 1886 he purchased his partner's interest and assumed the entire burden of ownership and management. He applied to the business all his energy and adopted as his the law of square dealing upon which alone a real success can be founded. To those principles he strictly adhered and in a short time had secured a fine trade of satisfied customers. In 1892 the volume of business had so increased that he sought enlarged quarters, locating on High street, where he continued his successful career. He erected a large eight-story building of reinforced concrete and steel, trimmed with Ohio sandstone, next the City Hall on High street, fitting up the basement and first floor for his own business purposes. The building is one of the largest in Holyoke and the seven upper stories are used for office purposes, the entire eighth floor being occupied by the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade. It is fifty by one hundred feet in size and modern in its every appointment. In 1906 Mr. Smith moved to his new quarters, the business fully justifying the su-

perior accommodations the building afforded. He continued sole owner until December, 1908, when the J. R. Smith Company was incorporated, Josiah R. Smith as president and treasurer. While a corporation provides a means of a greater division of labor and responsibility, Mr. Smith keeps in closest touch with every important detail of his large business, no department being overlooked. The high quality of all goods handled is maintained as always, and the superior class of trade to which the store caters is drawn not only from Holyoke's best families, but from the surrounding towns. Thirty-five clerks are employed, all being keyed to the highest point of efficiency. Mr. Smith has won the proud title of "successful merchant," and there is none to dispute the fact that it is justly borne. His only important interest beyond his business is his real estate holdings, consisting of about one thousand acres, constituting four farms, one of them the one formerly owned by his father in Ashfield, known as the F. G. Howe farm, and the Otis Bassett farm, in Ashfield, and the Tyler F. Clark farm in Hawley. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Holyoke Club.

Mr. Smith married, in December, 1913, Mrs. Lu H. Parker, daughter of Mr. Brown, of Orange, New Jersey, who for several years was a resident of Holyoke, engaged in the wire weaving business. Mrs. Smith by her former husband (Mr. Parker) had two children who make their home with her: Sybil H. and J. Lloyd.

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### SNELL, Samuel,

#### **Inventor, Manufacturer.**

For a decade more than half a century an active participator in the development of the wonderful manufacturing city of Holyoke, the death of Mr. Snell, which occurred May 31, 1911, in that city, caused



*Samuel Snell*

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wide-spread mourning and regret. Mr. Snell was of English birth and lineage. His grandfather, John Snell, lived on what was known as the West North Farm, in Doubwalls, near Liskeard, England. Two of his brothers, Samuel and Edward, came to America about the time of the Revolution, and are supposed to have settled somewhere in New England. John Snell's first wife, Mary (Stevens) Snell, was the mother of his son, John Snell, born at the homestead in Doubwalls, England. He was nineteen years old at the time of his father's death. About 1830-31 he removed to the United States, and made his home near Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan and Alma Werry, baptized December 1, 1794. They were the parents of eight children, the first five born in England.

Samuel Snell, the fourth of these, and the fourth son, was born May 4, 1828, in England, and was a small child when he came with his parents to this country. His education was supplied by the common schools in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, and at the age of sixteen years he began working out on farms. At nineteen years of age he commenced an apprenticeship at the trade of carpenter, working with Nettleton, Bartlett & Ferry in Springfield, Massachusetts, in which city he lived about two and one-half years. About this time an effort was being made to develop the wonderful water power in the Connecticut river at what is now the city of Holyoke, and Mr. Snell was attracted thither. While working there as a journeyman carpenter he assisted in the erection of the Lyman Mills and other large structures built by the Holyoke Water Power Company. In time he came to be a foreman and was employed as such by Wigginson & Flagg, a building firm of Holyoke. Soon after 1870 he engaged in business for himself with a partner, under the style of Samuel Snell & Company, manu-

facturers of cement pipe. Later, in association with John Jarrish, he engaged in the manufacture of drain and sewer pipe, until the partnership was dissolved. During this time he was engaged in perfecting an invention of his own, a drainer bottom to be used for paper mills, and about 1878 he began their manufacture. As soon as the invention became fairly introduced, the demand increased very rapidly, and the business, begun in a small way, grew to great dimensions. Mr. Snell continued at the head of this industry until he retired and sold out his interest to James J. Delaney. He was an enterprising and industrious man, and early in his residence in Holyoke became interested in various enterprises. In 1862 he was one of the owners and operators of the Holyoke Swing Ferry. He was the first man to build a tar walk in Holyoke, and for some time was the owner of the business of constructing these walks. As a boy, before his removal to Springfield, he spent some time in New York City, and aided in the construction of the First Quaker Church in Brooklyn, New York. He was a most exemplary citizen, and endeavored to promote the cause of good government, and to further every movement to improve the condition of his fellow men. During his long residence in Holyoke he was active in public affairs, and served in various capacities in the city government, being in the fire department for four years, and a member of the board of engineers about the same length of time. He was a communicant in the Protestant Episcopal church, and in politics was a Republican. While in New York City he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and after his removal to Holyoke transferred his membership to the lodge there, in which he was very active. For twenty-five years he served as treasurer of the lodge, and at the time of his retirement held the record for continuous service in that office in the order

in the State. He was also affiliated with the great Masonic fraternity, being made a Mason in New York City at the same time he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was one of the most earnest supporters of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in its early days, when influence and help were needed to establish the now prosperous parish. A memorial window to commemorate the devotion of Mr. Snell was presented to St. Paul's Church by his widow, and unveiled on Sunday, October 21, 1915. This memorial is a most fitting one, as he was very deeply interested in the construction of the present church building. It is Gothic in form, is of antique glass, and rich in colors, the work of the D'Ascenzo studios of Philadelphia. It is situated over the main entrance to the church, is about nine by twelve feet in dimension, and represents the Apostle Paul preaching to the Athenians on Mars Hill. Mr. Snell possessed English traits of common sense, stability of character, and was an honest and practical citizen, always willing to help where help was needed. He was broad and generous in his charities, devoted to his home, and the city of Holyoke was richer and better for his having lived in it. A further indication of the kindness of Mr. Snell is found in the fact that in order that his sister and her son might be more comfortable he built them a beautiful house in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, where they resided up to the sister's death, since which time the nephew has resided there.

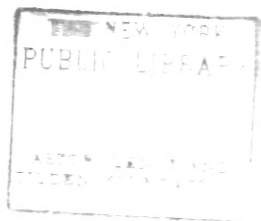
Mr. Snell was married, October 15, 1866, to Phebe Ann Streeter, born February 5, 1836, daughter of Benjamin Arnold and Mary (Green) Streeter, of Vernon, Vermont. In February, 1916, the members of St. Martha's Guild of St. Paul's Church, of which Mrs. Snell is a member, celebrated her eightieth birthday. The whole affair was arranged as a surprise to Mrs. Snell, and when she was escorted to the dining

room she beheld a huge birthday cake, elaborately frosted, with the year 1836 inscribed across the top in fancy icing, and lighted with eighty candles in different colors. The table was beautifully adorned with flowers and other decorations, and a delicious spread was served. All joined in extending congratulations to Mrs. Snell, who is one of the most popular members of the guild. She has been a member of St. Paul's Church during all her residence in Holyoke, having joined when it was first founded, and is a member of Robert Morris Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in which she has for many years taken an active part and filled all the chairs, including that of worthy matron.

Mrs. Snell is descended from one of the oldest New England families, which was founded by Stephen Streeter, born in Gourdhurst, Kent, England, about the year 1600, and was living there until the time of his departure for America in 1639-40. He first appears in the old town of Gloucester, on Cape Ann, Massachusetts Bay Colony, where he took the freeman's oath, May 20, 1644. He and his wife Ursula united with the church there on March 21, 1652. He died soon after the date last mentioned. As shown by his will he was a cordwainer, or shoemaker, by trade. Stephen Streeter, son of Stephen Streeter, lived in Charlestown, Watertown, Muddy River (Brookline) and Cambridge. He inherited from his father one-half of his homestead in Charlestown, which he and his wife Deborah, then living at Muddy River, sold in 1679. In 1681 they also sold lands in Charlestown, formerly the property of his father, to Richmond Russell. He died in Cambridge in 1689, and his widow was admitted to church communion there in 1701. John Streeter, son of Stephen and Deborah Streeter, was born in Brookline, and afterward lived at Cambridge, from whence he removed about 1706 to Attleboro and set-



*Phoebe A. Small*



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tled in that part of the town now known as Cumberland, where he died April 5, 1729. The record shows that he bought lands there in 1705 and at various times afterward. He owned the covenant in Cambridge in 1700, and evidently was a man of piety and industry. He married Mary Whitcomb, and their son, James Streeter, was born March 26, 1707, in Attleboro. He died in Cumberland, before 1760, for his son Jonathan, who made his will on May 23 of that year, mentions his mother, brothers and sisters, but not his father. He married, at Rehoboth, August 8, 1734, Jemima Staples, who survived him. James Streeter, son of James and Jemima (Staples) Streeter, was born January 16, 1741, in Cumberland. He was a grantee of lands in Cumberland in 1771, but later removed to Vernon, Vermont, where, February 14, 1804, he and his wife Hannah deeded to their son James lands in Hillsdale, New Hampshire, and he takes in return to himself a lease to improve the same during the lifetime of himself and his wife Hannah. He married, October 21, 1764, Hannah Tower. Their son, Paul Streeter, was born November 9, 1778, in Cumberland, and died in Vernon, Vermont, November 6, 1857. He was a farmer (yeoman), and spent the greater part of his life in Vermont. He married, January 1, 1800, Anna Dresser. Their son, Benjamin Arnold Streeter, born July 14, 1810, died July 10, 1864, married Mary Green, and they were the parents of Phebe Ann, who married Samuel Snell, as above related. The portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Snell found in these pages will it is felt be a source of pleasure to their many friends.

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### **WHITE, Edward Nelson,**

#### **Manufacturer of Paper.**

As the treasurer of the White & Wyc-koff Manufacturing Company of Holyoke, manufacturing the finest of paper and sta-

tionery, Edward Nelson White is well known throughout the country as well as in the community in which he lives. Not only as a paper manufacturer but as a man of business, interested in municipal government and civic welfare, director of a steamship line, and of the Cowan Truck Company, and as a banker, he takes rank as one of the most progressive and influential citizens of Holyoke. His ancestry has been traced to one of the early settlers of Taunton, Nicholas White, one of the first manufacturers of iron in America.

(1) Nicholas White, a native of England, located first at Dorchester, Massachusetts, before 1643, when he was admitted a freeman. About the same time he married Susanna Humphrey, daughter of Jonas and Frances Humphrey, of Dorchester. He was then about twenty-five years old. In 1647 he bought of Henry Wolcott a tract of land in Uncaty, now Milton, Massachusetts, cleared part of it and built his house, but the title to his land proved defective. Hutchinson, the prior claimant, proved his claim and White was ousted. White sued Wolcott and obtained judgment, but whether White ever collected his claim against Wolcott, we are left in doubt. (See State Archives, Nicholas White Genealogy, pp. 6-7). While this litigation was pending, Nicholas White moved to Taunton, Massachusetts, some time between 1652 and 1655, and became one of the owners of the Taunton Iron Works, in the operation of which he was prominent for a number of years. He also owned a quarter share in a saw mill on Mill river. In 1661 he was one of sixteen purchasers of Block Island, but he soon sold his interests. In 1668 he and his son Nicholas and son-in-law, Samuel Hall, were of a company that bought a tract north of Taunton, called Taunton North Purchase and including the present towns of Easton, parts of Mansfield and Norton, and in 1672 they were of the company that ac-

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quired what was afterward known as Taunton South Purchase, comprising Dighton and part of Berkley.

"Nicholas White was not a prominent figure in church nor in public affairs, but an industrious and enterprising citizen, who in a quiet way did his full share in converting the forests and wild lands into fertile fields and laying the foundations of a city in the wilderness. He was an active participant in promoting the prosperity of Taunton and a large owner in its industries. By energy, industry and frugality he acquired a large property amounting to about three hundred pounds cash value, as appears from the inventory of his estate, taken at a time when money was scarce and property held at a low valuation." He died in 1697 and his estate was divided the following year among his children, Nicholas, John, Joseph, and Elizabeth. Children: Elizabeth; Nicholas; John, born 1649; Joseph, mentioned below; child, died young.

(II) Joseph White, son of Nicholas White, resided in Taunton on the westerly side of Scaddings pond. He was a soldier in King Philip's war, and was wounded in the Swamp Fight. He is mentioned in the Plymouth colony records as one of those who received bounties for killing wolves. His wife Mary died in 1724. His eldest son, Joseph, was appointed administrator of his estate, November 16, 1724. Children, all born in Taunton: Lydia, born August 17, 1682, married Samuel Fisher; Joseph, February 13, 1683-84; Edward, March 27, 1686; Mary, July 19, 1688; Susanna, August 8, 1690, probably died young; William, October 28, 1692; Nathaniel, April 25, 1695, died young; Ebenezer, September 13, 1697; Ephraim, mentioned below; Elizabeth, married Thomas Story.

(III) Ephraim White, son of Joseph White, resided in the north precinct of Norton, now Mansfield, April 26, 1753, when he sold a part of the homestead to

his son John. He deeded another part to his son David, April 4, 1763, and to his two daughters, Ruth and Mary, one-half of his dwelling house at Mansfield, June 18, 1788, and on the same day the other half to his son Eliab. He died before 1791, as his estate was divided April 22 in that year among his heirs, Eliab, heirs of Ruth White, Mary White. He married Ruth Grover, of Norton, who died November 22, 1772, in her seventy-second year. Children, born at Norton: Ephraim, born February 25, 1729; John, mentioned below; Ruth, April 27, 1732; Mary, June 2, 1734; David, June 26, 1736; Eliab, January 29, 1738-39; Lydia, July 17, 1741; Abiel, August 26, 1745, died January 1, 1750-51.

(IV) John White, son of Ephraim White, was born at Norton, August 1, 1730. He resided in Norton, North Precinct, where he had part of the old homestead. He was a cooper by trade. He moved late in life, perhaps to New Hampshire, where some of his children settled. He married, September 5, 1751, Mary Grover, of Norton. Children: John, born May 13, 1752, died December 6, 1752; Mary, October 17, 1753; Susanna, August 11, 1755; John, mentioned below; Abiel, August 18, 1759, soldier in the Revolution; Rachel, July 18, 1761; Azubah, May 23, 1763, married William Greenwood, of Dublin, New Hampshire; Lemira, July 11, 1765; Asa, September 25, 1767, probably died young; Lucy, February 3, 1770; Otis, May 6, 1772; Calvin, February 9, 1775, died April 26, 1782.

(V) John (2) White, son of John (1) White, was born in Mansfield, formerly North Precinct of Norton, September 18, 1757, and died in Nelson, formerly Packersfield, New Hampshire, December 21, 1846, aged eighty-nine years (town record). He was a soldier in the Revolution from Mansfield. The Revolutionary records show that of the three men named John White, then in

Mansfield of proper age to serve in the war, all probably took part, but it is impossible to distinguish the records one from another. In 1781 John White left Mansfield and located in Nelson.

(VI) John (3) White, son of John (2) White, was born at Nelson, October 24, 1782, and died September 26, 1856, aged seventy-four years. He was a farmer in Claremont, New Hampshire, and was buried in that town. He married, September 3, 1805, Esther Wheeler, born January 15, 1781, died August 29, 1865, daughter of Jacob Wheeler. Children: Abial, Lyman, Relief, Elmira, Leafy, Lurie (?), Jonas, mentioned below.

(VII) Jonas White, son of John (3) White, was born at Nelson, November 11, 1822, and died at Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1901. During most of his life he was a merchant. He was prominent in public affairs and was sheriff of Sullivan county. He removed to Worcester in 1868 and was active in mercantile life there until he retired in the eighties. He was a dealer in fancy goods, toys and notions, with a store at 214 Main street. In 1871 his house was at 5 Quincy street, Worcester. He was a man of exemplary character, pious, earnest in purpose, and active in religious work. He was one of the founders of Plymouth Congregational Church, Worcester. He took a prominent part in municipal affairs and served the city as a member of the board of health until he was past eighty years of age. He was a charter member of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association. He married, June 17, 1851, Clarissa Maria Prentiss, who was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, in 1826, a daughter of Deacon Samuel and Clarissa (Whiting) Prentiss. Children: 1. George Francis, born 1854; resides in Worcester; married Belle Perry; children: Mildred and Belle. 2. Nellie M. 3. Charles S. 4.

Edward Nelson, mentioned below. 5. Mary Jane, resides in Worcester.

(VIII) Edward Nelson White, son of Jonas White, was born at Claremont, New Hampshire, July 6, 1863. Coming to Worcester when he was but five years old he entered the public schools of that city and attended the high school there for one and a half years. He began his business career at the age of seventeen in the offices of the Prentiss Wire Mill in Holyoke, Massachusetts. From time to time he was advanced to positions of larger responsibility. In 1889 he started in business on his own account as the junior partner of the new firm of Smith & White, in the manufacture of stationery. The firm began on a small scale, limited in capital, making ruling and binding paper, but in a short time the business grew to a place of importance among the paper industries of Holyoke. In 1891 Mr. White, with J. L. Wyckoff, acquired the interests of Mr. Smith and organized the White & Wyckoff Manufacturing Company to continue the business, making a specialty of high-grade stationery and correspondence paper. The business has scored a phenomenal success. The product of Mr. White's company has a world-wide reputation for style, finish and beauty, and is in demand in all the stationery stores of this country and many foreign countries. From time to time the plant has been enlarged and the output has been increased from year to year. Mr. White has been treasurer of the corporation from the beginning. The company has established a reputation not only for the quality of its goods, but for its progressive methods, its model plant and excellent relations with its employees. It is one of the great industries of which the city of Holyoke is proud, one of the pillars of the city's growth and prosperity. Mr. White has not confined his attention to the manufacture of paper. He is an owner and director in various other industries and cor-

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porations. For many years he has been a director of the Palmer Navigation Company, which operates a fleet of coasting vessels, having offices at Portland, Maine. He is also treasurer of the Cowan Truck Company of Holyoke. He is a director also of the City National Bank of Holyoke and of the Morris Plan Bank, of that city, recently established for the benefit of small borrowers, and is highly respected in banking circles. His interest in civic affairs is keen and his influence and support have been given to every project designed to improve the city and the welfare of its people. He has been active in the work of the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce and is at present its vice-president and one of its board of directors. As a member of the school committee of the city he has devoted much time to the cause of public education. He was also at one time a member of the city council of Holyoke. As a member of the new city planning board of Holyoke, he has given his time freely to studying the future needs of the municipality and its people. Perhaps no city office requires men of greater foresight, keener observation, common sense and loyalty than membership in the planning board. Throughout the country these boards are at work on the problems of various American cities and the future will undoubtedly show the wisdom and value of their labors.

From early life Mr. White has been active in the church. He is a member of the Second Congregational Church of Holyoke, and has served for a number of years on its parish committee and in other offices of the parish and church. He is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and a generous supporter of the various charities of the city.

Popular in social life, respected and honored in business and public life, Mr. White has been primarily a useful citizen. The same qualities of character that have made

him of great value to the community have wrought for him the rewards of a successful and growing business. He possesses a wide circle of friends not only in the city of his home, but throughout the country. He is a member of the Holyoke Club, the Mount Tom Golf Club and the Holyoke Canoe Club. His chief recreations are golf, canoeing and other outdoor sports.

He married (first) 1889, Alice L. Webber, born 1866, died 1890, daughter of Joel I. and Maria (Beebe) Webber, of Holyoke. He married (second) 1906, Letitia J. Smyth. Child by first marriage, Dorothy Alice. By his second marriage two children: Constance, born 1908, and Edward P., born 1909.

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### WHITING, Hon. William.

#### **Paper Manufacturer, Public Official.**

Among the many families that can boast of a long and noteworthy connection with the history of New England, none is more conspicuous than the Whiting family, members of which have been associated with both public and private affairs of importance for more than three centuries. The line of ancestry is traced back to James Whiting, who was one of the early settlers of Hingham, Massachusetts. He came thither from an English town of the same name, and was doubtless a son of Thomas Whiting (Wyton, or Whiton) a yeoman of Hooke Norton, Oxfordshire. One of his children was Joseph, born at Hingham in 1686. Joseph Whiting married Martha Tower, in 1713, and their oldest son, Elijah Whiting, was born at Hingham the following year. This son became the father of Whitfield Whiting, born about 1750, and the latter was the father of Daniel Whiting, who was born at Abington, Connecticut, in 1778. Daniel Whiting married Elizabeth Potter, and among their children was William B. Whiting, born at Willington, Con-





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necticut, in 1817. William B. Whiting's oldest son was Hon. William Whiting, of this sketch.

Hon. William Whiting was born at Dudley, Massachusetts, May 24, 1841. While he was still a young boy his parents moved to Holyoke, and then he attended the public schools. His father's religion was hard work. When young William was between eight and nine years of age his father informed him at the supper table one night that he had been thinking the matter over and concluded the boy ought to begin to earn his living. He had been talking to a farmer who offered to give the lad his board and clothes if he would work for him evenings and vacations. On the following day, after school, young Whiting as he went home joined a group of boys playing at the junction of High and Dwight streets. One of the boys informed him that he had given up his job of peddling papers for Mr. Baker, the newsdealer, and that his employer was looking for a boy to take his place. Accordingly William called on the newsdealer, who offered to pay him a dollar and a half a week. This appealed to the boy more than the farmer's offer, and he accepted the position. This did not prevent his keeping on with his school work, and at length he entered the High School. It was his intention to continue his education at Amherst College, but circumstances altered his plans. He was very quick with his pen and expert at figures. This led to his being frequently employed in offices to help in bookkeeping. On one occasion he was called in to straighten out the books of a paper company, and in that way he entered the paper business. From his early youth he was a person of keen intuitions, and the combined promptness and wisdom of his decisions at critical times had much to do with the success he achieved. While holding the position of bookkeeper and agent for the Hampden Paper Company he had a dif-

ference with the head of the concern and at once withdrew from its employ, bought a mill, and began the manufacture of paper. He had been receiving a salary of about five thousand dollars a year, the greater part of which he had saved, and this enabled him to finance the venture. The mill he purchased was one that had been used in the manufacture of wire. This has been known as the Whiting No. 1 Mill since 1865. Mr. Whiting remodeled the structure and installed a paper-making plant which had a daily capacity of six tons of fine writing paper. From a small beginning his trade increased until greater manufacturing facilities were needed. Then he purchased land on Dwight street, and erected on it the large mill known as Whiting No. 2, which had a writing paper capacity of fifteen tons a day. The business was incorporated in 1865, as the Whiting Paper Company, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. From time to time the capital has been increased, and now is thrice the original amount, but the investment in the plant and business represents a much larger sum. The writing paper and stationery of the Whiting mills are known all over the country. No finer paper is made, and no paper company has maintained a better reputation for quality. Mr. Whiting was president and general manager of the company from its organization nearly all his life, as long as he took an active part in business. He employed between six and seven hundred hands with a monthly payroll of about twenty-five thousand dollars. His business activities were not confined to the company that bore his name. He was president and manager of the Collins Manufacturing Company with a large paper mill at North Wilbraham. The management of this business was assumed by him when the affairs of the company were in a critical condition, and from a losing venture it became under his care very profitable, a dividend being

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paid to the stockholders the first year. Mr. Whiting was president also of the Whitmore Manufacturing Company, of Holyoke, manufacturing lithographic paper, and of the National Blank Book Company, also of Holyoke, the annual product of which amounted to half a million dollars in value.

Mr. Whiting was a leading figure in the financial affairs of this section of the State for many years. In 1872 he organized the Holyoke National Bank, and was its president until 1891, when he resigned. He was president of the Holyoke Savings Bank and a member of its finance committee; director in the Chapin National Bank of Springfield; trustee of the Washington Trust Company of New York; director of the Holyoke Warp Company; president of the Connecticut River Railroad; vice-president of the Holyoke & Westfield Railroad; director of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company.

During his boyhood he often heard the idea of a public library for Holyoke discussed, but no active measures were adopted to start it until 1866, when a meeting was called which all the prominent men of the town attended. After considerable discussion, Mr. Whiting was called on to speak, although he was only twenty-five years of age. He told his hearers that if they meant business they should draw up a paper and subscribe to it then and there, and if they did not mean business to drop the matter once for all. This brought immediate action. A paper was made out and passed to him and he subscribed five hundred dollars, an amount that no later signer equalled. From that start has grown the Holyoke Library of today. For many years Mr. Whiting was president of its board of trustees, and his life-size painting occupies a conspicuous place in the beautiful edifice that houses the collection of books.

In public life Mr. Whiting won the highest distinctions. He was always a Repub-

lican, influential in the councils of his party, and earnestly supporting its policies and candidates. In 1873 he was elected to the State Senate, and was appointed to important committees in that body. He was city treasurer of Holyoke in 1876 and 1877, elected by large majorities, though the city was normally strongly Democratic. He was mayor of the city in 1878 and 1879, with the almost unanimous support of both parties at the polls. His administration was highly creditable and satisfactory. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Cincinnati in 1876 when Rutherford B. Hayes was nominated for President. From 1883 to 1889 he was representative of his district in Congress, and was a prominent member of the House in the forty-eighth, forty-ninth and fiftieth congresses. At that time his party was in the minority, however, and his opportunities for service were limited on that account. He was a member of the committee on banking and currency. In his first term he served on the committee on pensions, bounties and back pay, and at that period the work of the committee was onerous, to say the least. He was also a member of the committee on education and took part in framing the legislature affecting the education of the negroes. He spoke on the tariff and silver questions with convincing logic and common sense. At the close of his third term he declined re-election. The "Holyoke Transcript" said at the time: "Congressman Whiting authorizes the statement that he will not be a candidate for re-election to congress. He does it thus early so that his constituents may have ample time to discuss the matter and settle upon his successor. Mr. Whiting's withdrawal is perhaps not surprising, for the position is one not always pleasant and agreeable, but his retirement will be attended with regret. Our congressman has been faithful to his public duties, and

though he has not cut a large figure as a debater, he has won his way to a position of great influence among his associates of the house. It is his business-like way that has made him conspicuous in the minds of so many as a candidate for gubernatorial honor, and to that exalted station we hope to see him elevated. Many of our governors have taken the congressional course of training before being called to take the chair of state, and that training has furnished a good equipment. Mr. Whiting's would prove no exception."

The "Springfield Republican" said: "Mr. Whiting's withdrawal will be a serious loss to the Republican delegation from Massachusetts. He has not during his three terms taken a conspicuous part in debate, but his views have been received with great respect in committee, where his penetration and sound judgment have been appreciated by his fellow-members."

While in Washington Mr. Whiting became a close friend of William McKinley. He was a delegate to the St. Louis Republican Convention and assisted in the nomination of Mr. McKinley for President. President McKinley had a niece at Mount Holyoke College, and while on a visit to her was a guest of Mr. Whiting for four days. Mr. Whiting also entertained James A. Garfield before he was elected to the presidency, also Thomas B. Reed, United States Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and others. His public services earned for him in a greater degree than ever the confidence of his fellow citizens.

No citizen in Holyoke took a keener interest in the welfare and progress of the city than Mr. Whiting. He co-operated in every movement and assisted every project designed for its benefit. He did his utmost as a manufacturer, public officer, and citizen to build up the city and make it better as a place of residence and business. The "Paper World" said of him in 1896: "His in-

terest in the city of Holyoke has been broad and generous; none of her citizens has given more liberally of their best thought and effort for the upbuilding and credit of the municipality. During all the years of the city's existence he served in whatever capacity his fellow citizens might direct, and his fertile mind was active in devising measures for the advancement of the interests of the people, industrially, mentally, and morally."

He was one of the founders of the Holyoke Board of Trade, and was its president until 1892 when he declined a re-election. Through his warm personal friendship for President Seelye, Mr. Whiting came to take an active interest in Amherst College, and in 1877 he was given an honorary degree of A. B. at commencement. He was keenly interested in public education, and earnestly advocated the best possible school system. He was one of the board of trustees of Mount Holyoke College. The first subscription for the Holyoke Hospital was made in his house, and he was later its president. In 1877 he erected on his Dwight street property a fine opera house, and a large hotel known as the Windsor House, both of brick and stone. He was a member of William Whiting Lodge, Free Masons.

The career of Mr. Whiting amply demonstrates how a poor boy, unaided by influential friends or capital, but with a determination to succeed, and possessing the characteristics of diligence, economy and thrift, can make for himself a name and gain a position of which anyone might well be proud.

Mr. Whiting married, June 19, 1862, Anna Maria Fairfield, of Holyoke, a native of that place, daughter of Luther M. Fairfield, a farmer. Mrs. Whiting died July 26, 1914. Their children were: William Fairfield and Samuel Raynor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whiting attended the Congregational church and gave gener-

ously to its benevolent work and many charities. His residence was at the corner of Elm and Appleton streets. One of the most attractive features was a library, an extension of the dwelling, oval in shape, with a glass roofed dome to let in the light. The beautiful room was filled with choice volumes. Mr. Whiting was very fond of books of history, a liking that dated back to his early boyhood, when he was presented with Macauley's History. When Mr. Whiting died January 9, 1911, the entire city mourned the loss of its benefactor and leading citizen.

William Fairfield Whiting, eldest son of Hon. William and Anna Maria (Fairfield) Whiting, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, July 20, 1864. He graduated from Williston Seminary and Amherst College. He was for years associated with his father in many varied business interests, and is now president of the Whiting Paper Company. He married Anne Chapin, and their children are: William, Edward Chapin, Fairfield, Ruth.

Samuel Raynor Whiting, second son of Hon. William and Anna Maria (Fairfield) Whiting, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 20, 1867. He was educated at Williston Seminary, later held important positions in his father's mills, and is now president of the Collins Manufacturing Company. He married Gertrude L. Greeley, and their children are: Anna Fairfield, Margaret, Samuel Raynor, Jr., James Greeley.

**SMITH, George Rumrill,**

**Representative Citizen.**

The career of George Rumrill Smith, of Holyoke, who is now retired from active business pursuits, enjoying to the full the reward of years of earnest and faithful effort, illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when per-

severance and determination form the keynote to a man's life. Depending upon his own resources, looking for no outside aid or support, he was able to provide a comfortable home for his family and to amass a competence for his declining years.

The first ancestor of George Rumrill Smith, of whom we have definite information, was Philip Smith, a resident of South Hadley, Massachusetts, a man of energy and enterprise, who gained the confidence and good will of all with whom he had been associated, either in public or private life. He married and among their children was a son, Philip, of whom further.

Philip (2) Smith, son of Philip (1) Smith, was also a resident of South Hadley, Massachusetts, and was engaged in the tilling of the soil, from which occupation he derived a comfortable livelihood and an independence not gained in any other line of work. He was interested in community affairs, and performed well all the duties which fell to his lot. He married ———, who bore him three children, namely: Philip, Luther, of whom further, and Statira.

Luther Smith, second son of Philip (2) Smith, was born in South Hadley, Massachusetts, about the year 1793, and died in Willimansett, Massachusetts, in the year 1858, aged sixty-five years. He gained a practical education by attendance at the common school in the neighborhood of his home, after which he assisted with the work of the home farm, and throughout his active years devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, having been the owner of a small farm in Willimansett, whereon he resided until his death, and which he had brought up to a high state of perfection. He was quiet and reserved in manner, deriving his greatest pleasure from the family circle, doing all in his power to contribute to the happiness and welfare of those dependent upon him. He was not unmindful of the interests of the community, and was al-

ways ready and willing to respond to any call for assistance to the extent of his ability. He married Susan Rumrill, a native of South Hadley, Massachusetts, born in 1800, died in 1875, daughter of Asa and Rhoda Rumrill. Among their children was George Rumrill, of whom further.

George Rumrill Smith, son of Luther and Susan (Rumrill) Smith, was born in Wilimansett, Massachusetts, December 5, 1835. He attended the schools of his native town, thereby securing an education which prepared him for the activities of life. During his boyhood he assisted with the work of the farm and in this manner built up a robust constitution, the greater part of his time being spent in the open air, a plan highly essential to good health. Later he served an apprenticeship at the trade of brick mason, with a concern in Holyoke, Massachusetts, but during the panic of 1857 he went to the State of Pennsylvania and there secured employment in the lumber regions, his employer being his cousin. In the following year, 1858, the times having once more become normal, Mr. Smith returned to Holyoke and once more engaged in the work for which he had prepared himself, and for the long period of forty years and three months worked continuously at his trade in that city, never being absent from his post during that long stretch of years but for two days, that being the occasion of his daughter's marriage, a most remarkable record, one deserving of especial mention. He had charge of the construction of the Linden Mills, the plant of the Merrick Thread Company, the Flat Iron Block, in the vicinity of the depot, and the erection of many tenement blocks, always having a large force of men under his control and supervision. He was energetic and progressive in his ideas, active and industrious, and well merited the success which attended his efforts. Throughout his manhood years he has been thoroughly alive to all

that pertains to good citizenship, and, although entirely devoid of all political aspirations, is interested in whatever has a tendency to permanently benefit his locality. Since 1877 he has held membership in Holyoke Lodge, No. 134, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has passed through all the chairs, served as noble grand for two different terms, was treasurer and trustee for about eighteen years, and held office continuously for thirty-two years in the order. He is also a member of the Encampment and of the Daughters of Rebekah Lodge. He is a man of many sterling characteristics, with high standard of citizenship, and with social qualities which render him popular with his circle of friends.

Mr. Smith married, September 12, 1860, Eunice A. Day, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, born September 12, 1839, daughter of Newton and Laura (Morgan) Day. They are the parents of one daughter, Louise, who became the wife of Homer J. Stratton, October, 1911; he was a traveling salesman for the Regal Paper Company, of New Jersey, but died October 31, 1911.

### DWIGHT, William George,

#### **Well Known Journalist.**

Among the men who have carved out for themselves an enviable place in the newspaper world should be mentioned William G. Dwight, editor and proprietor of the "Holyoke Transcript," a man who stands high in public esteem. Self reliance, conscientiousness, energy and honesty being the traits of character that have insured him the highest emoluments and greatest success. The family name was Monk, but this patronymic was changed by the father of William G. Dwight to Dwight, the form now in use, that being his middle name.

William George Dwight comes of a very old English family, its name having first been Monk, or Monck, a name conspicuous

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even prior to the seventeenth century, but it was during the time of Cromwell and Charles II. that it was most distinguished. George Monk, the first Duke of Albemarle and second son of Sir Thomas Monk, had a brilliant military career, serving his king under many and varied circumstances. As a mark of appreciation for his service he was buried in Westminster Abbey and a contemporary report in speaking of his death says: "He died like a Roman general with his officers about him." In this remark there is contained a worthy tribute. Although his dukedom expired at the death of his son, the Monk family did not become extinct and their name is a common one in England.

George Monk was born in England, in 1759, and came to America in his youth. Records do not give any account of his activities immediately after his arrival, and the first that is known of him is his active participation in the Revolutionary War as a member of the Continental army. It is quite probable that he enlisted in Massachusetts. His regiment was an important one as he served with Mad Anthony Wayne at Stony Point, New York, near Ticonderoga, and under General von Steuben at Valley Forge. He was also present at the surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown, at which time he held the commission of captain. His career can be traced quite accurately on account of these few definite and prominent points. To such men, daring and reliable in encounter and loyal to commanders, the credit must be given for the spirit and courage shown in this war. After hostilities ceased and the discharged armies returned to take up business pursuits again, Mr. Monk located in Massachusetts. At that time, before the day of rapid traveling railroads, the stage coaches materially aided the hotel business and Mr. Monk undertook to conduct a hotel at Windsor, Massachusetts, which was one of

the over-night stops of a popular stage route, and this delightful place is now the property of Mr. Murray Crane. In addition to the convenience of the location, the charm and hospitality of the hotel was an important factor in its success. Mr. Monk married Amy Ball, who bore him two sons: George, who died in Fulton, New York, and William Dwight, of whom further.

William Dwight Monk, later known as William Dwight, was born in Windsor, Massachusetts, in 1822, died at North Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1892. After attending the elementary schools of the town until he had completed the courses offered by their curriculum he entered college to take up the study of medicine and matriculated at the Berkshire Medical College at Pittsfield. This institution has not been in existence for many years, but was one of the foremost medical schools of the East a century ago. Prior to receiving his medical degree he decided to change his name from Monk to Dwight, his middle name. Chester Village, now Huntington, was the scene of his first professional work, but as his confidence increased he decided to move to a larger field and soon established his office in Bernardston, and this town was his home for twenty years, during which time he became a popular and highly esteemed citizen. His interest in politics and education was made quite evident by the fact that he was appointed to the office of postmaster and also one of the original trustees of the Cushman Library, the former a position gained only through personal popularity and as a recognition of party service, and the latter a position of honor given to those who have worked for educational advantages for a community. In the Franklin County Medical Association he was a prominent member, and he also held membership in the Unitarian church. The last twenty years of his professional life were spent at North Amherst. He received an honorary degree



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from Amherst College. He married Helen Clark, daughter of the Rev. Eber L. and Mary (Starkweather) Clark, the former a graduate of Williams College, class of 1811. Helen Clark attended Mount Holyoke Seminary in the class of 1841, coming under the direct personal training of Mary Lyon. She taught later in the Maplewood Institute in Pittsfield, one of the very famous schools of the day. She was a most remarkable woman, a leader in the community life in the several towns in which she made her home. She died in Holyoke, in 1910, at the age of ninety-three. Dr. and Mrs. Dwight were the parents of five children: Mary E., who became the wife of Edward H. Perkins, of Hartford, and they have two sons: Professor Henry A. Perkins, acting president of Trinity College, and Edward C. Perkins, a graduate of Yale and Columbia University, and now engaged in hospital work in China; three who died in childhood; William George, of whom further.

William George Dwight was born at Bernardston, Massachusetts, September 21, 1859. In boyhood he attended the public school in his preparation to enter Powers Institute, also at Bernardston. After his graduation from that institution he became a student at Amherst College, in 1877, and received the degree of B. H. in 1881. Desirous of starting upon an active career at once, he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in the September following his graduation from college and immediately took up newspaper work, a profession in which he has gained considerable success. For a short time he acted as correspondent for the various Springfield papers, but in 1882 he formed a partnership with W. S. Loomis, who owned the "Holyoke Transcript," then a weekly paper. Under the new partnership it was immediately brought out as a daily paper, and during the six years of this connection the standing of the paper greatly increased. In 1888 Mr. Loomis felt com-

pelled to discontinue his connection with the paper on account of the urgent demands made upon his time by his extensive street railway holdings, and from that time Mr. Dwight has been sole owner and manager of the paper. It is gratifying to have a paper in the control of a man who is fully aware of the responsibilities of the press. There is no more potent influence in our civilization today and it is now, as ever, the prime mover in progress and improvement. The value of the local press is always conceded and it is usually expected that superior towns have good papers, but the fact is frequently overlooked that perhaps the good paper is in a large degree responsible for the favorable growth of the town. Holyoke knows that in the "Daily Transcript" it has a paper which not only reports the affairs and interests of the community, but also plans for future civic, state and national development. Mr. Dwight is a member of the Canoe Club, Mt. Tom Golf Club and Piquot Club. In politics he gave his support to the Republican party for many years, but became identified with the Progressive wing of that party in 1912.

Mr. Dwight married (first) Anna, daughter of David Bush, of Burke, New York, and to them one child was born, Henry, January 16, 1891. Mrs. Dwight's death occurred in the same year. Mr. Dwight married (second) in 1896, Minnie A. Ryan, daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Riley) Ryan, of North Hadley, Massachusetts, and granddaughter of James and Ellen (Powers) Ryan, of whom further. They are the parents of three children: Helen M., born 1897, a student of Wellesley College; Laura S., born 1899, a student at Vassar; William, born 1903.

James Ryan, grandfather of Minnie A. (Ryan) Dwight, was a native of Ireland, a representative of one of the old and honored families of Ireland, entitled to bear a coat-of-arms. He came to the United States

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in the year 1851, and located in Whately, Massachusetts, from whence he removed to North Hadley, Massachusetts, where his death occurred at the advanced age of ninety-six years. His wife, Ellen (Powers) Ryan, bore him thirteen children, all but two, who died in infancy, lived to be over seventy years of age.

Patrick Ryan, son of James and Ellen (Powers) Ryan, and father of Minnie A. (Ryan) Dwight, was born in County Waterford, Ireland, July 15, 1839, and at the present time (1917) is residing in North Hadley, Massachusetts, aged seventy-eight years. He received his preliminary education in the schools of his native town, and when twelve years of age accompanied his parents to this country. He resided with an old New England family in Whately, Massachusetts, and during this time attended public and select schools, being for a time a pupil under James H. Newton, now a banker of Holyoke. Later he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, and is now the owner of a farm of one hundred acres or more in North Hadley, one of the most productive farms in that section of the State, one of the show places of the region, which he has occupied since his marriage in 1869. His product consists principally of tobacco and onions at the present time, but in the past he conducted extensive dairying operations, also raised corn, hay and pigs. Mr. Ryan is a great reader and student, particularly on political topics, and is the possessor of a wonderful memory. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as register of voters and as a member of the various town committees. He has always been an earnest advocate of Home Rule for Ireland.

Mr. Ryan married, May 5, 1869, Catherine Riley, born in County Tipperary, Ireland, daughter of Patrick Riley, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years. Children: Ellen, became the wife of John

Dwyer; Minnie A., aforementioned as the wife of William G. Dwight; Bridget Agnes, an educator; James, deceased; William; Henry; Arthur, city editor of the Holyoke "Daily Transcript," married Bessie O'Connell, and has children: James Arthur, Elizabeth and Catherine.

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### JUDGE, Martin Joseph,

#### **Paper Manufacturer.**

Martin Joseph Judge, one of the representative business men of Holyoke, is a descendant of a fine old Irish family, the members of which have always occupied positions of honor and regard in the communities where they have made their homes, being industrious and enterprising, willing to sacrifice their own interests, if needs be, in order to promote the welfare and development of their respective places of residence.

John Judge, grandfather of Martin J. Judge, was born, lived and died in Ireland, his death occurring in the late seventies, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He married Ellen Dunbar and among their children was Anthony, of whom further.

Anthony Judge, father of Martin J. Judge, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, about the year 1803, and died at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, in 1903, almost a centenarian. He followed the occupation of farming, as his forebears had done for centuries, but the times were very hard in Ireland, owing to the excessive oppressions wrought upon the people by the British government, and Mr. Judge, like so many of his fellow countrymen, had a difficult time in making a livelihood. He was of an extremely independent character, however, and could ill brook the injustices to which he was necessarily subject there, and eventually, rebelling altogether against them, he joined the great body of Irishmen who sought a haven in the Republic of the

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Western Hemisphere and set sail for the United States in the year 1860. Arriving in this country, he located in South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, where he spent the remainder of his days. Before coming to this country he married Barbara Loftus, a native of County Mayo, Ireland, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Gallagher) Loftus. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Judge, as follows: John, Thomas, Patrick, Michael, Anthony, Martin Joseph, John, James, Mary, and Edward Loftus, a priest in the Catholic church at North Brookfield, Massachusetts, who died October 4, 1916. Of the others only Thomas, Patrick, Martin Joseph and Mary are living.

Martin Joseph Judge was born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, October 14, 1865. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and proved himself an apt and diligent student. His first employment was in the Glasgow Mills at South Hadley Falls, with which concern he was identified for a considerable period of time, becoming thoroughly proficient in the details of the cotton business. Later he was employed as a bookkeeper in the great Albion Mills conducted by E. C. Foft and while there mastered the details of the paper business, and by the time he had attained his majority he was an expert in paper manufacturing. It had been his ambition to engage in business on his own account, and accordingly he severed his connection with the Albion Mills and entered the wholesale and retail paper business, opening his establishment at No. 149 Main street, Holyoke, Massachusetts. For twenty-eight years Mr. Judge remained at that location, his business increasing steadily in volume and importance and finally, in 1914, fairly outgrowing its original quarters. He then moved his establishment to No. 137 and 139 Main street, where he is located at

the present time (1918) his quarters being commodious enough for the great expansion of his business, which is continuing to grow at an even accelerated rate. Mr. Judge has become one of the influential figures in the paper trade in that city, and in addition to this interest is actively identified with the Eureka Blank Book Company, which is a large consumer of paper supplied through Mr. Judge's original concern, he serving in the capacity of treasurer therein. He was one of the incorporators of the Hadley Falls Trust Company in 1916.

Mr. Judge has always made his home in his native town of South Hadley Falls and has taken an active part in the public affairs of that community. He is the treasurer of the fire district; has served on the Board of Selectmen five years in all, two of which he held the office of chairman of the board; and is a member of the Prudential Committee and of the Board of Water Commissioners. He is a Roman Catholic in his religious belief and attends St. Patrick's Church at South Hadley. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and takes a prominent part in the social and club life of the town.

Mr. Judge married on Christmas Day, 1895, Joanna B. Long, of Richmond, Virginia, daughter of Thomas and Joanna (Kennedy) Long, old residents of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Judge are the parents of six children, all of whom are living, namely: Elizabeth Mary, Gerald Anthony, Martin Loftus, Lawrence Clement, Frederick Street, and Esther Louise. The home life of Mr. Judge is an extremely happy one. He finds his chief pleasure in the society of his family, by his own hearth, and his home is noted throughout the neighborhood for the gracious hospitality which it extends to all.

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### SEARS, Lemuel,

**Business Man, Financier.**

The death of Lemuel Sears, which occurred at his late home in Holyoke, March 17, 1912, removed from that city a man who from the time he began his business career until his decease constantly manifested ability in one phase or another, displaying unlimited possibilities, his activities showing his belief that there was nothing too great to grasp and master, and the extensive business he built up and with which he was prominently connected owed not a little to his masterful power. He was a man who believed that faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose in life would do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances.

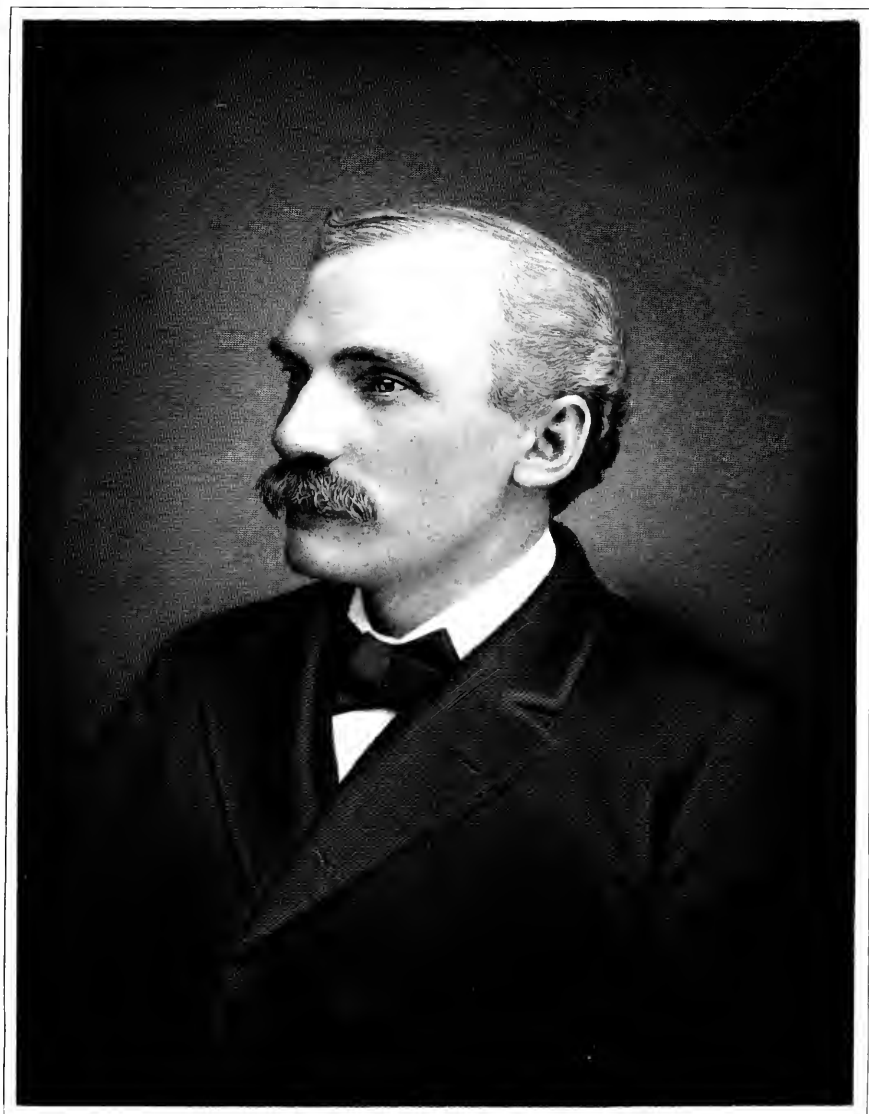
Lemuel Sears was a descendant in the eighth generation from Richard Sares, as the name was then spelled, the immigrant ancestor, who appeared in the records of the Plymouth colony tax list in 1633, and in the Salem tax lists of 1637-38. The line from the immigrant to Lemuel Sears was through Captain Paul Sears, whose birth occurred in Marblehead, Massachusetts, and his death at Yarmouth; his son, Paul Sears, born and died in Yarmouth, Massachusetts; his son, Daniel Sears, also born and died in Yarmouth; his son, Enos Sears, a native of Yarmouth, later removed to Ashfield, Massachusetts; his son, William Sears, born and died in Ashfield, Massachusetts; and his son, Nathan Sears, father of Lemuel Sears, was born and died in Ashfield. He was a successful business man, an agriculturist and dealer in wool, a Congregationalist in religion, and an old line Whig in politics. His wife, Abigail (Bates) Sears, bore him two children: Lemuel, see next paragraph; and Eliza. The latter was born March 2, 1839, died March 23, 1901; she was the wife of Duane Lilly.

Lemuel Sears was born in Ashfield, Mas-

sachusetts, February 17, 1835, on his father's farm, whereon he resided until he was about twenty years of age, the early years of his life being spent in attending the district school and in assisting with the varied labors which fall to the lot of a farmer's son. His tastes and inclinations did not lie in that direction, however, he possessing a natural genius for mechanics, inherited doubtless from his grandfather, and while he was still in his "teens" he rebuilt an old mill and built a new sugar house, laying out the frames and performing the work with his own hands, and when the new meeting house in Ashfield was completed and there yet remained the horse sheds to be erected, he laid out the frames for men far older in years and experience than himself, and greatly to the surprise of Captain Chapin, who, observing the young fellow's work, exclaimed "Lemuel can do it as well as I." Shortly before attaining his manhood, he became a dealer in wool, purchasing and selling quite extensively, traveling over the greater part of the surrounding country, and this proved a profitable means of livelihood for a number of years. Subsequently, about the year 1866, he changed his place of residence to Holyoke and there purchased a small grocery and provision store, which was an entirely different line from those hitherto followed by him, and in which he had no previous experience, but it proved a successful undertaking, expanding to mammoth proportions under his capable management, and in due course of time was conducted as a wholesale and retail establishment, being classed among the most extensive and highly prosperous places in Holyoke, furnishing employment to many hands and this he carried on up to the time of his death.

Mr. Sears was a thoroughly progressive business man and deserved great credit for the success which he achieved in life. He was the architect of his own fortune and

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built wisely and well, gaining a comfortable competence through diligence and enterprise. He took an active interest in all projects that had for their object the welfare of the community, and his services were sought by other concerns who realized the rare judgment displayed in the management of his own business, namely, the City Bank of Holyoke, of which he was one of the incorporators, and which he served for two decades as a member of its board of directors, and which he assisted in building up to a very prosperous condition, and at the time its present new building was erected was on its building committee and took an active part in its construction. He was also actively interested in the Mechanics' Savings Bank, of which he was elected a member of the corporation in 1873, trustee in 1888, auditor in 1892; he was elected a member of its investment committee in 1885 and served until 1893; in 1891 was elected vice-president, and in 1894 was elected president, which position he held for eighteen years, up to the time of his death. During all his residence in Holyoke, nearly fifty years, he took a great interest in its affairs and did all in his power to advance those interests. For a quarter of a century he was a member of the city sinking fund commission, serving in this capacity longer than any of his predecessors. He was frequently called upon to fill public office in the city of Holyoke, but he declined the honor, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business pursuits. He was a member of the Bay State Club, in which he took considerable interest, and was for a number of years a member of the Mercantile Exchange of New York City.

Mr. Sears married, November 27, 1860, Martha M., daughter of Deacon Ephraim Ford, of Cummington, Massachusetts, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Jennie E., born August 31, 1871, now the wife of Franklin M. Street, of Holyoke,

and they are the parents of one daughter, Florence, born March 4, 1897. 2. Arthur L., died November 9, 1880.

Mr. Sears was highly respected by his friends and business associates, and his death was very widely mourned. The following was said of him in an editorial in the Holyoke "Transcript:" "It is with a keen sense of loss and regret that we add the name of Lemuel Sears, merchant, banker and a good Holyoke citizen, to those who have passed to the Great Beyond. His career was one which should serve to inspire young men with a desire to make the most of their opportunities. Starting at the bottom of the ladder, his capital being mainly perseverance, frugality and a determination to succeed, he, by an application of these characteristics, reached a commanding place in the commercial and banking circles of Holyoke, and his example is one which young men desiring to succeed can emulate with pleasure and profit; the work which he performed has left its impress upon the community, and the name, Lemuel Sears, will be revered, respected and remembered for many generations.

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**WHEELOCK, William Franklin,**

**Merchant.**

When a young man of eighteen, William Franklin Wheelock located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and until his death, forty-seven years later, was an honored resident and one of the substantial business men of the city. Perhaps the period of his greatest success and prominence in the business world was between the years 1873 and 1894 as a member of Dean & Wheelock, paints, oils, wall paper, etc., although later he continued his successes as head of the W. F. Wheelock Company in similar lines. He was a man sometimes very stern in manner, positive in his convictions, but possessed a kind and tender heart, was actuated by the

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purest of motives and in his home was the ideal husband and father. He was highly regarded by his associates for his upright, manly life, the close attention he paid to his business and for his force of character as manifested in his business and private life. He was very popular in Grand Army circles and all through life he retained the deepest interest in his comrades of army days.

He came from an old New England family, his American ancestor, Rev. Ralph Wheelock, A. M., a graduate of Cambridge University, who came from England in 1637. Of him it was written, "It is highly probable that he was a descendant of Hugh de Wheelock, who, in the reign of Henry II., received from Roger Maine Warring a title to all the latter's claim to the village of Wheelock, Cheshire, England, which he had previously held." His great-grandson, Rev. Ebenezer Wheelock, was the founder of Dartmouth College, and through all the American generations there has run an element of stability and firmness of character, a heritage from the Puritan ancestor, Rev. Ralph Wheelock, who sought American shores as a refuge from religious persecution. William Franklin Wheelock was of the seventh American generation, son of Moses Wheelock, born at Brimfield, Massachusetts, May 20, 1803, married, July 3, 1828, Mary Bliss, born July 29, 1802, daughter of Ithamar and Mary (Mack) Bliss.

William Franklin Wheelock was born in Florida, Massachusetts, May 1, 1842, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, October 27, 1907. His early life was passed in Florida and South Hadley Falls, his residence in Holyoke beginning in 1860. He was variously employed in Holyoke until December 7, 1863, when he enlisted in Company A, First Regiment, Massachusetts Cavalry. He served with credit throughout the remaining year of the war, saw hard service and received an honorable discharge, June

26, 1865. After the war he returned to Holyoke and was there employed until 1873, when he began his career as a merchant. In that year he formed a partnership with W. T. Dean and as Dean & Wheelock they opened a paint store. They dealt in all that pertained to such a business, operated very successfully for twenty-one years, both partners being men of ability, energy and force. In 1894 they dissolved, Mr. Wheelock then becoming senior member of the W. F. Wheelock Company, the new firm continuing the same line of business at No. 147 Main street, Mr. Wheelock remaining its active head until his death in 1907.

Although essentially a business man, allowing nothing to detract from the main purpose of his life, he was not unmindful of his duties as a citizen, but ever manifested a deep interest in all that pertained to the welfare of his city. He affiliated with his old comrades in membership in Kilpatrick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, also was a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and an active member of the First Congregational Church. In political faith he was a Republican. He met every responsibility of life squarely, evaded no issue and pursued a straightforward, manly course through life, treating all men justly and when he passed from earthly scenes, one of the "Old Guard" among Holyoke's business men, he left to posterity an honored name and the record of an upright life.

Mr. Wheelock married, November 5, 1883, Cornelia E. Dean, who survives him, daughter of George B. and Caroline (Clark) Dean, of Constableville, Lewis county, New York. Children: 1. Bertha C., born February 16, 1885, at Holyoke, graduate of Holyoke High School; married Lucius Bradford Cousins, and has a son, Bradford Wheelock Cousins, born April 22, 1915. 2. William Earle, whose sketch follows



**WHEELOCK, William Earle,**

**Business Man.**

William Earle Wheelock, a representative in the eighth American generation of the Wheelock family, which traces its origin to England, is one of the enterprising and successful business men of Holyoke, who has commanded the respect of all by his uniform courtesy, while his reputation for fair dealing and honorable transactions has gained him the confidence, good will and respect of business men throughout the section in which he conducts his business and wherever he is known.

William Earle Wheelock was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, June 12, 1887, son of William Franklin and Cornelia E. (Dean) Wheelock. He attended the public schools of Holyoke, including the High School, from which he graduated, class of 1908. He began his business career immediately after his graduation, in the employ of the W. F. Wheelock Company, of which his father was the senior member, the concern dealing in paints and everything pertaining to that line of business. William E. Wheelock became thoroughly familiar with every detail, and in due course of time was a valuable adjunct, relieving his father of many of the burdens and responsibilities, and upon the death of his father, in 1907, succeeded him as head of the business and has so continued to the present time (1917), continuing along the same honorable lines as laid down by his honored father. The business has increased with each succeeding year, and Mr. Wheelock, being one of the younger business men of the city, has a bright future in prospect. For three years, from 1908 to 1910, he was a member of the State Militia, in which he took a keen interest. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational church, and in poli-

tics he adheres to the principles of the Republican party.

Mr. Wheelock married, June 8, 1913, Maud A. Porter, of Clapham, Province of Quebec, Canada, daughter of William and Charlotte (Moore) Porter. Children: William Franklin, born March 21, 1914, and Lila Jean, born July 13, 1916.

**BUCKLEY, George Chittington, Jr.,**

**Valued Citizen of Holyoke.**

The family of Buckley, other forms of the name being Bulkeley, Bulkley, Bulkly, represented in the present generation, the twenty-first, by George C. Buckley, a well known resident of Holyoke, is of ancient English origin and traces back to the twelfth century to the time of King John, when lived Baron Robert de Bulkeley, whose son, Baron William de Bulkeley, married a daughter of Thomas Butler. Their son, Baron Robert de Bulkeley, married Jane, daughter of Sir William Butler. Their son, Baron William de Bulkeley, married, 1302, Maud, daughter of Sir John Davenport. Their son, Baron Robert de Bulkeley, married Agnes ———. Their son, Baron Peter de Bulkeley, married Nicola, daughter of Thomas Bird. Their son, Baron John de Bulkeley, a resident of Houghton, married Arderne Fitley. Their son, Baron Hugh de Bulkeley, married Helen, daughter of Thomas Wilbraham. Their son, Baron Humphrey de Bulkeley, married Grisel Moulton. Their son, Baron William de Bulkeley, a resident of Oakley, married Beatrice, daughter of William Hill. Their son, Baron Thomas de Bulkeley, married Elizabeth, daughter of Randelle Grosvener. Their son, the Rev. Edward de Bulkeley, was a native of Ware, Shropshire, England, and his death occurred at Odell, Hundred of Willey, Bedfordshire, England. He was a student at

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St. John's College, Cambridge, admitted April 6, 1560, pursuing the course in divinity. He served as curate of St. Mary's Church, Shrewsbury, appointed in 1565; prebend of Chester; prebend of Litchfield, about 1580; and rector of All Saints Church, Odell. He married Almark Irlby, or Islby, of Lincolnshire, and among their children was Peter, of whom further.

(XIII) Rev. Peter Bulkeley, son of the Rev. Edward de Bulkeley, was born at Odell, Bedfordshire, England, January 31, 1582-83. He attended the same college as his father, St. John's, at Cambridge, matriculating at the age of sixteen, March 22, 1604-05, became a fellow, 1608, with degree of Master of Arts, and "said to have proceeded Bachelor of Divinity." He succeeded his father as rector of All Saints Church, Odell. He was known to be a non-conformist, but "the Lord Keeper Williams, formerly his diocesan, and his personal friend, desired to deal gently with his non-conformity" and connived at it, as he had at his father's for twenty years, but when Loud became primate of England in 1633, Mr. Bulkeley was silenced and with no hope of reinstatement. He therefore sold his estate and emigrated for the New World, leaving his native land in 1635, at the age of fifty-two years, accompanied by his wife and children, taking passage on the ship, "Susan and Ellen." There is a tradition in the family that while on the voyage, his wife apparently died. Unwilling to have her body buried at sea, the husband pleaded with the captain to keep it until they reached port. As no signs of decay appeared, he consented, and on the third day symptoms of vitality appeared, and before land was reached animation was restored. Though carried from the ship an invalid, she recovered and lived to a good old age. Rev. Peter Bulkeley chose Cambridge as his first place of residence, but the following year, with twelve others, began the settlement of

Concord, and he was always spoken of as the first minister of Concord. He was teacher of the church of Concord, of which the Rev. John Jones was pastor, and was installed pastor, April 6, 1637. He was among the first to instruct the Indians, and the supposition is that the Indians, being grateful to him for his efforts in their behalf, spared the town of Concord from Indian depredation. He contributed largely of his time and means toward the upbuilding of the colony, being an active factor in every movement toward that end. He was a well educated man, wrote several Latin poems, and in 1646 published a volume in London entitled "The Gospel Covenant," made up of sermons preached at Concord, and an elegy on his friend, the Rev. Mr. Hooker.

Rev. Peter Bulkeley married (first) about 1613, Jane, daughter of Thomas Allen, of Goldington, and her death occurred at Odell, England, in 1626. He married (second) about 1634, Grace Chetwoode, born 1602, died at New London, Connecticut, at the home of her son, April 21, 1669. She was the daughter of Sir Richard and Dorothy (Needham) Chetwoode, of Odell. Children: 1. Edward, born June 17, 1614, came to New England with his father, died January 2, 1696. 2. Mary, baptized August 24, 1615, died young. 3. Thomas, born April 11, 1617, married Sarah Jones, settled in Fairfield, Connecticut. 4. Nathaniel, born November 29, 1618, died 1627. 5. Rev. John, born February 11, 1620, graduated at Harvard with the first class. 6. Mary, born November 1, 1621, died 1624. 7. George, born May 17, 1623. 8. Daniel, born August 28, 1625. 9. Jabez, born December 20, 1626, died young. 10. Joseph, born 16—. 11. William, a resident of Ipswich in 1648. 12. Richard. 13. Gershom, of whom further. 14. Elizabeth, born probably 1638, became the wife of the Rev. Joseph Emerson. 15. Dorothy, born August 2, 1640. 16. Peter, born August 12, 1643-

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The Rev. Peter Bulkeley died at Concord, March 9, 1658-59, and a large tablet to his memory was erected near the open square at Concord. His will, dated April 14, 1658, with codicils of January 13 and February 26, 1659, was proved June 20, 1659. Prior to his death he gave many books to the library of Harvard College.

(XIV) Rev. Dr. Gershom Bulkeley, son of the Rev. Peter and Grace (Chetwoode) Bulkeley, was born at Concord, Massachusetts, December 6, 1636. He pursued a course of advanced studies at Harvard College, graduating from that institution in 1655, as fellow. Six years later, in 1661, he was installed as minister of the Second Church at New London, Connecticut, and there remained until 1666-67, when he was appointed pastor of a church at Wethersfield, whither he removed, and served in that capacity until 1676, when failing health compelled him to abandon his pastoral duties. The year prior to his resignation, 1675, during King Philip's War, he was appointed surgeon to the Connecticut troops, and placed on the council of war. At one time the party to which he was attached was attacked by a number of Indians in the vicinity of Wachusett Hill, Massachusetts, and in the fight he received a wound in the thigh. He was an earnest student of medicine, surgery, chemistry and philosophy, actively practicing the first two branches for a number of years after retirement from the ministry, was also an expert surveyor, and a linguist, proficient in several languages. Rev. Dr. Bulkeley married, October 26, 1659, Sarah Chauncey, born at Ware, England, June 13, 1631, daughter of the Rev. Charles Chauncey, president of Harvard College. Children: 1. Catherine, born about 1660, became the wife of Richard Treat. 2. Dorothy, born about 1662, died 1757; she married, July 5, 1693, Lieutenant Thomas Treat. 3. Dr. Charles, born about 1663. 4. Peter, mar-

ried, March 21, 1700, Rachel Talcott; he was lost at sea. 5. Edward, born 1672. 6. John, of whom further. Rev. Dr. Gershom Bulkeley died at Wethersfield, Connecticut, December 2, 1713. His will was dated May 28, 1712, and proved December 7, 1713. Inscribed on his monument in the Wethersfield Cemetery is the following: "He was honorable in his descent, of rare abilities, excellent in learning, master of many languages, exquisite in his skill, in divinity, physic and law, and of a most exemplary and Christian life." He survived his wife many years, her death occurring June 3, 1699.

(XV) Rev. John Bulkeley, son of the Rev. Dr. Gershom and Sarah (Chauncey) Bulkeley, was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1679. He attended the same college as his father, Harvard, and graduated from its School of Divinity in 1699, at the age of twenty. He was a classmate of Jeremiah Dummer, and later they were accounted the greatest geniuses of their day, preference being given to Dummer in regard to quickness, brilliancy and wit, to Bulkeley in regard to solidity of judgment and strength of argument. On December 20, 1703, he was ordained pastor of the church at Colchester, Connecticut, served in that capacity for many years, and attained eminence among the brethren of his profession, Dr. Chauncey, in 1768, classing him among the three most eminent for strength of genius and powers of mind which New England had produced, the other two being Jeremiah Dummer, aforementioned, and Thomas Walter. Rev. John Bulkeley was one of the largest land owners in Colchester, among his possessions being a mill and the appurtenances, a large amount of real estate, a negro man, Caesar, and a library. As he died intestate, his estate was divided July 17, 1733. He was the author of several volumes. He wrote "A Preface to R. Wolcott's Meditations;" an election ser-

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mon in 1713, entitled, "The Necessity of Religion in Societies;" in 1724 he published an "Inquiry into the Right of the Aboriginal Natives to the Land in America;" in 1729 he published "An Impartial Account of the Late Debate at Lyme, upon the following points: Whether it be the Will of God that the Infants of Visible Believers should be baptized; Whether Sprinkling be Lawful and Sufficient; and Whether the Present Way of Maintaining Ministers by a Public Rate or Tax, be Lawful."

Rev. John Bulkeley married, in 1701, Patience, daughter of John and Sarah Prentice. Children: 1. Sarah, born April 8, 1702, married (first) Jonathan Trumbull, (second) John Wells. 2. Daughter, born and died May 6, 1704. 3. John, born April 19, 1705, married (first) October 29, 1738, Mary Gardner, (second) April 16, 1751, Abigail Hastings. 4. Dorothy, born February 28, 1706. 5. Gershom, of whom further. 6. Charles, born December 26, 1710. 7. Peter, born November 21, 1712. 8. Patience, born May 21, 1715. 9. Oliver, born July 29, 1717, died January 1, 1779. 10. Lucy, born June 29, 1720. 11. Irene, born February 10, 1722, died February 20, 1722. 12. Joseph, twin of Irene, died February 25, 1722.

(XVI) Gershom Bulkeley, son of the Rev. John and Patience (Prentice) Bulkeley, was born in Colchester, Connecticut, February 4, 1709, and there spent his entire lifetime. He was educated in the schools of his native town, and upon arriving at manhood years was chosen by his fellow townsmen to fill a number of the public offices, the duties of which he performed to the satisfaction of all concerned. He married, November 28, 1733, Abigail Robbins. Children: 1. Sarah, born January 10, 1735, married, January 17, 1765, Joseph Isham. 2. John, of whom further. 3. Joshua, born February 24, 1741, married, November 9, 1761, Lois Day. 4. Daniel, born May 13,

1744, married, August 16, 1764, Dorothy Olmsted. 5. Eunice, born May 14, 1747, married, May 25, 1767, Elisha Lord. 6. David, born July 18, 1749, married Hannah Beckwith. 7. Roger, born September 14, 1751, married Jerusha Root. 8. Ann, born May 11, 1758.

(XVII) John Bulkeley, son of Gershom and Abigail (Robbins) Bulkeley, was born in Colchester, Connecticut, August 23, 1738. He married, January 11, 1759, Judith Worthington. Children: 1. John, born October 7, 1759, married Theodore Foote. 2. William, born August 30, 1761, married Mary Champion. 3. Gershom, of whom further. 4. Elijah, born January 29, 1766, married Pamela Loomis. 5. Nabby, born December 30, 1769, became the wife of Roger Taintor. 6. Joshua Robbins, born November 2, 1771, married Sally Taintor. 7. Mary, born February 2, 1774, became the wife of Aaron Buckland. 8. Judith, born January 30, 1775, married Solomon Taintor. 9. Gurdon, born March 15, 1777, married (first) Fanny Wright, (second) Nancy Porter. 10. Gad, born February 20, 1779, married Orra Barstow. 11. Lydia, born April 25, 1781, married (first) John Worthington, (second) Dr. William Mason. 12. Dan, born March 20, 1784, married Phebe Burnet. 13. Harriet, born January 22, 1787, became the wife of Samuel Moseley.

(XVIII) Gershom Bulkeley, son of John and Judith (Worthington) Bulkeley, was born in Colchester, Connecticut, October 3, 1763. He married a Mrs. Noble, a widow, and removed to Williamstown, Massachusetts. Children: 1. James, of whom further. 2. George, lawyer, resided in Kinderhook. New York. 3. William, whose death occurred in New York. 4. Gershom. 5. Harriet, died unmarried. 6. Judith, became the wife of Platt Talcott, of Lanesborough. 7. Mary, died unmarried.

(XIX) James Bulkeley (or Buckley), son

of Gershom and —— (Noble) Bulkeley, was born at Williamstown, Massachusetts, about 1785-87, and died at Lee, Massachusetts. He was reared and educated in his native town, and during his young manhood was a resident of Catskill, Troy and Kinderhook, New York, returning from that State to Massachusetts about 1821, locating in Lee, where he spent the remainder of his days. He learned the trade of paper making and followed it in various mills of Western Massachusetts and New York. He adopted the spelling Buckley, though others of the family for a generation or two also used it. Probably through the town clerk's error, the name is spelled Buckland in the birth records of Lee, but is Buckley in the marriage records. He had the births of all his children recorded at Lee, with the places of birth indicated. He married Clarissa Bell. Children: 1. Hiram, born November 27, 1807, at Catskill, New York. 2. Jane Anne, born September 27, 1809, at Troy, New York. 3. Lucius G., born June 28, 1811, at Kinderhook, New York. 4. William, born July 2, 1813, at Kinderhook. 5. Abigail, born July 24, 1815, at Kinderhook. 6. John, born November 20, 1817, at Kinderhook. 7. George Chittington, of whom further. 8. Martha, born April 9, 1822, married, at Lee, December 11, 1845, Reuben O. Brown. 9. Ann, born about 1824, married, at Lee, June 24, 1846, Nathan Allen.

(XX) George Chittington Buckley, son of James and Clarissa (Bell) Buckley, was born in Kinderhook, New York, April 27, 1821, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, October 31, 1888, at the age of sixty-seven. He was reared in the town of Lee, where his parents removed during his infancy, attended the public schools thereof and upon arriving at a suitable age served an apprenticeship at the trade of hatter, but later served an apprenticeship at the same trade as his father, paper making, be-

coming a skillful workman in both. During his early manhood years, he returned to his native State, New York, locating in Kingston, where for a number of years he followed the trade of a hatter, at which he achieved a well merited success. In 1849 he returned to Lee, taking up his permanent residence there, and once more turned his attention to the business of making paper, continuing along that line until coming to Holyoke in 1859, where he also followed his trade, continuing until his death which occurred while in active service in a most tragic manner. It was his custom at noon to smoke and he was found by his fellow workmen, shortly after one o'clock, sitting upon the steps of this building dead, death being due to heart disease, a most terrible shock to his family and friends. He was a Whig in politics, and a Liberal in religion, and ranked among the representative citizens of the various communities in which he resided. Mr. Buckley married Julia, daughter of Lawrence Keefer and Hannah (Von Steinberg) Felter, of Kingston, New York, the former named an iron worker by trade. Children, born at Kingston, New York: 1. Icedor, born September 1, 1846. 2. James Collier, born July 4, 1848, married, July 4, 1870, Roxana M. Dorman. 3. George Chittington, of whom further. 4. Clara H., born February 2, 1856. 5. Frank E., born December 5, 1861. 6. Fred E., born May 24, 1863.

(XXI) George Chittington Buckley, Jr., son of George Chittington and Julia (Felter) Buckley, was born in Lee, Massachusetts, May 20, 1852. He received his education in the schools of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and having decided to follow the same line of work as his father, he secured employment in the Whiting Paper Mill, in whose employ he remained fifteen years, after which he became an employee of the Union Paper Company's Mill, now the Riverside Mill, No. 3, his term of service ex-

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tending over a period of six and a half years. He then entered the employ of the Paper Mill in Mittineague, and after a service of twenty years' duration, he changed his line of work, becoming connected with the Holyoke Water Power Company, having charge of the No. 4 Overflow, in which capacity he is serving at the present time (1917). He has given conscientious and faithful service in all these various places, gaining and retaining the good will of those higher in authority. He is an attendant of the Baptist church, and a member of the Pequot Fishing Club. He takes an active interest in all projects that have for their object the improvement and welfare of his adopted city, and displays the characteristics so well defined in the lives of his ancestors.

Mr. Buckley married, October 4, 1874, Emma Gaylord, born in Westfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Edwin and Prusba (Farr) Gaylord. Children: 1. Frank Eugene, born March 11, 1876, married Matilda Hayes, and they have one daughter, Frances Gaylord, born November 10, 1899. 2. William, born December 31, 1878, married Anna Hartling, and they have one son, George.

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### **HITCHCOCK, Dexter B.,** **State Senator.**

The changes time has made in Holyoke localities has perhaps driven from the memory of many, even elderly persons, what was known as "Ireland Parish," now that fine residence thoroughfare, Northampton street. In that section the father of Dexter B. Hitchcock owned considerable property, which in course of time passed to his son, Dexter B. Hitchcock, who here spent most of his life, which ended in 1885. The older men and women of Holyoke recall with pleasure the quiet, openhearted, hospitable farmer, whose sterling worth so impressed

his contemporaries that he was sent to legislative halls as State Senator. As such Mr. Hitchcock served his term with honor. He possessed that rare power of inspiring confidence and men implicitly trusted him. That trust was never misplaced and he well merited the title bestowed upon him of "an honest man." That did not mean honest in money affairs alone, but honest in thought, deed, action and speech. He was true to every obligation of friendship or citizenship, and held his personal honor inviolate.

Dexter B. Hitchcock, son of Warren and Fidelia M. (Elder) Hitchcock, was born on the home farm in Holyoke, Massachusetts, September, 1837, and died there, June 11, 1885. He was educated in the public schools and at the Suffield Institute, Suffield, Connecticut. His father died when he was about fifteen, and his mother married Alexander Day, and the boy spent his life on this farm until about nineteen years of age when he returned to the homestead where he was born, which had been bequeathed to him by his father, and he continued in the successful conduct of this farm up to the time of his death. He took a deep interest in political affairs and was ardent in his support of Democratic principles. In 1883 he was the choice of his party for State Senator, and one year of his life was spent in that responsible office. His death in the very prime of life was not only a deep sorrow to his legion of friends, but a distinct loss to the State, as he possessed those sterling qualities of character so needed in public life and he would without doubt have been long retained in the public service.

Senator Hitchcock married, in 1858, Frances Ashley, daughter of Daniel and Diadene (Day) Ashley, of West Springfield, Massachusetts. Daniel Ashley was a farmer and also operated a ferry between Chicopee and West Springfield. Diadene

Day was a daughter of Edmund Day, of West Springfield.

There was a peculiar frankness and a genial spirit possessed by Senator Hitchcock, which is found only in the man who lives close to Nature's heart and is intimate with the soil, the woods and the birds, and sees the great Creator in all out-of-doors life. This spirit rendered him beloved of all who knew him and inspired that confidence which all gave him.

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**IVERS, Rev. John C.,**

**Priest.**

Of the third American generation, but he the first American-born son of the family, Rev.<sup>1</sup> John C. Ivers, pastor of Holy Cross Church of Holyoke, is held by association close to the traditions of the family whose home for several generations was in County Carlow, an agricultural and dairy county in Leinster, Ireland. Although his own life has been spent in preparation for and in service as a priest of the church, he is one of those broad-minded public-spirited men who look on life from a practical standpoint, and labors for the temporal as well as the spiritual good of his people. He is also interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his city as a whole. His great-grandfather, Joseph Ivers, never left the "Old Sod," but his son John did and spent the last twenty-seven years of his life in Springfield, Massachusetts.

John Ivers, born in Tinreyland, County Carlow, Ireland, came to the United States in 1870, and died in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1897. He married, in Ireland, Bridget Murphy, also born in Tinreyland, daughter of Richard Murphy. They were the parents of Richard, of further mention; John, James, Charles, Mary, Kate, married (first) a Mr. Foley, (second) George Gilmore; Bridget, married Francis Foley; the foregoing all deceased. The first of the

family to come to the United States was Mary, Richard came next, then Kate, who was followed by her sister Bridget, after the children came John Ivers, their father.

Richard Ivers, the eldest son of John and Bridget (Murphy) Ivers, was born at Tinreyland, County Carlow, Ireland, in 1831, and died in Springfield, Massachusetts, September 14, 1896. He was twenty years of age when he came to the United States, and until his death he was connected with the livery business in Springfield, first as an employee, then a partner with James O'Keefe, then, after the destruction of their place by fire, as sole proprietor of a new establishment on Stockbridge street. His forty-seven years' residence in Springfield brought him a wide acquaintance and in the entire city there were few men better known or more highly esteemed. His friends were legion and he never forfeited the esteem of the public he served for so many years. He married Mary Houlihan, born in Kilkenny, Ireland, who died in Springfield, 1898. They were the parents of Rev. John C. Ivers, of further mention; James, deceased, married Josephine Bassett, and was the father of four children, Annie, Francis, Mary and Dorothy; Richard, deceased; Maria; Catherine.

Rev. John C. Ivers was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, September 22, 1863. After his graduation from Springfield High School in 1881, he entered the Internal Revenue Office at Springfield, where he remained two years. He entered, in 1883, Ottawa University, Canada, whence he was graduated class of 1886. After this he spent three years at St. Mary's Theological Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland, and on October 15, 1889, he was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic church. He attended the Catholic University as one of the members of the pioneer class to receive the degree S. F. B. He served as assistant at St. Stephen's Church, Worcester; St. Francis'

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Church, North Adams; and St. Jeromes' Church, Holyoke. He was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Williamstown, where he remained one year. From thence he returned to Holyoke and was appointed pastor of Holy Cross Church, 1896, where he has since been continuously located. Here he has built a new church, and added largely to the realty of the parish by purchases from the Water Power Company, from Mr. Lynch and from the Casper Ranger Estate, the present parsonage which Father Ivers occupies being the old Casper Ranger residence. The spiritual growth of the parish has been quickened under his ministration and he possesses not only the love of his own people but the respect and confidence of all who know him for the work he has performed.

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**MAXFIELD, George Arthur, D. D. S.,**  
**Prominent Dental Practitioner.**

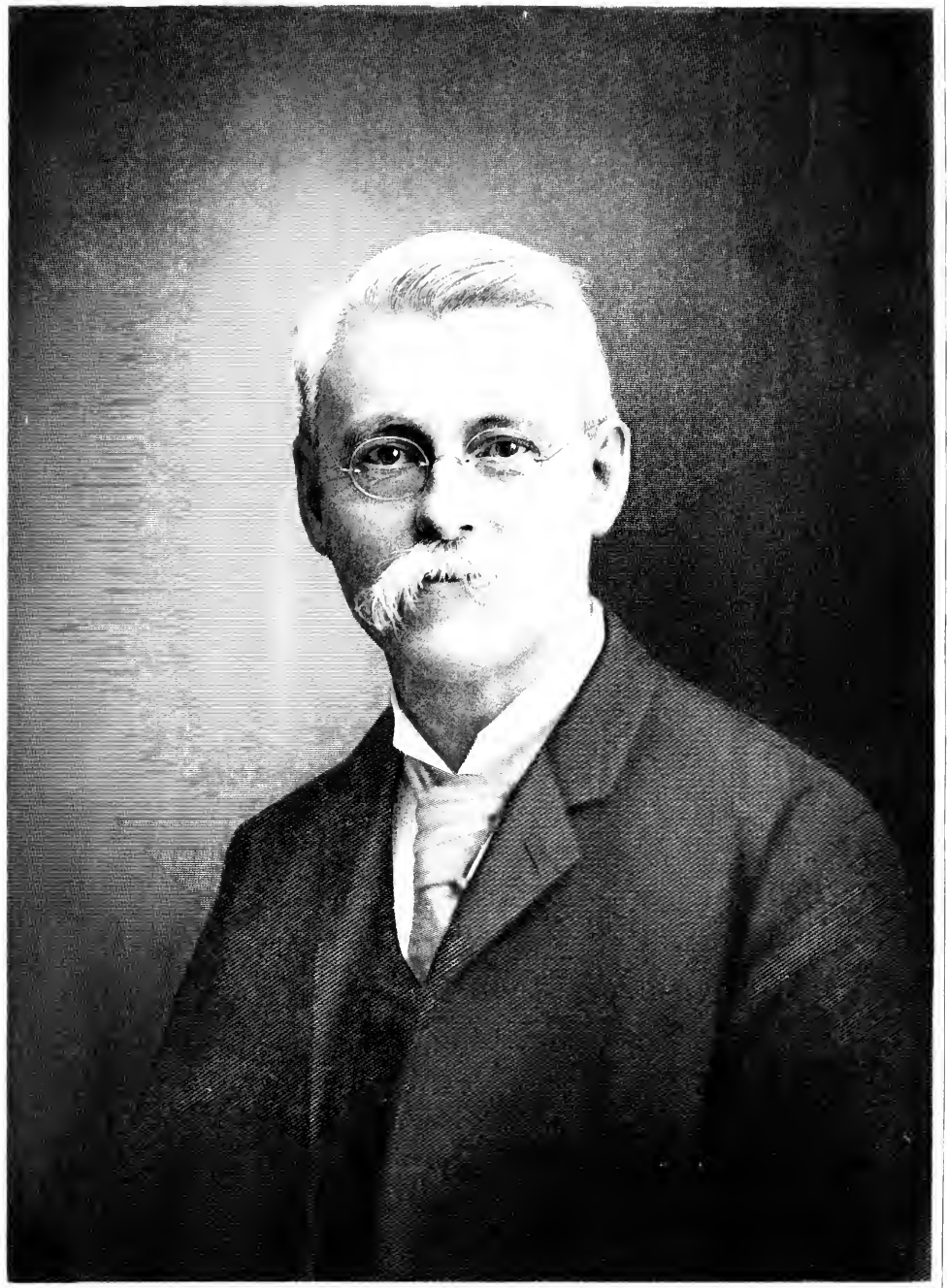
Since his graduation from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1881, Dr. Maxfield has practiced his profession in Holyoke, Massachusetts, with the exception of two years spent in Chester, Pennsylvania. He is one of the eminent men of his profession, having written many papers on dental subjects which were duly published in the dental journals, and he has received the highest honors in the gift of his profession. He was elected as the thirty-first president of the Massachusetts Dental Society in 1895, and as first vice-president he was one of three members who planned the reorganization of that society into seven districts and the drafting of the then new Constitution and By-Laws. For eleven years he was secretary of the Connecticut Valley Dental Society until it was merged with the New England Dental Society (of which he was also a member) into the present Northeastern Dental Association in 1895. He served as

first vice-president of this Association for 1913 and 1914, and as president in 1915.

His practice in Holyoke is large, and as a citizen he is held in high esteem. He is a son of Arthur Livermore Maxfield, of New Hampshire, who was a son of Samuel and Betsy (Huntoon) Maxfield. On his mother's side he was a direct descendant of Samuel Winsley, who was one of the twelve who obtained the grant to begin a plantation at Merrimack, Massachusetts, in 1638.

Arthur Livermore Maxfield was born in Gilmanton, New Hampshire, August 31, 1818, died in Ashuelot, New Hampshire, August 24, 1890. He was educated in Gilmanton, and resided there until he was seventeen years of age when he left the farm and began working in the cotton mills of Lowell, Massachusetts. His first employment was in the weaving room of the Boot Corporation. By his ability he was advanced in less than ten years to the post of overseer. While he was in this position he taught the first Irish girls in this country the art of weaving. About 1845 he became overseer in a cotton mill in Hallowell, Maine, but after a few months he returned to Massachusetts to accept a similar position in the mills of the Chicopee Manufacturing Company at Chicopee Falls. Here he remained about ten years, and in 1854 went to Holyoke as paymaster at the Hampden Mills, remaining ten years, when he organized the Holyoke Warp Mill, of which he was agent for several years. Then he became superintendent of the Stratton Mills at West Swanzey, New Hampshire, and while there introduced the manufacture of cotton warps. His last business connection was with the Ashuelot Warp Company, which he organized and of which he was sole proprietor at the time of his death. He was a thorough, able and efficient cotton manufacturer, and was held in high esteem among the manufacturers of New England.





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He married Orissa Anderson, who was born April 8, 1821, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, February 21, 1910. Nine children were born to them, two of whom died young. Two of their sons, Samuel W. Maxfield and Fred G. Maxfield, succeeded their father in the management of the Ashuelot Warp Mills.

Their oldest son, George Arthur Maxfield, was born at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, October 29, 1848. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Holyoke, and on leaving school he went into the office of his father as bookkeeper and paymaster at the Holyoke Warp Mill. In 1869 he left the office and learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for several years before deciding to prepare for the practice of dentistry. In 1878 he entered the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, there continuing until he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1881.

He spent the first two years after graduation at Chester, Pennsylvania, then located in Holyoke, where he has since been in successful practice. The years he spent in the machine shop gave him a decided advantage in the mechanical side of his profession, and he soon gained an enviable reputation for excellence of work. He has invented many dental appliances and was joint inventor with Dr. Morgan, of Springfield, of the Morgan-Maxfield Disk Mandrel, which for its simplicity and utility has become one of the standard dental appliances.

He is an honorary member of the New Hampshire Dental Society, Vermont Dental Society and Connecticut State Dental Association, also of several dental societies outside of New England. He is also a member of the National Dental Association, a corresponding member of the American Medical Association, and for many years was an associate member of the New York

Institute of Stomatology. He was appointed a member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry by the late Governor Roger Wolcott in 1897, and had served over sixteen years on said board when he retired in June, 1913. Dr. Maxfield has worked industriously and intelligently to elevate the standard of professional life by hard work in the various dental societies of which he is a member. He is a member of the Second Baptist Church for which he served as clerk for several years, and in political faith is a Republican.

Dr. Maxfield married (first) Elizabeth R. Bennett, of Holyoke, in 1871, who died in 1882. He married (second) in 1885, Martha H. Currier, a daughter of the late Andrew J. Currier, of Norwich, Connecticut, who was a prominent woolen manufacturer. Their only child, Arthur Currier, was born December 10, 1890, and died March 30, 1900.

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#### DILLON, John Aloysius, M. D.,

##### Physician.

A member of the Hampden county bar since 1915, Mr. Dillon came upon the scene of action nearly half a century after his honored father, Thomas Dillon, located in Holyoke, one of the men who made the early industrial and commercial history of Holyoke a record of courageous, brainy effort reinforced by right living. Many of the young men of half a century ago came from Ireland and among them was Thomas Dillon, one of a trio with Daniel and John O'Connell, who survived all others, all now passed away. Thomas Dillon was a man of rigid habits and tireless energy, possessing a keen business mind and a genius for finance, which placed him at the head of the group. In his passing, Holyoke lost a man who for half a century had been a leader in its civic and business expansion. A man

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of vision, he had the courage to undertake a hard task and men willingly followed his leadership.

Thomas Dillon was born in Ballyduff, County Kerry, Ireland, in 1835, and died at his home, corner of Chestnut and Appleton streets, in Holyoke, June 3, 1916. He was the son of Thomas and Ellen (Carroll) Dillon. He spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native land, coming to the United States in 1852. His first employment was in the United States Armory at Springfield, Massachusetts. At this time his home was in Chicopee, and in later years he used to recall with pride and pleasure that he walked daily to and fro between his home and the armory, a distance of over five miles. He was variously employed until 1868, locating in Holyoke, in that year, and was quickly admitted to the group of leading citizens who constituted the commercial backbone of the town. He entered the grocery business in a store in the Doody block at Maple and Lyman streets, and here he quickly evidenced his marvelous grasp of business details, a faculty which was soon to win success for him. In course of time he admitted his brother John, and as Dillon Brothers they long operated. They purchased the undertaking business of John Dower, and also operated the grocery, and when an opportunity offered to become manager of the Hampden Brewery, Thomas Dillon added that responsibility to his other interests. In 1875, only eleven years after coming to Holyoke, he built the Dillon block at the corner of Maple and Lyman streets, Holyoke, a mammoth structure for that period, and even today one of the largest resident blocks in Holyoke. Later he took advantage of another opportunity when he founded the Union Coal & Wood Company, which later he sold to William A. Chase. He also became a director of the Holyoke Savings Bank, and continued a valued member of

the board until his death. He became one of the most prominent of the group of men then known as leaders in the city, and, because of his wonderful grasp of finances, became head of the group. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Dillon served in the Common Council, and was later alderman from ward 4 in 1881, 1882 and 1883. He was an intimate friend of Governor "Billy" Russell, both men deriving mutual pleasure from the close acquaintance. Mr. Dillon was eminently a home man, a devout Catholic, and a regular attendant at the services of the church, and a generous supporter of all its institutions. He was also generous in his donations to new parishes, and St. Jerome, Holy Rosary, Blessed Sacrament and Mater Dolorosa parishes all were aided in their church building by his donation. In the Polish church he placed four beautiful windows as well as giving sums of money, and in referring to his death, Father Civiklinski, pastor of Mater Dolorosa Church, at all of the three Sunday masses spoke of Mr. Dillon's death as a "grievous and personal loss."

Thomas Dillon married (first) a Miss Dougherty, of Holyoke. He married (second) Ann Kennedy, who survives him with three sons and two daughters, namely: John A., of further mention; Mary M., married James J. O'Donnell, of Holyoke; Thomas A. Dillon, D.D.S., of Holyoke; Alice A., married Daniel F. Doherty, of Springfield; William T., of further mention.

Dr. John Aloysius Dillon, eldest son of Thomas and Ann (Kennedy) Dillon, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, November 30, 1878. After preparation in public school and Holy Cross parochial school, he entered Fordham University, New York, whence he was graduated A. B. Deciding upon the profession of medicine, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, there receiving his M. D. with the class of 1906. He

then spent eighteen months abroad studying in the hospitals of London, Berlin and Vienna, returning to the United States in 1908. The same year he located in Springfield, Massachusetts, in ear, nose and throat practice, and there continues one of the honored and successful physicians of the city. Dr. Dillon is a member of many professional and social organizations, and is highly regarded in all.

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**DILLON, William Thomas,**

**Lawyer.**

William Thomas Dillon, youngest son of Thomas and Ann (Kennedy) Dillon (q. v.), was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 17, 1891. He was educated in the public schools, Worcester Academy, Cornell University, (three years) and Boston University Law School, receiving his degree LL.B., class of 1915. He at once began practice in Holyoke as junior member of the law firm, O'Neil & Dillon, and the same year he was appointed assistant district attorney of Hampden county, an office he yet most satisfactorily fills. He is a member of the bar associations of the district, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus, the Holyoke Club, County Club, and Ancient Order of Hibernians. In politics he is a Democrat.

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**RIDER, Claudius W.,**

**Active Factor in Community Affairs.**

Beginning business life in a modest position with the Merrick Thread Company, and coming to Holyoke in 1867, in responsible position with the company at the time a change of location was made, Mr. Rider with that and its successor, the American Thread Company, spent his entire business life, forty-four years. Joseph Rider, his ancestor, married and was the father of Talmund Rider, who, according to tradi-

tion, was a resident of Mansfield, Connecticut, where he followed the occupation of farming. He married Marcia Dexter, and they were the parents of six children: Joseph G., of further mention; Wallace, resident of Albany, New York; Warham; Jane, wife of R. O. Fenton; Eunice, wife of Alfred Curtis; Mariette, wife of Solyman Taylor.

Joseph G. Rider, father of Claudius W. Rider, was born about the year 1815, in Connecticut, and died in the year 1902 in Sandy Creek, New York. He followed the same occupation as his father, farming, conducting his operations both in Connecticut and New York, and in addition learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed during the earlier years of his life, the latter years of his life being confined exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He held membership in the Baptist church, and was a Whig and Republican in politics, at one time being the candidate of his party for the Legislature. \* He married, about 1837, Lovina M. Merrick, and they were the parents of two children: Claudius W., of further mention; Jane E., born March 10, 1852, in Orwell, New York, married J. R. Potter, of Orwell, they the parents of Claudius, Paul M. and Madeline Potter. Lovina M. (Merrick) Rider was a daughter of Colonel Joseph Merrick, and a sister of Rev. Samuel Merrick and of Timothy Merrick, the last named the founder of the Merrick Thread Company, an eminent man of affairs. She was a descendant of Thomas Merrick, born in 1620, (see Merrick sketch).

Claudius W. Rider was born in Willington, Connecticut, August 14, 1843. He obtained a practical education in the public schools. In 1862 he enlisted in his country's defense, answering President Lincoln's call for volunteers for three years' service and became a private in Company C, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and served in the De-

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partment of the Gulf. Upon his return from war, he resumed his studies. In 1866 he became an employee of the Merrick Thread Company, their plant then in Mansfield, Connecticut, being moved the following year, 1867, to Holyoke, Massachusetts. At the time of the removal of the business he was serving as bookkeeper and paymaster, later as secretary, until the death of Mr. Merrick, when Mr. Rider was appointed treasurer and general manager of the company, positions from which he retired in 1910. In 1899 the Merrick Thread Company was absorbed by the American Thread Company, one of the largest companies of its kind in that section of the country.

Mr. Rider has been affiliated with the Republican party casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He was chosen clerk of the Common Council of Holyoke and served four years. He is a member of the Baptist church of Holyoke, was treasurer of the church twelve years and chairman of the Society. For ten years he has been treasurer of the City Library and member of the library committee. He has long been affiliated with Kilpatrick Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Rider married, June 12, 1872, Josephine A. Lee, daughter of Roswell T. Lee, of Cape Vincent, Jefferson county, New York, and his wife, Delia (Esselotyn) Lee. Mrs. Rider died in Holyoke, March 28, 1914.

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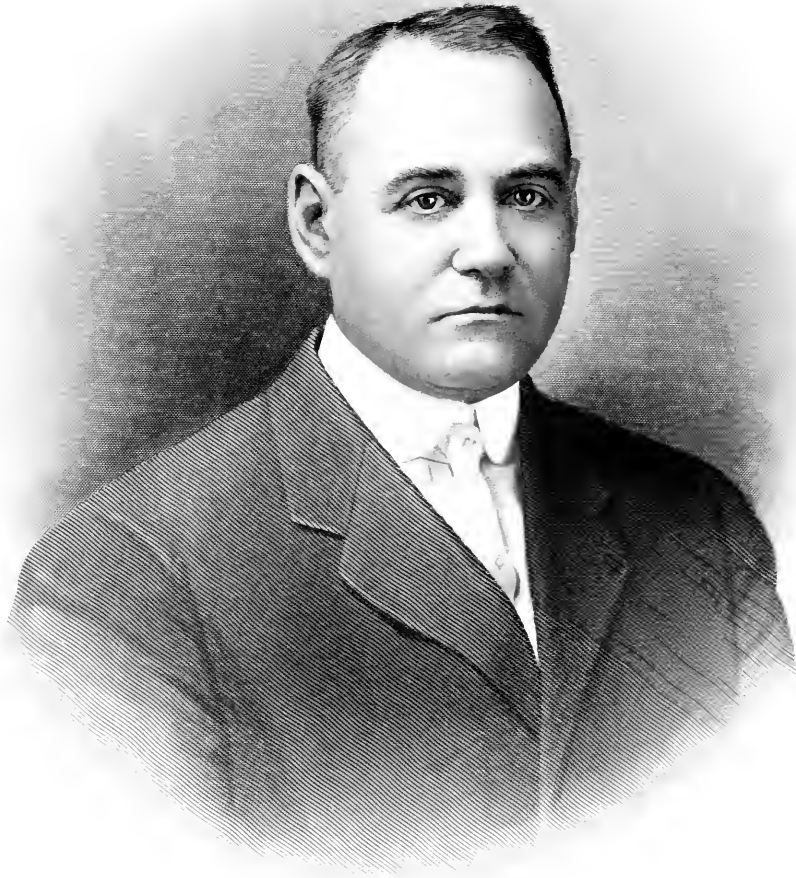
### **MADDEN, Rt. Rev. John Thomas, Monsignor and Vicar General.**

In his history of the Springfield diocese, Rev. J. H. McCoy said of Rev. John T. Madden, then and for seven years pastor of the Cathedral congregation: "Father Madden is one of the best known and most respected priests of our diocese. He is acknowledged as being a very scholarly man even among the most learned of our priests.

He has excellent judgment, is gentle and sympathetic." The years that have since intervened have but added to the wisdom, piety and gentle graces of Father Madden and the honors of the church which have been bestowed upon him find an answering echo in the hearts of the more than five thousand members of St. Jerome's Parish, Holyoke, of which he is pastor. His churchly titles, Monsignor and Vicar General, give him authority over the priests of the diocese in the absence of the bishop, but it is his gifts of mind and soul which endear him to both clergy and laity. The history of St. Jerome's began with the devoted labor of Rev. Jeremiah O'Callahan, founder, builder and pastor of the church he built in 1856. The parish then numbered less than one thousand members and included all of Holyoke, South Hadley, Granby, and the outlying districts. Today Holyoke alone has six English speaking congregations of the Roman Catholic faith, three French speaking congregations and one Polish. St. Jerome's Parish has a membership of 5491. The history of St. Jerome's from 1866 until 1908 is the history of the devoted and eminent priest, Rt. Rev. Monsignor P. J. Harkins, who gave his life to the service of the church in Holyoke, his record of forty-four years' rectorship not being surpassed in the history of the Springfield diocese. Father Harkins died December 4, 1910, revered and respected by all classes, and it was as his successor as rector of St. Jerome's Parish that Father Madden came to Holyoke.

Father Madden is a son of Thomas and Julia (McCormick) Madden, his father born in Kildare, Ireland, in 1822. About 1843 Thomas Madden came to Canada, thence to the United States, living for a time in Hinsdale and Leicester, finally about 1858 locating in Worcester, Massachusetts, his home until his death in 1905. In 1845 Thomas Madden married Julia

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*Joseph A. Desmarais*



McCormick, they the parents of two sons, Michael J. and John Thomas, the latter of further mention, and daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Catherine, both deceased.

Rt. Rev. John Thomas Madden was born in Leicester, Massachusetts, March 9, 1851, his parents moving to Worcester about 1859. There he attended the graded and high schools, completing his preparatory studies with graduation from high school in 1869. He successfully passed the entrance examinations to Harvard University, but remained at this University only three months, having decided to prepare for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church. He then entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, and there completed the academic course in 1872. He began his studies in theology at Grand Seminary, Montreal, Canada, in the fall of 1872, a classmate being the present bishop of the Springfield diocese, Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven. In 1873 his seminary course was interrupted by his appointment to the professorship of French and mathematics at Holy Cross College, but in 1874 he went abroad and resumed his studies in theology at Aix, a city of France, and there at the University of that interesting city of handsome public buildings, monuments, Cathedral of St. Sauver, and the old church of St. Jean, with the tombs of the counts of Provence, he spent four years. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1878 and returned to the United States.

For three years, 1878-1881, he was curate at Uxbridge, Massachusetts, then was transferred to Turner's Falls, remaining there three years. He was then located at Northampton for a time prior to his appointment to the parishes of Stockbridge and West Stockbridge as pastor. He remained in Northampton until 1892, leaving the parishes which he found heavily encumbered with debt in a most prosperous, financial and spiritual condition. In 1892 he

was appointed pastor at Warren and West Warren, going thence in 1893 to Webster, Massachusetts, as rector of St. Louis Parish succeeding Father Quan. In 1903 Father Madden was appointed rector in charge of the Cathedral Parish, Springfield, Massachusetts, there remaining until appointed pastor of St. Jerome Parish, Holyoke, to succeed the Rt. Rev. P. J. Harkins, deceased, where, as noted above, he has one of the largest parishes in Holyoke of over five thousand members, in addition to which he has a large school for girls, presided over by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and also St. Jerome's Institute for boys, superintended by priests, assisted by the Sisters of St. Joseph; also a large convent at the corner of Hampden and Elm streets, the church buildings covering almost an entire square.

While in charge of St. Louis parish at Webster, Father Madden was appointed in March, 1903, Vicar General, and in 1906 was raised to the dignity of Monsignor, both of which positions he still retains. His record as a priest is one of efficiency as a business manager, every parish he has ever served having been left in a much better material condition than he found it. As a minister of the gospel and as a pastor he is devoted, zealous and earnest, a quickened, religious life following his ministrations of his holy office in every parish. He is beloved by his people, ranks high in the councils of the church in his diocese, and holds the esteem of men of all classes and creeds.

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**DESMARAIS, Joseph Albert,**

**Druggist.**

Among the well known druggists of Holyoke should be mentioned the gentleman whose name heads this article, the treasurer and manager of the Desmarais Drug Company, which is the oldest in the city, now in operation under one name. His an-

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cestry is traced back to Charles Desmarais, his great-great-grandfather, who came from France to Canada prior to 1769.

(II) Charles (2) Desmarais, son of Charles (1) Desmarais, was born in 1769, in Canada, and all his life followed his trade of wood-carver. He married —— Vadnais, and their children were: Eupheme; Agate; Henry, mentioned in next paragraph; Edward; Joseph; Essac, killed in the Civil War; and Peter, died young. Charles Desmarais, the father, died in 1866, at the great age of ninety-seven years.

(III) Henry Desmarais, son of Charles (2) and —— (Vadnais) Desmarais, was born in 1817, at St. Jean Baptiste, and as a millwright, lived in Chambley, Province of Quebec. In politics he was a Conservative. He married Essail, daughter of Charles and Judie (Lavoise) Masse, and the following children were born to them: Philomina, married Louis Madelin, of Montreal; Pierre, mentioned in next paragraph; Joseph, a physician in Bristol, Connecticut; Henry, died at the age of ten years; and one who died in infancy. Mr. Desmarais died in 1895, and his widow, who was born in 1822, died in 1901.

(IV) Pierre Desmarais, son of Henry and Essail (Masse) Desmarais, was born May 18, 1847, at St. Matthias, Rouville, Province of Quebec, Canada, and received his education in various schools and at the College of Chambley, Canada. He learned the millwright's trade and followed it for two years and a half. In 1870 Mr. Desmarais came to the United States, settling in Burlington, Vermont, where he was employed in the house furnishing shop of Kilburn & Gates. In 1878 he came to Holyoke, where, after being employed for a time at his trade, he conducted a grocery business. Eventually he learned the drug business and went into it on his own account under the firm name of Desmarais & Company. In 1909 the business was incor-

porated under the name of the Desmarais Drug Company and for a time Mr. Desmarais served as president and treasurer of the organization. In 1914 he withdrew from the corporation to devote himself to his real estate interests. He owns the Desmarais Block in which the drug store is situated, on High street, and is also the possessor of property at Chambley Basin, Canada. Mr. Desmarais married, September 2, 1867, Arthemise, born in St. Matthias, Canada, daughter of Francis and Priscilla (Lacomb) Meunier, and they became the parents of the following children: Arthur; Joseph Albert, mentioned in next paragraph; Lora, Sarah, and Mary. Of these all are deceased with the exception of Joseph Albert.

(V) Joseph Albert Desmarais, son of Pierre and Arthemise (Meunier) Desmarais, was born April 25, 1875, in Burlington, Vermont, and was about three years old when his parents removed to Holyoke. He was educated at the Chestnut street grammar school and St. Cesaire Commercial College, Canada. While attending the grammar school the boy was employed in his father's drug store, in 1888, he was taken into partnership, and since then the father and son have been associated together in business. When the Desmarais Drug Company was incorporated, Joseph Albert Desmarais became treasurer and manager of the concern, positions which he still retains and which he fills in the most competent and satisfactory manner. His early and thorough training has equipped him with a complete knowledge of the business in all its branches, and his executive ability has enabled him to conduct it on lines which have been productive of the best results. The success which Mr. Desmarais has achieved is the fruit of complete educational training and equipment, combined with innate ability and strict adherence to the methods and

principles of executive wisdom and true business integrity.

Mr. Desmarais married (first) May 29, 1895, Laura, daughter of Alphonse Tremblay, of St. Heloise, Canada, and they became the parents of one child, Roswell Joseph Henry, born May 29, 1896, died in infancy. Mrs. Desmarais died June 1, 1900. Mr. Desmarais married (second) December 31, 1902, Margaret A., daughter of William and Catherine (Nolan) Hurley, of Hatfield, Massachusetts.

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**JUDD, William D.,**

**Manufacturer.**

The surname Judd is one of the oldest of English surnames and is identical with Jude, an old and now almost obsolete personal name, from which the surname was derived. Judson and Judkins are derived from the same name. Henry Judde, of County Kent, and John Judde, of Oxfordshire, are mentioned in the Hundred Rolls of the year 1275, and the family has been prominent in Kent down to the present time. Sir Andrew Judd, a dealer in skins and furs, in London, a son of John Judd, of Turnbridge, County Kent, was mayor of London in 1550, a man of wealth and influence. He endowed a grammar school in Turnbridge. It is likely that all the branches of the Judd family trace their origin to the old family in Kent. The Judd coat-of-arms is described: Gules a fesse raguly between three bears' heads coupé argent. The Judds, of Middlesex, bear a similar armorial: Gules a fesse raguly between three boars' heads erased argent. Crest: On a ducal coronet or a cockatrice, wings displayed proper. The family has also been numerous and prominent in County Essex.

(I) Deacon Thomas Judd, immigrant ancestor, came from England in 1633 or 1634, and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts,

where he had a home lot granted in 1635, and was admitted a freeman, May 25, 1636. He removed to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1636, and had two acres granted for a home lot near the famous old Charter Oak. He was one of the first proprietors and early settlers of Farmington, Connecticut, whither he moved about 1644. His home lot was on the main street and he was a man of substance and influence. He served the town as deputy to the General Assembly several sessions; was charter member of the church and its second deacon. He died November 12, 1688, aged about eighty years. His first wife died in Farmington, and he married (second) December 2, 1679, Clemence, widow of Thomas Mason, of Northampton, where he spent the last of his life. He was selectman of Northampton in 1682. Children: Elizabeth; William; Thomas; John; Benjamin; Mary; Ruth, baptized February 7, 1647; Philip, baptized September 2, 1649; Samuel, mentioned below.

(II) Samuel Judd, son of Thomas Judd, was born about 1651, and died January 10, 1721. He was admitted a freeman in Massachusetts in May, 1684. After the death of his father he cared for his mother and she deeded her property, the Mason homestead on Pleasant street, Northampton, to him. He also owned land in Farmington given him by his father. He married Mariah Strong, who died May 18, 1751, aged nearly eighty-eight years, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hewet) Strong. Children, born at Northampton: Mary, born October 12, 1682; Samuel, October 15, 1685; Clemence, November 14, 1688; Thomas, January 28, 1691; Elizabeth, July 8, 1693; Margaret, February 16, 1697; Ruth, March 27, 1700; Eunice, February, 1702; Rachel, November 2, 1705; William, mentioned below.

(III) William Judd, son of Samuel Judd, was born at Northampton, in 1708, and died there May 6, 1755. He married

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(first) February 16, 1732, Ann Harmon, of Suffield. She died November 29, 1746, and he married (second) July 4, 1753, Submit White, daughter of Nathaniel White, of South Hadley. His widow Submit married (second) December 4, 1760, Deacon John Clark. Children by first wife: William, mentioned below; Ann baptized July 4, 1736; Sarah, baptized December 10, 1738; Eunice, born June 4, 1743. By second wife: Eunice, born August 5, 1754; Submit, baptized November 2, 1755.

(IV) William (2) Judd, son of William (1) Judd, was born at Northampton, May 18, 1733, and died there November 3, 1807. He resided at Horse Mountain or North Farms in Northampton, and his sons lived there also until the two youngest removed to Ohio. He was a soldier in the Revolution, a private in Captain Hezekiah Russell's company (Second) of Volunteers, Hampshire county, serving against the insurgents at Hadley, June 13, 1782, and at Northampton, June 15 and 16, 1782, three days, by order of Elisha Porter, sheriff (see *Soldiers and Sailors of Massachusetts*, Vol. VIII, p. 1025). He married (intention dated April 25, 1759) Susanna Gilson, daughter of Michael Gilson, of Westminster, Vermont. Children, born at Northampton: Eunice, baptized March 23, 1760; Susanna, baptized August 1, 1762; Salome, baptized February 10, 1765; Irene, baptized July 12, 1767; Warham, born 1769; Mary, baptized February 9, 1772; Levi, baptized July 21, 1774; Asenath, baptized December 1, 1776; William, baptized April 21, 1779; Eli, mentioned below; Nancy, baptized May 2, 1784.

(V) Eli Judd, son of William (2) Judd, was born at Northampton, in 1781, baptized September 13, 1781. He was a prosperous farmer in his native town and conducted a farm of two hundred acres until 1837, when he and his brother removed to Huntsbury, Ohio. He married (first) December 15,

1810, Lydia Field, of Whately. She died December 23, 1825, aged thirty-seven years. He married (second) May 10, 1826, Electa Tilton, of Goshen, Massachusetts. Children by first wife: Almira, born June 15, 1812; Gilson, mentioned below; Zenas, August 12, 1816; David, November 9, 1818; Ansel, July 26, 1821; Eliza L., March 16, 1824. By second wife: Levi West, September 27, 1827; Frances, January 4, 1830; Sylvester, December 30, 1831.

(VI) Gilson Judd, son of Eli Judd, was born at Northampton, May 24, 1814, and was educated in the public schools there. He went west with his father and remained in Ohio for eight years. Returning to Northampton he took charge of a farm for Hon. William Clark, resigning in 1848 to become superintendent of a large tract of timber land owned by Mr. Clark on Mt. Tom. Afterward he resided in Westhampton, where he purchased considerable real estate, which he sold afterward at a profit. In politics he was a Republican in later life. He held the offices of selectman and assessor, and was a man of prominence in the community. He married (first) October 16, 1838, Jerusha W. Clark, daughter of Hon. William Clark. She died November 21, 1842, and he married (second) April 25, 1848, Mary Ann Jepson, of Goshen, daughter of Joseph and Mary Jepson. She died March 30, 1853, aged thirty years. He married (third) September 27, 1854, Climenta C. Lyman, of Westhampton. Children by first wife, born at Huntsbury; Frederic Arthur, born July 24, 1839, died November, 1892; Dwight Ogden, mentioned below; daughter, born and died at Northampton, November 21, 1847. Child by second wife: Charles C., who was for many years general agent of the Traders Insurance Company of Chicago and now a member of the firm of Judd & Parsons, fire insurance agents and brokers, of Holyoke.

(VII) Dwight Ogden Judd, son of Gil-

son Judd, was born in Huntsbury, Ohio, December 15, 1843. His early education was received in the public schools of Northampton, Westhampton and Holyoke, and in the Boys School in Long Meadow. He was but seventeen years old when he enlisted, in May, 1861, in Company I, Tenth Massachusetts Infantry, and went to the front in the Civil War. He was wounded in the left breast at the battle of Fair Oaks, and a thigh bone was broken by a Confederate bullet at the battle of Salem Heights. He took part in many engagements, and notwithstanding his youth took rank among the best and bravest men of his company. He was detailed, September 4, 1863, to the provost guard and sent to Sandusky, Ohio, September 25, continuing in this service until January 3, 1864, when he returned to the field of battle in Virginia. He was again wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, losing a finger of his left hand. He was mustered out July 1, 1864. Three years later he organized Company G, Second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and in that company and Company D of Holyoke in the same regiment, he was an officer until he resigned in 1881, being at that time captain. One of the early members of Kilpatrick Post, No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was commander, he was appointed on the staff of the Department Commander of the Grand Army in 1893 and 1894, and in 1904 was elected Department Commander of Massachusetts, being well known and highly honored throughout the State and wherever Grand Army men were gathered. In addition to the above, he was also a member of the Massachusetts Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. For twelve years he was treasurer of the Tenth Regiment Association, and in 1900 was its president. Mr. Judd came to Holyoke from Castleton, New York, where he lived for a few years after leaving the service. From

1876 to 1884 he was in the employ of the United States postal department in charge of the postal card agency at Springfield and New York City. He resigned to engage in the insurance business in Holyoke, where for a quarter of a century he continued successfully. Mr. Judd was one of the incorporators of the Holyoke Co-operative Bank, of which he was secretary from 1880 to 1883, and treasurer from 1883 until his death. He discharged the duties of this office with exceptional ability and faithfulness. As a citizen of Holyoke he performed his part with zeal and honor, being active in the councils of the Republican party, which he joined when a young man. In 1881 he served in the City Council of Holyoke, after which he served for three years as assessor. In 1887 he was representative to the General Court from his district, and proved an able and conscientious legislator, serving on various important committees of the house. Mr. Judd was well known in Masonic and fraternal circles. He was a member of Springfield Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Morning Star Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Springfield Commandery, Knights Templar; Ancient and Accepted Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Massachusetts Consistory. He was also a member of Holyoke Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Paper City Lodge, United Workmen. Mr. Judd was a representative citizen of the best type, a man of integrity, exemplary in his home and community life, a useful citizen, a patriot, loved and respected by his fellow men.

He married, December 20, 1866, Clara A. Bartlett, who was born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, but resided until the time of her marriage in Granby, Massachusetts. Children: William D., mentioned below; Winifred, born at Springfield, married Frank J. Phelps, who is now the proprietor of the Dwight O. Judd Insurance Company of Holyoke.

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(VIII) William D. Judd, son of Dwight Ogden Judd, was born in Springfield, July 24, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of Holyoke. His business career began in the employ of the Wauregan Paper Company, where he learned the paper manufacturing business thoroughly. In 1897 he entered the employ of the Carew Manufacturing Company and rose rapidly by successive promotions to places of responsibility and trust in the paper business. Since 1906 he has been president and treasurer of the Carew Manufacturing Company, and treasurer of the Hampshire Paper Company of South Hadley Falls. Mr. Judd, as executive head of the Hampshire Paper Company presided at a dinner held January, 1916, in the Waldorf-Astoria to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the company. Forty wholesale paper merchants from all parts of the country attended. Old Hampshire bond, perhaps the best known paper in the market, has been made famous by its superior qualities and the progressive business methods of the company. He is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Council, Chapter, Commandery, and all of the Scottish Rite bodies up to and including the thirty-second degree. Member of the Holyoke Canoe Club, Sans Souci Club, member of the Mt. Tom Golf Club, in whose affairs he takes an active part and interest, one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, one of the trustees of the Holyoke Savings Bank.

Mr. Judd married, April 12, 1893, Annie E. Stevens, born in Springfield, daughter of Dr. Daniel Stevens.

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### **CLARK, Herbert Sherman,**

**Manager of the Casper Ranger Company.**

Herbert S. Clark, who since 1889, a period of nearly thirty years, has been connected with The Casper Ranger Company

of Holyoke, rising from the position of clerk to that of manager, comes of an old Massachusetts family, his line of descent being through William, John, John and Deacon John Clark, the latter being the first settler in what was formerly the town of Norwich, Massachusetts, now Huntington. Norwich was established as a district in 1773 and as a town in 1775. John Clark was elected tithingman of Murrayfield, March 11, 1766, and surveyor, May 3, 1768. He was a prominent citizen.

His son, Martin Clark, who removed to Westhampton about 1769, and there spent the remainder of his life, taking an active part in the affairs of the town, where he followed agricultural pursuits, was a man of great usefulness and industry, and was a member of the Committee of Inspection of Northampton in 1774. He was a soldier of the Revolution, a sergeant in Captain Jonathan Wales' company, Colonel Dickinson's regiment, Hampshire county, marching to East Hoosick, August 17, 1777, and thence to Pittsfield and guarded Hessian prisoners eight days. He was second lieutenant in Captain Samuel Fairfield's company (Twelfth), Second Hampshire County Regiment, year not given. He was a large taxpayer, and served as a deacon of the church. Mr. Clark married Hannah Clapp, only child of Noah Clapp, and granddaughter of Roger and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Clapp, of Northampton. Roger Clapp was born May 24, 1784, son of Preserved Clapp and grandson of Roger Clapp, the pioneer at Dorchester, Massachusetts. Children of Martin and Hannah (Clapp) Clark: Noah, Dorcas, Naomi, Chester, of further mention.

Chester Clark, son of Martin and Hannah (Clapp) Clark, was born in Westhampton, Massachusetts, in 1778. He married Achsah Lyman, born April 27, 1778, died November 21, 1819, daughter of Israel and Rachel (Beals) Lyman, and they were the

parents of seven children: Watson Lyman, of further mention; Elvira, Achsah, Margaret, Theodore, Chester, Lyman. Mrs. Clark traced her descent to Richard Lyman, who was baptized at High Ongar, England, October 30, 1580; he came to Massachusetts in 1631, and in 1636 was one of the first settlers and founders of Hartford, Connecticut. He died in 1640. He married Sarah Osborne, daughter of Roger Osborne. He was of the fourteenth generation from Alfred the Great, King of England, tracing through the Lambert and Unfraville families, and among his ancestors were many other noble and royal personages. His son, Lieutenant John Lyman, was baptized at High Ongar, England, 1623, and died August 20, 1690 (gravestone). He had command of the Northampton soldiers in the Falls Fight above Deerfield, May 18, 1676, in King Philip's War. He married Dorcas Plumb, daughter of John Plumb, of Hartford, Connecticut. His son, John Lyman, was born at Northampton, and died there April 8, 1735, aged sixty-nine years. He married, April 19, 1687, Mindwell Pomeroy, born February 24, 1666, daughter of Mary (Woodford) Sheldon, and widow of John Pomeroy, to whom she was married April 30, 1684. His son, Captain John Lyman, was born at Northampton, October 12, 1693, and died November 9, 1797; married (first) in 1718, Abigail Moseley, of Westfield, who died November 9, 1750; married (second) Mrs. Theoda (Hunt) Sheldon, a widow. His son, Zadock Lyman, was born at Hockanum, 1719, and died October 14, 1775; married Sarah Clark, daughter of Ebenezer Clark, and after his death she married (second) John Wright, of Northampton. His son, Israel Lyman, father of Achsah (Lyman) Clark, was born at Hockanum, February 7, 1746, and died June 8, 1830. He married, January 4, 1770, Rachel Beals, born June 8, 1747, died December 27, 1824.

Watson Lyman Clark, son of Chester and Achsah (Lyman) Clark, was born at Hockanum, Massachusetts, December 21, 1802, and died at Dalton, Massachusetts, August 17, 1874. He was educated in the public schools, and for many years was employed in the manufacture of paper in the mills at Dalton. He married, in 1828, at Lebanon, New York, Sabrina Lyman, born December 27, 1805, and died November 6, 1865. She was also a descendant of Richard Lyman, the pioneer of all the Lymans of this section. Children: George Watson, born August 14, 1829, died November 16, 1829; Martin Lyman, born May 24, 1831; Noah Albert, born May 1, 1833, died October 18, 1863, killed while in the service during the Civil War; Seth Waldo, born July 19, 1835, died October 12, 1909; Naomi Maria, born March 29, 1837, died March 30, 1892; John Theodore, of further mention; Henry Harrison, born February 27, 1840; James William, born June 9, 1843, died May 6, 1916; Achsah Sabrina, born November 10, 1845; Charles Benton, born November 11, 1847, died in infancy.

John Theodore Clark, son of Watson Lyman and Sabrina (Lyman) Clark, was born at Hinsdale, Massachusetts, July 1, 1838, and died January, 1911. He was also a paper maker at Hinsdale, Dalton and Pittsfield. He married, March 16, 1864, Anna Lansing, of Saratoga county, New York. She died April 11, 1881. Children: Herbert Sherman, of further mention; Harriet L., who became the wife of W. S. Loomis, of Holyoke, now deceased.

Herbert Sherman Clark, son of John Theodore and Anna (Lansing) Clark, was born at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, January 2, 1865. He attended the public schools at Cummington and later in Holyoke, and when thirteen years old began work in the mills of the Hadley Thread Company, and later in the mills of the Crocker Manufacturing Company as cutter boy, and at fif-

teen years of age entered the office of the Holyoke Machine Company and continued with that concern for seven years. He then spent two years in California, and on returning to the East, in 1889, became a clerk in the office of The Casper Ranger Company, lumber dealers, in Holyoke, and has continued with that concern to the present time (1917). In May, 1911, when the business was incorporated under the name of The Casper Ranger Company (see History of this business under proper heading) Mr. Clark became a director and manager. Mr. Clark is a Republican in politics, and has served one term on the Board of Aldermen of the city of Holyoke. He is a member of the Second Congregational Church.

Mr. Clark married, May 27, 1896, Mabel Edith Bardwell, of Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Carlos and Orra (Frink) Bardwell. One child, Herbert Sherman, Jr., born at Holyoke, May 14, 1905. Mrs. Clark died April 23, 1909.

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**DIBBLE, Frank Howard,**

**Contractor, Builder.**

The Dibbles of Massachusetts, claiming early Colonial descent, spring from Thomas Dibble, of Windsor, Connecticut, whose son, Ebenezer Dibble, born September 20, 1641, was killed in King Philip's War. Ebenezer Dibble married Mary Wakefield. They were the parents of two sons, Wakefield and John, from whom spring all of the name descending from Ebenezer Dibble, the soldier. Mary Wakefield was a daughter of John Wakefield, one of the earliest settlers and proprietors of New Haven, Connecticut. The family, one of the old and respected ones of early Connecticut times, the branch of which Frank Howard Dibble, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, is representative, was long seated in Granby, Connecticut, where his great-grandfather,

Abraham Dibble, was born. Abraham Dibble was a farmer of Granby, but his son, Orlin Dibble, was a harnessmaker by trade, taught the same craft to his son, Nelson Orlin Dibble, but Frank H. Dibble, son of Nelson Orlin Dibble, adopted a different trade and is one of Holyoke's leading contractors and builders.

(I) Abraham Dibble, born February 14, 1764, died October 19, 1833, was a farmer of Granby, Connecticut. He married, May 12, 1789, Theodosia Griffin, born May 8, 1768, died February 27, 1844. They were the parents of Abraham (2); Orlin, of further mention; Celina, Pelina and Theodosia.

(II) Orlin Dibble, son of Abraham (1) and Theodosia (Griffin) Dibble, was born in Granby, Connecticut, December 14, 1807, died September 13, 1874. He learned the harnessmaker's trade, owned a small farm, was constable and collector of taxes in Granby for twenty-one years, and was a man highly esteemed in the community in which he lived. He married, December 30, 1828, Jane Veits, born October 5, 1805, died January 5, 1895. She was a daughter of Simeon Veits, of Suffield, Connecticut. They were the parents of Nelson Orlin, of further mention, and an adopted daughter, Harriet, who married Moses Leonard, of Easthampton, Massachusetts, their only daughter dying young.

(III) Nelson Orlin Dibble, only son of Orlin and Jane (Veits) Dibble, was born in Granby, Connecticut, August 26, 1832, and now at the age of eighty-five years, is living retired at the home of his son. He was educated in one of the "little red school houses" that have turned out so many worthy American men and women, and on arriving at suitable age he began learning the harnessmaker's trade under the instruction of his father. During the Civil War the shop turned out a great deal of cavalry equipment for the government, and he con-



tinued his trade for several years in Granby. He then moved to Easthampton, Massachusetts, there beginning the manufacture of suspenders and shoulder braces, also making a line of rubber goods. He was the patentee of the Dibble Shoulder Brace, and for twenty-two years he conducted a successful manufacturing business in Easthampton, selling his goods all over the United States. After twenty-two years he turned the business over to his son, Louis Nelson Dibble, who conducted the business under the firm name, Dibble & Warner, and moved the plant to Springfield, Massachusetts. Nelson O. Dibble, the founder, retained an active interest in the business until 1915; then retired, and resides with his son, Frank H. Dibble, in Holyoke. He married, November 11, 1856, Emily Wilcox, born 1834, died May, 1907, daughter of Lyman and Ann (Fuller) Wilcox. They were the parents of ten sons and daughters: Louis N., born February 5, 1858; Nellie E., born August 7, 1859, married Cassius K. Brewer, of East Hartford, Connecticut; Frank Howard, of further mention; Lyman Wilcox, born October 26, 1862; Harriet, born December 13, 1865, died May 23, 1892, wife of John Jackson; Mary Amelia, born May 30, 1870; Herbert L., born June 6, 1872; William A., born October 29, 1873; Harry P., born June 13, 1878; an infant, born May 24, 1875, and died soon thereafter.

(IV) Frank Howard Dibble, second son of Nelson Orlin and Emily (Wilcox) Dibble, was born in Granby, Connecticut, December 7, 1860. He was quite small when his parents moved to Easthampton, and there he attended the public school and was employed on a farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years. He then came to Holyoke and learned the carpenter's trade. For several years he worked as a journeyman, then began contracting, and for a quarter of a century has conducted a gen-

eral contracting and building business. Among the buildings he has erected are: The Public Library, the first six story block in the city; St. Paul's Church; Mountain Park Casino; Holyoke Canoe Clubhouse; Holyoke National Bank building; and many private residences in Holyoke, Springfield, Longmeadow, and Brattleboro, Vermont; the Wallace, an eighteen apartment house on the corner of Pearl and Allen streets, which he also owns; the Suffolk building in Holyoke; the Wesson residences in Longmeadow. In 1897 he built his present private residence, also the two on either side, and at Hampton Ponds owns a tract of fifteen acres, upon which he has erected four cottages and camps. Mr. Dibble has also other business interests. He is a trustee of the Holyoke Savings Bank, member of the Holyoke Canoe Club, and the Congregational church. In political faith he is an Independent.

Mr. Dibble married, in March, 1887, Jennie E. Clark, of Easthampton, Massachusetts, daughter of Laurens and Marcia (Ford) Clark. They are the parents of two sons and three daughters: 1. Howard Clark, married Alice Curran, and they are the parents of a son, Howard Curran. 2. Emily, was associated with the work of the Young Women's Christian Association in Louisville, Kentucky. 3. Marion, a teacher in Wheeling, West Virginia. 4. Marcia, married Fred J. Brockett, of Suffield, Connecticut. 5. Wallace.

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**DALY, John Belford,**

**Priest.**

Father Daly is rector of the Holy Family Parish of Brightside, Holyoke, which has an English-speaking congregation, organized in 1903. In his arduous duties Father Daly has well acquitted himself, earning the thanks of his parishioners, of his superiors, and of the community. Fath-

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er Daly is a native of the State, a son of Timothy Daly, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1806, and died February 1, 1870, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. When a young man he removed to America and located in the Province of Quebec, Canada, whence he came to the United States in 1846. He was employed as a railroad man, and lived in various sections of Massachusetts along the Boston & Albany Railroad. Subsequently he entered the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and was located in Fitchburg as division superintendent at the time of his death. He married Mary Ann Belford, a native of Ireland, and they were the parents of John B. and Mary Jane, the latter now deceased. By a second marriage he had a son, Joseph, who is also deceased.

Rev. John Belford Daly was born April 19, 1848, in Needham, Massachusetts, and attended public schools in Fitchburg and Pittsfield, Massachusetts. In the latter city he was a student of the high school, and graduated from Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1869. Three years were then consumed in study at St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, New York, where he graduated in 1872. On May 5 of that year he was ordained to the priesthood, and served as curate in Spencer, Palmer and Chicopee, Massachusetts. His first pastorate was in Hinsdale, Massachusetts, whence he was sent to Holyoke, in 1903, to become pastor of the Holy Family Church. The Brightside Home for Orphans has been built up under his chaplaincy, and he has shown a most efficient and helpful spirit throughout his work. The parish is located at the extreme south end of Holyoke, and what is known as Brightside and Ingleside and covers a large section. Here also are located the Orphans Home and other diocesan institutions, numbering altogether about five hundred people. The chapel of the church accommodates four hundred persons, and

masses are celebrated there and at the almshouse each Sunday. Father Daly has been the only pastor since its organization, and his faithfulness and ability have gained him the lasting gratitude of many people.

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### HILL, Lawrence Guy,

#### **Business Man.**

Lawrence Guy Hill, the well known expressman of Holyoke, has achieved his success by his straightforward, honorable business dealings and untiring energy, and is among the highly respected men of that city.

(I) He traces his ancestry on the paternal side to English forbears, his grandfather, John Hill, having been a native of Gloucestershire, England, where he was reared, educated and married, and where he also learned the trade of stone mason, which he followed during the active years of his life. He emigrated to the United States in 1852, settled in Chateaugay, Franklin county, New York, and there spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring when he was in the prime of life. He married, in England, Jane Spencer, who bore him nine children, namely: John, Arthur, George, Henry, William, Charles, Alfred, Edwin, Eliza, who became the wife of Sylvester Edwards.

(II) George Hill, son of John and Jane (Spencer) Hill, was born in Chateaugay, New York, November 25, 1853, and he is living there at the present time (1917). He attended the schools in the neighborhood of his home, and upon arriving at a suitable age turned his attention to earning a livelihood, learning the trade of carpenter and builder. He was active and energetic, public-spirited, aiding to the best of his ability in the upbuilding of his native town. He married, November 24, 1875, Henrietta Elizabeth Frazier, born in Malone, Franklin county, New York, January 25, 1850,



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daughter of Charles W. and Jane Eliza (Cornan) Frazier. Children: 1. Mabel Myrtle, born January 7, 1877, became the wife of Fred Gleason, of Holyoke, see elsewhere in this work. 2. Lawrence Guy, mentioned in next paragraph. 3. Nellie Maude, born March 30, 1881, became the wife of Perley A. Baker, of Holyoke; one son, Glenn. 4. Carlton Jay, born June 27, 1884, manager of Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company of Holyoke. 5. Pearl Elizabeth, born August 22, 1886, became the wife of Arthur Laplante, of Easthampton. 6. Grace Lauretta, born June 18, 1893, became the wife of Easton Gillespie, of Springfield; one son, William Lloyd.

(III) Lawrence Guy Hill, son of George and Henrietta Elizabeth (Frazier) Hill, was born in Chateaugay, Franklin county, New York, July 2, 1879. He attended the schools of his native place. At an early age he became employed as a teamster, at which he continued for a number of years. He then changed his place of residence to Leominster, Massachusetts, where he was employed in a similar position by the city, continuing for a period of one year. He then returned to Chateaugay, and at the expiration of one year, in 1904, came to the State of Massachusetts, this time locating in Holyoke, where he has since resided. For the following eight years he was employed in driving a team for J. Russell & Company, the well known hardware people of that city, his long term of service testifying to his proficiency and capability. In March, 1912, he engaged in the express business on his own account doing all kinds of heavy trucking and teaming. This he has followed up to the present time (1917), having had some of the best horses and teams in this section of the State. In addition to the horses used in his business, he has purchased, driven and exhibited a number of very beautiful driving horses; single and in matched

pairs, and has taken many prizes at the various horse shows and county fairs throughout this section. Being a great lover of horses and an authority on horse flesh, he prided himself on having the best thoroughbreds in the market and insisting on them having the best of care. In 1917, he disposed of the last of his beautiful driving horses. In the latter named year he also disposed of his draft horses and now attends to his ever increasing business with an up-to-date automobile truck, capable of carrying several tons. Not only does he conduct a business in Holyoke but conveys goods to remote cities, going sometimes two hundred miles. As a business man he is at all times reliable, energetic and progressive, and has gained the confidence and good will of all with whom he associates. Mr. Hill is a member of William Whiting Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both of Holyoke.

Mr. Hill married, October 3, 1906, Laura Frances Fuller, of Springfield, Massachusetts, daughter of William B. and Mary A. (Snow) Fuller. William B. Fuller was a painter and spent his life in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he died in 1912, and his wife in 1892. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom seven are living: 1. Mary A., married Theodore Bottum. 2. Edith, married Frank E. Duakin, deceased. 3. Hulda, married Joseph Hazzard. 4. Louis E. 5. Laura F., married Lawrence G. Hill, as noted above. 6. Mrs. William E. Snow, of East Longmeadow. 7. Earle, resides in Indian Orchard.

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**SAWIN, Wallace Eugene,**

**Representative Citizen.**

The Sawin family, of which Wallace Eugene Sawin, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, is a present day representative, was founded in New England by John Sawin, son of

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Robert Sawin, of Boxford, Suffolk, England, where the latter died in 1651. John Sawin, born in England, was admitted a freeman in Boston in May, 1652, but was in the Colony as early as April, 1650, as he testified at that time in a court case as to a conversation he heard in England in 1648, and his name is mentioned in the will of Edward Skinner dated Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1651. He was a cordwainer by trade, and occupied a house on school street, Watertown, owned by his father-in-law, George Munning. In 1653 he became the owner of the homestead in which he lived and of a farm at what is now Weston, Massachusetts, on which he settled in 1664. He married, in April, 1652, Abigail Munning, who came with her parents from Ipswich, England, in April, 1634, she then being seventeen years of age. John and Abigail Sawin were the parents of three children: John, born in April, 1653; Munning, April 4, 1655; and Thomas, of further mention.

(III) Thomas Sawin, son of John Sawin, was born in Watertown, Massachusetts, September 25, 1657. He learned the house carpenter's trade, and resided in Watertown until 1675, when he went with the expedition against the Narragansett Indians, December 19, 1675. He was of Sherborn, Massachusetts, in 1679, and there erected the first saw mill. Later he moved to Natick, where for years he was a solitary "first white inhabitant," for in 1721 there were but two white families in Natick, the second probably that of his son John. He had a deed from the Indians, March 17, 1685, the condition being that he should build a grist mill for their accommodation, the mill he built being the one previously referred to as the first in Natick. He married, January 28, 1683, Deborah Rice, born February 14, 1659, daughter of Matthew Rice, of Sudbury. They were the parents of three children: Ruth, born July 24, 1686, married James Morse, of Sherborn; John,

of further mention; Deborah, born April 4, 1696.

(IV) John (2) Sawin, son of Thomas and Deborah (Rice) Sawin, was born June 26, 1689, and succeeded his father as miller at Natick. He drew land in New Sherborn, now Douglass, in 1715, and again in 1730, and was one of the 845 men who met June 6, 1733, on Boston Common to receive the seven townships granted to the heirs of the Narragansett heroes, among whom his father was numbered. He was in the second division of the group, and later drew land in Westminister, Massachusetts, holding lot No. 68 in the survey made the next year. In a second survey he drew lot No. 110 and north lot No. 70 of the Spectacle Meadow at Watertown. He married Joanna Lyons, daughter of Thomas and Joanna (Payson) Lyons. Their children, although all born in Natick are recorded in Sherborn, Natick not then having been incorporated a town. Children: Joanna, born August 28, 1715; Thomas, October 12, 1717, a Revolutionary soldier; Deborah, born January 23, 1719, married George Fairbanks; John, of further mention; Abigail, born January 24, 1724; Ezekiel, April 3, 1728; Mary, November 2, 1731.

(V) John (3) Sawin, son of John (2) and Joanna (Lyons) Sawin, was born in Natick, Massachusetts, July 23, 1722. He married Abigail Babcock and had children: Joel, Ezekiel, of further mention; and John.

(VI) Ezekiel Sawin, son of John (3) and Abigail (Babcock) Sawin, was born in 1752, and died in 1816. He married Mary Parker and had children: Timothy, of further mention; Levi, Abigail, Joel, Ebenezer, Ezekiel, Zenas, Polly, Betty, Jacob and Joan.

(VII) Timothy Sawin, eldest son of Ezekiel and Mary (Parker) Sawin, was born in Princeton, Massachusetts, in 1778, and died in 1856, a resident of Sterling, Massachu-

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setts. He married Levina Hayden. Children: Truman, Martin, of further mention; Phoebe, Charles, Mary, Edward, William, Peter and George.

(VIII) Martin Sawin, son of Timothy and Levina (Hayden) Sawin, was born in Princeton, Massachusetts, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in November, 1860. He located at Holyoke in 1852, and by occupation was a farmer and carpenter. He married, in 1828, Eliza Goss, born November 25, 1807, in Harvard, Massachusetts, and died June 16, 1873, daughter of Asa and Hepsibah Goss.

(IX) Albert Erastus Sawin, only child of Martin and Eliza (Goss) Sawin, was born at West Boylston, Massachusetts, August 25, 1835, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, April 24, 1904. He attended West Boylston and Princeton schools, and in 1852 accompanied his parents to Holyoke. He learned the millwright and carpenter trades, and then took a position with the Hadley Falls Company, predecessors of the Holyoke Water Power Company. He then became superintendent for Wiggins & Flagg, now the Merrick Lumber Company. He later established a planing mill business, manufacturing doors, sashes and blinds, in company with Mr. French, firm being French & Sawin, and this continued until the latter eighties when it was sold. He was with Watson Ely for a time in the lumber business, then entered the employ of the Holyoke Water Power Company, continuing until his death. He was a member of the Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department and took a deep interest in his company. He was a man of quiet, home loving disposition, and fond of roaming in the fields and in the woods, enjoying the works of nature and the songs of the birds.

Mr. Sawin married, February 17, 1864, Elizabeth Young, of Huntington, Massachusetts, born October 25, 1839, died in Holyoke, June 30, 1908, daughter of James

and Agnes (Allen) Young, who were both born in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Sawin were the parents of five children: 1. Edwin Asa, a sketch of whom follows. 2. Wallace Eugene, of further mention. 3. Alice Edith, a graduate of the New York School of Applied Design for Women, now a designer and decorator. 4. Albert Allen, born December 6, 1873, now a hydraulic engineer of the Holyoke Water Power Company; he married S. Lillian Randall; child: Ralph Waldo Emerson, born October 5, 1883, now a civil engineer of Waterbury, Connecticut; married Alice May Holmes, one son, Bruce.

(X) Wallace Eugene Sawin, of Holyoke, son of Albert Erastus and Elizabeth (Young) Sawin, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, December 29, 1866. He was educated in the city public schools. After leaving school he entered the offices of D. H. and A. B. Tower, Architects and Civil Engineers, and until 1887 continued in their employ, most of that period being devoted to paper mill construction, of which they made a specialty. In 1887 he entered the employ of the Holyoke Water Power Company, of which he has been treasurer since 1913, his long association with the company covering periods of service as draughtsman, engineer, chief engineer, clerk of the corporation and treasurer. He is also president of the Pequot Coal Company of Pennsylvania, and has other and varied business interests. He is a member of the Holyoke Canoe and the Rotary clubs.

Mr. Sawin married, October 18, 1893, Edith May Hoxie, of Holyoke, but born in Norwich, Connecticut, March 4, 1875, daughter of James Madison and Mary (Gibbs) Hoxie. Mr. and Mrs. Sawin are the parents of three children: Beatrice Hoxie, born November 12, 1894, studying at the Hartford School of Music; Verna Elizabeth, born April 18, 1896, now of

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Wheaton College; Jean Marie, born March 10, 1898, now in the Connecticut College for Women.

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**SAWIN, Edwin Asa,**

**Experienced Trainman.**

Edwin Asa Sawin, a representative in the tenth generation of his family, a son of Albert Erastus and Elizabeth (Young) Sawin, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 20, 1865. He attended the schools of his native city, completing his studies in 1881 at the age of sixteen years, and then secured employment on the Old Connecticut River Railroad, now the Connecticut Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, as a yard clerk. He later became a brakeman in the freight yard, and from this was promoted to the position of conductor of a freight crew, and later was promoted a conductor on a train on the Main Line, in which capacity he served until 1891, in which year he was appointed yard master in Springfield, which position he filled to the satisfaction of all concerned until 1901, when he again entered the train service as conductor on the branch running between Springfield and Chicopee Falls, and since then, a period of a decade and a half, has been in charge of the passenger and freight service on that branch. He keeps in touch with the men in his chosen vocation by membership in the Order of Railway Conductors, serving for fifteen years as secretary and treasurer of the organization.

Mr. Sawin married, September 8, 1886, Sarah Augusta White, of Colchester, Vermont, daughter of Calvin and Hannah Melissa (Furman) White. Children: 1. Carlton Chester, born June 23, 1887, died aged two years. 2. Herbert Asa, born March 5, 1894, attended the schools of his native city, after which he took up the profession of photography, and traveled through the Cana-

dian Northwest and down the Pacific Coast, following his profession, and then took a position as the official photographer for the National Reserve of the Yosemite Valley; he is now (1917) engaged in naval construction work in Philadelphia. 3. Earl Clifton, born May 22, 1897; he is a stenographer; he was for some years with the Fisk Rubber Company of Chicopee Falls, and now (1917) with the Lee Rubber Company of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. 4. Madeline Alice, born December 21, 1900.

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**ELY, Willard,**

**Master Mariner.**

Wherever the Ely family is known it has produced men of honorable attainments, exemplary character and exceptional ability from the pioneer days to the present, and the late Willard Ely, of Holyoke, was a typical representative of this old New England family. He became captain of his own vessel, and comparatively early in life amassed a competence and retired to enjoy the comforts of his home in Holyoke. Through every line of his ancestry in this country, Captain Ely traces back to the original English stock that founded the colonies of Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth and Connecticut before the middle of the seventeenth century, and many of the early pioneers in Springfield were his ancestors.

(1) Nathaniel Ely, the immigrant ancestor, was born in England, at Tenterden, County York, in 1606. He received a good education, as shown by the records he left. He married, in England, Martha ———, and had a son and daughter before he came to this country. He was one of the early settlers of Hartford, and probably went there with Rev. Thomas Hooker and the other founders in 1636. He was a constable in 1639 and owned a homestead in Hartford in 1640. In 1649 he was a selectman. His name appears on the monument to the



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founders of the colony at Hartford. He afterward moved to Norwalk, Connecticut, of which he was also one of the founders, and in 1659 located in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was selectman in 1661, 1663, 1666, 1668, 1671 and 1673. In 1665 he kept a tavern and he continued in that business until he died, December 26, 1675. Martha, his wife, died at Springfield, October 23, 1688. Children: Samuel, of further mention; Ruth, died October 12, 1662.

(II) Samuel Ely, son of Nathaniel Ely, was born at Hartford, Connecticut, about 1636, and died March 19, 1692. He removed to Springfield with his parents, and married there, October 28, 1659, Mary Day, daughter of Robert Day (see Day). Samuel Ely left a considerable estate. Ten of his sixteen children died in infancy or early youth. His widow married (second) December 11, 1696, Deacon John Coleman, of Hatfield, son of Thomas and Frances (Wells) Coleman. She died October 11, 1725, aged eighty-four years. Children: Child, born 1660; Samuel, March 1, 1662; Joseph, of further mention; Samuel, November 4, 1664; Mary, March 29, 1667; Samuel, May 9, 1668; Nathaniel, January 18, 1670; Jonathan, July 1, 1672; Nathaniel, August 25, 1674; Jonathan, January 25, 1676.

(III) Deacon Joseph Ely, son of Samuel and Mary (Day) Ely, was born in Springfield, August 20, 1663, and died in West Springfield, April 29, 1755. He married Mary Riley, born June 2, 1665, died May 19, 1736, daughter of John Riley. They lived in what is now Holyoke, Massachusetts. Children, born at Springfield: Joseph, born April 9, 1686; Mary, July 25, 1689; Martha, July 16, 1691; Nathaniel, of further mention; Ruth, October 20, 1697; Sarah, January 8, 1703; John, June 19, 1706.

(IV) Nathaniel (2) Ely, son of Deacon

Joseph and Mary (Riley) Ely, was born at Springfield, October 21, 1694, died December 29, 1787. He married, November 23, 1721, Elizabeth Dewey, born at Westfield, May 13, 1699, died at West Springfield, December 21, 1786, a daughter of John and Martha (Cooley) Dewey. Children, born at West Springfield: Aaron, of further mention; Elizabeth, born August 11, 1724; Sarah, August 7, 1726; Moses, January 25, 1731; Nathaniel, March 20, 1737.

(V) Aaron Ely, son of Nathaniel (2) and Elizabeth (Dewey) Ely, was born at West Springfield, October 6, 1722, and died there, February 7, 1803. He married (first) June 6, 1744, Lucy Leonard, who was born at West Springfield, March 15, 1724, died January 13, 1760, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Leonard. He married (second) November 10, 1764, Thankful Ashley, daughter of David and Mary (Dewey) Ashley. She was born at West Springfield, December 3, 1733, died at West Springfield, September 25, 1814. Children, born at West Springfield: Aaron, born August 2, 1746; Lucy, March 21, 1748; Moses, born April 10, 1752, died young; Phinehas, December 24, 1753; John, October 19, 1756. By second wife: Moses, of further mention; Horace, May 2, 1770; Thaddeus, October 3, 1773, died young; Thaddeus, June 27, 1775.

(VI) Moses Ely, son of Aaron and Thankful (Ashley) Ely, was born in West Springfield, February 4, 1767, and died September 14, 1840. He married, March 9, 1786, Chloe Day, born at West Springfield, January 27, 1766, died January 23, 1836, daughter of John and Rhoda (Chapin) Day. Children, born at West Springfield: John Day, born June 27, 1787; Thankful, September 4, 1788; Moses, June 4, 1790; Willard, mentioned below; Novatus, May 10, 1793; Pelatiah, October 24, 1794; Chloe, May 2, 1796; Daniel, January, 1798; son, February 1, 1799; son, February, 1800; Asenath, January 25, 1801; Elizabeth, Jan-

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uary 28, 1803; Louisa, May 11, 1804; daughter, September 10, 1805; daughter, February, 1807; Aaron, May 21, 1808.

(VII) Willard Ely, son of Moses and Chloe (Day) Ely, was born at West Springfield, October 25, 1791, and died at Holyoke, October 16, 1878. He married at Ludlow, Massachusetts, Lovica Waid, born May 24, 1797, died at Holyoke, May 20, 1864, daughter of Nathan Lord and Isabella (Searles) Waid. He was a farmer in West Springfield, and was on the board of selectmen of that town before the section where he lived became a part of Holyoke. Children, born at West Springfield: Novatus, born October 3, 1818; James, June 29, 1820; Edwin Hurlburt, July 2, 1822; Willard, mentioned below; Lovica, February 20, 1826; Sanford, July 14, 1828, died May 29, 1852; Jane Eliza, March 21, 1830, died August 26, 1863, at Holyoke, married Dwight Ely; Eliza Jane, March 11, 1832; Morris, April 28, 1835; Cordelia Balsora, June 14, 1843, died November 4, 1856.

(VIII) Willard (2) Ely, son of Willard (1) and Lovica (Waid) Ely, was born in Holyoke, June 20, 1824, and died there, November 28, 1903. He was born on the old Ely homestead, now known as the Whiting farm. There he lived during his youth and attended the public schools. Early in life he learned the habits of industry on the farm, acquired muscle, skill in the use of his hands and a sturdy constitution. He left the farm when a young man and found employment on the river boats plying between Holyoke, Windsor Locks and Hartford, Connecticut. He learned the art of navigation and was promoted from time to time to positions of greater responsibility and difficulty, and in the course of time became master mariner and commanded his own vessels. During most of his active life he kept to the river trade. For a few years he was captain of a line of trading steam-

ers on the Moose river in North Carolina. In his business ventures he was successful and he returned to his old home in Holyoke while yet in middle life. He lived with his father in Holyoke until his father died. He then spent two years on the farm, after which he sold the old place to the Whitings and erected for himself in Holyoke on a slightly lot on Northampton street a very attractive and commodious residence and this house was his home to the end of his life, and is still occupied by his widow. From the old farm he reserved a few acres and on this land he occupied himself for a number of years, with his garden, but he later sold that and lived absolutely retired. He was a modest, quiet citizen, not ambitious for public honors, though he performed his duties as a citizen conscientiously. He was a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and also a member of the Mutual Aid Association. In politics he was a Democrat. To his home and his family he was devoted and loving, as a son and as a husband. Honorable, upright, capable, he lived a useful and honored life.

Mr. Ely married, November 23, 1865, Lucinda Ellen Torrey, born August 5, 1836, daughter of Orrin and Olive (Ingram) Torrey, of Chesterfield, Massachusetts, and granddaughter of Joseph and Lucinda (Wright) Torrey. Mrs. Ely survives her husband. Throughout her life she has been earnest, kindly and well-beloved. She makes her home at No. 2039 Northampton street, where she has lived for more than thirty-seven years.

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### TRIQUET, Camille,

**Priest.**

As rector of the parish of the Immaculate Conception in Holyoke, Father Triquet is performing a wonderful work for his people. His ancestors lived in France, where his grandfather, Joseph Triquet, was a





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farmer, and lived to the age of ninety-six years and six months. He was the father of nineteen children, nine of whom are still living (1917), five of whom are priests, one in India, three in Brazil, and two of the daughters are nuns, teachers in the parochial schools of Moscow, Russia.

Charles Triquet, one of the sons, was born in Moye, France, in 1829, and died there at the age of seventy years. All his life he was a farmer. His wife, Ann (Trufet) Triquet, born 1837, died in 1907, at the age of seventy years. Of their twelve children nine are now living. Two of the sons are serving in the French army in the great European war. Other members of this family represented in that war are the husbands of three of Charles Triquet's daughters, and six of his nephews.

Rev. Camille Triquet was born July 18, 1865, in Moye, France, and in the excellent schools of his native town received primary instruction. For eight years he was a student in college at Zurich, Switzerland. For two years he was a teacher in the schools of France, and was ordained to the priesthood in his native land in 1888. Three years later he came to America, arriving in March, 1891, and for two years was a teacher in Hartford, Connecticut. For eighteen years he was identified with St. Joseph's Church, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, successively as curate and rector. On July 1, 1912, he became pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Holyoke, where he has since been most industriously engaged in building up his congregation, and in caring for the welfare of the very large parish. Under his direction a very large school has been completed, capable of caring for nine hundred children, and this was dedicated, with the assistance of Bishop Biarens, of Springfield, in 1917. The parish of the Immaculate Conception was formed in Ward One in Holyoke, in 1903, and the construction of a church was commenced on

land bounded by Ely, Mosher and Summer streets. The first pastor, Rev. J. B. Campeau, was appointed November 15, 1905, and in 1907 he purchased from the city a schoolhouse which had been for some time vacant and unused. This building he repaired and renovated for use as a school for the children of the parish. This building was destroyed by fire on January 8, 1915, causing a severe financial loss to the parish. After the fire the eight hundred children, then in charge of twelve sisters of the Presentation of Mary, had a vacation of one week, at the end of which time school work was resumed by housing the lower grades in the chapel of the church, and the higher grades in the Perpetual Help Church, at the corner of Prospect and Maple streets. The construction of the new school has made much better provision for the instruction of the youth of the parish. The number of souls in the parish is thirty-eight hundred, and the pastor is assisted by two curates, Rev. John Pilloix and Rev. Z. Chouinard. Six masses are celebrated on Sundays, and under the fostering care of the pastor, the parish is prosperous and doing most excellent work for the people. The assessed valuation of the brick church and land is \$27,480. Rev. Triquet has endeared himself greatly to the members thereof, and has gained the respect and esteem of all the people of the city.

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#### DARBY, Arthur Ward,

##### **Representative Citizen.**

Arthur Ward Darby, the well known superintendent of the Municipal Lighting Plant of Holyoke, Massachusetts, is of English descent, the name being found in the early records of England, where it is spelled Darby, Derby and Daby. The family came to Vermont, where George Darby, great-grandfather of Arthur Ward Darby, settled in Alburgh, among the pioneers, and

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followed farming there during the active period of his life.

George Darby, grandfather of Arthur Ward Darby, was born in Alburgh, Vermont, and died there, July 20, 1862. He enlisted at Alburgh, in June, 1812, and served as a private in Captain Lewis Sowles or Captain John D. Reynolds' company, Vermont militia, for nine months. He was a carriage maker and farmer, an enterprising man, and highly esteemed in the community. He married, at Alburgh, in February, 1812, Rebecca Steinbarg, born in 1797, and was living, May 17, 1878. They were the parents of six children: William; Amerilla, married Wilson Graves; Addison Stephen, of further mention; Ransom, Perry, and Leonard.

Addison Stephen Darby, father of Arthur Ward Darby, was born in Alburgh, Vermont, February 19, 1828, and died in Aspen, Colorado, November 2, 1884. He was educated in the public schools, and after completing the years allowed him for study he began learning the carriage building trade with his father. In course of time he became a manufacturer of carriages, turning out the finished vehicle in his own shops. He gained high reputation as a builder of fine carriages, no firm or builder in the State surpassing him in excellence of finished product. In 1872 his wife died, and he later closed out his business and went West in the days of the Leadville boom, later locating in Aspen, Colorado, in the mountain region, where he followed mining, and also did some mine construction work at Leadville, Colorado, remaining in that State until his death. He married, in August, 1851, Phebe Minerva Honsinger, born in Alburgh, Vermont, April 21, 1831, a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Honsinger, both of Holland Dutch descent. They were the parents of five children: Norman A., born June 12, 1852; Mary J., February 19, 1855; Cora A., June 30, 1857, deceased,

was the wife of W. P. Greeley; Effie M., August 31, 1859, became the wife of Eugene D. Carl; Arthur Ward, of further mention.

Arthur Ward Darby was born in Alburgh, Vermont, September 9, 1867, and until thirteen years of age, attended the district schools there. The death of his mother in 1872, and the departure of his father to Colorado the same year, deprived him of the care of his parents. In 1880 he came to Chicopee, Massachusetts, there attending school until completing his first year in high school. During his school years in Chicopee, he was employed as an assistant in a drug store, outside of school hours. After completing his studies, he was employed for a time by the Chicopee Manufacturing Company, then went to Springfield where for two years he was a proof reader on the Springfield "Union;" the following year he was night clerk in the American Express Company's office at Springfield, and at the expiration of this time he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, which city has since been his home. His first position in Holyoke was with the Roland T. Oaks Company, as foreman of construction along electrical lines, and for fourteen years he filled that position to the great satisfaction of his employers, also becoming thoroughly familiar with electrical construction, equipment and operation of plants. From this position he was, in 1902, appointed superintendent of the Holyoke Municipal Lighting Plant, which furnishes both gas and electricity for lighting purposes, and for fifteen years he has most acceptably filled this position. During that time he has entirely reconstructed the plant, sixty men being now on the pay roll under his direction. Mr. Darby is an active member of the Bay State Club and Holyoke Canoe Club, in each of which he has a large circle of friends. He and his wife are attendants of the Second Congregational Church.

Mr. Darby married, March, 1890, Mabel E. Morgan, daughter of Thomas R. and Patty (Wood) Morgan. They are the parents of a son and daughter, both born in Holyoke. 1. Morgan Arthur, born August 31, 1892; he is a graduate of Holyoke High School, later attended Williston Academy of Easthampton, and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York, after which he entered the employ of the city of Holyoke in the electrical department; he married Josephine Fowler, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two daughters, Nina and Mabel. 2. Beulah Mabel, born November 30, 1894; she is a graduate of the Holyoke High School and Miss Fairchild's Kindergarten Training School, and is now (1917) a teacher in the Highlands Grammar School of Holyoke.

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**GLESMANN, August Frank,**

**Druggist.**

It is now nearly a quarter of a century since Mr. Glesmann opened a drug store in Holyoke, Massachusetts, at the corner of High and Dwight streets, but since 1899 his place of business has been at the corner of High and Appleton streets. The Glesmann family was long seated in Posen, an agricultural province of Prussia. August F. Glesmann is a grandson of Frank Glesmann, who died in Germany leaving sons, Frank and August, the latter the father of August Frank Glesmann, of Holyoke.

August Glesmann was born in Posen, Prussia, in 1833, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 22, 1915. The soil of Posen yields bountiful crops of cereals and on one of these fertile estates he was employed as a caretaker until coming to the United States in 1871. On first coming to this country, he spent two years in Boston, Massachusetts, then in 1873 he permanently

located in Holyoke, obtaining a position with the Germania Mills in charge of the indigo vats in the dye house. He held that position for more than twenty years, spending the last decade of his life in honorable retirement. He was a member of the German Reformed, now the Lutheran, church, and was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He married Wilhelmina Frey, born in Posen in 1835, died in Holyoke, December 17, 1914. They were the parents of four children born in Germany: Amelia, Anna, August Frank, of further mention, and Frederick R., deceased, and of two sons born in the United States: John C., in Boston, Robert Andrew, in Holyoke.

August Frank Glesmann was born in Argenau, Posen, Prussia, December 19, 1867, and in 1871 was brought to the United States by his parents. After the family settlement in Holyoke, Massachusetts, he attended the public schools until sixteen years of age, working during vacation periods in the Skinner Silk Mill, the Beebe & Webber Mill and in the Germania Mill. At the age of sixteen he entered the employ of B. F. Arthur, druggist, remaining with him nine years and becoming an efficient clerk, capable of performing every required service. He then spent two years as manager of the Eddy Pharmacy at Lenox, Massachusetts, and in December, 1894, he opened his drug store in Holyoke where, with the one change of location previously noted, he has conducted a successful drug business until the present time. He is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masters; Springfield Commandery, Knights Templar; Melha Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Holyoke Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are the Holyoke, Holyoke Country and the Mt. Tom Golf.

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### **GLESMANN, Robert Andrew,**

#### **Druggist.**

Since 1903 Mr. Glesmann has been proprietor of a constantly growing drug business in South Hadley Centre, Massachusetts, his previous experience in this line having been with his elder brother, August Frank Glesmann, a druggist of Holyoke, whose sketch precedes this.

Robert Andrew Glesmann was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, February 11, 1876, son of August and Wilhelmina (Frey) Glesmann. He was educated in the public schools. At the age of sixteen he entered the office of the Whiting Paper Company, there continuing until 1896, when he resigned to enter the employ of his brother, August F. Glesmann, the druggist. He continued with him for seven years, learning the drug business in all its details, and in 1903 opened a store in South Hadley Centre where he is well established. He is a member of Mt. Holyoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the George E. Fisher Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Iona Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Mt. Halliack Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah; the Holyoke Club and of the prudential committee of the South Hadley Fire District.

Mr. Glesmann married, August 19, 1902, Louise G. Wassing, daughter of William and Margaret (Hayes) Wassing. William Wassing, born in Germany, came to the United States with his parents when a lad, served four years as a soldier of the Union, 1861-65, and is now (1917) living retired in Springfield, Massachusetts, aged eighty-one. Mr. and Mrs. Glesmann are the parents of two sons: Robert Andrew (2), born October 6, 1907, and Edward August, August 9, 1910.

### **KENNEY, Edward James,**

#### **Insurance and Real Estate Broker.**

Edward James Kenney, one of the leading insurance and real estate brokers of the city of Holyoke, prominent in public affairs, is a type of the self-made men that have made that city progressive, prosperous and a center of great industries, trade and commerce. Without the aid of capital or inheritance, and having only the ordinary education and advantages of the American youth, he has established a business of large proportions and won a high place in the esteem and confidence of the community. His success is a tribute to his enterprise, energy, integrity and perseverance, and an example of the possibilities of a similar career for the younger men starting in life without other resources than their own health, attainments and character.

James Kenney, father of Edward James Kenney, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1817. In the middle of the nineteenth century, when famine drove so many thousands from Ireland to North America, he followed the current of emigration to St. John, New Brunswick, where he lived for two years. Believing that the opportunities for himself were greater in the United States he came to Boston, and later to Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1847, and found employment at his trade. He was a skillful mason, and during the years that followed he worked with his trowel on many of the buildings erected in Holyoke. He was a man of strong, sturdy character, upright and capable, and he won a place of respect, esteem and honor in the community through a long, active and arduous life. He died in Holyoke, in 1907, over ninety years of age. He was a useful citizen, a faithful communicant of the Roman Catholic church, and in politics was always a staunch Democrat of the old school. He married, in Holyoke, Catherine Carmody, who was



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also a native of County Kerry, Ireland. One son grew to manhood, Edward James, of further mention.

Edward James Kenney was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 19, 1867, and has lived there all his life, receiving his education in the public schools and learning his trade there. He served an apprenticeship at the trade of brick mason, and worked as a journeyman and contracting mason when a young man. But seeing the opportunity for making money in real estate, he invested his savings wisely. His thrift in saving and his economy in early life were well rewarded, for his investments rose rapidly in value and his field of operations grew larger year by year. His knowledge of building and land values was gained by practical experience in the building trades, and he found at length that it was in real estate that his largest interests were involved. He opened an office as a real estate agent and broker and added the insurance business to his activities. Both departments of his office have grown steadily, and Mr. Kenney is recognized throughout this section of the State as an authority on insurance and real estate matters. His services are often required as an expert in making valuations and adjusting differences involving real estate transactions. His work in developing and promoting real estate in the city of Holyoke has been important, and has materially aided in the growth of the city. The right men in charge have it in their power to stimulate this growth, to attract new enterprises and industries to locate, and induce old concerns to enlarge and develop business. By his own example in investing and developing, Mr. Kenney has had both a direct and an indirect influence upon others, and in the forward movement he has kept well to the front. His love and confidence in his native city have been constantly in evidence, and to every project for improvement and public benefit he has lent his aid. Always

feeling a keen interest in the affairs of the city, he has given to the municipality his services freely, and by faithful, unremitting, unselfish and non-partisan work in the City Council he has contributed as few others have done to the improvement of the city government. He believes in modern methods of administration in city affairs, and has always exerted his influence for progress as well as economy in spending the public funds and conducting the ordinary business of the city. In 1905 he served with distinction in the General Court of the State, representing his district with intelligence and fidelity and showing unusual aptitude for the duties of legislation. He served on the committee on prisons and became greatly interested in the work of prison reforms and in the administration of the penal institutions of the State. He is an Independent in politics, active and influential in the councils of his party, and has often served as delegate to nominating conventions. Personally Mr. Kenney is popular, making friends readily and never losing them, and his personality has been no inconsiderable factor in his business success. He inspires confidence and proves trustworthy in all his dealings. He is a member of the Holyoke Club and the Park Club.

Edward James Kenney married, in Holyoke, 1896, Claudia Dionne, who was born in Frazerville, Province of Quebec, Canada. She is a daughter of Benjamin Dionne, a descendant of the French who were pioneers in Quebec. They have one child, James, born in Holyoke, December 5, 1904.

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### **CREVIER, Rev. Charles, Priest.**

Rev. Charles Crevier, the beloved and faithful priest of the parish of the Church of the Precious Blood, located on Cabot, Park and South East streets, Holyoke, who recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary

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of his ordination into the priesthood at this church, at which there were about one hundred and twenty-five priests present, is a native of Montreal, Canada, born May 19, 1839, hence is in his seventy-ninth year. He is descendant of a French ancestry, his great-grandfather, a native of France, being the first of the family to locate in Canada. His grandfather, Simon Crevier, was a native of Canada, a farmer by occupation, and his death occurred in his native land in 1846, aged eighty years. His father, Louis Crevier, was born in St. Eustache, Canada, and died in Montreal, at eighty-three years, seven months of age. He was a man of powerful physique, a natural mechanic, and a carpenter and boat builder by trade. He married Euphrosine Garcon, and among their children was Charles, of this review.

Rev. Charles Crevier was educated in the Jesuit College, and was ordained a priest by Bishop Bourget, of Montreal, Canada, July 21, 1867, at the age of twenty-eight years. His first appointment was as curate at Chateaugay, Province of Quebec, where he served for ten months. The following two years he was chaplain of the Brothers of Charity of Montreal, in which capacity he rendered useful and efficient service. He made his first visit to Holyoke, Massachusetts, November 20, 1870, when he spent a month as the guest of the late Rev. A. B. Dufresne, who was the first pastor of the Church of the Precious Blood. On November 28, 1870, Rev. Charles Crevier entered the Springfield diocese and on January 4, 1871, was assigned to the pastorate of the French church at North Adams, Massachusetts, as a missionary and pastor of the first church there. His ability for organization and his spirit of leadership was noticeable, and during his stay in that town he organized parishes, Williamstown and Adams, also missions in Pownal, North Pownal, Readsboro, Vermont, South Williamstown and Han-

cock sprang up under his careful management. He was then appointed to the pastorate of Indian Orchard, where he remained four years, and from there he was transferred to his present pastorate in Holyoke, September 7, 1890, which parish he has served faithfully and well for over twenty-seven years, his twenty-fifth anniversary as rector being celebrated in a fitting manner.

The Parish of the Church of the Precious Blood, a French-speaking congregation, is the oldest congregation of French Canadians in Holyoke or in the Springfield diocese. Prior to 1858 there were not many Canadian families in Holyoke, but in the year 1860 quite a number of Canadians settled there, among whom was John St. Onge, who afterwards became a missionary to the Indians in the West. In 1869 the Canadians of Holyoke were numerous enough to require the service of a priest of their own nationality, hence the parish of the Precious Blood was formed. Its first pastor was the Rev. A. B. Dufresne, the congregation at that time consisting of about five hundred people. A frame edifice was built that year on Cabot street, and on a Corpus Christi evening in May, 1874, during vesper services, a lighted candle set fire to the altar decorations, and almost immediately the entire interior of the church was in flames, and seventy-two people lost their lives. Later the present church of brick and stone, of the Gothic style of architecture, was erected, being dedicated June 3, 1878. This church is in the midst of a large tenement district, near some industrial establishments. The number of people belonging to the parish is six thousand and seventy-six, and there are over a thousand boys and girls attending school, in charge of twenty-five Sisters of St. Anne. The present school building was opened on September 18, 1894. Father Crevier also was the active factor in the building of the rectory, one of the finest

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in the diocese. The following curates assist Father Crevier in his work: Rev. J. Horace Gelineau, Rev. Hormisdas Remy and the Rev. W. J. Chojuette. On May 14, 1867, Father Dufresne, the first pastor of the church, who built the convent, died; he was succeeded by the Rev. H. O. Landry, who was instrumental in building the convent. He died in 1890, and in that year was succeeded by Rev. Charles Crevier.

Among the larger works for which the Rev. Father Crevier has received much praise was the establishment in the diocese of the Assumption College. His efforts in bringing the fathers of the French Canadian College here being incidental to the locating of the College at Worcester, Massachusetts. His vigorous participation in movements for the advancement of the French-American citizens of Holyoke and the interest he has taken in civic movements, affecting not only his parish, but the city-at-large, has won for him great commendation. In addition to his large pastorate, which he faithfully manages, there being many improvements in the church, rectory, convent and schools during his incumbency as rector, the Rev. Father Crevier derives considerable pleasure from his farm, which he personally supervises. At the present time (1917), despite his advanced age, he is a well preserved man, sturdy of body and keen of mind.

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**WAGNER, Frederick William,**

**Well Known Resident of Holyoke.**

From a very small beginning the G. Haarmann Company, Incorporated, of Holyoke, has grown to be a corporation of importance in the business world and their plant for the manufacture of structural steel a veritable hive of industry. Frederick W. Wagner, director, vice-president and superintendent, has been the managing head of the business for several years and the suc-

cess of the company is an indication of his managerial ability. He is a son of Herman Wagner, born in Zeitz, Saxony, Germany, in 1830, died in Passaic, New Jersey, August 11, 1896.

Herman Wagner was proprietor of a brick yard when the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 was raging, but the effects of that war were disastrous to his business, and also cost him the life of his brother who was killed in battle. In 1882 Herman Wagner came to the United States, locating in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where for a time he was employed in the paper mills. Later he moved to Passaic, New Jersey, where until his death he was an employee of the cotton and woolen mills. He married Pauline Harich, born in Zeitz, Saxony, in 1830, died in Passaic, New Jersey, in 1896. They were the parents of four children: Robert; Frederick W., of further mention; Anna, married Clemens Mengel; Bertha, married Herman Lubold.

Frederick W. Wagner was born in Gera, Germany, April 19, 1865. He was educated in the schools of Leipsic, which he attended until 1883. He was employed in a piano factory up to his coming to the United States in 1882, following his parents six months after they came here. He joined the family in Holyoke, and his residence in that city has been continuous since that time. For fifteen years after his arrival he was employed in the Excelsior Paper Mills, then for seven years was engaged in the painting business. In 1898 he became associated with Gustav Haarmann in the G. Haarmann Company, Incorporated, a corporation devoted to the manufacture of structural steel. See sketch of G. Haarmann elsewhere in this work. Mr. Wagner was elected a member of the first board of directors, and by them chosen vice-president and appointed superintendent of the company. Since accepting that trust he has devoted himself entirely to the interests of

the company, and has seen it grow most satisfactorily under his management. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of other organizations, fraternal and social.

Mr. Wagner married, July 25, 1886, Anna Frenzel, of Forste Sicilia, Germany, daughter of Emanuel Frenzel. They are the parents of two children: 1. Lena, born March 18, 1887; married Adolph Muller, of Springfield, Massachusetts, they the parents of Dorothy and Winfred Muller. 2. Paul, born April 15, 1889, a structural steel worker, employed with his father; married, in 1913, Sarah Palmer, of South Brewer, Maine.

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**MAUER, William August,**

**Representative Citizen.**

Mannheim, Germany, the ancestral home of the Mauers, was at the time of the birth of William A. Mauer, in 1857, a city of 35,000 population, but now numbers 200,000. The Mauers spring from one of the best families of Mannheim, and many of the name have held distinguished positions. William A. Mauer was the first of his direct line to come to the United States, he landing in New York, in April, 1881, coming directly to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he has since been continuously connected with the Germania Mills, beginning as clerk, now is manager, assistant treasurer and director. He is a son of Johann Peter Mauer, and a grandson of Johann Peter Mauer, born in Mannheim, Duchy of Baden, Germany, a grain and produce merchant, who died in his native Mannheim in the prime of his life. He married Eva Schmidt, of Mannheim, and their children were: Casper, Johann Peter (2), Maria, Julia, George, Babette and Caroline, all deceased.

Johann Peter (2) Mauer was born in Mannheim, Germany, in 1820, and died

there in 1877. He, like his father, was a grain and produce merchant. He was a soldier. He married Caroline Josephine Boehm, born in 1826, died in 1900, daughter of Franz and Josephine (Brug) Boehm, of Lachen, Rhenish Bavaria. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters: Franz, deceased; William August, of further mention; George, deceased; Babette; Anna, married Max Krazer.

William August Mauer was born in Mannheim, Germany, December 28, 1857, and there and in Offenburg High School was educated. Under the iron clad German rule of compulsory military service, he was drawn at the age of twenty and spent two years in continuous service. For four years after coming to this country he was employed in the paper mills, beginning in lowly office position and constantly advancing until reaching his present position of trust and authority, manager, assistant treasurer and director. Mr. Mauer married, December 11, 1889, Martha Slaight Clarke, born May 23, 1866, daughter of John Stobbs and Emily Butler (Slaight) Clarke, of Staten Island, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Mauer are the parents of: Dorothy Alice Kessler, and George Mauer, born September 22, 1892, educated in Holyoke High School, Virginia Military Institute, Stanton, Virginia, and University of Pennsylvania, now assistant to his father in the Germania Mills.

Martha Slaight (Clarke) Mauer, wife of William A. Mauer, is a great-granddaughter of William Clarke, a farmer of Scotland, a connection of the McPherson and Rutherford clans. William Clarke, married Margaret Thompson, and they were the parents of Rutherford Clarke, born in Jedburg, Scotland, in 1808, came to the United States about 1830, after the death of his parents, and died at his home on Staten Island, New York, June 2, 1898, a farmer, later an undertaker. He married, in No-

vember, 1828, Isabelle Stobbs, born in Kelso, near Edinburgh, Scotland, daughter of William and Margaret (Archer) Stobbs. They were the parents of Elizabeth, born in Scotland; Margaret, William, Jane, all born at Three Rivers, Canada; Rutherford (2), born in New York, December 27, 1837; John Stobbs, of further mention; Isabelle Thompson, born January 19, 1842.

John Stobbs Clarke was born at Sailors Snug Harbor, a beautiful village on Staten Island, New York, April 11, 1840, died May 8, 1917. He was for many years an active business man, manager of a dyeing and a printing business in New York, manager of a cotton mill in Kentucky, and of a similar mill in Chester, Pennsylvania. He was located in different parts of the country, and wherever located found a good position awaiting him. He married Emily Butler Slaight, born January 16, 1837, at Port Richmond, Staten Island, died in 1909, daughter of Cortland Parker Butler Slaight, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and his wife Martha Biddle (Johnson) Slaight, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Haughmont) Johnson. The Slaights are of ancient Dutch family, early settlers on Staten Island. John Stobbs and Emily Butler (Slaight) Clarke were the parents of four sons and four daughters: Isabelle Leighton Clarke, born July 11, 1864; Martha Slaight Clarke, married William A. Mauer; William Walton Clarke, born August 31, 1867; Cortland Parker Clarke, born December 30, 1869; John Stobbs (2) Clarke, born November 15, 1871; Rutherford Clarke, born December 29, 1874; Emily Butler Clarke, born October 19, 1876; Ann Hermania Clarke, born October 20, 1879.

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**GLEASON, Patrick Charles,**

**Business Man.**

Patrick Charles Gleason, the well known proprietor of the Gleason Wet Wash Laun-

dry in Holyoke, comes from Irish stock. His father, Patrick Gleason, was born in Ireland, in 1820, and in 1841, at the age of twenty-one years, came to the United States, settled in Burlington, Vermont, where he purchased a farm and devoted his after life to its cultivation and management. He married Bridget Kennedy, and they were the parents of eleven children, all born at the homestead farm, two of whom died in infancy, and the other children were as follows: John, deceased; Michael; Katherine; Honora, deceased; Mary, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Patrick Charles, of further mention; Elizabeth, deceased; William. Patrick Gleason died in Burlington, Vermont, in 1904, aged eighty-four years, and the death of his wife also occurred at the Burlington farm in the same year, 1904, aged seventy-two years.

Patrick Charles Gleason, fourth son of Patrick and Bridget (Kennedy) Gleason, was born on the old homestead at Burlington, Vermont, June 3, 1856. He was educated in the public schools of that city. He then served an apprenticeship to the moulder's trade at Winooski Falls, Vermont, mastering that trade and remaining there for seven years. After being employed at his trade in shops in Brightwood, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut, he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1884, this being the city of his subsequent residence. The following eighteen months he was in the employ of the Holyoke Machine Company. He was later employed at the Dean Steam Pump Works, now the Worthington Pump Works, for the long period of twenty-one years, and his services with this concern ended his connection with mill and foundry work. He decided to establish in business for himself, and after careful investigation determined that there was an opening for a laundry such as he proposed to operate. The result finally was the Gleason Wet Wash Laundry, of which he

has been the capable head since 1910. In 1911 the present buildings were erected by Mr. Gleason, fitted up with the best of modern laundry machinery, and here a prosperous business is conducted, the proprietor devoting himself entirely to this enterprise, of which he is the financial head, and in which he is ably assisted by his sons, John H., Frederick J., William P. and Edward J. Gleason, the latter named being the manager of the laundry.

Mr. Gleason married, December 24, 1882, Margaret Dolon, born at Lee, Massachusetts, daughter of James and Margaret (Clougher) Dolon. James Dolon was born in Ireland, about 1831, and died at Lee, Massachusetts, in 1881. He came to the United States in 1844, settled in Lee, and when war broke out between the North and South he enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry, and gave three years and four months honorable service to the defense of his adopted flag. His brother, Hugh Dolon, was also a Union soldier and at one time was confined in Libby Prison at Richmond, Virginia. James Dolon had two other brothers, Patrick and John, and a sister, Susan. Mr. and Mrs. James Dolon were the parents of five daughters: Catherine, deceased; Margaret, aforementioned as the wife of Mr. Gleason; Mary, who became the wife of Lawrence Cavanaugh; Helen, unmarried, resides in Holyoke; Frances, also unmarried, resides in Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Gleason are the parents of four sons and a daughter: John Henry, born July 13, 1884, married Julia Fountain; Frederick Joseph, born February 24, 1886; William Patrick, born August 1, 1888, married, September 15, 1915, Jeannette McIntyre, and has a daughter, Gertrude, born September 23, 1916, the fourth generation in the United States; Edward James, born September 14, 1890; Frances May, born August 15, 1898.

**SOLIN, Jacob,**

**Merchant.**

The success which has attended the business life of Jacob Solin, of Holyoke, has come through the exercise of those old principles, energy, industry, frugality and good judgment.

Jacob Solin is a grandson of Meyer Solin, and a son of Abraham Solin, born in Augustine, Russian Poland, in 1839, and there died in 1909. He was a miller, doing custom grinding for the neighborhood, and the flour made for himself was converted into bread and pastry in his own ovens, for he was a baker and conducted both his lines of business very successfully until his death. His wife, Tela Ida Solin, died in 1914, after the outbreak of the European war in August, the first shock of that cruel happening hastening if not causing her death. Children: Meyer, in Europe; Mina, deceased; Mary, in Europe; Mark; Jacob, of further mention; William, Michael, Samuel, Baley, in Europe.

Jacob Solin was born in Augustine, Russian Poland, in September, 1873. He obtained his education in the state schools of Augustine, and until sixteen years of age worked in his father's mill and bakery. In 1889 he came to the United States, but after a few months returned to his home and again became his father's assistant, continuing as such until 1893. In that year he again came to the United States, located in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and for one year was there employed in a mill. He was next in Boston for a few years, employed by Jacob Rosen, a groceryman. In 1897, he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, there opening a five and ten cent store with his brother, Mark Solin, as partner. For one year they conducted a store at No. 385 Main street, Jacob then withdrawing, and in 1898 he opened a grocery store on Lyman street. That business he has de-



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veloped and continued until the present, operating it most successfully and profitably. He is a director of the Realty Trust Company, and as his profits have accrued from his business they have been invested and re-invested in Holyoke real estate, improved and unimproved, until he is an extensive owner of tenements and blocks. He is a member of Connecticut Valley Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias; is a Republican in his political belief, and a member of Raidphey Sholem Jewish Synagogue, Holyoke, and also a member of the Independent Order of B.'Fnai Brith, Holyoke Lodge, No. 745.

Mr. Solin married, February, 1899, Fannie Kronick, born in Russia, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Kronick. Mr. and Mrs. Solin are the parents of: Morris, born January 11, 1904; Lena, December 15, 1905; Abner, November 26, 1908; Sarah, 1910; Nathan, May 11, 1913; Leo, July, 1914; Tela Ida, September 4, 1915.

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**GRADY, Frederick,**

**Musician.**

Frederick Grady, of Holyoke, at the present time (1917) the leader of the Holyoke City Band, is a man young in years, but old in experience and training along musical lines.

James Grady, grandfather of Frederick Grady, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, and on attaining manhood emigrated to the United States, settling in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he was employed by the Holyoke Manufacturing Company. He married, in Ireland, Bridget Quirk, also a native of County Limerick, Ireland, and they were the parents of two sons: Henry, and Thomas, mentioned below. James Grady was a well known musician, not only playing the flute but many wind instruments.

Thomas Grady, son of James and Bridget

Grady, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He was educated in the public schools of that city, and later learned the trade of moulder, which he followed throughout the active years of his life. He inherited a love for music from his father, and is credited with having introduced clog dancing into this section. He was a man of very genial disposition, a born entertainer, and his presence was always heartily welcomed at social gatherings. Mr. Grady married Ellen Hanlon, born in St. John, New Brunswick, daughter of John Hanlon, a native of Ireland, a stone mason by trade, who emigrated to New Brunswick, Canada, from whence he removed to New Hampshire, and about 1859 took up his residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts. His wife's maiden name was Cathrine Hanley. Mr. and Mrs. Grady were the parents of the following named children: Henry J., an iron worker of Hoboken, New Jersey; Frederick, mentioned in the following paragraph; Esther, who became the wife of James Cook, of Springfield, Massachusetts; and Florence, died in infancy. It is sad to record that while still a young man, Thomas Grady, the father of these children, came to his death by drowning, due to the upsetting of a boat on July 4, 1878, and that his widow survived him seven years, passing away in 1885, in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Frederick Grady, son of Thomas and Ellen (Hanlon) Grady, was born November 10, 1875, in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He attended the schools of West Springfield, Springfield and Whitinsville, also studying under private instructors. After the death of his mother he lived for a time with an uncle in Springfield, and later was received into the family of an uncle in Whitinsville. As a boy, Mr. Grady developed a genius for music, studying instrumental music. Possessing a musical nature, he early identified himself with things musical, blowing the organ in church, singing in the choir, car-

rying the drum and playing the cymbals in the band. He finally decided to become the master of the slide trombone, and devoted all of his spare time to become thoroughly proficient on this instrument. While at Whitinsville, Mr. Grady played in the band. In July, 1895, he entered upon his first professional engagement, becoming a member of the National Soldiers' Home Band of Togus, Maine, a band which it is said has been one of the greatest schools for musicians in this country. There were twenty-five pieces in this band, which played an entire change of program each day and rehearsed every morning. Mr. Grady has hundreds of these programs in his possession. In addition to these concerts, it was customary to play at the funerals of all soldiers, of which hundreds occurred while Mr. Grady was associated with the band at this home. In addition to these this band played a number of other engagements, among which might be mentioned the Great Knights Templar parade in Boston, and also the reception given to the Atlantic or White Squadron at the Cumberland Club at Portland, Maine.

At the request of the Cleveland Wheel Band, Mr. Grady next went to Westfield, Massachusetts, where he also opened a store carrying bicycles, picture frames and art goods, and in addition to his duties as band leader and instructor of the Westfield Band, he led two other bands and also played in various orchestras in Springfield. After some years, he sold out his business in order to devote his time exclusively to his profession. His fame at this time and his proficiency on the trombone had become established, and he was solicited by the leaders of the various bands to take the position of trombone soloist, and at different times, for some years, he occupied this position with Liberati's Band, Short's American Band, Second Regiment Massachusetts

Fairman's Boston Concert Band, Gartland's Band of Albany, Battery B Band of Worcester, Carl Edouarde's well known band of New York, now playing at the Strand Theatre in New York City, and the Governor's Foot Guard Band of Hartford, Connecticut. While playing with the latter named band, they attended the St. Louis Fair, accompanying the Governor as the representative of the State of Connecticut, on Connecticut Day, and remained there some days. Leaving there their next engagement was at Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they furnished the music for the dedication of a monument erected to the Connecticut Soldiers on Orchard Knob. He was also a member for two seasons of the Auditorium and Grand Theatre orchestras at Springfield, a member for one season at Morrison's Theatre, Rockaway Beach, New York, a member for four seasons with the Colonial Orchestra of New York, and played for four summer seasons at Mountain Park Casino, Holyoke. Mr. Grady has also played at a large number of special engagements with numerous organizations all over the New England and the Eastern states. Among these may be mentioned the official notification and reception to the late Vice-President Sherman at his home and on the golf links at Utica, New York, and at the exercises attending the opening of the Hudson Tube, New York City, at which Mr. McAdoo, the builder of these tubes, was the central figure. Mr. Grady was a member of the band that played at the summer home at Worthington, Massachusetts, of the Rev. Russell Conwell, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the founder of the Conwell Academy at Worthington, and he has also played for Ex-President Roosevelt.

In 1906, Mr. Grady was induced by Mr. Murray, manager of the Empire Theatre, to locate in Holyoke, Massachusetts, which city has since been his home. Here his in-





*Hermann Bozback*

fluence has been felt in musical circles. He is the leader of the Holyoke City Band, which ranks among the best in Western Massachusetts, if not in the State, also of Grady's Orchestra, and was for a time the leader of the Suffolk Theatre Orchestra, but now of the Bijou Theater Orchestra. It is hardly necessary to say that during all these years Mr. Grady has improved every opportunity to increase his knowledge of music along all lines. In addition to his other duties, he is an instructor in the art of performing on brass instruments, a teacher of harmony, and also a writer and composer to such an extent as his limited time will allow. Mr. Grady has taken an active interest in musical organizations, and is a charter member of the Westfield Musical Union, and also of the New York Musicians' Union. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Grady married, June 11, 1895, Mary Curran, born in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, daughter of James and Sarah (Blessington) Curran. They are the parents of two sons: 1. Frederick Blessington, born March 6, 1896, at Togus Springs, town of Chelsea, Maine; graduate of Holyoke High School, later attended Cushing Academy, and now (1917) in his senior year at Tufts Dental College. 2. Henry Harold, born September 17, 1899, in Westfield, Massachusetts; attended Holyoke High School, and is now a junior in the Rosary High School.

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**BOSBACH, Hermann,**

**Business Man.**

As proprietor of the Mt. Tom French Dry Cleaning Works of Holyoke, Massachusetts, Mr. Bosbach is known all over New England, his model establishment attracting trade from far and near. He first came to Holyoke in 1895, but did not long remain, and it was not until 1906 that he be-

came a permanent resident and not until 1909 that he established his present business. He is a son of Julius Bosbach, born in Huekswagen, Germany, in 1839, and there died in 1893, a finisher of woolen cloth. He married Rosa Winkhoff, who is yet residing in Germany, daughter of Daniel and Christina (Zeib) Winkhoff. Mr. and Mrs. Bosbach were the parents of five children: Emma, married Nicholas Koffman, has three children, Joseph E., Rosa, Gertrude, and resides in Germany; Hermann, of further mention; Emil Monk, in Austria; Ernst, deceased; Ewald, living in Germany.

Hermann Bosbach was born in Huekswagen, Germany, December 27, 1868, and there was educated in the state schools. He learned his father's trade, cloth finisher, and worked in German mills until 1895, when he came to the United States and settled in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He found employment as a finisher in the Germania Mills, continuing in their employ for six and a half years. In 1902 he went to the Cocheco Mill at East Rochester, New Hampshire, and after a year there made a visit to his home in Germany, and on his return to the United States spent a short time in a mill at Passaic, New Jersey. From Passaic he journeyed to the Pacific, there remaining until the San Francisco earthquake and fire, working at his trade in Santa Rosa, also San Jose and San Francisco. The disaster of April, 1906, wrecked the mill in which he was employed, and he with many many others returned East, Mr. Bosbach again locating in Holyoke, May 30, 1906, and securing employment with his old employers at the Germania Mills, continuing there until 1909.

In 1908 he began a small dry cleaning business in connection with his work at the mill, and so popular did his little plant become that in 1909 he gave up his position at the mill to devote his entire time to it.

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In 1910 he built his first plant and as the Mt. Tom French Dry Cleaning Works made a strong bid for patronage. The public responded liberally, and in 1915 he rebuilt and enlarged his plant, now occupying two stories of a building 100x25 feet. The works being fitted up with every modern improvement in the dry cleaning processes, is a model of neatness and efficiency, attracting business from all over the New England States. Mr. Bosbach is a master of his business and has won the confidence of the public by his admirable methods and superior work. He has built up a large business and uses two trucks to collect goods all over the section. He has the only French dry cleaning establishment in the city. The specialties of the works are Lace, Evening and Opera Gowns, also all kinds of Ladies' and Gentlemen's wearing apparel. They have the latest improved method of dry cold air storage for furs and garments; they insure against any damage for the season, three per cent. on the value fixed by the customer. Their work stands for quality. Mr. Bosbach is a member of the National Association of Dyers & Cleaners of the United States and Canada, Massachusetts Association of Dyers & Cleaners, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Bosbach married, May 11, 1895, Bertha Steapgeshoff, born in Leunap, Germany, daughter of Albert and Julia (Balore) Steapgeshoff. They are the parents of three children, the first two born in Holyoke, the youngest in Santa Rosa, California: Rosa, born May 13, 1896; Albert, January 30, 1898, Hermann (2), March 7, 1906.

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### **DESROSIERS, Napoleon,** **Merchant.**

In 1902 Mr. Desrosiers purchased from the widow of his former partner, Frank Octo, her interest in the business which her

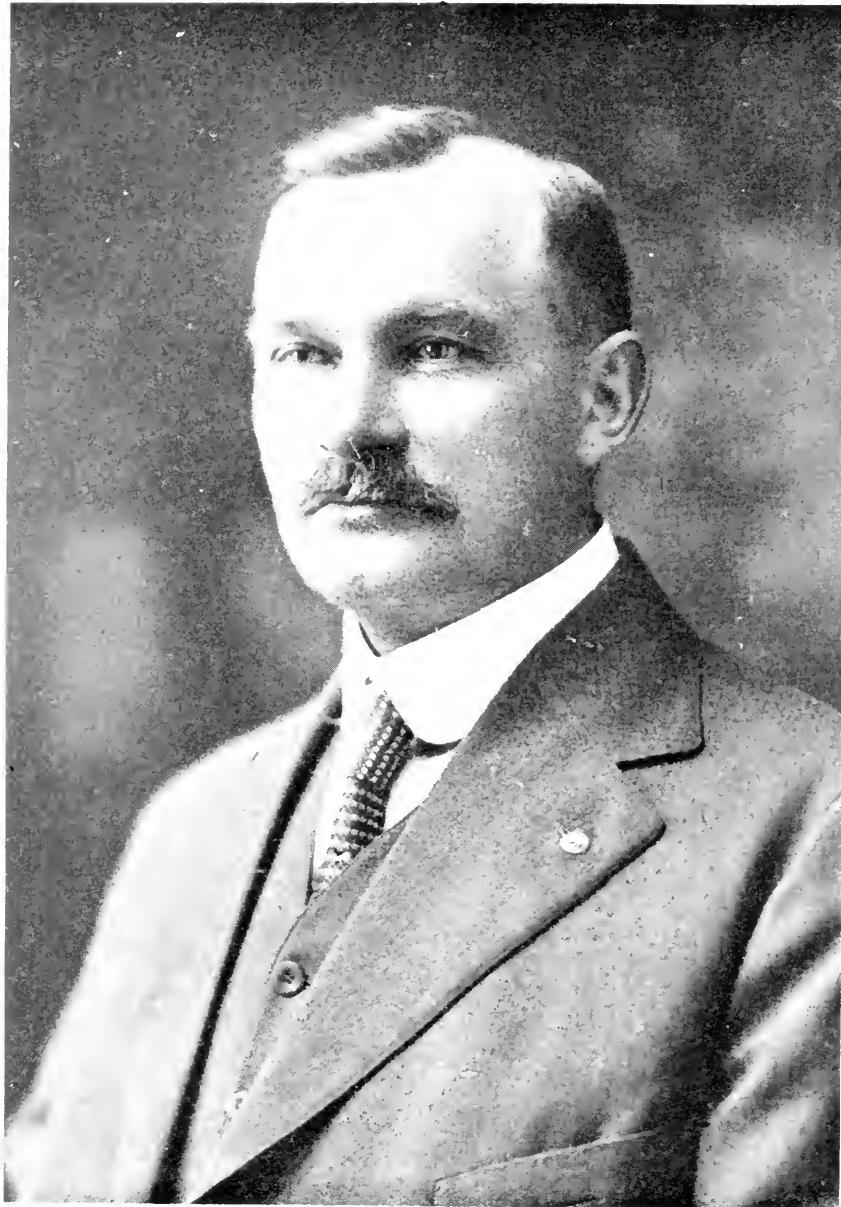
husband and Mr. Desrosiers had conducted in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1882, under the firm name Frank Octo & Company, Sixteen years have elapsed since the senior partner was removed from the firm by the hand of death, but the firm name has never changed and as Frank Octo & Company, Mr. Desrosiers continues the business in which he joined Mr. Octo thirty-five years ago, and together conducted harmoniously and profitably for nineteen years. The store is one of Holyoke's centres of trade, and from its delivery department, house furnishings of every description flow in continuous procession.

Mr. Desrosiers is a son of Joseph Desrosiers, and a grandson of Narcisse Desrosiers, who lived and died in Canada, a farmer, who had sons, Pierre, John Baptiste, Francis, Joseph and Narcisse. Joseph Desrosiers was born in Joliet, Province of Quebec, Canada, eighteen miles from the city of Montreal, and died in 1906, aged eighty-two years. He spent his life engaged in agriculture and was the owner of a good farm. He married La Rosa Malo, also born in Joliet, and they were the parents of the following sons and daughters: Joseph, a farmer, in Winifred, Canada; Odilon; Napoleon, of further mention; Arsene, deceased; Noe, deceased; Octave, a farmer of St. Paul, Canada; Agnes, married Cyr Laune, deceased; Celena, married Joseph Mandeville, of Holyoke, Massachusetts; Philomen, residing in Holyoke.

Napoleon Desrosiers was born in Joliet, Quebec, Canada, March 8, 1854, and there and at St. Paul obtained his education. After completing his studies he learned the tinsmith's trade, serving a three years' apprenticeship in Montreal, that city being eighteen miles distant from his home in Joliet. At the age of twenty-one he came to the United States, there found ready employment at his trade, and for seven years he followed tinsmithing in its various



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branches, carefully investing his savings and awaiting an opportunity to enter business life for himself. His opportunity came in 1882, when he was offered a partnership with Frank Octo, who was conducting a furniture store devoted to the sale of house furnishing goods. They began business together the same year at No. 71 High street, Holyoke, in the Octo Building, and for nineteen years the partners, trading as Frank Octo & Company, did a profitable business, dealt fairly with all and were highly esteemed as honorable, upright merchants. In 1901 the firm was dissolved by the death of Mr. Octo, but the business was continued by Mr. Desrosiers, he purchasing Mrs. Octo's equity. The business located at No. 71 High street is still the prosperous firm of old, and under Mr. Desrosiers the same careful attention is paid to every customer, great or small, integrity is the keynote of the management, and every department reflects the spirit and high purpose of the owner.

Mr. Desrosiers married, in July, 1882, Eloide LaMarche, of St. John, Quebec, Canada, daughter of Joseph and Julia (Forest) LaMarche. Mrs. Desrosiers died in 1895, leaving two daughters: Eva, deceased; and Rosealba, residing with her father at the Holyoke home.

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**VOGEL, Frank,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

Frank Vogel, a representative citizen of Holyoke, is numbered among those who by dint of perseverance and rigid economy have demonstrated what it is possible to accomplish. He is the seventh generation of Vogels of record bearing the name of "Frank." His great-grandfather and his grandfather followed the occupation of nail makers in Alsace-Lorraine, and his father, also Frank Vogel, was born and died in Alsace-Lorraine. He was a gardener by

occupation, was the owner of vineyards and made wine of excellent quality. He became a soldier in Napoleon's army at the age of sixteen years and served for twelve years, participating in the Crimean war, wounded at the battle of Sebastapool, and was an active participant in three other wars, receiving for his bravery four medals. At the time of his honorable discharge he was serving in the office of sergeant. He then accepted a position with the mounted police of Paris and so continued for two years, after which he returned to his accustomed duties, gardening and taking care of his vineyards. He married Manama Kleindinst, of Alsace-Lorraine, and they were the parents of six children: Frank, Joseph, Mary, Francisca, Katherine, and Anna, who became the wife of Peter Grim; she was killed by the explosion of a shell in Alsace in the year 1914.

Frank Vogel, of this review, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, July 20, 1866. He obtained a practical education by attending the public schools of his native place until he was thirteen years of age and the high school the following year, and became thoroughly proficient in the French and German languages. He then served an apprenticeship of three years to the trade of machinist in Alsace, and from the expiration of that time until he attained his majority worked as a journeyman in France and Switzerland. He was then compelled, by the order of the Emperor of Germany, to serve that country in the army and navy, and fourteen months later, when off duty on a furlough, in December, 1887, he escaped to the United States and thus ended his term of service. He took up his residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in January, 1888, and has since resided there, gaining for himself a reputation as a man of industry, thrift and prudence. His first employment in his adopted country was in the Holyoke Machine Shop, where he remained for

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thirteen years, and then entered the employ of the American Thread Company, where he remained for nine years, discharging his duties in both places in a manner satisfactory to his employers. In 1910 he entirely changed his line of business, devoting his time and attention to real estate transactions and erected a magnificent apartment house on Main street, Holyoke, and in addition to this he is the owner of several tenements and cottages, from which he derives a substantial income and to the care of which he devotes his time. He is punctual in his attendance at the services of the Sacred Heart Church, and holds membership in the Alsace-Lorraine Association and in several German societies including the Turn Verein. Mr. Vogel is genial and pleasant in manner and his uniform courtesy and reliability have made him popular among all with whom he comes in contact, whether in business or social life.

Mr. Vogel married (first) April 7, 1888, Fannie Mann, of Alsace, daughter of John Baptiste and Mary (Hoch) Mann. Mrs. Vogel died May 7, 1906. Mr. Vogel married (second) September 20, 1906, Oletta Vogt, born in Alsace-Lorraine, daughter of Frank Anthony and Anna Barbara (Higy) Vogt. Children of first marriage: Frank L., born January 3, 1889, the eighth generation in direct line bearing the name Frank; Esther, born September 6, 1902, and Ralph, born May 2, 1906. Child of second marriage: Ruth, born March 12, 1912.

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### **GRIFFIN, Rev. John Francis,**

#### **Priest.**

Among the prominent Roman Catholic parishes of Holyoke is that of Our Lady of the Rosary, of which Rev. John Francis Griffin is pastor. Father Griffin is a native of the State of Massachusetts, a grandson of Jeremiah Griffin, an educated man, who

died in Ireland at an early age. He married Honora Moriarity, who came to America after his death and lived in Belchertown, Massachusetts, where she died. They had children: John, Catherine, Mary and Michael.

Michael Griffin was born 1836, in County Kerry, Ireland, and died August 20, 1917, in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Owing to the early death of his father he was early compelled to earn his own living, and his educational opportunities were thereby limited. He attended school in his native land until twelve years of age, after which he was employed on a farm, at a wage of one dollar per year and his board. In 1850, at the age of fourteen years, he came to America with his mother, locating at Belchertown, Massachusetts, where he soon engaged in farming, and there reared a family of eight children, all of whom secured a high school education, and three of whom pursued college courses. In 1902 Mr. Griffin took up his residence in Holyoke, and since that time has been retired from active life, a typical representative of a class well known in his native country, high minded, active, energetic, Irish gentlemen. He married Margaret Houlihan. Her father, Patrick Houlihan, removed from Ireland to New Orleans, Louisiana, in an early day, later settled in Chicopee, where he spent the greater part of his life, but died in Belchertown in 1888 at ninety-five years of age. Children of Michael and Margaret Griffin: 1. Michael A., born October 15, 1863, was pastor of the church of Our Lady of Hope at Springfield, Massachusetts, at the time of his death, February 4, 1910; it was said of him: "The dignity of his nature, the value of his life, and the importance of the station set for him in the ordinance of God, were ever the motives of his conduct, the animating principle of his career as a priest. His winning sweetness, his amiability of manner, and

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the unfailing serenity of his character, showed that around his soul was spread a mantle of divine peace. He was sagacious in counsel, invaluable in friendship, and his heart was a treasure house of trust and confidence. His charity was patterned on that of Christ, his love of the poor was intense." 2. Jeremiah. 3. John Francis. 4. Mary, a sister of charity. 5. Patrick. 6. James, deceased. 7. Johanna, wife of Dr. E. T. Sullivan, of Holyoke.

Rev. John Francis Griffin was born March 27, 1869, in Belchertown, and in boyhood attended the public schools and high school of that town. He was subsequently a student at Brimfield Academy and the University at Ottawa, Canada. After five years of study in St. John's Seminary at Brighton, Massachusetts, he took a post-graduate course of two years in the Catholic University in Washington, D. C., and was ordained to the priesthood in Springfield, Massachusetts, September 24, 1898. After this thorough preparation, Father Griffin was eminently qualified to enter upon the labors of the priesthood, and his efforts have been successful and of great benefit to the church. Since 1900 he has been connected with the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary in Holyoke and following the death of Father Fitzgerald, in 1911, has been at the head of the parish. Its great affairs have been ably managed by him, and in his seventeen years of labor he has become greatly endeared to those people who call the Church of the Rosary their spiritual home. In connection with the church is maintained a school, whose up-building has been one of the favorite ambitions of the pastor, and of whose work he may very justly be proud. The parish is in the eastern part of Holyoke, in Ward One, and was formed by setting off a part of St. Jerome's parish and a small portion of the Sacred Heart parish. In March, 1886, it was deemed desirable to establish

an English speaking parish for the Catholics of the locality, and Rev. Michael J. Howard was placed in charge by Bishop O'Reilly, March 26 of that year. The old Second Baptist Church of Holyoke, which stood just south of the present Water Power Company's office at the junction of Main and Race streets, was first employed as a house of worship by the new parish, and the first mass was celebrated there on Passion Sunday, April 11, 1886. In the following year a lot was purchased, bounded by Mosher, West Ely and Centre streets, and the erection of a church begun. The basement was ready for occupancy on August 26, 1888, when the church was dedicated. Less than a month later the beloved pastor, Father Howard, passed away, and he was succeeded by Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Beaven, formerly of Spencer, Massachusetts. After four years of service, he was appointed Bishop of Springfield by Pope Leo XIII., and the parish was placed under a new rector. Father Howard's body was laid to rest near the entrance to the church he built. When the Rosary parish was first organized, it included eighteen hundred souls, and now it ministers to approximately three thousand. The church auditorium has a seating capacity of one thousand one hundred and twenty, and the basement about the same number. The school serves more than eight hundred pupils, and is in charge of twenty Sisters of St. Joseph. Four masses are celebrated here each Sunday, and the pastor is assisted by Rev. James A. Lahey and Rev. J. D. Sullivan as curates. The parish is one of the most progressive in the State, has recently purchased a moving picture machine, and provides weekly entertainments in the school hall. The section served by this church is almost wholly occupied by factories and tenement houses. The value of the church, which is of brick, with the land accompanying, is \$52,640. Its pastor is imbued with the true spirit of his

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calling, is energetic and industrious, ever striving to benefit those in his charge, and is deservedly popular, both in his own congregation, in the church at large, and as a citizen of Holyoke.

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### HUNTER, Roy John,

**Business Man.**

Two generations of Hunters have conducted a harness and saddlery business in Holyoke, Massachusetts, John T. Hunter the founder, who learned the trade with his father, Thomas Hunter, in Canada, and Roy J. Hunter, son of John T. Hunter, who succeeded his father and is now head of the business known as Roy J. Hunter, long known under the firm name John T. Hunter & Son.

Thomas Hunter was brought from his native Tyrone county, Ireland, by his parents when a child of three years. His parents settled in Huntingdon, Canada, on coming from Ireland, and there he was educated in the public schools and learned the saddler's trade. After becoming an expert workman he was employed for some time in Malone and Bangor, New York, then returned to Huntingdon, Canada, and established a harness making business which he successfully conducted until his death, August 29, 1899, at sixty-five years of age. He was a man highly respected, and for many years was prominent in St. John's Episcopal Church which he served as warden. He was one of the old time residents of Huntingdon, and when finally laid at rest in the churchyard of the church he had served so long a large number came to pay their last tribute of respect. He married Martha Fulton, born in Belfast, Ireland, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in September, 1913, daughter of George and Margaret Fulton. Thomas and Martha Hunter were the parents of nine sons and daughters: Mary, born January 3, 1852, mar-

ried Clinton Smith; John T., of further mention; Margaret, born June 3, 1856, married Robert Fortune; Fannie, born May 23, 1858, married Daniel E. Sparks; George, born November 27, 1859; Thomas, born March 13, 1862; Charles, born March 15, 1864; William, born July 9, 1866; Martha, born July 3, 1869. Martha (Fulton) Hunter married (second) Nathan Spanow, and they were the parents of: John, Jonathan, William, Fannie, Elizabeth and Charles Spanow.

John T. Hunter, son of Thomas and Martha (Fulton) Hunter, was born at Sand Bank Hollow, New York, May 25, 1854, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in May, 1912. He was educated in the public schools, and was taught the harness maker's trade by his father and was in his employ in Huntingdon, Canada, for several years. Later he came to the United States, located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and there established a saddlery and harness making business which he successfully conducted until his death. He married Delia A. Goddard, and they were the parents of four children: Charles E., deceased; Willis C.; Lelia May, married William McDonald; and Roy John, of further mention.

Roy John Hunter, youngest child of John T. and Delia A. (Goddard) Hunter, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, August 24, 1885. He was educated in the graded and high schools of the city, and until 1909 was employed in the milk business, later in the grocery trade, continuing in the latter line four years. He then became associated with his father and learned the saddlery business under his capable direction. He was admitted as a partner, the firm name then being changed to John T. Hunter & Son. When John T. Hunter died in 1912, the son succeeded to the business, and the firm name became Roy J. Hunter, and as such he has since conducted it alone. He is

an energetic, progressive, and one of the successful young business men of his city. A member of William Whitney Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Holyoke Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Elmwood Club, and in religious connection affiliates with the First Baptist Church. He is interested in work among the young and serves the Sunday school of the church as superintendent.

Mr. Hunter married, June 18, 1913, Mabel E. Curtis, daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Rick) Curtis. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are the parents of a daughter, Doris Isabelle, born April 23, 1914, and a son, Kenneth Roy, born March 17, 1916.

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**MORTON, Arthur Henry,**  
**Agriculturist.**

Arthur Henry Morton, now deceased, was for many years one of the well known and successful agriculturists of Smith's Ferry, carrying on the old Smith Farm of nearly two hundred and fifty acres, located on the banks of the Connecticut river, the ferry at this point having been operated by an ancestor of Mrs. Morton, who before her marriage was Miss Smith.

Arthur Henry Morton was of English ancestry, his grandfather, William Robinson Morton, having been born in England in 1799, where he resided until 1840, when believing there were better opportunities in the new world, he came to the United States. He married Elizabeth ———, born in 1798, in England, and they were the parents of the following children, all of whom, with the exception of the youngest, were born in England: Sarah, born June 24, 1821, died September 4, 1882; William Winter, born November 19, 1824, died in 1888; Charles, born August 15, 1827, died June 5, 1860; Frank, born December 7, 1830; John, born November 8, 1832; Henry, of further mention; Ann, born May 4,

1838, died in February, 1860; and Joseph, born May 11, 1844. The father of the family died September 10, 1846, in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and the mother passed away September 17, 1872.

(II) Henry Morton, son of William Robinson and Elizabeth Morton, was born June 7, 1835, in England, and was about five years old when brought by his parents to the United States. He became a landscape gardener, carrying on his business in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Morton married, November 25, 1863, Abbie Daniels, of Hartford, born in 1842, and their children were: Arthur Henry, of further mention; Joseph Hiram, born January 6, 1869; and Howard, born April 21, 1871, died August 12, 1872. Mrs. Morton passed away November 20, 1872, at thirty years of age, her husband surviving her but two years, his death occurring June 23, 1874, at thirty-nine years of age.

(III) Arthur Henry Morton, son of Henry and Abbie (Daniels) Morton, was born May 26, 1865, in Hartford, Connecticut, was left an orphan at nine years of age, and was placed in a home for children in Hartford, Connecticut, and later was received into the family of Mrs. Mary Waters, of Smith's Ferry, a part of the town of Northampton, Massachusetts. There he received a good education, attending public school and later taking a business course in Child's Business College, Holyoke, Massachusetts. For five years he was employed on the electric cars in Holyoke, but during the remainder of his life Mr. Morton was engaged in farming. He resided on the homestead of his wife's family at Smith's Ferry, taking full charge of the farm which consisted of some thirty-five acres under tillage and about two hundred acres of mountain land. This farm, Mr. Morton conducted in a highly creditable manner, and he was regarded as one of the substantial and successful agriculturists of

the community where he was well and favorably known. He was a most kind and affectionate husband and father.

Mr. Morton married, March 14, 1889, Luthera J. Smith, whose family record is appended to this biography, and they became the parents of three children: Elsie May, born June 12, 1892, married Robert John Mundell, a plumber of Brattleboro, Vermont; Edith Marion, born October 17, 1896; and Wilber Arthur, born December 11, 1900, died July 26, 1901. Mr. Morton passed away on June 7, 1907, at the comparatively early age of forty-two. The bereavement to his family and those many warmly attached friends who mourned his loss was very great. Faithful to every duty and best loved by those who knew him most intimately, Arthur Henry Morton left the impress upon the community of an example which might well be emulated.

(The Smith Line)

Mrs. Luthera J. (Smith) Morton, mentioned previously as the wife of Arthur Henry Morton, represents one of the first settlers at what is known as Smith's Ferry. Her great-grandfather, Lewis Smith, was the pioneer of the family who settled there, and it was from him that the place derived its name. His patriotic motives were shown by his service in the War of the Revolution. The children of Lewis Smith were: Milo J., of further mention; Charles, Chester, Mary, Aserath, Eunice, Henry, Lewis, David.

(II) Milo J. Smith, son of Lewis Smith, was born in 1808, at Smith's Ferry, then a part of Northampton, Massachusetts. He married Sally Street, and their children were: Milo L., of further mention; Sarah L., and Josephine A. The death of Mr. Smith occurred in August, 1884.

(III) Milo L. Smith, son of Milo J. and Sally (Street) Smith, was born May 2, 1832, at Smith's Ferry, in the town of Northampton, Massachusetts, and married

Luthera Meekins. Their children were: Milo Wilbur, now living in Chico, California; Herbert T., deceased; one who died in infancy; and Luthera J., of further mention.

(IV) Luthera J. Smith, daughter of Milo L. and Luthera (Meekins) Smith, became the wife of Arthur Henry Morton, as stated above.

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### WRIGHT, James Franklin,

**Respected Citizen of Holyoke.**

There is no class of her citizens to whom our country is more deeply indebted than she is to those of Scottish birth and ancestry. The State of Massachusetts is no exception to this rule and the town of Holyoke at present possesses, in the man whose name stands at the head of this article, a representative Scottish-American. James Franklin Wright, who holds the position of superintendent for the Newton Paper Company of Holyoke, Massachusetts, which position he has held for twenty-seven years, is one of the well known and highly respected men of that community.

James Wright, father of James Franklin Wright, was born in Scotland, and passed his entire life in his native country. He was master of an Orange Lodge and a member of the Established Church. Mr. Wright married Ann Franklin, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and their children were: John; Robert, deceased; James Franklin, mentioned in next paragraph; William, Annie, Agnes, and Andrew. All those now living, with the exception of James Franklin, are still in Scotland. James Wright, the father, died in 1913, at the age of sixty-seven, and in 1915 his widow also passed away in her native land.

James Franklin Wright, son of James and Ann (Franklin) Wright, was born January 20, 1874, in Johnson, Scotland. He received his education in the schools of his







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native town, attending a half-day session and the remainder of the day working in a paper mill. When his school days were over he worked on full time. In 1889 Mr. Wright emigrated to the United States, settling in Holyoke, Massachusetts, accepting a position with the Newton Paper Company. With this concern he has ever since remained, gradually working his way up through successive positions of increasing responsibility to his present position, which for the last six years he has filled with exceptional ability, that of superintendent of the mill. While never neglectful of his duties as a good citizen, Mr. Wright has been entirely too busy with the responsibilities of his position to take active part in politics. He affiliates with William Whiting Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the Caledonian Benefit Club, Incorporated. In religious belief, he is a Presbyterian and a trustee of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Wright married Susan, daughter of W. W. and Ann (Robinson) Halliday, and they are the parents of the following children: Annie Elizabeth, married Henry Escott; Ethel Elizabeth, wife of Robert Hahn; James Howard; Amy Grace; and Vera Alice. Mrs. Wright, a native of Connecticut, is a woman of intelligence, excelling in the domestic virtues, and her husband is a man with whom the ties and obligations of home and family constitute always a governing motive. James Franklin Wright is a true Scotsman and a loyal American.

### **DUCLOS, Henry Hormide,**

#### **Representative Citizen.**

Henry Hormide Duclos, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Holyoke, in which city he has made his home for many years, contributing to the best of his ability toward its welfare and development, is a native of Beloeil, Canada, born August 8,

1866, son of Pierre and Elmira (Missin) Duclos.

Pierre Duclos was born in the Province of Quebec, near Montreal, Canada, in 1854, on the farm of his maternal grandfather. In 1872, at the age of eighteen years, realizing that the opportunities for advancement were greater in the United States than in his native land, he came thither and here spent the remainder of his days. He located in Webster, Massachusetts, and after a residence there of eight or nine years removed to East Brookfield, where he resided for the following two years. He then changed his place of residence to Holyoke, where he was employed for many years in the mills, during which time he managed by dint of thrift and frugality to accumulate sufficient capital to engage in business on his own account. He accordingly purchased the stock and good will of a store in South Holyoke, in the management of which he was highly successful, and later engaged in the same line of business in Elmwood, in which town he erected a house for the use of himself and family, his death occurring there, August 14, 1908, while yet in the prime of manhood. He married Elmira Missin, of Beloeil, Canada, and they were the parents of seven children: Angelina, Joseph, Phyllis, Amelia, Henry Hormide, Alexander and Elmira.

Henry Hormide Duclos accompanied his parents to the United States, he being then but six years of age, and therefore almost his entire life has been spent in the State of Massachusetts. He attended the public schools of Webster, Massachusetts, and at the early age of ten years, when the majority of boys are devoting their entire attention to the pursuit of knowledge and pleasure, he began assisting in the support of the family, entering one of the mills and there learning the trade of weaving, at which he became highly proficient. Subsequently he was employed in mills at Grosvenordale and

East Brookfield, where he performed his labor in a capable and efficient manner, winning the approbation of his superiors, and then became an employe of the Alpaca Mill at Holyoke, his service there extending over a period of ten years, this fact eloquently testifying to his fitness for the tasks allotted him and to his faithfulness in the discharge of them. The following five years he was engaged in the grocery business, and the following ten years was employed in the Skinner Silk Mill. In 1913 he retired from active business pursuits, after many years of labor, during which time he laid aside from his earnings sufficient to purchase a block on Summer street, South Holyoke, of which he was the owner until 1913, when he decided to build a block on Sergeant street, known as "The Homer," which was perfect and modern in every detail, and which cost about \$60,000, and to the care of this he has ever since given his entire attention. Mr. Duclos holds membership in the Improved Order of Red Men, and was formerly a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, in both of these organizations having proven himself an amiable associate and won and retained the esteem of all with whom he associated.

Mr. Duclos married, June 8, 1885, Olivian Lopoint, daughter of Charles and Caroline (Beschamt) Lopoint, of Canada. She died July 1, 1916. Their children are as follows: 1. Eveline, born June 9, 1886; became the wife of Eustace Belanger, and they are the parents of two children: Leo and Anita. 2. Homer, born April, 1890; married Eva Dill and they are the parents of one child, Hervey. 3. Eva Dullin, born August 13, 1891.

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**DROUIN, Wilfred George, M. D.,**

**Physician.**

Dr. Wilfred George Drouin, of Holyoke, is a native of Valicourt, Province of Que-

bec, Canada, born October 20, 1880, son of Francois Xavier and Sophia (Hamel) Drouin. Francois Xavier Drouin was one of seven children, all deceased, namely: Regis; Septarian, killed at the battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War; Joseph, who was a lieutenant-colonel in the Civil War, enlisted from Minnesota in the only regiment from that section of the North, and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, from the effects of which he died fifteen days later; Francois Xavier, mentioned below; Delima; Catharine; Mary.

Francois Xavier Drouin was born in St. Anne des Plains, Province of Quebec, Canada, March 20, 1825, and died in Valicourt, Canada, June 8, 1897. After completing his studies in the schools of his native place, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in his native land, owning at the time of his death some seven hundred acres of land, the greater part of which he cleared, located in Valicourt, he being among the first settlers of that town. He was a man of advanced ideas, progressive in his methods, ever looking toward the improvement and welfare of the community, and was widely and favorably known as a man of enterprise and ability. He married Sophia Hamel, born in St. Argyle, Canada, 1834, residing at the present time (1917) in Valicourt, Canada, aged eighty-three years. Children: Francois Xavier, Jr., a physician, practicing his profession in Chicopee, Massachusetts; Alphonsin, married Narcisse Neider, and resides in Racine, Quebec, Canada; Joseph, married Emelie Fountain, and resides in Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Regis, an architect, married Philomin Bombardier; Delima, deceased, became the wife of Onezine Bombardier, also deceased; Evelina, became the wife of Joseph Bombardier; Rosalie, became the wife of Pierre Quintat; Amidee, a grocer in Farnum, Quebec; Josephine, deceased, was the wife of Pierre Goodin; Mary, became the

wife of Adolph Patrin; Olymphina, became the wife of Edmond Trudian; Frederick, resides on the old homestead; Evangeline, deceased, was the wife of Joseph Racicot; Dr. Wilfred George, mentioned below.

Dr. Wilfred George Drouin acquired his preparatory education in the public schools of Valicourt, and this was supplemented by a course of study in Valicourt Normal School, and at St. Marie College, Montreal, Canada, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1898. He chose the profession of medicine as the one best suited to his tastes and inclinations, and in order to prepare himself matriculated in Laval University, Montreal, from which he was graduated in 1903, at only twenty-two years of age, obtaining the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For the following one and a half years, he acted as interne at the Montreal General Hospital. He then took up his residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts, there engaged in a general practice, which has steadily increased with each passing year. In 1915 he returned to Montreal, where he entered the Montreal General Hospital, taking a special course in surgery, which extended over a period of six months. He then spent the following six months in the Polyclinic Hospital, New York City, for the same purpose. In 1916 he went abroad, and for ten months was engaged in hospital work at the seat of war, five and a half months of which he was surgeon of the Edith Carvelle Hospital in Paris, and the remaining four and a half months he was in charge of the Military Hospital at La Duc, having six hundred and fifty patients. Since his return to Holyoke, he has devoted considerable time to surgical work. Dr. Drouin erected in 1911 the Drouin Block, where his offices are located. He is a member of the Church of the Precious Blood (Catholic), and he is also affiliated with the St. Jean Baptiste Society, Foresters of America, Knights of

Pythias, Order of Moose, and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Dr. Drouin married, April 7, 1905, Nellie Pellitier, of Holyoke, daughter of Joseph A. and Delia (Fortin) Pellitier. Children: Germaine, born August 13, 1909; Jacqueline, March 8, 1911; Marcelle, March 14, 1913, all born in Holyoke.

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#### HEBERT, George Joseph, M. D.,

##### Physician.

In 1880, after an active, busy life in their native Canada, the parents of Dr. Hebert came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where the father, Wilfred Hebert, died December 23, 1885. He married, in Canada, Alphonsie Bressetta, who died in August, 1906, the mother of four children, the first three born in Canada: Theophile; Georgianna, married Albert Bernoit, of Holyoke; George Joseph, of further mention; Albert, born in Holyoke.

Dr. George J. Hebert was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, January 10, 1875. He was five years of age when his parents came to Holyoke, and here he was educated in the public schools and under private teachers in Canada. After completing his studies, he returned to Holyoke, where he was employed in a drug store. In pursuit of his ambition to become a physician he next entered the medical department of Laval University (Canada), whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1899. During his medical studies Dr. Hebert was an interne at Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal. In 1899, he located in Three Rivers, town of Palmer, Massachusetts, where he practiced four years, 1900-1904, serving also as town physician and as a member of the Board of Health. In 1904 he located permanently in Holyoke, where he is well established in public favor and highly regarded as a physician.

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practice, Dr. Hebert for two years was city physician, was school inspector in 1909-10-11, and with his wife is actively identified with charitable work, particularly interested in the welfare of the children. While in Palmer he was a member of the Hampden County Medical Society. He is a member of the Massachusetts State Board of Health; Holyoke Medical Society; Massachusetts State Medical Association; of St. Jean Baptiste Society, of which he was one of the founders, and of the Artisans of Montreal.

Dr. Hebert married, June 19, 1899, El-mire Chevalier, of Port Eaux Trembles, Canada, daughter of Dr. Joseph Chevalier, a well known physician of Montreal. Dr. and Mrs. Hebert are the parents of a son, Henry, born in Holyoke, March 19, 1907.

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### **BAUMAN, Julia Lewandowska, M. D., Physician.**

Probably the best known woman physician among the Polish race of Western Massachusetts is Dr. Julia (Lewandowska) Bauman, of Holyoke, who by dint of self sacrifice and tremendous effort managed in 1911 to gain the goal of her ambition and to receive the title of M. D.

She is the sixth child of Andrew and Rosalie (Schmeltz) Lewandowska, of Posen, German Poland, whose children are: Eva, Peter, Vincent, Marcianna, Adam, Julia; Joseph, of Exeter, New Hampshire; and Stanislaus. The first six were born in Posen, the last two in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Julia Lewandowska was born in the city of Posen, November 27, 1882, her parents coming to the United States in the spring of 1883, settling first at Exeter, New Hampshire, and later at Chicopee, Massachusetts. She began her education in the parochial school at Chicopee, completing the grammar school course with the class

of 1896. She now determined that if possible she would obtain sufficient education to become a physician, and with this end in view she bent every energy towards acquiring the necessary knowledge, and during the years ending with 1907 she provided for her own support, tutored others, attended evening school for two years, spent one year in Springfield High School, and by using all her time and effort she accumulated a fund sufficient to finance a college education. That diligent study, the most careful economy and untiring industry accompanied the years so spent need not be said. In 1907 she entered Baltimore Woman's Medical College, there spent three years of hard college work, followed by a year of study at the Pennsylvania Woman's College, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which she was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1911. She opened offices at No. 97 High street, Holyoke, in 1911, and began general practice. Her fame spread rapidly among the Polish people, more perhaps at first because she could understand and speak to them in their own language, and she now has a very extensive practice, giving especial attention to obstetrical cases and children's diseases. Her professional calls extend to Springfield, up and down the Connecticut Valley and throughout the entire Holyoke section of the State.

Dr. Bauman has used her influence among the people of her race for better sanitary conditions, and to secure better housing facilities. Her efforts have been attended with success along these lines, and she everywhere advocates these conditions to aid in the prevention of disease. Along these same lines she has taken an active interest in and spent much time in the study of the "Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis," and is well known to the various members of the medical profession, who have made this same work a study, and is one of the highly valued members of the





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State Tuberculosis Association. She is also a member of the Eastern States Polish Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the American Medical Association, Holyoke Municipal League, and the Baby's Hygienic Association. Dr. Bauman enjoys the distinction of being the only Polish woman physician east of Chicago. She is devoted to her profession and is doing missionary work of the highest order.

Dr. Julia Lewandowska became Dr. Julia (Lewandowska) Bauman through her marriage, July 8, 1914, to Lucian Bauman, born in Warsaw, Russian Poland. He came to the United States in 1907, studied pharmacy, passed the required examination before the State Board in 1912, and is a registered pharmacist in business for himself at No. 151 High street, Holyoke. He is in complete sympathy with his wife in her self sacrificing work, and in his own field performs equally valuable service in the uplift of his people.

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**BAESLER, Carl Bernhardt,**

**Business Man.**

Since his coming to America from Germany, Carl Bernhardt Baesler has by constant application to whatever business has occupied him, risen to a place where he is today recognized as one of the honored, respected and successful real estate dealers of Holyoke, Massachusetts.

The parents of Mr. Baesler were Christian Lobegot Baesler, born in Tholheim, Germany, in 1820, and died there at the age of thirty-nine years, a manufacturer of wooden frames used in the knitting of stockings, and Johanna (Langer) Baesler, of the same town, born in 1826, and died in 1905. The other children of the family were: Christian L., of Holyoke; Lobegot; Bruno, deceased; Gustave, deceased; Olivena, deceased; and Amelia.

Carl Bernhardt Baesler was born August

29, 1854, in Tholheim, Germany, where he received a common school education. When thirteen years of age he learned the trade of knitting by hand and later learned to do the same kind of work by machine. In 1884 he came to America, settling in Ulster county, State of New York, where he farmed. The following year he moved to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he became employed in the hosiery business, in the knitting department of McCullum & Constable Company. After eight years in this occupation, realizing that to continue here meant to remain at a standstill, he went into business for himself. He bought horses and started an express business, at the same time handling wood and coal. For sixteen years he continued in this line, then he sold out and entered the real estate business. His largest dealings in the latter field have been in the purchase and disposition of apartment houses. He owned at one time the "Belvidere," a building consisting of twenty apartments, which he sold. He then bought the apartment house at No. 84 Hampshire street, where he now lives and which he has continued to maintain in care and upkeep for the past eight years. He is a member of the Turn Verein, and attends the Second Congregational Church of Holyoke.

Mr. Baesler married, October 27, 1877, Marie Blumstangel, born in Lunestan, Saxony, Germany. They have two children: Ella, who married Max Merkel, of the Germania Mills in Holyoke, and is the mother of one child, Arno Bernhardt; and Harry, a graduate of Holyoke High School in 1912, of Harvard College in 1915, and who is now attendnig Harvard Law School.

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**HORRIGAN, William James, D. D. S.,**

**Dental Practitioner.**

When Patrick Horrigan left his home in Ireland he came to the United States, settling first in Goshen, Connecticut, where

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William John Horrigan, third of his thirteen children, was born. From Goshen he moved to Great Barrington, thence, in 1876, to North Adams, Massachusetts, where he died. There the son, William John Horrigan, grew to manhood, and later removed to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he became a very successful jeweler and merchant, that city being the birthplace and scene of the professional success of his son, Dr. William James Horrigan, who since 1911 has been a dental practitioner of the city in which his honored father won his business success as senior member of the jewelry firm, Horrigan Brothers.

Patrick Horrigan, the founder of the family in this country, married Julia O'Brien, who died in 1883, and they were the parents of thirteen children: James M., a resident of North Adams, Massachusetts; William John, of further mention; Thomas, a resident of North Adams, Massachusetts; Rose, became the wife of John Casey, of North Adams, Massachusetts; George, a resident of Beloit, Wisconsin; Sidney L., a resident of Holyoke, Massachusetts; Marcella, became the wife of John Tracy, of Denver, Colorado, and resides there; Alice, became the wife of John Reidy, resides in Denver, Colorado; Anna, became the wife of Patrick Dougherty, of Indian Orchard; Julia, became the wife of George Fitzgerald, of Springfield, Massachusetts.

William John Horrigan was born in Goshen, Connecticut, in 1850, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, December 4, 1898. He attended public schools, but early in life became a mill worker and was so employed for many years in Massachusetts mills. He resided in North Adams until 1876, then for a year was employed in the Lyman Mills at Holyoke, after which he returned to North Adams. A year later he again came to Holyoke, and until 1885 was in charge of the combing department of the

Merrick Thread Company. In that year he formed a partnership with his brother, Sidney L. Horrigan, and at No. 156 High street, Holyoke, established a jewelry business, which more than met their hopes, and in 1892 they succeeded Chapman Brothers in the store, corner of High and Dwight streets, a much better location and a more desirable building. Later they purchased the property at the corner of High and Hampden streets, there remaining until moving into their own finely equipped and handsomely stocked store at No. 249 High street. But the senior partner, William J. Horrigan, did not long enjoy the beautiful surroundings, his death in 1898 occurring soon after the removal to the new store. The brothers, both excellent business men, gave close attention to the detail and management of the business and made promptness a cardinal virtue. For years William J. Horrigan was an untiring worker and was the active, energetic head of the business.

William J. Horrigan married, September 7, 1887, Katherine Farrell, of Wells River, Vermont, daughter of James and Rosanna (Hart) Farrell. They were the parents of: Dr. William James, of further mention; Irene Margaret, born February 1, 1890, a teacher in Springfield, Massachusetts; Arthur Joseph, born December 29, 1891, a graduate M. D. of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, class of 1916; first lieutenant in the army now, 1917, stationed at Augusta, Georgia; Howard Patrick, born August 30, 1895, now a student at Tuft's College; Olive Catherine, born February 16, 1898.

Dr. William James Horrigan, D. D. S., was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, July 28, 1888. In the graded and high schools of the city he obtained his education so far as their limits extended. Deciding upon the profession of dentistry, he entered the dental department of the University of Penn-

sylvania at Philadelphia, whence he was graduated D. D. S., class of 1911. After graduation he returned to Holyoke and at once began practice, and now has a most satisfactory clientele. His offices, which are at No. 225 High street, are modernly equipped. He is a member of the Valley District Dental Association, Massachusetts Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Knights of Columbus, and Holyoke Country Club.

Dr. Horrigan married, November 26, 1914, Catherine M. Delaney, daughter of John L. and Margaret (Horan) Delaney, of Holyoke. They are the parents of a daughter, Carol, born December 25, 1915.

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**RICHARDS, Charles H.,**

**Business Man.**

From 1849, when his parents moved to Holyoke, until his death in 1910, Charles H. Richards was a resident of Holyoke and at his death was the oldest grocer in the city, having been continuously in business from 1867 until his retirement in 1904. He was a man of sterling worth and character, his long business life in one community thoroughly proving the strength of his devotion to those highest and truest principles upon which permanent success can alone be built. He was a son of Ebenezer T. Richards, born in Hardwick, Massachusetts, in 1818, died in Holyoke, August 26, 1882, death resulting from injuries received by being thrown from his buggy.

Ebenezer T. Richards married Mary Ann Smith, born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and in 1849 they moved to Holyoke. Mr. Richards owned and operated a large brick manufacturing plant at South Hadley Falls, and was also a builder and contractor, erecting the Merrick Mills and many buildings in Holyoke. He was a prominent member and a deacon of the Second Baptist Church, and an earnest worker for the cause of tem-

perance and prohibition. He was a man of strong vigorous constitution, being decided in his opinions and not to be turned from the performance of any line of conduct he felt it was his duty to pursue. He was a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Wyoming Lodge of Good Templars. Ebenezer T. and Mary Ann (Smith) Richards were the parents of three sons: Charles H., of further mention; George W., a resident of Holyoke; and Frederick T., deceased.

Charles H. Richards was born at Chicopee, Massachusetts, December 2, 1845, died at Holyoke, May 2, 1910. He was but four years of age when his parents moved to Holyoke and there his after life was passed. He attended the grammar and high schools of the city until seventeen years of age, then entered the employ of W. C. Carter, a grocer of Holyoke. He continued in that employ eleven years, then formed a partnership with James N. Thayer and purchased the business of Mr. Chapin, corner of Sargeant and Main streets. Richards & Thayer continued in successful business operation for thirty-four years, 1867-1901, removing from the old store on Main street in 1892 to the block which they purchased corner of High and Essex streets, now owned by D. M. Foley. In 1901 the firm dissolved, Mr. Richards continuing the business until 1904, having at that time been continuously in the grocery business forty-eight years, first as clerk, later as partner, and still later as sole proprietor, 1856-1904, the oldest in the city.

He was wholly devoted to his business and took little active part in public affairs, although keenly alive to his responsibilities as a citizen. He served as clerk of the caucus meetings held in Ward One for several years, was a member and secretary of the South Holyoke Fire Company for many years, and one of the eighteen charter members of Connecticut Valley Lodge, No. 28,

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Knights of Pythias, instituted in 1870. He took perhaps a deeper interest in that lodge than in anything else outside his business and his home. He served as prelate of the lodge 1900-1906, was elected chancellor commander in January, 1907, and became past chancellor in January, 1908. He was a member of the Second Congregational Church.

Mr. Richards married, May 6, 1869, Ettie Harlow, who had been a teacher in Holyoke public schools; she is a daughter of Lucius Harlow, of Springfield, Vermont, of an old and prominent early Springfield family. Miss Harlow was a student at Mt. Holyoke College three years, 1863-1864 to June, 1865, leaving to accept appointment as a teacher in the Holyoke public schools. She taught in Park street school the first year the building was opened and pursued a very successful career as a teacher until her marriage. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards: Jennie, married James A. Brierly and has two children, Richard Harlow and Charles William Brierly; Ettie, born in 1876, died in 1887.

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### **KING, Samuel,**

#### **Retired Business Man.**

When Samuel King came to Holyoke in 1860 a newly naturalized citizen of the United States, he had barely attained the age of twenty-nine years and Holyoke was equally young, having then a population of but three thousand. During the more than half a century which has elapsed both have grown to full stature, Holyoke as a city, Samuel King as a merchant. Men make cities and cities furnish opportunity. As a dry goods merchant from 1862 to 1912 Mr. King must be counted among the men who have made Holyoke, and the city in its marvelous growth has furnished him with the opportunity to exercise his native talent and abundant business ability. For fifty

years the business sign "Samuel King Dry Goods" was a fixture at the corner of Hampden and High streets with Samuel King in personal charge, and when he finally retired in 1912, he was the oldest merchant in continuous business in the city, and moreover, during that half a century which witnessed financial panics, fires and business depression, his financial standing was never questioned nor did the shadow of failure, fire or disaster ever fall athwart his door. His record is one of honorable prosperity and fair dealing, he carrying into retirement the unqualified respect of the business world and the esteem of the public who had so long been served over his counters. He was the first man to make a deposit in the newly organized First National Bank and when safety deposit vaults were added he was the first man to rent a compartment.

Samuel King was born in Austria, Europe, July 8, 1831, son of Moses and Caroline King. He was well educated in his native land and there spent the first twenty years of his life, coming to the United States in 1851, locating in the city of Brooklyn, New York. He applied for his first naturalization papers in 1852, and as soon as the law permitted consummated his intentions and became a citizen of the United States. In 1860 he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, then but a town of inferior proportions, and for two years he drove over the roads of Berkshire and Hampden counties, from Pittsfield to Holyoke, selling merchandise from a wagon. He then invested his small capital in a stock of goods and opened a dry goods store in Holyoke at the corner of Hampden and High streets, and there he continued in successful business for fifty years until retirement in 1912. He purchased the building which he entered as a tenant and as time progressed made all modern improvements and kept pace with the march of progress. He bore a hand in

movements which from time to time have resulted in expansion and community good, and in a quiet, yet forceful, way has borne his share in the upbuilding of the city.

In 1907 he revisited the country of his birth and toured Austria-Hungary, the vast empire created since he was there a resident. Independent in politics he has had a potent voice in public affairs, and is a powerful advocate for any cause he espouses. He numbers his friends among the most eminent in the city and State, and there are few men whose influence is more potent than his if he chooses to exert it. During the campaign made by General Benjamin F. Butler for Governor of Massachusetts, he exerted his influence in his behalf and was a factor in compassing his election. He was a personal and political friend of Senator Crane, and on President McKinley's visit to Holyoke Mr. King was one of the city's prominent men to be introduced.

Mr. King married, in 1860, in New York City, Celia Front, born in Hungary, Europe, but a resident of the United States since the age of six years. They are the parents of three sons: 1. George, now connected in responsible position with a strong Hartford, Connecticut, concern; married and has children, Ruth and Jennie King. 2. Henry, deceased; left a daughter, Dorothy King. 3. Moses, a merchant of Westfield, Massachusetts; married and has a daughter Celia.

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**MAHONEY, William John,**

**Mechanic, Merchant.**

Mr. Mahoney is descended from an old and honorable family of Ireland. His great-grandfather, John Mahoney, resided in County Waterford, Ireland. His wife was a Miss Vail. Their son, John Mahoney, was born 1789-90, in County Waterford, Ireland, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 16, 1891, aged one hundred and one

years. Most of his active life was spent in the service of Lord Waterford, and he was skillful at any sort of farm labor. Having been preceded by his sons, he came to America in 1865, accompanied by two daughters, and continued to live with his children in Holyoke, through a green old age. His wife, Margaret (White) Mahoney, died in Ireland in 1860, at the age of forty-eight years. They had children: Michael; William; Bridget, who married Michael Whalen; Patrick; Mary, wife of Frederick Gunther; Margaret, wife of Eugene Cronan; John.

William Mahoney, second son of John and Margaret (White) Mahoney, was born in 1838, in County Waterford, Ireland, where he had some opportunity for education, and learned the trade of blacksmith. For a time he followed this occupation in the employ of Lord Waterford, and later was employed in a cotton mill. In 1864 he removed to this country and entered the Holyoke Machine Shops, where he continued as blacksmith for a period of thirty-six years, retiring in 1898, twelve years prior to his death. By his industry and good management he became the owner of considerable real estate and other property, whose care consumed his time in later years. Not many have the record of constancy shown by Mr. Mahoney's long period of employment in one establishment, testifying to his skill, faithfulness and upright character. Let the dawdling youth of today, who complains that the present century offers no opportunity, consider this example. Mr. Mahoney was a quiet citizen, and his memory will ever be cherished by a filial family. He married Catherine Kelly, daughter of Thomas Kelly, of County Waterford. She died in 1909, at the age of sixty-eight years. Their children were: Edward J.; William John; Dr. Matthew, born September 18, 1873, and Patrick A.

William John Mahoney, second son of

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William and Catherine (Kelly) Mahoney, was born January 11, 1871, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and was educated in the city schools. At an early age he came under the training of his father and acquired the blacksmith's trade, which he followed ten years in association with the father, at the machine shops. He was later engaged in the grocery and meat business in Holyoke, and in 1900 became general agent of the Feigenspan Brewing Company of Newark, New Jersey, in which capacity he has continued to the present time. For some time he served as agent for the Holyoke & Westfield Railroad. He has taken an active interest in politics and for two years he represented his ward in the City Council of Holyoke. His only social organization is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Mahoney married, September, 1898, Sarah V. Linnehan, of Springfield, Massachusetts, who died in 1913. She was the daughter of Thomas Linnehan. They had children: Agnes, born 1900; Edward, 1902; Mary, 1903.

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### YENLIN, Sebastian,

#### **Business Man.**

Forty-seven years ago there lived in the town of Whittlesdorf, Alsace, France, one Sebastian Yenlin, a boy of sixteen, son and grandson of men of like name, whose records have honorable place in the national annals of the French Republic.

His grandfather, Sebastian (1) Yenlin, owned land in the district of Whittlesdorf to extent sufficient for his maintenance, and thereon he industriously labored, as did also the boy's father, Sebastian (2) Yenlin. Both were born, lived, and died in Alsace, and both rallied to the "Tricolour" when their nation in time of stress asked their services.

Sebastian (2) Yenlin, father of Sebastian

(3) Yenlin, married Gertrude de Lunth, and their children were: Sebastian (3), of whom further; Catherine, deceased; and Francisco, deceased.

Sebastian (3) Yenlin was born at Whittlesdorf, July 18, 1853. He was afforded a goodly education, for his time and station, at the grammar school of the town of his nativity, and at the age of sixteen years went to the city of Alkirk, there to enter apprenticeship to a baker of that place. The impoverished condition of his own country in 1872, following the great Franco-Prussian War, may have been a factor of influence in his decision to emigrate to America. He landed in the United States that year, at the age of nineteen, settling at Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he entered the employ of Thomas Samson, and later of Peter Mount, both merchants of Holyoke. The virility of youth, steadfastness of honest intent, and that composite quality of initiative, ambition and self-reliance, encouraged him, in 1876, to venture into independent business, with the result that he became established as a master baker at Holyoke in that year, since which time his enterprise, energy, perseverance and stability have combined to create for him a business of substantial proportions. Steadily advancing, he has developed into the possession of busy stores on Cabot and Ely streets, and of an extensive outside bakery connection. In addition, he has acquired farming interests at Smith's Ferry, Holyoke township, in which activity he now finds profit, as well as diversion and relaxation, from the pressure of his main business ties.

While Mr. Yenlin has strenuously applied himself to business for more than four decades, he has never overlooked the duty due his church. He is an ardent Catholic, earnest in his observance of the ordinances of the church, and a liberal contributor to its support. He has likewise recognized his



interest in his adopted country by an intelligent exercise of his privileges as a citizen, and for many years has associated his efforts in this respect with the Republican party. At the same time, he has not forgotten the land of his birth, being an enthusiastic member of the Alsace-Lorraine Society, and of the National Society of France. He is a member of Uncas Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, being a charter member of that organization and was for six months keeper of wampum.

Satisfaction comes of honest effort, and Mr. Yenlin's has been a long period of increasing satisfaction. Still, his industrious life has perhaps found its most gratifying expression in the comfort of his home circle. In 1875, as a young man of twenty-two, he married Celina la Pointe, descendant of an old French-Canadian family, and to them have been born the following children: 1. Mary, married Alfred la Janos; children: Romeo, Rosina, Leo, Lena. 2. Ida, married Joseph Chero; children: Lima, Loretta. 3. Rosella, married Adlard C. Minard. 4. Ora, married Calix la Plais; children: Lester, Ernest, Estelle. 5. Sebastian (4), married Zalpa Bellefeuille; children: Irene, Sebastian (5), Cecilia, Gertrude, Jeannette. 6. Viola.

Forty-four years of honorable connection with the city of Holyoke, forty-four years of steady progress, have brought to Sebastian (3) Yenlin a measure of respect as solid as is the city. His life-story, in its broadest sense, has its direct utility and satisfaction in the encouragement it affords the many earnest young men of honorable intention who, like Sebastian Yenlin, come from other lands, hoping to win a place and respect in the activities of this great nation wherein merit is the one and only essential to advancement.

**KOHLER, Edward Charles,**  
**Business Man.**

Edward Charles Kohler, a representative citizen of Holyoke, is a man of skill and enterprise, who has won a place among the business men of his adopted city by his ability, fidelity and perseverance, his career illustrating in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when determination and force form the keynote to a man's life. In social life he is courteous and kindly, and is ever mindful of his duties as a citizen.

Christian Kohler, father of Edward Charles Kohler, was born at Saxony, Germany, 1826, and died at Buffalo, New York, 1881. He was educated in the schools of his native place, and there served an apprenticeship at the trade of tailor, in which he became highly proficient. In 1848 he took up his residence in Canada, but that country not proving to his liking he remained but a short period of time, after which he removed to Buffalo, New York, where he worked at his trade for the remainder of his days. One of his brothers, Henry Kohler, also emigrated to this country. Mr. Kohler was a member of the German Lutheran church and of several German organizations in Buffalo. He married Wilhelmina Ende, a native of Saxony, Germany, born in 1828, and died in Buffalo, New York, in 1896. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Emily, Julius, Bertha, Minnie, Charles, Louisa, Howard, William, Edward Charles, and Ida.

Edward Charles Kohler was born in Buffalo, Erie county, New York, March 29, 1867. His early education, which was obtained in the public schools of his native city, was supplemented by a course in a business college, which proved of great advantage to him in his subsequent career. In his youth he learned the art of electrotyp-

ing and has given his entire time and attention to that vocation ever since, meeting with well merited success. From 1895 to 1903, a period of eight years, he was employed in the electrotyping plant of the United States Envelope Company at Rockville, Connecticut, and in the latter named year he was sent to the Philippine Islands by the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing to teach his trade in the schools there, this fact testifying eloquently to his efficiency and capability, as comparatively few persons are capable of working well and also serving in the capacity of teacher. He was assigned to Manila, where he remained for two years, at the expiration of which time he returned to Rockville, Connecticut, but shortly afterward took up his residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he has resided ever since. He established the Holyoke Electrotype Company, a corporation of which he is treasurer and principal owner, and the business includes the designing, engraving and manufacture of color plates for all printing purposes and the making of lead molded and steel faced electrotypes. The business has steadily increased in volume and importance, and a marked degree of success has attended his efforts, it proving of benefit to the locality in which it is situated, advancing commercial activity whereon depends the prosperity of every community. Mr. Kohler is a member of William Whiting Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is an Independent. He is thoroughly alive to all that pertains to good citizenship, and although entirely devoid of all political aspirations, is interested in whatever has a tendency to permanently benefit his locality.

Mr. Kohler married, June 30, 1905, Edna Thrall, who was born in Rockville, Connecticut, in 1874, daughter of Julius S. and Mary (Holmes) Thrall. On her mother's side, the Holmes family, Mrs. Kohler traces

her ancestry back to the "Mayflower." They have one child, Eleanor, who was born at Holyoke, Massachusetts, April 16, 1906.

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**WEIS, Joseph Brennemann,**

**Inventor, Manufacturer.**

Joseph Brennemann Weis, inventor and manufacturer of the Padlock Safety Paper, president of the Perfect Safety Paper Company of Holyoke, former president of the Chamber of Commerce and former school commissioner of that city, and (1916) chairman of the school committee, is a distinguished citizen of the "Paper City," as Holyoke is known in the business world. Educated as a chemist, he discovered by the aid of his inventive ability and knowledge of chemicals a process in the manufacture of paper; and in manufacturing his patented product and placing it on the market he became in the natural course of events a man of business and abandoned the laboratory for the office and mill. His biography shows that not all inventors fail to grasp the fruits of their work.

Mr. Weis comes of good old German ancestry. His father, Joseph Weis, was born in 1825 at Hanau, Germany, and was educated in the schools of his native land. During his youth he followed farming, but he became convinced that America offered a better field and larger opportunities for a young man, and in 1849, when he was twenty-four years old, he came to this country. He located at first in Ohio, but after two years decided to move westward to what was then the frontier, and finally located at Tonica, Illinois. He cleared his land and placed many acres in cultivation. Year by year his farm became more productive and valuable. He prospered and set an example of success in farming by dint of great industry, persistence and energy. As methods improved, he adopted them, and he never failed to make proper use of modern

and efficient farm machinery. He studied agriculture and other subjects and possessed an exceptionally well-stored mind and an excellent judgment. He was a substantial and useful citizen, highly esteemed in the section in which he lived. After retiring on account of age he lived for a time with his daughter in Iowa, where he died June 14, 1914. Maria (Brennemann) Weis, mother of Joseph Brennemann Weis, was a native of Cassell, Germany. One brother of Joseph Brennemann, Herman, is deceased; another brother, Fritz, resides in Illinois, and a sister, Elise, who married Charles Miller, lives in the town of Britt, Iowa.

Joseph Brennemann Weis was born at Tonica, Illinois, November 29, 1862. He fitted for college in the public schools of his native town and entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1883 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He specialized in the subject of chemistry and after graduation was for six years assistant to a Chicago chemist. He resigned his position in 1889 to open a laboratory and practice his profession on his own account, and the following five years he continued in business as a general analytical chemist in Chicago. During this time he invented a safety paper designed to prevent alterations in checks and other legal documents. As soon as it became known that the use of this paper would effectually prevent the raising of checks and certain other kinds of forgery, stationers and bankers became interested in it and in 1894 Mr. Weis began to manufacture his paper at Franklin, Ohio. The business prospered and from time to time during the next fourteen years he was obliged to enlarge his plant and constantly to increase the output of his paper mill. Believing it would be expedient to remove to the center of the paper industry he transferred his business to Holyoke, where since 1908 he has conduct-

ed it under the corporate name of the Perfect Safety Paper Company, of which he is president and treasurer. The Padlock Safety Paper, as his product is called, is doubtless the best of all safety papers now manufactured for check purposes. In appearance it is a handsome figured check paper and to the casual observer does not reveal the special sensitive properties incorporated in it. Sized moderately, it is designed to allow ordinary writing ink to penetrate the sheet, thus giving protection against ordinary methods of erasure. For the purpose of preventing the successful use of acids or alkalies in making erasures, chemicals are introduced in the paper pulp that will cause any known ink eraser to produce a telltale muddy stain if used on the paper. In addition to these properties, the paper is made with a peculiar and distinctive design in attractive tints that are very sensitive to ink bleaching reagents, but will not blur in the process of printing or in the requisite handling in making the paper into check books or other blanks. The design is on the surface only, so that attempts at either chemical or mechanical erasure are impossible to conceal. As far as known, none of the methods used by check raisers and forgers can be successfully applied on this paper. Water will not remove writing from it; ink bleaching materials make an indelible stain. Since locating in Holyoke the business has grown to even larger proportions and the company ranks among the most flourishing and prosperous of the many paper companies in business there.

Mr. Weis has taken active part in the public affairs of the city and has lost no opportunity to give evidence of his public spirit. He has lent his aid and encouragement to every project designed to promote the welfare and prosperity of the city. He has been especially active and useful in the work of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president in 1914 and 1915.

He has served the city as school commissioner-at-large and has exerted himself at every opportunity to keep the standard of the public schools at the highest possible point. He is a firm believer in giving to every boy and girl the opportunity for an education. His interest in municipal affairs has also been frequently demonstrated.

Mr. Weis married, in 1889, Isabel G. McMillan, of Montreal, Canada, a daughter of David and Maria (Mann) McMillan. They have three children: Herman W., born 1891; Marie, born 1896; Isabel, born 1898.

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**BRAY, Thomas,**

**Agriculturist.**

Among the well known agriculturists of Holyoke should be mentioned the name of Thomas Bray, who in 1879 came to his present farm on Westfield street, known as the Bray homestead. He was then a young man of thirty-three. Here he has since resided, following the vocations of farmer and contractor, and now at the age of seventy we find him hale, hearty and well contented that his lines were cast in such pleasant places. He is of English birth and parentage, grandson of James Bray, who lived and died in England, and son of George and Emma (Francis) Bray.

George Bray, born in England, came to the United States in 1853, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1904, aged eighty-seven years. He was a moulder and for a time after coming to the United States worked at his trade, but his health failed and he became a farmer, that out-of-doors life restoring his vigor. His farm was near Holyoke and there he passed a long and useful life. He was a supporter of the Republican party, and a member of the Baptist church. He married in England, Emma Francis, who died in Holyoke at an advanced age, the mother of four children: Thomas, of further mention; Ruth, became

the wife of John Best, of Elmwood, Massachusetts; Eliza, became the wife of Frank Alden, now deceased, of East Long Meadow, Massachusetts; George Samuel, now living at South Hadley, Massachusetts.

Thomas Bray was born in Wiltshire, England, January 24, 1846, and at the age of seven was brought to the United States by his parents, who not long afterward located on the farm at Holyoke. There he spent his youth and early manhood, obtaining a public school education and assisting his father in cultivating the farm. They at first worked a small tract, but later secured a larger farm, Thomas remaining with his father until reaching the age of twenty, and at twenty-five years of age he began farming on his own account on Chicopee street, engaging in the milk business, conducting it for five years. In 1879 he purchased and moved to his present farm on Westfield street, which consists of thirty-five acres, where he raises hogs, keeps cows, and sells the milk, and pursues a successful business as dairy farmer and contractor. For a number of years he confined his operations largely to dairy farming on an extensive scale, disposing of the product of his herds and fields in Holyoke, running his own wagons. He also carried on general farming operations, and added to his activities a line of contract work, teaming, excavating and grading. One of his largest contracts was the grading for the first street railways in Holyoke, most of that work having been done under his supervision. He is now retired from the heavier burdens of life and enjoying the fruits of his years of honorable toil. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, and in political faith is a Republican.

Mr. Bray married, December 9, 1868, Temperance Bray, born at Catskill, New York, daughter of Frederick and Nancy Bray. They have children: Frank G.; Mary Jane, wife of William Ross; Fred;

Lillian, wife of Thomas Slatterly; Herbert, deceased; Thomas A.; Grace, wife of Roy W. Bates; Alfred; Ruth; Dwight.

**POTVIN, Gilbert,**

**Builder, Contractor.**

In 1864 there came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, a young man of Canadian birth and French parentage, but not a stranger in Massachusetts, having spent the previous ten years in that State. Holyoke was then a town of but three thousand population, and offered little inducement to one of his trade, but to the eye of the young man it did offer good opportunities for an energetic, wide-awake merchant, and soon the sign of Gilbert Potvin adorned a small but well stocked dry goods store on one of Holyoke's best business streets. That was half a century ago and the sign Gilbert Potvin, Merchant, was taken down so long ago that heads of families in the city cannot even remember having seen it, but Gilbert Potvin, contractor and builder, is a well known man in that city and to the people of Holyoke. He was a lad of sixteen when he left his Canadian home and came to the United States; a young man of twenty-six when he first located in Holyoke; the matured man of forty-one when he forsook mercantile life and began contracting buildings, and now is the veteran of seventy-eight. What his principal life work has meant to Holyoke and its development may be best understood by the statement that as a builder he has erected residences and business blocks costing nearly \$2,000,000. He is one of the largest taxpayers in the city and the largest payer of water rent. Take the buildings in Holyoke, erected by Mr. Potvin, out of the city, and a large area would be depopulated.

His grandfather, John Potvin, came from France, settling on a farm near Montreal, Canada. That farm was at the village of

Lalquevil, and there he lived and died, and there his son, John (2) Potvin, resided, a successful farmer until 1868. John (2) Potvin married Delaide Patnode, who bore him seven children, Gilbert being the eldest. After their son became a merchant of Holyoke, John and Delaide Potvin came, in 1868, to make their home near him, and there both lived until the death of John Potvin in 1892, his widow surviving him but two years.

Gilbert Potvin was born in Lalquevil, near Montreal, Canada, February 14, 1848. His education was such as the parish schools afforded and of these he made good use, but at the age of sixteen, in 1854, he came to the United States and thenceforth his only school attendance was at evening schools. He found his first employment at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, in a machine shop, and there he remained three years completing an apprenticeship and becoming a capable machinist. During that period, he also attended evening schools. He was next employed as a journeyman machinist at Worcester, and later in the Boston & Albany Railroad shops at Springfield, Massachusetts, constantly working at his trade until 1864, when he located in Holyoke, then a small town of perhaps three thousand souls. He had been frugal in his expenditures, and having earned good wages at his trade he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to take advantage of an opening he quickly saw the town offered for a dry goods store. He rented a store on High street, and in a small way began business. His venture proved a success from its beginning and for eighteen years he continued in the dry goods business, prospering abundantly. In 1880 he withdrew from commercial life to engage in building operations. He became the leading contractor of the city, his record of nearly \$2,000,000 worth of buildings erected being equalled by few contractors in Western Massachusetts,

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in strictly residence and business blocks. As time passed on, he acquired a large amount of land in Holyoke upon which he erected residences, becoming, as stated, the largest payer of water rates in the city, and one of the heaviest taxpayers. While he is now retired it is said that nearly every building he erected had been largely under his personal supervision and his pride was that the contracts entered into had been faithfully executed.

In religious faith Mr. Potvin is a Catholic, belonging to the parish of the Church of Perpetual Help. He is also a member of the Society of St. Jean Le Baptiste and the French Union.

Mr. Potvin married (first) September 7, 1859, Odele Masel, also born in Lalquevil, who died in 1913, the mother of four children: Gilbert, died in infancy; Jennie, wife of George Oliver, of Holyoke; Cora, wife of Thomas I. Kenney, of New Haven, Connecticut; Gilbert (2), married Ella Smith, of Springfield, now residing in Holyoke. Mr. Potvin married (second) April 17, 1916, Lucy Auchambault, born in St. Louis, Missouri, daughter of Charles Auchambault, born in Canada, a millwright, now deceased. She has two sisters, Mrs. Mike Ellwell, of Holyoke, and Mrs. Peter Peirson, of Holyoke. The mother of these children died in 1910. For some ten years previous to her marriage to Mr. Potvin, Mrs. Potvin conducted a successful dressmaking business in Holyoke.

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**TURGEON, Louis Abraham,**

**Contractor, Real Estate Holder.**

The early life of Louis Abraham Turgeon was spent on the sea and in the north woods as a lumberman, his first introduction to Holyoke being with the annual spring drive of logs brought out of the north. Finally, in the drive of 1877, he decided not to go back north but to remain in Holyoke.

He did so, has succeeded, is the head of a very prosperous business, and is well known in New England. He is a son of Joseph Turgeon, born in Canada, in 1822, and there died, January 12, 1904, a farmer. He married Margaret Gongue, born in 1823, died January 8, 1885. They were the parents of: Adelina, Albert, Rabico, Francis and John, all deceased; Louis Abraham, of further mention, Pierre, Francis (2), Odile, Aremine, Alphonse and Edward.

Louis Abraham Turgeon was born near Quebec, Canada, March 18, 1852, and educated in public school. He was employed on the farm in boyhood, then went to sea for two years in merchant vessels trading with Labrador. In 1873 he came to the United States, living in Oldtown and Bangor, Maine, employed in the lumber camps during the winters, driving the logs down stream in the spring, and in the saw mills during the summer months. He thus spent two years, then was again a sailor for two years, then once more returned to the lumber woods, but in New Hampshire instead of Maine. He worked during the winters in lumber camps at Starkwater, Groveton and Island Pond, coming with the log drives down the river every spring, then returning north.

In 1877 he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and has since made that city his home. He was employed in the woolen mills, the Prentiss Wire Works, the Farr Alpaca Company, the Holyoke Water Power Company and by Caspar Ranger at different times until 1884, then began business for himself as a house mover. He has ever since that year been in that business, but its scope has greatly widened and he contracts for heavy moving of all kinds in all parts of the State and frequently beyond its limits. He uses heavy motor trucks in his business, and keeps a large force of men employed the year round. Recently he admitted his three sons to a partnership, and



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upon their younger shoulders the burden now falls, while the father devotes himself largely to his real estate and other interests. He is the owner of the Turgeon block and twenty-eight tenement houses in the city, and has other holdings of importance. He is a director and vice-president of the Monument Nationale Association; director of the Landlord's Protective Association; member of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, the Order of Foresters and the Quoit Club.

Mr. Turgeon married, in February, 1879, Mary Marceline Dory, daughter of Louis and Matilda (Menard) Dory. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Turgeon are the parents of twelve children: 1. Louis, born October 27, 1879, a carpenter by trade; he married, December 27, 1898, Eva Stone, of Holyoke, and has children: Louis, born April 3, 1899; Defora, died aged five years; Irene, born September 24, 1904; Telephone, died in infancy; Alfred and Wilfred, twins, born July 4, 1911, Wilfred dying in infancy. 2. Joseph, born January 11, 1882, deceased. 3. Marceline, born April 13, 1884; married Andrew Lawrence and died leaving a son, Andrew Joseph. 4. Pierre, born January 29, 1886, a partner with his father and brothers; he married Rhea Ripest. 5. Albert, born October 6, 1887, deceased. 6. Jennie, born June 17, 1889. 7. Henry, born September 6, 1891, a partner with his father and brothers; he married Lillian Wells and has a son, Henry Herman. 8. Albina, born November 25, 1892; married Amos Beauchamp and has three children: Amos, Anita and Pearl. 9. William J., born March 12, 1894, deceased. 10. John, born July 22, 1895, in business with his father and brothers; married Edith Lebeau. 11. Ernest, born April 30, 1897. 12. Ida, born February 15, 1899; married Everett Redford.

**WHITTEN, Nathan H.,**

**Manufacturer.**

The career of the late Nathan H. Whitten, of Holyoke, was ever such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world and the regard of all with whom he was brought in contact, for he always conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity. His devotion to the public good was unquestioned and arose from sincere interest in the welfare of his fellowmen. What the world needs is such men, willing to bear their full share of service and capable of performing all the duties which fall to the lot of the citizens of this great land.

In the paternal line Mr. Whitten traced his ancestry to the pioneer stock of New Hampshire and Maine. In the earliest records we find the surname Whitten also spelled Wheeten, Whetten, Wheeden, Whiton, Whiting, Whyton, Whitton, Wyton, and several of these forms have been continued in use to the present time by various branches of the family. The family is of old English stock, and three brothers, Samuel, Thomas and John Whitten, were among the early settlers of New Hampshire. John and Samuel Whitten were living in Portsmouth and were members of the church there as early as 1671, when Rev. Mr. Moody was pastor and they contributed to the fund to maintain him.

(II) Michael Whitten, a son of John Whitten, was born in 1670, and he also lived in Portsmouth. He was a carpenter and joiner, a man of prominence, and his name appears often in the public records in the settlement of the estates of his neighbors. His will made in 1713, bequeathes to wife Mary and children, John, James, Jane Edgerly, Alice Hains, Abigail White, Sarah Hains, Mary Johnson, Elizabeth, and

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the daughter of son Samuel, deceased. Michael Whitten married, June 6, 1694, and his children, baptized June 3, 1709, in the Portsmouth church were: Michael, who was in Kittery in 1730; John, mentioned below; Samuel; Abigail; Elizabeth. Michael Whitten was a member of the church as early as 1699.

(III) John (2) Whitten, son of Michael Whitten, was born in 1700, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and settled in the adjacent town of Kingston, near the Salisbury line, and the history of Kennebunkport, Maine, states that he came there from Salisbury, Massachusetts, about 1724. He drew a lot in Kennebunkport, formerly Arundel, Maine, on the Saco river, in 1728, and went there to live, and in 1737 he was one of the proprietors of the town. He married, at Salisbury, Ruth Merrill, who was born July 26, 1711, daughter of Deacon John Merrill, who belonged to one of the leading families. Her father, born in 1674, was a soldier in 1710 in the Colonial forces; a housewright by trade; married, September 23, 1702, Mary Allen, and he died January 7, 1756. Sergeant Daniel Merrill, father of Deacon John Merrill, was a resident of Newbury and Salisbury, born 1642, married (first) May 14, 1667, Sarah Clough, who died March 18, 1705-06; he married (second) May 29, 1708, Sarah Morrill, widow of Philip Rowell and Onesiphorous Page; he died June 27, 1717. Nathaniel Merrill, father of Sergeant Daniel Merrill, was the immigrant ancestor; he died March 16, 1654-55, leaving a widow, Susannah. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Whitten: 1. John, born 1734, died 1802; served in the Revolution, married Hannah Walker, of Kennebunkport, and went to Topsham, Maine, in 1764. 2. Phineas, also moved eastward. 3. Samuel, born about 1735; served in the Revolution; married Hannah Poindexter. 4. Humphrey, of further mention. 5. Israel, married Sarah

Fairfield, served in the Revolution in the same company with his brothers, Joseph and Samuel. 6. Joseph, soldier in the Revolution; died at Lyman, Maine, in 1797; married Ann Burnham. 7. Mary, married Samuel Waterhouse. 8. Hannah, married ——— Knight. 9. Ruth, married ——— Gordon. 10. Sarah, married Daniel Davis. 11. Lydis, married Moses Wadlin. 12. Anna, married (first) Captain English, and (second) John Burbank.

(IV) Humphrey Whitten, son of John (2) Whitten, was born in Kennebunkport, Maine, and lived at Cape Porpoise, near his birthplace, until he went to Alfred, Maine, an old history of which (1872) says: "Samuel Whitten who married a Poindexter and Humphrey Whitten who married a Lasel came from Cape Porpoise and settled in Back Street and were succeeded by numerous children. Their father came from Salisbury, Massachusetts." He was living in what is now Alfred in 1790, and according to the first federal census Samuel and James Whitten were his neighbors.

(V) Humphrey (2) Whitten, son of Humphrey (1) Whitten, was born at Cape Porpoise, or what is now Alfred, Maine, in 1773, and died in 1839. He lived at Waterborough and Alfred, Maine. In 1796 he married Abigail Hodgdon, who was born at Waterborough in October, 1777, and died January 28, 1869. Children: 1. Isabel, born 1798, died 1825; married Samuel Clark. 2. Martha, born 1800, died 1852; married Thomas Clark. 3. Nathan, mentioned below. 4. Eliza, born 1807, died 1846. 5. Jefferson, born 1810, died 1896; married (first) Harriet Carter, (second) Florilla Richards. 6. Abigail, born 1813, died 1851. 7. Joseph, born 1816, died 1839.

(VI) Nathan Whitten, son of Humphrey (2) Whitten, was born at Waterborough, in 1802, and died July 12, 1890. He married, December 3, 1824, Ruth Small, a native of Cape Cod. Children. born in Car-

mel: 1. Abigail Ruth, born 1825, died 1839.  
 2. Nathan Hollis, mentioned below. 3.  
 Alexander Humphrey, born 1829, died 1834.  
 4. Elizabeth Hannah, born 1830, died 1888.  
 5. Martin Luther, born 1831, died 1865. 6.  
 Isabel Miller, born 1833, died 1864. Ruth  
 (Small) Whitten was born June 17, 1798,  
 and died May 8, 1871. She had a brother  
 Alexander and a sister Eliza. They were  
 the children of Alexander Small, born at  
 Provincetown, Massachusetts, 1765, died  
 1846, and Ruth (Dyer) Small, born 1766,  
 at Truro, Cape Cod, died in 1852. Ruth A.  
 Whitten, of Bangor, Maine, from whom the  
 family records were obtained, was born in  
 1862, daughter of Martin Luther and Ma-  
 tilda F. (Saunders) Whitten, granddaugh-  
 ter of Nathan Whitten.

(VII) Nathan Hollis Whitten, son of  
 Nathan Whitten, was born at Carmel,  
 Maine, May 30, 1827. He received a thor-  
 ough preliminary education in "the little  
 red schoolhouse," and this was supplement-  
 ed in later years by judicious reading and  
 a keen observation of men and events. At  
 an early age he left home and learned the  
 trade of millwright, being one of the men of  
 that day who made a specialty of building  
 water wheels, one of the pioneer industries  
 in the days before the general application of  
 steam for motive power, a large number of  
 the manufacturing plants being operated by  
 means of water power. In 1852 he took up  
 his residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts,  
 and there secured employment in the orig-  
 inal Hadley Falls Company, with which  
 concern he was connected until the failure  
 of the business. Upon the formation of the  
 Holyoke Water Power Company, he en-  
 tered its employ, and being naturally a good  
 mechanic, though he was nominally a wheel-  
 wright, he also filled the position of pattern  
 maker, a trade in which he was also an ex-  
 pert, and in addition he was the draughts-  
 man for the company. He remained with  
 this concern until the shop was disposed of.

He then became associated with T. C. Page,  
 T. B. Flanders, Richard Patte and S. S.  
 Chase in establishing the Holyoke Machine  
 Company for the manufacture of machin-  
 ery. The partners were all men of good  
 training, having a thorough knowledge of  
 the business and of sound business judg-  
 ment, energetic and industrious, and the  
 growth and success of the concern was well  
 merited. Mr. Whitten's department until  
 1886 was that of hydraulic and mechanical  
 engineer, and from that time to the date  
 of his death he was president of the corpo-  
 ration, administering the affairs with ad-  
 mirable skill and ability for a period of  
 twenty years. In addition to his interest in  
 the foregoing, he was an active participant  
 in many successful business enterprises in  
 Holyoke, among which may be mentioned  
 the Ford Bit Company, of which he was a  
 member of the board of directors, and also  
 president, which office was held by his son  
 Sumner H. Whitten until the dissolution of  
 the company in 1916. He was always en-  
 thusiastic and zealous in public matters, an  
 active factor in the forming and carrying  
 out of the projects for the development  
 and welfare of his adopted city, and it was  
 directly through his personal interest that  
 the city of Holyoke has at the present time  
 its splendid municipal building, he having  
 been a member of its building committee.  
 He also served as a member of the building  
 committee of the Holyoke Library and the  
 Second Congregational Church, his services  
 being greatly beneficial and highly appreci-  
 ated. He was a director of the Holyoke  
 Library and the City Hospital, and was  
 active and helpful in the support of the va-  
 rious benevolent organizations of Holyoke.

Mr. Whitten married, June, 1856, Ellen  
 M. Wood, of North Brookfield, who died  
 in 1887. They were the parents of six  
 children, two of whom died in infancy,  
 namely: Sumner H., of whom further;  
 Mary L., Helen F., Eunice E., Fannie, and

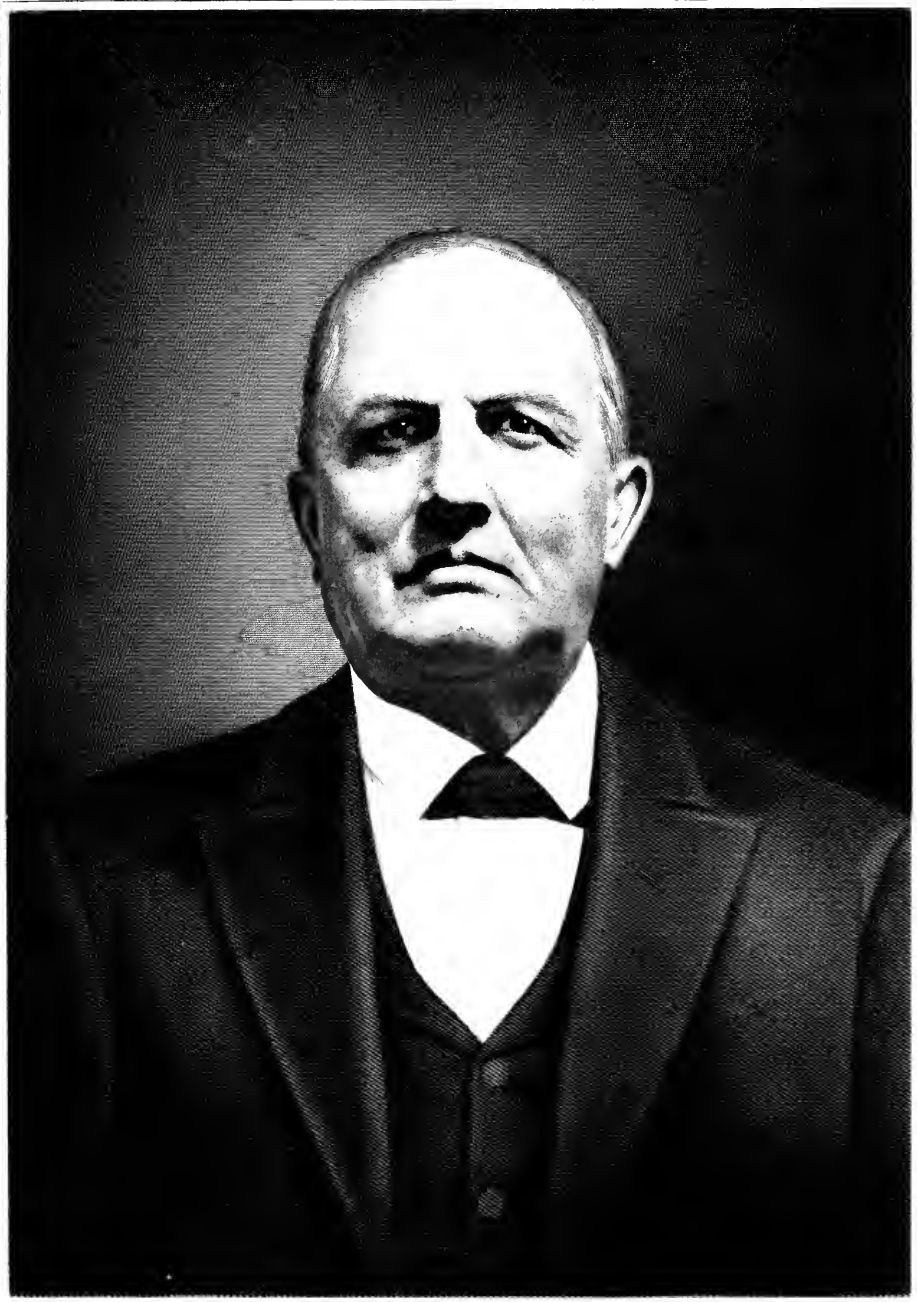
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Annie L. The death of Mr. Whitten occurred August 23, 1905, and thus the city of Holyoke lost a man whose entire life had been characterized by uprightness of character, steadfastness of principle, and kindly acts which won for him the respect and confidence of the entire community in which he lived.

(VIII) Sumner H. Whitten, son of Nathan Hollis Whitten, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, May 8, 1857, in which city he has spent all of his active life. He was educated in the public and high schools of his native city, then entered Amherst College, and there pursued his studies for three years. Having decided upon a mechanical career, he entered the Holyoke Machine Company in order to thoroughly learn the trade of machinist. At the suggestion of his father that he should acquire a complete knowledge of the different methods of applying his trade, he obtained positions in various shops, remaining in each of them long enough to obtain the desired experience. He then returned to the Holyoke Machine Company, with which concern he has since been associated, occupying the position of hydraulic engineer, or acting in any capacity to advance the interests of the different mechanical departments, in all of which he has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge. Recently he was granted a patent on a pulp grinding machine. Mr. Whitten is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, of which his two sons are also members, and a member of the Holyoke Canoe Club, the Sans Souci Club and Bay State Club. He spends his leisure time in the study of German, French, Italian, and other languages, a number of which he speaks in a fluent manner. His uniform courtesy and genial disposition have gained the friendly regard of all with whom he has come in contact, and in a work of this character he well deserves representation as an exemplary resident of his native city.

Mr. Whitten married, June 20, 1888, Laura Antz, of Holyoke, a daughter of Valentine Antz, a farmer of this section. Mrs. Whitten is a highly educated woman, and has written many pleasing articles for local works which have appeared in the public press at various times, she being well and favorably known along these lines. But her greatest work has been in connection with the National Congress of Mothers and also in the Infant Hygiene Association, of which she was the organizer, and of which she has always been president. She has also delivered many addresses upon this and other kindred subjects. Their family consists of four children: 1. Edmund S., a graduate of Amherst College, obtained the degree of Master of Arts from Harvard College, after which he taught for two years in St. Stephen's College, was later Professor of Modern Languages at Riverdale Institute, New York, and now (1917) has same position in Newton Day School; he married Dorothy Von Schartle; two children: Julia and Sumner H. 2. Philip F., a graduate of Amherst College, was physical director at Brown's School in Providence, now holds same position in Medford public schools; married, July 26, 1916, Helen M. Taylor, of Chicopee Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Taylor; the ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. D. Smith, pastor of the First Evangelical Congregational Church, assisted by the Rev. T. Pace Haig, pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Chicopee Falls; Mrs. Whitten is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, class of 1915, and after her graduation was head of the French department at the West Springfield High School. 3. Madeline. 4. Eleanor. The Whitten family is one of prominence in the community where they reside, their home being noted for the gracious hospitality dispensed there.

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**PREW, Joseph N.,**

**Real Estate.**

Joseph N. Prew, whose sudden death occurred in Holyoke, February 17, 1917, had been a resident of that city for over half a century, having been brought to Holyoke by his parents, his family being among the earliest French Canadian families in the city. Joseph N. Prew became one of the best known men of Holyoke, his extensive real estate dealings bringing him into contact with many business men of that city, but it was through his love for driving horses, of which he at times owned a number, that he was best known, his fast ice racer, "Belle of Moscow," introducing him to racing horse owners thirty years prior to his death, and from that time he always had trotting horses in his stables, "Marome," 2.08¼, being his fastest trotter. On the day of his death he was with his wife out driving "Golden Pheasant," one of his handsome fast horses, but before arriving home he was compelled to give the reins to her and they barely reached home before the end came. He had retired from business, but his love for horses endured to the last. "Belle of Moscow," the ice trotter, was succeeded by "Little Dan," he by "Mack," a horse he drove himself and brought in a winner many times. Then came "Marome," his fastest possession, others that are remembered being: "Viola," "Mamie," "Guy," and "Golden Pheasant," the latter being the last to delight his owner and the last over which he drew the reins.

Nicholas Proulx, the father of Joseph E. Prew, who is entitled to rank among the founders of the Holyoke French Canadian Colony, came in 1856 from St. Ours in Canada, which township was settled by his great-grandfather, Francis Proulx, who came from France. Soon after coming to Holyoke he entered the employ of the Lyman Mills. There was a great demand for

mill workers at this time, and for about five years this company kept him employed transporting families from Canada to Holyoke, he thus being instrumental in bringing hundreds of workmen and their families to Holyoke and to the mills. About 1861 he retired from the company's service and became a merchant, dealing in coal and wood for several years. Later he engaged in other enterprises, always with a fair measure of success. He accumulated a fortune, and died in June, 1888, respected by all who knew him. He married Sophia Goddard, and they were the parents of five daughters and three sons, the latter, George, John J. and Joseph N., all being progressive business men of Holyoke, but only one son survives him, George J. Prew, a leading clothing merchant of Holyoke, and two daughters, Mrs. J. G. McCarthy and Mrs. M. A. Chabot, both of Holyoke.

Joseph N. Prew, fourth child of Nicholas and Sophia (Goddard) Proulx, was born in St. Ours, Canada, March 14, 1844, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, February 17, 1917. He remained in Canada until 1856, then came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, with his parents, that city ever afterward being his home. He attended school in Canada, and later in Holyoke, and then was engaged as his father's assistant. In 1876 he made his first business venture in association with his brother, John, in a photograph gallery which they opened on High street and which was conducted by them until 1877. Later he engaged in the real estate business, and until his death continued his dealings with success. He was also an extensive mortgage broker, assuming hundreds of risks, many of them of exceedingly doubtful security, but he met with comparatively few losses. He continued in active business until within a few years of his death, his end being hastened by the serious accident at his home, November 27, 1916, when Mr. and Mrs. Prew were over-

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come by coal gas, this greatly affecting his heart. Horses and racing were his recreation, and it was seldom that he missed an important New England Meet and he often had an entry, at times doing the driving himself. Horsemen throughout New England knew him well and he was "Joe" Prew to many of the older men of the sport. He drove out with his wife every day during the last period of his life, his last ride ending in exhaustion, death very shortly following their return. He was a member of the Church of Perpetual Help, and for a number of years had been a member of Holyoke Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Holyoke.

Mr. Prew married (first) in 1871, Matilda Marchessault, of Holyoke, who died without children, in 1895. He married (second) in 1897, Caroline Vincent, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Desrosiers) Vincent, of Holyoke. They were the parents of two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Prew survives her husband, residing at the home at No. 203 Pine street, Holyoke, purchased by Mr. Prew after the sale of his long time home in Maple street, to the city of Holyoke, in 1911, the Central fire station standing on the site of the old home.

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**WETHERELL, Arthur B., M. D.,**

**Physician, Hospital Manager.**

The Wetherell family has been long established in the United States. The name appears early in Taunton, Massachusetts, where its representatives have been numerous down to the present day.

William Wetherell was in Taunton as early as 1643, and resided in what is now the town of Norton, near the outlet of Winneconnet pond. He was a native of Maidstone, Kent, England, whence several of this name came to America. Tradition says

that he came over as a cabin boy. He was admitted a freeman in 1658, served as constable in 1662, was often a selectman of the town, was representative in 1671 and 1685, and in the latter year was sergeant of militia. His will, made August 15, and probated November 18, 1691, mentions wife, Dorothy, and children: William, John, and Dorothy, William (2) Wetherell, son of William (1) and Dorothy Wetherell, was born about 1660, and married, in 1681, Elizabeth Newland. They lived where the father of William first settled on the outlet of Winneconnet pond, and were the parents of Nathaniel Wetherell, born May 5, 1696. He married and lived in Norton, and was the father of Nathaniel (2) Wetherell, born January 18, 1717. He married, August 4, 1737, Diana Lincoln, born February 6, 1722, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Lincoln. Their son, Solomon Wetherell, born September 6, 1742, also lived in Norton. He married, April 27, 1769, Sarah Lincoln, born August 22, 1748, daughter of Abiel and Sarah (Fisher) Lincoln. Two sons are recorded in Norton, Solomon and Tisdale. The latter was born July 24, 1773, in Norton, but removed to Middleboro, Massachusetts. His son, Barney Wetherell, was born, 1824, in Middleboro, and remained there until seven years of age, when he went to Southampton, Massachusetts. There he attended the public schools, and early in life engaged in the manufacture of matches, in which he was successful. After operating a factory until 1874, he sold out and retired to a farm which he had purchased in Southampton. Here he resided until his death in 1900, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a useful and respected citizen. He married Adelia M. Stedman, a native of Manchester, Connecticut, daughter of Ebenezer Stedman. She was the mother of four children, and died at the age of seventy-two years.

Dr. Arthur B. Wetherell, son of Barney



and Adelia M. (Stedman) Wetherell, was born February 2, 1855, in Southampton, Massachusetts. He attended the local public schools and academy. After a course at Williston Seminary, finding himself out of funds, he went to Boston to secure employment to raise the necessary money to complete his college course. He was thus enabled by industry and frugality to pursue a medical course in Harvard University, graduating in 1883. The following two years he was connected with hospitals in Boston, thus gaining a wide experience and knowledge supplemental to his college course. On April 6, 1886, he located at Holyoke, Massachusetts, and for over thirty years has been prominently identified with the growth of medical science and development of his home city. He has been eminently successful in practice and has contributed in no small degree to the welfare of the community. He was actively instrumental in the organization of the City Hospital, was associated with Dr. L. M. Tuttle in selecting its location, and has been a member of the hospital board to the present time and is now the senior physician on its staff. He is universally recognized, not only as "The good physician," but as a useful citizen. Dr. Wetherell is a member of the Holyoke Medical Society, Massachusetts Medical Society, American Medical Association, and Harvard Medical Alumni. Like his father, he is a member of the Masonic order, being affiliated with Mount Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Mount Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masters; Springfield Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Unity Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias; Holyoke Club; Mount Tom Golf Club; and Canoe Club of Holyoke. For fifteen years he has been a member

of the Holyoke Board of Health, continuously serving as chairman, and for many years (fifteen) was a member of the United States Pensions Examining Board.

Dr. Wetherell married, December 28, 1887, Erminie Davis, born in Taunton, Massachusetts, daughter of Benjamin Davis, who was born about 1830, in Somerset, Massachusetts, a machinist, who throughout his active life engaged in building locomotive engines in Taunton for the Mason Locomotive Works. Benjamin Davis married Maria Robinson, a native of Charlestown, New Hampshire, daughter of Lemuel Robinson. She died in 1868. Of her four children, Mrs. Wetherell is the only one living. Children of Dr. and Mrs. Wetherell: 1. Bryant, born November 19, 1888; educated in the common schools, High School, Davis Allen School of Newton, Williams College, graduate of Harvard Medical College, and is now an interne in the Massachusetts General Hospital. 2. Marion, born July 23, 1895; educated in the common schools, High School, Walnut Hill School, and Vassar College, class of 1917.

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#### PARIS, Daniel Eldon,

##### **Business Man.**

Daniel Eldon Paris, of Holyoke, has filled his present position as advertising manager of the Hampshire Paper Company since 1906. He is a descendant of Thomas Parris, who came from England in 1663. He was the only son of John Parris, and grandson of Thomas Parris, of London, England.

Thomas Parris, the founder, sailed for America from Topsham, England, June 28, 1663, locating on Long Island, there marrying Mary Jerklin. Later they removed to Boston, Massachusetts, where Mary, his wife, died, leaving two daughters. He shortly after moved to Pembroke, Massachusetts, where he married a Miss Rogers, and they were the parents of the following

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children: Samuel, John, Thomas, of further mention; Moses, Elizabeth, married Ebenezer Bonney; Anna, married Edward May. The line of descent from the founder is through Thomas (2) Parris, a son of Thomas (1) and his second wife; Thomas (2) Parris married Hannah Garnet, of Scituate, Massachusetts, who died in 1770, aged sixty-eight. They were the parents of Thomas (3), Elkanah, of further mention; Benjamin and Matthew Parris.

Elkanah Parris was born in 1728, lived in Pembroke and Williamstown, finally, in 1797, settled in Danby, Vermont, then a man of sixty-nine years. He married Grace Mott, of Scituate, Massachusetts, and soon afterward moved to Williamstown, Massachusetts, where most of their married life was spent. In the spring of 1797 they moved to the then comparatively pioneer settlement at Danby, Vermont, and there resided until his death, June 16, 1813, his widow surviving him until August 19, 1819, being then aged eighty-one. He was a member of the Society of Friends, exemplary in life and morals. He accumulated considerable wealth, being one of the substantial farmers of the section, a worthy, peaceable, influential member of the community. He was a man of intelligence and ability, and Danby is yet the home of many of his descendants, and there and in other places they bear the same traits of character and disposition as did their ancestor, Elkanah Parris. Elkanah and Grace (Mott) Parris were the parents of Micah, Daniel, of further mention; Hannah, Caleb, Deborah, Phoebe, Thankful, Huldah and Chloe.

Daniel Parris was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts, in 1763, second son of Elkanah and Grace (Mott) Parris. He settled on his farm at Danby about 1785, and there died February 17, 1822, respected and regretted. He was a man of rugged, powerful physique, capable of enduring any

hardship, and absolutely fearless, qualities which well became the pioneer settler. He was a young man of about twenty-two years, when, with his wife, he left his Massachusetts home to seek another in Danby, which was then a wilderness. He became a wealthy land owner and prosperous farmer, influential in his community. He was constable in 1793, lister for five years, auditor four years, and held other offices. He was a close friend of Isaac Tichenor, third Governor of Vermont, who frequently visited at the Parris home in Danby. He was a member of the Masonic order, a man of upright life and generous nature, devoted to the interests of the community in which he lived, and a prominent factor in its upbuilding. He married (first) Eunice Lamb, who left children: Eunice and Daniel. He married (second) Drusilla Sherman, they were the parents of Hannah, Levi S., Caleb, Owen, Walter, Harvey, Huldah, Fanny, Walter Mott, of further mention; Mary and Wesley Parris.

Walter Mott Parris, next to the youngest son of Daniel Parris and his second wife, Drusilla (Sherman) Parris, was born in Danby, Vermont, in 1810, and died there in 1886. He obtained a good education, and some knowledge of the law, although he was a carpenter by trade and an excellent workman. But he possessed a talent and ability above the average man, and was frequently consulted by the members of the neighborhood, his knowledge of law and sound judgment leading them aright. He was the only one of his family to learn a trade, they all becoming farmers. He married, in 1834, Nancy, widow of his brother, Levi S. Parris, and resided in both Danby and Pawlet. She died in 1836, leaving a son, Daniel E., of further mention, and a daughter, Nancy, born in 1836, shortly before her mother's death. He married (second) Mirandes, daughter of Ishmael Materson, who died in 1865, leaving children:

Mary, Delia, Malvina, Merritt and Clark Parris.

Daniel E. Paris (he dropping the extra "r" from the name), was born in Danby, Connecticut, in 1835, and died in Albany, New York, in 1895, son of Walter Mott Parris and his first wife. He was a well educated man, studying both for the ministry and law, but eventually discarding both, and becoming a business man. In Albany he became a well known manufacturer of stoves, a member of Potter, Paris and Company, and later of Burdette, Paris & Company. At one time in his career he went West, and in Sioux City, Iowa, erected a stove foundry, the largest in that section of the West. Able and progressive, he compiled a creditable record up to the time of his death at the age of sixty. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and politically a Republican. Mr. Paris married Susan E. Bristol, daughter of Lawrence Bristol, of Ballston Spa, New York. They were the parents of: Daniel Eldon, of further mention; Burt J., married Grace Maynard, and has a son Eldon; Sherman B.

Daniel Eldon Paris, eldest son of Daniel E. and Susan E. (Bristol) Paris, was born in Albany, New York, April 3, 1881. He was educated in the public schools and Albany Academy, beginning business at Troy, New York, as an employe of George P. Ide, the famous collar manufacturer. He remained in the Ide factory four years, and then was appointed an instructor in advertising in the International Correspondence Schools at Scranton, Pennsylvania. He conducted this department with success for two and a half years, then for three years was associated with the Lord Advertising Agency in New York City. In 1906 he began his duties as advertising manager for the Hampshire Paper Company, taking up his residence in Holyoke at this time. On January 1, 1918, he took charge of the advertising of Stone & Webster, large con-

struction engineers of Boston. He took up his residence in Brookline at this time. Mr. Paris is a member of the National Advertisers Association, and of other organizations of a business nature, also of the Holyoke Canoe, the Holyoke and Rotary clubs. He is an attendant of the Congregational church, and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Paris married, December 12, 1906, Harriet Scott, daughter of John Scott, of Omaha, Nebraska, an ex-Governor of the State, who married Harriet Wolcott.

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**PRICE, Charles A.,**

**Automobile Agent.**

As one of the men who have developed with the automobile industry, Mr. Price, as agent for the Chevrolet Car in Holyoke, is putting into action the knowledge gained during the years of his connection with the business in other cities. He came to his present position by regular graduations, beginning in the shop, and finally becoming a valued factor in the success of the Knox Automobile Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, serving that company as salesman until beginning business for himself. An expert in automobile knowledge, and rich in experience, he combines these with ability and industry, and is winning honorable position among the successful men in his line of business. Mr. Price is of English descent, a great-grandson of Lathrop Price, of New York State, a marble cutter and dealer in monumental work, who left sons: Darwin and Charles Augustus.

The line of descent to Charles Augustus (3) Price, of Holyoke, is through Charles Augustus (1), son of Lathrop Price. He was born in New York State, in 1832, and there resided during his youth and early manhood, dying in Ellington, Connecticut, in 1865. He was taught the marble cutter's trade by his father, and was associated with him in his monumental yard until lo-

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cating for himself in Ellington. He married Margaret Ann Donigan, born in County Tipperary, Ireland, who survived her husband thirty-seven years, married (second) David Halloway, and died in 1902, aged seventy-four years. Charles A. and Margaret Ann Price were the parents of two daughters and two sons: Rosilla, married Charles Kneeland; Margaret; George, died young; Charles Augustus, of further mention.

Charles Augustus (2) Price, the only son of Charles Augustus (1) and Margaret Ann (Donigan) Price, to survive childhood, was born in Ellington, Connecticut, December 9, 1857, and is now living there, a retired life. He was educated in the public schools, and after arriving at an age to choose his own career became a farmer, so continuing all his active years, owning his own property at Ellington. He has always been interested in public affairs, has served the town as selectman, and for many years has and is still serving as a member of the board of assessors (1917). His life has been quietly but usefully spent, and he holds the highest respect of the community. He attends the Congregational church, and in political preference is a Republican. He married (first) in Port Jervis, New York, in September, 1883, Nettie Louise Ward, who died January 29, 1888, daughter of John and Josephine (Waldo) Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Price were the parents of two daughters and two sons: Maude, married Raymond Steele; Josephine, married Fred M. Aborn; Harry; Charles Augustus, of further mention. Mr. Price married (second) in 1891, Louise Hancock, born in Wapping, Connecticut, daughter of James W. and Iva Louise (Davy) Hancock.

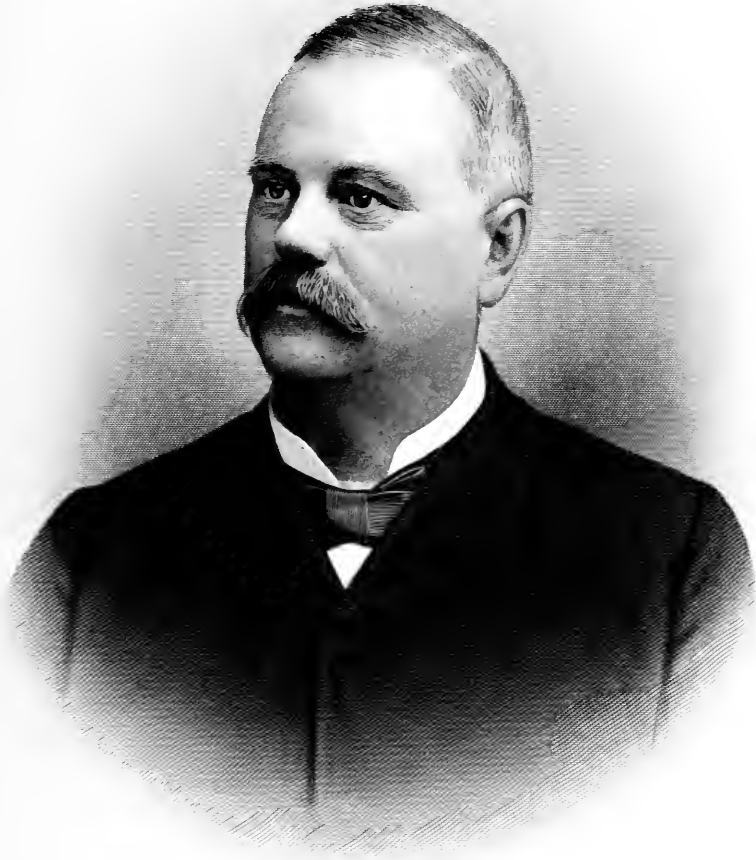
Charles Augustus (3) Price, youngest child of Charles Augustus (2) and Nettie Louise (Ward) Price, was born in Ellington, Connecticut, December 4, 1886, and

there spent his youth on the farm and in public schools. After finishing courses in the Ellington grade schools, he entered Rockville high school, finishing with the graduating class of 1906. His desire was to get into the business world, and immediately after graduation he secured a position at Windsor Locks, Connecticut, as clerk in a wholesale and retail hardware store, continued there one year, then came to Massachusetts, locating in the city of Springfield, where he found good fortune awaiting him in the form of a permanent business.

His first position in Springfield was with the Knox Automobile Company, with which concern he remained seven years, years of great importance to the young man. He began in the mechanical department, and before leaving it knew every bolt, nut, screw, or part of the cars that the company handled. Later he was advanced to the position of salesman, and there he proved his ability to sell cars. With technical and practical mechanical knowledge combined with ability as a salesman, nothing was lacking but the opportunity to demonstrate his fitness for a place in the automobile ranks as an agent. This came in 1915, when he secured an agency for farm tractors and engines which he successfully conducted for about two years. This agency paved the way for another, and in February, 1917, he opened salesrooms in Holyoke, Massachusetts, as the agent for the Chevrolet Car. To this he is devoting his entire time and energy, and is building up a strong agency. Although a member of the Knights of Columbus, he is essentially a business man, devoting little time to outside interests.

Mr. Price married, November 27, 1913, Lillian Margaret Premo, granddaughter of Stephen and Mary (Bradley) Premo, and daughter of Albert and Catherine (Fergu-

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son) Premo, of Malone, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Price are the parents of Charles Augustus (4), born April 27, 1915.

**ANGERS, William George,**  
**Lumber Merchant.**

A resident of Holyoke, Massachusetts, since 1886, Mr. Angers, the successful wholesale lumber dealer, has won his way to honorable position in the business world. He is a son of George Angers, of St. Ours, Quebec, Canada, and grandson of Pierre Paul Angers, of St. Ours, a descendant of Charles and Graheme (De Geloze) Angers (originally "Teque") of Notre Dame, Borgonne Gascogne, France, whose son, Pierre Charles Angers, sailed from France in December, 1732, and landed on American soil at Pointe Aux Tremble, January 7, 1733, founder of the family in Canada, and from him descends William George Angers, of Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Pierre Paul Angers was born at St. Ours, Quebec, Canada, in 1809, and died in his native province in 1881. He was a man of learning, educated for the priesthood, but did not take holy orders. Instead he became a teacher, following that profession for many years, eventually retiring, a government pension being awarded him in recognition of his long and valuable service. He married Cesaire Hasse and their children were: Rene; George, of further mention; Eliza, married a Mr. Menard; Deliva, married Charles Perault.

George Angers, son of Pierre Paul Angers, was born at St. Ours, Quebec, Canada. After completing his school years he learned the milling business and in time became a mill owner, operating a grist mill at St. Cesaire, grinding grain for the entire community. He purchased a farm of sixty acres adjoining his mill, and with the aid of his sons, Philip and Joseph, he carried on both farming and milling operations. He

married Lucy Dupont, born 1847, died 1911, daughter of William Dupont, of St. Demos, Canada. They were the parents of Evelina, William George, of further mention. Philip, Prelchere, Joseph, and two who died young.

William George Angers, eldest son of George and Lucy (Dupont) Angers, was born at St. Cesaire, Quebec, Canada, March 18, 1865. He attended school in St. Cesaire, and was his father's mill assistant until reaching legal age, after which in 1886, he came to the United States, locating at Holyoke, Massachusetts, and being a miller he soon found a position with the Prentice Brooks Company, millers and grain dealers. For eighteen years he continued with that company in the same plant, gaining experience and capital, which later was employed to his advantage. In 1905 Mr. Angers established a wholesale lumber business in Holyoke, and has built up a prosperous line of trade, especially with the paper mills of the country, shipping lumber in car quantities to mills in widely separated sections. He is a man of fine business quality, able, upright and progressive. For thirty-one years he has been connected with Holyoke's business interests as employer and merchant, and in that period has won high standing both as business man and citizen.

Mr. Angers married, August 20, 1889, Anna Moret, born in St. Cesaire, Canada, who when young was brought to the United States by her parents, Peter and Eupheme (Messier) Moret. Mr. and Mrs. Angers have an adopted daughter, Leona Seymour Angers. The family are members of the Church of Perpetual Help, Holyoke.

**HAM, William Gerrish,**  
**City Marshal, Patriotic Citizen.**

William Gerrish Ham, a public-spirited citizen of Holyoke, well-known for a great

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many years as its city marshal, was the son of Daniel Ham, a prominent contractor, builder, and lumber dealer, who was identified for a long time with the business community of Oldtown, Maine, until 1850, when he moved to Francestown, New Hampshire. He was descended from Teal Ham, a Revolutionary soldier in the British Army, who died in 1830, and was buried at Johnstown, New York. In the *Genealogical Bulletin*, Vol. I, p. 95, a copy of the discharge of Teal Ham from his regiment, the "King's Own" is given, signed by its Colonel, Edward Fanning, Esq., in 1783. The Gerrishes from whom he derived his descent on the female side came from Gerrish Island, near Portsmouth, Paul Gerrish being the name of the original settler of that name in Nottingham. Daniel Ham was originally of Nottingham, New Hampshire, but removed to Maine, and after a sojourn there he returned to the old State, and identified himself with Francestown. He married Sarah Watson and their children were: Lucretia, William Gerrish, of further mention; George, Charles, and Daniel.

William Gerrish Ham was born in Oldtown, Maine, March 20, 1836, and died at Holyoke, Massachusetts, August 2, 1903. A man of strong personality, his great personal magnetism and his fearlessness in the discharge of duty made him a conspicuous figure in the community. His interests were broad, and his sympathies were never appealed to in vain. His energy and his capacity for leadership showed themselves early, though he had that steadiness of character that submits to discipline until it has learned all its lessons. He was a boy of fourteen when his parents removed from Oldtown, Maine, to Francestown, New Hampshire, where he completed his studies and then learned the carpenter's trade. At the age of twenty-two years he obtained the position of chief carpenter at the Hampden Mills of Holyoke, under his uncle, D.

D. Combre, who was at that time the agent of the mills. He remained here a short time, after which he accepted a position with Wiggin & Flagg. At the outbreak of the Civil War and during all that period of intense activity and enormous industrial pressure, he was greatly interested, being located at Wilton, New Hampshire. In 1866 he returned to Holyoke. Perceiving the necessity for greater police protection in the growing town, he with the assistance of the prominent citizens, organized the first police department in Holyoke. In this work he was associated with Jacob F. Davis and Henry Smith, he being appointed captain of the police force. Within a short time, however, the great industrial growth of the town, called for a more thorough organization of this department. In 1873, the city was incorporated and immediately upon its incorporation as a city a new police department was established and Mr. Ham was elected first city marshal or chief of the department. No man could have been better fitted to cope with the difficult problems that came under his jurisdiction at this time. He was a man of conspicuous daring, of an unflinching integrity, and zeal for the public service, and gifted at the same time with that geniality and good comradeship that wins the affectionate loyalty and respect of all ranks. This popularity followed him to the time of his death. For the twenty-five years following the Civil War, Mr. Ham was city marshal and deputy sheriff of Hampden and Hampshire counties. These were days before the civil service reforms, and when the administration changed he was at times defeated for marshal. He would then become a deputy sheriff or even a private detective. Then when there came a turn in the political tide he would again be put at the head of the police department.

Growing out of his keen desire for the



suppression of disorder and violence in the community, was his interest in the punishment of cruelty. He was an energetic agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and his efforts in this direction, and his fearless prosecution of offenders did much to lessen the evils committed against helpless animals. In his public career Mr. Ham made hosts of friends, and his liking for his fellows induced him in 1886 to purchase the American House, in Springfield. This he conducted for thirteen years, and it became under his management one of the most widely known and most popular houses in the entire region. As a host he was inimitable, and his guests came from far and wide, and all were heartily welcomed. Mr. Ham was a member of Ionic Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Easthampton; of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was also a member of the Board of Trade of Springfield. He was an attendant of the Second Congregational Church of Holyoke.

Mr. Ham married, December 18, 1855, Lydia A. Avery, daughter of Solomon and Lavinia (Morse) Avery, of Mason, New Hampshire. Her father was the son of Ephraim Avery, and her mother, Lavinia (Morse) Avery was the daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Senter) Morse. Jacob Morse was the son of Obadiah Morse, who served in the Revolutionary War and was a kinsman of Samuel Morse, the inventor of the telegraph. The children of William Gerish and Lydia A. (Avery) Ham were: Ada Bell, who married Henry Houston, of Holyoke (see sketch elsewhere); William Albert and William Perkins, both of whom died in infancy. The engraving of Mr. Ham found in connection with this sketch has been placed here by his widow and will, it is felt, be a source of pleasure to his many friends.

**FREEMAN, Peter Francis,**

**Retired Business Man.**

Peter F. Freeman, of Holyoke, was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, and brought to Holyoke in 1867, by his parents, Peter and Hannah (McAuliffe) Freeman, who were both born in Ireland. Peter Freeman, Sr., had brothers and sisters: James, Patrick, Ann, Winifred and Bridget, all of whom came to the United States as did their parents. Roscommon, Ireland, was the Freeman home, and there Peter Freeman was born February 2, 1831. He grew to youthful manhood in his native land, obtained an education, and developed a strong mind and body. In 1850 he came to the United States, finally locating in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and there became a woolen mill employee. For a number of years he was employed in the woolen mills owned by A. T. Stewart, his duty being the grading and sorting of wool. After Mr. Stewart's death the mill management changed, and Mr. Freeman left that employ, going to California, where for two years he was engaged in the same line of business in San Francisco, as a buyer, grader and sorter of wool.

Upon his return East he became a wholesale produce dealer with headquarters in Worcester, Massachusetts, but doing business over a large area of surrounding country. He dealt in wholesale quantities and among his customers were the public and private institutions of Worcester. In 1867 he located both his home and his business in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and there continued actively engaged until his death, December 23, 1910, aged eighty-three years. He was a man who had won success through his own ability, courage and industry. He gave liberally of his means to church and charity, particularly remembering St. Vincent De Paul Society and Sacred Heart Church, as well as many of the older peo-

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ple of his acquaintance. The business block at No. 420-426 Maple street, which bears his name, was erected by him, as was the family homestead at No. 126 Sargent street, and he was rated one of his city's substantial men. Peter Freeman married Hannah McAuliffe, born in Cork, Ireland, November 25, 1832, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were the parents of ten sons and daughters: James, now a resident of San Francisco, California; Katherine, of Holyoke; Mary, of Holyoke; Margaret, married Thomas McHugh; John T., of Holyoke; Peter Francis, of further mention; Daniel, deceased; Winifred, married John Swords, of Springfield; Rev. Robert, deceased, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church; Hannah, deceased.

Peter Francis Freeman, third son of Peter and Hannah Freeman, was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, July 24, 1863, but in 1867 was taken to Holyoke by his parents and there has always resided. He obtained his education in both public and parochial schools of the city, and after completing his studies spent about two and a half years as a drug clerk. At the end of that period he became associated with his father in the wholesale produce business. Spending several years as his assistant, he was admitted to a partnership, the firm trading as Peter Freeman & Son. He continued in business carrying the heavier burdens of the same as the years granted the senior member exemption, but since the death of Peter Freeman in 1910, the son retired and has since devoted himself entirely to his extensive real estate and private property interests.

Peter Francis Freeman married, October 28, 1896, Annie Carroll, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

### **CRAVEN, John Joseph,**

**Business Man.**

Among the esteemed residents of Holyoke, and one whose activities have extended over more than a quarter of a century, is John Joseph Craven. An Irishman by birth and parentage, he inherited those qualities of industry and perseverance which are characteristic of that race, and which make of them such valuable citizens.

Patrick Craven, father of John Joseph Craven, a native of County Roscommon, Ireland, was born in 1818, being one of a family of six children, all deceased, the names of the other members having been as follows: John, Michael, Ellen, Bridget and Mary. He attended the common schools of that day, and throughout his active years devoted his entire attention to the cultivation of the soil, owning a small farm whereon he resided. He married Mary Doyle, born in County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1832, now (1917) living in Ireland, aged eighty-five years, daughter of Larry and Bridget (Moran) Doyle. Children: Martin, deceased; Thomas, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Bridget, became the wife of David Maley, of Holyoke, Massachusetts; Maria, became the wife of Fred Chamberlain, of Waterbury, Connecticut; Patrick, died young; Ellen, became the wife of Thomas Smalley, of Holyoke, Massachusetts; John Joseph, of whom further; and Annie, became the wife of William Finnegan, resides in Ireland. Patrick Craven, father of these children, died at his home in Ireland, July, 1900, aged eighty-two years.

John Joseph Craven was born in Cooleygarry, County Roscommon, Ireland, June 29, 1869. He attended the National schools of Ireland in his native town, and assisted

his father with the work of the farm until he attained the age of twenty years, when, having decided that the opportunities for advancement were greater in America, he came to the United States in 1889, and located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, which city has since been his home. His first employment in his adopted country was in the paper mills of Holyoke, namely, the Gill Paper Mill, the Parsons Paper Company, the Holyoke Paper Company, the Franklin Paper Company and the Albion Mills, continuing thus until 1907. For eleven years he has also been engaged in the milk business, and for the past ten years, since his retirement from work in the mills, has devoted his entire time to the latter occupation, purchasing that product from the farmers in the vicinity and disposing of it to his regular customers, handling between five and six hundred quarts daily. In addition to this he has real estate interests, to which he devotes considerable time. He is thrifty and has a determination to succeed, two excellent traits of character, which, if applied properly, are sure to bring success. Mr. Craven holds membership in the Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Mr. Craven married, November 12, 1895, Hannah Bresnahan, born in County Kerry, Ireland, May 14, 1869, daughter of Timothy and Ellen (Harrigan) Bresnahan. She came to this country from her native land in 1886, locating in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Children: George Francis, born August 9, 1896, a student of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, pursuing the medical course; Theresa, born December 13, 1897, died October 25, 1898; Christina, born December 11, 1898, died January 11, 1899; Charles Henry, born March 7, 1900, died July 26, 1900; Mary Veronica, born April 13, 1901, a student in the Holy Rosary School; Hannah, born May 4, 1902, a student in Holy Rosary School; Ellen

Cecelia, born April 12, 1904; Frances, born May 17, 1906; Martha, born June 17, 1908.

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**JONES, Leonard Frederick,**

**Builder, Contractor.**

The ancestors of Leonard Frederick Jones were among the early settlers of the Connecticut Valley, their names being found on the records of those groups that gradually spread out in widening circles from the parent colonies. These old English pioneers possessed a large amount of good business sagacity as well as the intense spirit of religious independence, and we find them gradually moving out to the newer arable lands which afforded a better living, and where they could at the same time worship in accordance with their own ideas of doctrine and discipline.

Thomas Jones, of New London, Connecticut, married and had a son, Thomas (2) Jones, of Colchester, Connecticut, who married and had a son, Jabez Jones, of Colchester, who married Anna Ransom, and their children were: Thomas, born May 21, 1732; Jabez, born January 14, 1733 or 1734; Amos, born January 2, 1734 or 1735; Anna, born October 5, 1736; Israel, born January 7, 1738, of Deerfield, 1783; Asa, born June 9, 1739; Hazel, born January 6, 1742; Jehiel, of whom further; Ariel, born September 28, 1745; Sarah, born January 7, 1747; Abijah, born July 5, 1750, settled in Shelborn; Benoni, married, in 1791, Catherine ———; David, of Shelborn and Deerfield, 1775-84, went to Blenheim, New York; Joshua, of Deerfield, 1775, of Shelborn, 1780; Phineas.

(IV) Jehiel Jones, the sixth son of Jabez and Anna (Ransom) Jones, was born at Colchester, Connecticut, September 20, 1743, and died June 5, 1835, at the age of ninety-two. He removed from Colchester to Shelborn, and was in Deerfield prior to 1783.

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In 1787 he is recorded as being a schoolmaster. Later he settled in Wisdom where he died. He married, September 20, 1765, Lucretia Hamilton, who died May 7, 1821, at the age of eighty. Their children were: 1. Jehiel, born December 8, 1766. 2. Loruhamah, born March 3, 1768; married Captain Caleb Jones, of Somers; removed to Blenheim; returned to Deerfield and died about 1840. 3. Lovinah, born February 25, 1770; married Dr. McClallan, of New York State. 4. Lucretia, born July 22, 1772; married (bans published August 15, 1798) Joseph Robbins. 5. Sally, born December 25, 1774. 6. Russell, born October 27, 1777. 7. Jabez, born June 27, 1780. 8. Amos, born January 1, 1783. 9. James, born February 27, 1785, died May 21, 1788. 10. Israel, of whom further. 11. Amasa, born September 1, 1789, died December 22, 1810.

(V) Israel Jones, son of Jehiel and Lucretia (Hamilton) Jones, was born March 15, 1787, and died April 6, 1861. He followed the trade of carpenter, living in Wisdom, a section of Deerfield, Massachusetts. He married (first) December 1, 1808, Eleanor, daughter of John Broaderick. She died May 17, 1826, and he married (second) in 1828, Cynthia, daughter of Daniel Wise, and widow of Silas Atwood. She died June 19, 1871. The children of Israel Jones were: 1. Dennis Stearns, born November 28, 1809; married (bans published March 17, 1831), Experience F. Hutchins; died August 31, 1872. 2. Amasa, of whom further. 3. Eliza, born November 18, 1815, died October 13, 1818. 4. Louisa, born February 18, 1818; married Asa R. Hutchins. 5. Charles, born July 27, 1820; married, December 5, 1847, Margaret, daughter of Robert Tombs; selectman for twelve years, chairman of the board for seven years. 6. Eleanor, born August 12, 1830; married, December 25, 1845, George W. Jones.

(VI) Amasa Jones, the second son of Is-

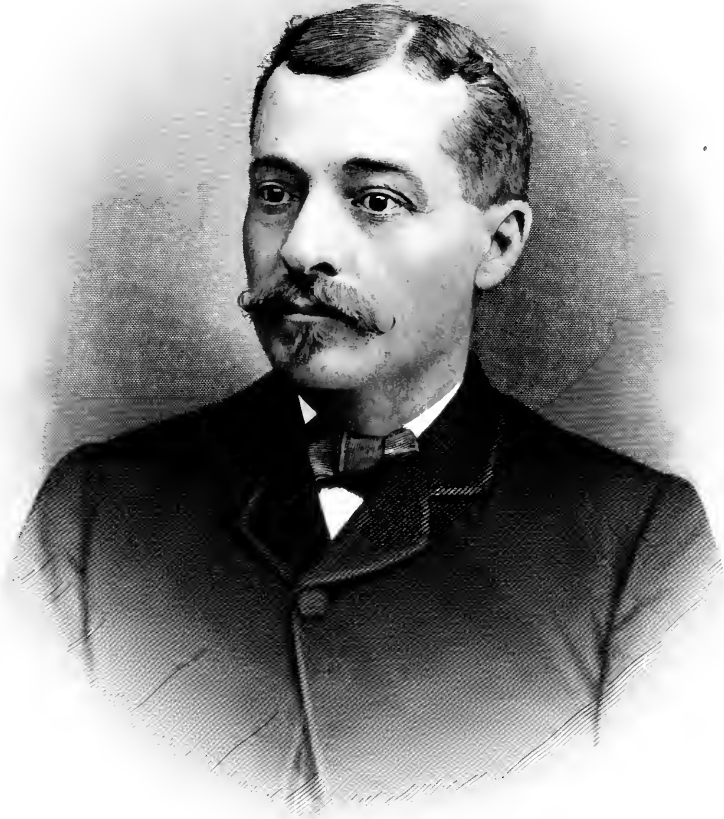
rael and Eleanor (Broaderick) Jones, was born at Deerfield, Massachusetts, March 6, 1813, and died September 7, 1877. He was a farmer, cultivating a place in West Deerfield. He married, December 15, 1836, Nancy B., daughter of Nathan Robbins. Their children were: 1. Julius Wellington, of whom further. 2. Amanda, born November 2, 1839. 3. Gilbert E., born October 18, 1844; carpenter; settled in Greenfield and married Ella Eastman. 4. Almond A., born December 17, 1845; settled in Holyoke; married Agnes Williamson. 5. Edward Jenner, born August 6, 1852. 6. Spencer, born November 10, 1854; married Flora Page, of Greenfield.

(VII) Julius Wellington Jones, the eldest son of Amasa and Nancy B. (Robbins) Jones, was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, September 22, 1837, and died in Holyoke, March 6, 1915. He was engaged in farming early in life, but while still a young man made himself master of the carpenter's trade, and went extensively into building. For forty years he followed this profession, at first in Deerfield, and after 1860 in Holyoke, Massachusetts. As the business grew he became an increasingly large employer of labor. The possibilities of real estate attracted him in connection with his building operations, and his practice of buying land, building upon it and then selling at a profit was found to be one of shrewd business sense and eminently successful. For a time he lived at South Hadley Falls. He married Anne, daughter of John Fiffe. Their children were: 1. Leonard Frederick, of whom further. 2. Bertha, who died at the age of nine.

(VIII) Leonard Frederick Jones, son of Julius Wellington and Anne (Fiffe) Jones, was born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, September 18, 1866. His early education was received at the city schools of Holyoke. When through school he learned carpentry with his father, and later became

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his business partner. After a time he went into business for himself, adding to his carpentry extensive operations in building and contracting. Within the last five years he has practically withdrawn from that side of the work, finding his time fully occupied with his real estate interests. Mr. Jones is a member of the Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the commandery of Knights Templar, the Boston Consistory, and of Melha Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Springfield, up to thirty-second degree.

Mr. Jones married, September 25, 1892, Catherine, daughter of Richard and Catherine (Brannon) Brown, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and granddaughter of Richard Brown, of England. They have two children: Julius Wellington, born October 19, 1893, and Ralph Howard, born August 6, 1896.

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**OCTO, Frank,**

**Business Man.**

Frank Octo, now deceased, for many years engaged in the furniture business, was recognized as one of the leading French merchants and citizens of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He wielded a strong influence among his fellowmen, an influence gained through the absolute confidence they had in his integrity, in his true friendship for his countrymen and the genuineness of his efforts to advance their interests. He came to Holyoke, a young man, a carpenter by trade, but later became interested in merchandising, and there stands as a monument to his energy and public spirit the large Octo Block at Nos. 69 and 71 High street, and in that block is the sign "Frank Octo & Co.," a sign erected in 1882 when young Napoleon Desrosiers was admitted a partner. Twenty years later Frank Octo ceased from his labors, but Mr. Desrosiers, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in the

work, yet continued the business under the old name, Frank Octo & Co.

Frank Octo, son of Francis Octo, was born in St. Bernard, Quebec, Canada, in 1847, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, April 29, 1901. He was educated in the schools of St. Marie, Canada, and after learning and becoming an expert at the carpenter's trade, he came to the United States. He began his American life in Boston, there following his trade, and later was employed in Long Meadow and Springfield. He also followed his trade for a time in Holyoke, then began business in a small way, dealing principally in second hand goods. He prospered and as his means increased he built the Octo Block on High street, and therein opened a furniture and house furnishing store on a large scale. He conducted his large business alone until 1882, when he admitted Napoleon Desrosiers, a young fellow countryman, who had won his favor. From that partnership dates the firm name, Frank Octo & Co., which has never changed.

Mr. Octo was a wise, shrewd business man, and prosperity attended his well directed efforts. He possessed vision and public spirit, believed in Holyoke and in its future greatness. In addition to the Octo Block, he built two apartment houses, and a fine residence on Lincoln street, but his mercantile business was his chief interest. Although he died hardly more than in life's prime, he was rated one of the wealthy men of the city. The business he founded and developed in association with his partner was one of large proportions, and while its inspiration and long time directing head has been absent in the body for many years, the principles he inculcated and enforced yet pervade every department of the business; his name is still carried as the firm name, and Frank Octo, "though dead, yet speaketh."

Mr. Octo married, in 1887, Philemon

Couture, daughter of George and Verniee (Verson) Couture, of St. Marie, Canada. Their two children, Frank and Boni, died in infancy. Mrs. Octo continues her residence in Holyoke.

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**COUTURE, Louis,**

**Real Estate Expert.**

Among the well known French residents of Holyoke who have achieved a success in the real estate and investment business should be mentioned the name of Louis Couture, who is an expert in his line of business and well informed upon real estate values in that city. Mr. Couture is a son of George Couture, and a grandson of Michael Couture, a carpenter in Canada. Michael Couture married Marie Marcou, and they were the parents of Pierre, George, Mark, Michael, Felix and Henry Couture. George Couture, a grist and saw mill operator, married Verniee Verson, and they were the parents of Eisebe; George, deceased; Louis, of further mention; Philemon, married Frank Octo, of Holyoke, a merchant and capitalist, who died in 1901, she yet a resident of Holyoke and his widow; Anna, deceased; Celenier, deceased.

Louis Couture was born in St. Elzoin, Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1857, and is now and since 1888 has been a resident of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He attended school in his native parish until fourteen years of age, and in the intervals of school life was employed in light farm work. In 1871 he left Canada and located at Island Pond, Vermont, where he was employed in the saw mills, teaming and in general lumbering work. In 1888 he located in Holyoke, where he has since resided. Here he took a position with his brother-in-law, Frank Octo, who was one of the leading furniture dealers in the city, and he continued in his employ for twelve years, being engaged not only in the furniture business but also in

Mr. Octo's real estate and building operations. In 1901 he resigned from this position and engaged in business for himself, since which time his entire attention has been given to his real estate investments. In connection with his sons he is also interested in a farm enterprise of large proportions in the town of Granby. He has managed his affairs wisely and is one of the substantial men of the French Colony.

Mr. Couture married, in 1878, at Island Pond, Vermont, Anna Payer, born in Leeds, Quebec, Canada, daughter of Joshua and Marie (LeGeunne) Payer. Mr. and Mrs. Couture are the parents of four children: Joseph A., died in infancy; George Urich Theodore, a farmer of the town of Granby, married Elizabeth Trudeau, they the parents of Bonhaur, Martha, Virginia, Marjorie and Eleanor; Aurelius Boni Arzeba, married Orien LaLiberte, and has a daughter Muirelle; he is a contractor with his father.

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**BALL, James Rowe,**

**Agriculturist.**

James Rowe Ball, the well-known agriculturist of Holyoke, Massachusetts, was born on the homestead, where he still lives, being in the eighth generation of an old New England family. Seven generations of the Ball family, descendants of Francis Ball, have lived in the Connecticut River Valley and contributed to the upbuilding of the Colony and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Grover Cleveland, twice President of the United States, was a descendant of Francis and Abigail (Burt) Ball, and the first President of the United States, George Washington, through his mother was also a Ball descendant. Colonel Edwin Heman Ball was one of the men of the sixth American generation who reflected great honor upon the family name and left to posterity a record of usefulness. His



home was the old homestead upon which his great-grandfather, Benjamin Ball, settled in 1745, and where stands the "great elm tree," an estate now owned by his son, James Rowe Ball.

(I) Francis Ball, the founder of the family, came to Massachusetts from England, and in 1639 settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts, near Boston. In 1640 he moved to the Connecticut River Valley at West Springfield. In 1644 he married Abigail, daughter of Henry Burt, an Englishman, and an early settler of Roxbury, Massachusetts. Francis Ball was drowned near where the North End bridge spans the Connecticut river at what was then West Springfield, now Holyoke, in October, 1648, at forty years of age. He left two sons, Jonathan and Samuel, the latter born in 1647.

(II) Jonathan Ball, eldest son of Francis Ball, was born in 1645. His father and mother both died before he was three years of age, and he grew up in West Springfield. He was a man of importance, captain of militia and active in town affairs. He was twice married and was the father of twelve children, six, however, dying in early life.

(III) The history of the family in Holyoke begins with the settlement there of Benjamin Ball, son of Jonathan Ball and grandson of Francis Ball. Benjamin Ball was born in West Springfield in 1689, and settled in the north parish, now Holyoke, where now is the corner of Northampton and Westfield streets, in 1745, there securing land which is yet owned by his descendants. At the time of his settlement there were but few families in the parish and they "forted together at night for fear of the Indians." In the spring of 1751 he planted the "great elm tree." He had four sons, Benjamin, Charles, Noah and Moses.

(IV) Lieutenant Charles Ball, the second son of Benjamin Ball, was born in

1725, and in 1757 married Ruth Miller. In 1777 he was one of the selectmen of the town and took an active part in its affairs.

(V) Charles (2) Ball, son of Charles (1) and Ruth (Miller) Ball, was born in 1760 at what is now Holyoke, nine years after the planting of the "great tree" by his grandfather. He was a soldier of the Revolution, ranking as sergeant, but was known as Lieutenant Ball. He enlisted April 26, 1780, was discharged December 27, 1780, after eight months on guard duty at Springfield. He inherited the old homestead and after his return from the war became prominent in town affairs, serving as moderator in 1814, also was a representative to the State Legislature for nine terms. He died July 3, 1838, his wife on May 4, 1838.

(VI) Edwin Heman Ball, known as Colonel Ball, youngest child of Lieutenant Charles Ball, was born at the homestead in Holyoke, August 19, 1809, and died there January 9, 1899. He spent his entire life at the homestead, which he inherited on the death of his father in 1838. The upbuilding of Holyoke and his connection therewith brought him wealth and he became prominent in public life. He served as selectman and representative from Holyoke to the State Legislature two terms and was known as "Colonel Ball of Holyoke." He was a farmer, and in politics a Democrat until the birth of the Republican party, thereafter affiliating with that party. He took a great interest in military affairs and was especially interested in the cavalry. He was a member of the Baptist church, very hospitable and generous, widely known and highly respected. Colonel Ball married (first) January 1, 1830, Phoebe Fink, born April 13, 1808, died March 30, 1842, the mother of five children: 1. Helen Sophia, married, January 1, 1852, James F. Allyn. 2. A son, born and died in 1833. 3. Edwin Heman (2), born December 9, 1833; graduated in medicine and was a young man of

great promise, but his health failed and he sought to regain it in another climate, but died in Texas, March 30, 1856. 4. James Rowe, of further mention. 5. Alice Evaline, born June 17, 1840; married Dr. Charles Carpenter, son of Rev. Mark Carpenter, born in August, 1838, died March 7, 1902. Dr. Carpenter stood at the head of his profession and was well known. All of these children are now deceased except James Rowe. Colonel Ball, left a widower with young children, married (second) Eurydice Ely, a woman of great worth. They were the parents of five children: 1. Jube Henry, born March 22, 1843, married Missouri Beck and resides at Vinton, Iowa. 2. Francis Wayland, a sketch of whom follows in this work. 3. Lucy M., died aged ten years. 4. Charles Ely, born February 21, 1852; married Elvira F. Whiting, and is now deceased. 5. Gillman Kimball, born April 29, 1854; married Emma M. Kennedy, and is also deceased.

(VII) James Rowe Ball, son of Colonel Edwin Heman Ball and his first wife, Phoebe (Fink) Ball, was born at the old Ball homestead in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 28, 1836. The old homestead is now his property, as it was of his father, his grandfather, Charles Ball, his great-grandfather, Charles Ball, and his great-great-grandfather, Benjamin Ball, its first owner. Three of these generations were born at the old home and it is alive with memories of those who once made it a centre of gayety. After his school years in Holyoke, Worcester, Suffield and Vermont institutions were completed, he returned to the farm and has devoted his life to its management. The estate now comprises about one hundred and seventy-five acres, is one of the most attractive city farms that can anywhere be found, and one to which its owner is deeply attached. Mr. Ball, now an octogenarian, has never known another home nor did his father nor his grandfather. There the

"Old Elm Tree" has spread its sheltering branches for nearly a century and there his heart has ever been. He is a Republican in politics, but beyond taking part in school affairs he has accepted no public office. He has never married.

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**BALL, Francis Wayland,**

**Successful Business Man.**

(VII) Francis Wayland Ball, son of Colonel Edwin Heman Ball and his second wife, Eurydice (Ely) Ball, was born at the Ball homestead in Holyoke (then West Springfield), April 29, 1847. He attended the schools of the town and remained at the home farm until twenty years of age, then became a carpenter apprentice. He had a love for mechanical work and became an expert worker in wood. He worked for a time as a journeyman carpenter, later became a contractor and conducted a large business in connection with extensive real estate dealings. His maternal grandfather, Jube Ely, owned a tract of land now included within Holyoke's limits, which later came under the ownership of Mr. Ball. He laid it out in streets and residence lots, erected appropriate residences which were sold as fast as built and now the section is one of homes; two streets, Clark and Gillman, being lined on both sides by houses built by Mr. Ball. In 1907 he met with a serious accident, which so impaired his physical activity that he retired from contracting and building, since devoting himself to the care of his real estate and other property interests. He is a man of sterling character and public spirit, worthily bearing a name long known and honored in his city.

Mr. Ball married, February 24, 1867, Georgiana Wilbur, of Hadley, Massachusetts, daughter of James and Susan (White) Wilbur. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have three children: 1. Francis Wayland, Jr., born January 1, 1868, now a real estate dealer in San

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Francisco, California; married Gertrude Kent. 2. Frederick Taylor, born June 5, 1870, now foreman for J. & W. Jolly Company, at Holyoke; married Effie M. Fowler, and has a daughter, Marian F. 3. Eurydice Ely, born November 27, 1871; married Frederick Leining, chief clerk of the Judd Paper Company, and has a daughter, Eloise Eurydice.

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**GOYETTE, Stephen Joseph,**

**Master Mechanic.**

The position which Stephen Joseph Goyette now holds as a master mechanic of the Holyoke Plush Company is the culmination of years of diligent application. His early interest in mechanics soon caused him to leave the farm, which his forefathers had prosperously enjoyed, and start out with an independence of spirit and energy to find a place for himself in the mechanical world. That end has been successfully accomplished.

The parents and grandparents of Mr. Goyette have lived in Canada for many years. As the family name would indicate, there is a trace of the French in its history. Jonathan Goyette, grandfather of Stephen Joseph Goyette, was a farmer in Canada. He married Mary Menoard, and to them were born these children, all of whom are now deceased: Alec, Moses, John, Elizah, Joseph, Amable, of further mention; Samuel, Levi, Ciliva, Julianne. The son Amable, or Amos as it is called in English, was born in Chambly, Canada, in 1832. His father died while this boy was still very young, and when old enough he followed his father's means of livelihood, maintaining a farm of some two hundred acres in Sutton, Canada. Here he specialized in the dairying business in conjunction with stock raising. In politics he was a Conservative, but later became a Liberal. He married Mar-

garet Gordon, born 1842, in St. Bridget, Canada. She was the daughter of Patrick and Maria Gordon. She died December 23, 1906, and her husband died June 16, 1901. They were the parents of thirteen children, two of whom were twins. They are as follows: Catherine, born January 25, 1859, widow of Frederick H. Stone; William, born July 12, 1860; Patrick, born June 16, 1863; Sarah, born May 20, 1865; Alice, born November 18, 1867, died August 11, 1889; Arthur, born August 11, 1870; Annie L., born August 30, 1872, died July 13, 1902, the wife of Ephrian La Pierre; Francis A., born November 2, 1873; Stephen Joseph, of this sketch; Livias M., born November 23, 1879, died August 12, 1903; Caroline M. and Corrine M., twins, born June 22, 1882, the latter died August 15, 1914; and Gordon W., born July 17, 1886.

Stephen Joseph Goyette was born in Sutton, Broome county, Province of Quebec, Canada, October 9, 1877, the son of Amable and Margaret (Gordon) Goyette. He attended school in Sutton and spent three of his school years at the Academy. He then began farming with his father. In 1897, at twenty years of age, he left his home in Canada and came in April of that year to Holyoke, Massachusetts. Here he learned the trade of a machinist and millwright, and was employed by the Holyoke Water Power Company, with whom he remained for eight years. In 1904 he entered the plant of the Holyoke Plush Company, as master mechanic, and in that position has since been employed. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Improved Order of Red Men; and of the National Association of Stationary Engineers.

Mr. Goyette married, June 29, 1914, Mary A. Kennedy, daughter of Thomas F. and Bridget (Conner) Kennedy, of Deerfield, Massachusetts. They have one daughter, Margaret Ann, born June 3, 1916.

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### LYMAN, Warren Montgomery,

#### Manufacturer.

Of ancient and honorable lineage was Richard Lyman, the founder of his family in America in 1631, and the ancestor of Warren M. Lyman, of Holyoke, Massachusetts. The latter is of the ninth generation of the family in New England.

(I) Richard Lyman was born in High Ongar, Essex, England, about twenty-five miles from London, was baptized there October 30, 1580, died in Hartford, Connecticut, his will the first on record in the city, dated September, 1640, property inventoried the following September. He sold all his land in 1629, and in August, 1631, came to New England, with his wife and children, in the ship "Lion." He settled in Charlestown, having landed from the ship at Boston, November 4, and with his wife joined the church at Roxbury, his pastor, John Eliot, better known as the Apostle to the Indians. He was made a freeman, June 11, 1635, and the following October 15, joined the party of one hundred, which on that day started the long journey through the wilderness to Connecticut. Richard Lyman was one of the original proprietors of Hartford in 1636, his home lot on the south side of what is now Buckingham street, between Main and Washington streets, the fifth lot from Main street west of the South Church. Richard Lyman married Sarah, daughter of Roger Osborne, of Halstead, in Kent, England, their ten children all being born at High Ongar in Essex. Five of their children died young, five coming to America with their parents: Philis, Richard (2), of further mention; Sarah, John, and Robert.

(II) Richard (2) Lyman, son of Richard (1) Lyman, was born at High Ongar, Essex, England, and there baptized February 24, 1617, came to New England in 1631, and died at Northampton, Massachusetts, June

3, 1662. He was elected a selectman of Northampton, Massachusetts. He was a man of high character and strong influence, holding public office much of his adult life. He married, before leaving Hartford, Hepzibah, daughter of Thomas Ford, of Windsor, Connecticut, she the sister of the wife of Elder John Strong, of Dorchester, Massachusetts. They resided in Windsor some time, Richard Lyman owning land there. Children: Hepzibah, married Joseph Dewey, ancestor of Admiral George Dewey; Sarah, Richard (3), Thomas, Eliza, John, of further mention; Joanna and Hannah.

(III) John Lyman, son of Richard (2) Lyman, was born in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1655, and died in Northampton, Massachusetts, October 13, 1727, his gravestone distinguished from others of the same name by adding the words: "Richard's son." By his wife Abigail he had sons and daughters: Abigail, died young; Abigail (2); Nathan; James, known as "Captain;" Abner; Job; Joshua, known as "Lieutenant," of further mention; and Nathan.

(IV) Lieutenant Joshua Lyman, son of John Lyman, was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, February 27, 1704, and died in Northfield, Massachusetts, where he was one of the first settlers, in the year 1777, aged seventy-three. He married (first) October 1, 1729, Sarah Narmon, of Suffield, Connecticut. They were the parents of: Simeon, John, Joshua, Seth, known as "Captain," of further mention; and Mary, who died young. He married (second) Esther ———, they the parents of Sarah, Mary (2), James, and Esther.

(V) Captain Seth Lyman, son of Lieutenant Joshua Lyman, and his first wife, Sarah (Narmon) Lyman, was born February 1, 1736, lived at Northfield, and there died October 14, 1817, aged eighty-one. He served in the War for Independence, and all his life was engaged in farming, his farm

lying not far from Northfield. He married (first) October 23, 1760, Eunice Graves, of Sunderland, Massachusetts, born January 25, 1714, died October 1, 1801. They were the parents of: Tertus, Phineas, Lucy, Eunice, Seth (2), Samuel, of further mention; Nancy or Naomi, Aaron Graves, and Molly or Polly.

(VI) Samuel Lyman, fourth son of Captain Seth Lyman and his first wife, Eunice (Graves) Lyman, was born in Northfield, Massachusetts, March 28, 1775, and died there November 6, 1823. He married Sarah Smith, born in Winchester, New Hampshire, October 3, 1778, died December 1, 1803. She survived him and married (second) Samuel Smith, of Granby, Massachusetts. Children: Warren, of further mention; Samuel Jewell, married Sarah L. Gray; Arad, in business in Columbus, Georgia, for a time, died in New York City.

(VII) Warren Lyman, son of Samuel and Sarah (Smith) Lyman, was born in Northfield, Massachusetts, August 23, 1805, and died in Texas, November 18, 1837. He was a surveyor, and in 1832 went to Texas, and there was in the employ of the government, surveying lands. He married, June 22, 1826, Eliza Stebbins, who long survived him, a resident of South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts. Children: Sarah, born January 27, 1827, married Simon G. Southworth; Maria Ellen, born October 3, 1828, married Horace Hatfield; Henry Clay, died young; George Warren, of further mention; Mary Henrietta, born July 18, 1837, a teacher.

(VIII) George Warren Lyman, son of Warren and Eliza (Stebbins) Lyman, was born March 15, 1833, and died April 4, 1880. He was educated at Northfield Seminary, and in youth was a clerk in a Northfield general store. Prior to the war between the North and South, he moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, and there was engaged as a ship chandler, doing business

under the firm name, "Lyman & Abbott." Twice during the war his place of business was burned, and finally he was drafted into the Confederate Army, serving as paymaster of the Second Alabama Cavalry. He safely passed the perils of war and afterward and until his death resided in New Orleans. He was a member of the Masonic order in New Orleans, and in all things was a man of honor and probity. He married, March 24, 1864, Sarah Flavilla Lyman, who died March 6, 1911, daughter of Samuel Jewett and Sarah L. (Gray) Lyman, also a descendant of Richard Lyman through Captain Seth Lyman. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lyman were the parents of: 1. Eugene Montgomery, born in New Orleans, May 19, 1865, died July 2, 1867. 2. Mary Eliza, born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, December 17, 1866, died May 10, 1910; married Fred H. Taylor. 3. Georgianna, born January 27, 1869, died October 12, 1875. 4. Warren Montgomery, of further mention. 5. Alabama Hatfield, born October 2, 1873, died November 20, 1892; married, August 17, 1892, Frank H. Allen. 6. Stewart F., born in Magnolia, Mississippi, June 1, 1876, now with the Cowburn Trolley Track Company, married Bertha E. Clouston, she died February 1, 1917.

(IX) Warren Montgomery Lyman, son of George Warren and Sarah Flavilla (Lyman) Lyman, was born in New Iberia, Louisiana, August 18, 1872. He was eight years of age when his father died, and he was brought North, the family home being at South Hadley Falls, where he attended school. Later he was a pupil in East Hartford and Dalton schools, but at the age of fourteen his school days ended. For a year thereafter he was in the employ of Newton Smith, of South Hadley Falls, a farmer; then, in 1888, he formed an association with the National Blank Book Company of Holyoke, which continued for about two years. He was next with the George W.

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Prentiss Wire Company, then and for about twelve years was clerk and salesman with the J. Russell & Company Hardware. At the close of this engagement, he went to Windsor Locks, Connecticut, with the George P. Clark Company, manufacturers of truck castors, etc. He began as salesman, later became general sales manager of the New York City office, a position he filled for twelve years. In the fulfillment of the duties of his office he traveled in nearly every State of the Union, his journeys taken during one period of eight months covering a distance of eighty thousand miles. In December, 1916, he organized the Holyoke Truck Company, a corporation to manufacture trucks. He was the first secretary-treasurer of the company, of which he now owns a controlling interest, and serves as president, treasurer and general manager. His years of manufacturing experience richly qualify him to conduct the business in which he is engaged from the manufacturer's standpoint, while his experience as sales manager for so many years gives him the necessary view point of the salesman. He has proven his executive ability also, and is a well rounded and balanced twentieth century business man. Mr. Lyman is a Republican in politics, and has served on the Holyoke City Committee. He is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Bela Grotto, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, of Springfield, Massachusetts; Connecticut Valley Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias; the United Commercial Travelers of America; the Old Colony Club of New York City; the Second Baptist Church of Holyoke; and of several business organizations.

He married, June 27, 1894, Cora May Marrs, of Milton, Vermont, daughter of Harlan F. and Emmeline A. (Hine) Marrs, and granddaughter of William Marrs, of Scotch birth and ancestry. Mr. and Mrs.

Lyman are the parents of two daughters: Alta Mae, born January 16, 1901; and Eula Emmeline, May 6, 1910.

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### DAVIS, Herbert Frank,

**Builder, Contractor.**

The business of F. A. Davis & Son, Incorporated, of which Herbert F. Davis is president, was founded by his honored father and developed by father and son to its present proportions. Frank A. Davis founded a brick and cement contracting business in 1878, and until his death in 1915 was its head. In 1904 he admitted his son, Herbert F., as a partner under the firm name, F. A. Davis & Son, and together they labored until death dissolved the partnership, eleven years later. These two generations of the family in Holyoke have played an important part in the upbuilding of the city.

This branch of the Davis family is traced to John Davis, "The Welshman," who located in the town of Derby, Connecticut, in 1690. From him is descended Shorey Davis, great-grandfather of Herbert F. Davis, who was a tailor by trade, and a well-to-do citizen of Preston, Connecticut. He served in the Revolutionary War, and upon his return from the War located in Preston, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring there February 25, 1841, at the age of eighty-six years, and he was buried in North Stonington, Connecticut. He married Sarah Carpenter, born October 30, 1767, in South Kingston, Rhode Island, daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail (Sheldon) Carpenter. Jeremiah Carpenter was a son of Daniel and Renewed (Smith) Carpenter; Daniel Carpenter was a son of Solomon Carpenter, born in 1677, and his wife, Elizabeth (Tefft) Carpenter; Solomon Carpenter was a son of Samuel Carpenter, who lived in Rehoboth; Samuel Carpenter was a son



of William Carpenter, born in 1605, and his wife, Abigail Carpenter; William Carpenter was a son of William Carpenter, born in England, 1576, who came with his son William to this country in the ship, "Bevis," in 1638; William Carpenter was a son of William Carpenter, born in 1540.

Peter Davis, son of Shorey and Sarah (Carpenter) Davis, married and was the father of Russell, Elias, Samuel Avery, of further mention, Albert and Sarah.

Samuel Avery Davis was born in Preston, Connecticut, June 29, 1818, and died there on March 10, 1894. He was a carpenter by trade, a Methodist in religious faith, and a Republican in politics. He married Celesta Kinney Brown, born December 21, 1818. They were the parents of Amos R., Helen M., Frank Avery, of further mention, and Herman A. Celesta Kinney Brown was a descendant of Edward Brown, of England, founder of an ancient family of Lynn, Massachusetts, and Stonington, Connecticut. The line of descent from Edward Brown; his son, Thomas Brown; his son, Thomas (2) Brown; his son, Daniel Brown, and his wife, Mary (Breed) Brown; their youngest son and fourteenth child, Amos Brown, and his wife, Eunice (Turner) Brown; their son, Breed Brown (named for his Grandmother Breed), born April 5, 1784, died September 3, 1875, aged ninety years. Breed Brown married Ada Kinney, of Griswold, Connecticut, and their daughter, Celesta Kinney Brown, married Samuel Avery Davis.

Frank Avery Davis, son of Samuel Avery and Celesta Kinney (Brown) Davis, was born in Preston, Connecticut, March 24, 1854, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, October 26, 1915. He attended Preston public schools and then attended school in Norwich, learning later the bricklayers' trade, under George Fellows, of Norwich, with whom he worked four years. He then returned to Preston, where he was em-

ployed at his trade about eighteen months, removing to Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1878. With the increasing use of concrete and cement and the demand along these lines increasing, he added a knowledge of cement and concrete work to his bricklaying skill. On first coming to Holyoke, he was employed by Deacon Thomas Richards at his trade. He then moved to South Hadley Falls, where he resided for eight years, then returned to Holyoke, which was ever after his home. Eventually he formed a partnership with George Richards and together they conducted a contractors' business for five years. From that time until 1904, Mr. Davis conducted business alone, prosecuting it with energy and ability. The business grew as any business must when ably and energetically managed, and he was rated one of the reliable, substantial and successful builders of the city. Many buildings were erected by him, including the First Congregational Church, First Methodist Episcopal Church, McCaustand and Wakelin building, and the Livermore and Martin building, now known as the Parfitt-Martin building. In 1904 he admitted his son, Herbert F. Davis, to a partnership, the firm becoming F. A. Davis & Son. In 1907 they withdrew from all forms of construction, except the bidding on or the accepting of cement or concrete work. Mr. Davis in the early days, before a permanent paid fire fighting force had been organized, was a second assistant engineer in the old Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of Mount Holyoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the First Methodist Episcopal Church, the Veteran Firemen's Association, and was a Republican in politics. He was a man of quiet, domestic tastes, devoted to his home and family.

Mr. Davis married at Versailles, Connecticut, December 20, 1876, Frances C. Babcock, born in Guilford, Connecticut, January 26, 1852, daughter of John W. and Har-

riet (Shattuck) Babcock. They were the parents of: May, born in Preston, November 29, 1877, died in Holyoke, December 30, 1899; Edith, born in Preston, January 5, 1879, died in Holyoke, December 21, 1881; Herbert Frank, of further mention; Grace, born at South Hadley Falls, November 28, 1885, a teacher in Holyoke public schools. The last two, with their mother, reside in Holyoke.

Herbert Frank Davis, only son of Frank Avery and Frances C. (Babcock) Davis, was born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, July 1, 1882. He was educated in public schools and at Holyoke Business Institute, beginning his business career under the able direction of his father. In 1904 he was admitted a partner and the firm name of F. A. Davis & Son was adopted. Eleven years later, in 1915, the senior partner and founder was called to his reward, and the son continued the business alone until 1917, when he incorporated it as "F. A. Davis & Son, Incorporated." Mr. Davis is president of the corporation, and is a successful builder and man of business. He owns a farm near the city which with its blooded cattle and poultry is his delight and pride. He is a member of Oak Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Davis married, October 22, 1903, Ella Webb, daughter of William A. and Eliza (Davey) Webb. They are the parents of: Eleanor May, born October 30, 1904; Helen Irene, March 16, 1906; Herbert Webb, April 21, 1907; Irving Avery, May 6, 1909; Frank Adelbert, July 23, 1912; Robert Donald, June 23, 1913.

**SMITH, George Herbert,**

**Representative Citizen.**

The family of Smith, of which George Herbert Smith is a member of the ninth

recorded generation, traces its ancestry back to Nehemiah Smith, who was born in England in 1605, came to America, and on March 6, 1637-38, was admitted a freeman of Plymouth, Massachusetts. After his arrival here, he married Anne Bourne, of Marshfield, Massachusetts. They resided in that town until their removal to Stratford, Connecticut, where as a raiser of sheep he was given the title of "Shepherd" Smith. He later moved to New Haven, Connecticut; then to Long Island; and from there to the farm at Poquonoc, bordering on Smith Lake, in the town of Groton, now within the city limits of New London, Connecticut. He resided in New London while his sons carried on the work of the farm. He was later one of the original proprietors of the town of Norwich, where he owned extensive land, and he is recorded as one of the lay preachers of those early days and supplied various pulpits at different times. He died in 1686, and his wife died January 12, 1684. The estate was inherited by his son, Nehemiah, who is mentioned in the following paragraph.

Nehemiah (2) Smith, son of Nehemiah (1) and Anne (Bourne) Smith, was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1646. When ten years old he moved with his parents to the Poquonoc farm, near New London, Connecticut, and seven years later he took complete charge of his father's farm, where he spent the remainder of his life. In addition to this farm, he owned considerable land at Niantic, Connecticut. He was a member of the General Assembly at Hartford for several years, and a highly respected citizen. He married, October 24, 1699, Lydia Winchester, daughter of Alexander Winchester, of Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Nehemiah (3) Smith, son of Nehemiah (2) and Lydia (Winchester) Smith, was born on the farm near Smith Lake, November 14, 1673, and there spent his entire life, his death occurring November 21, 1724.

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He married, April 22, 1696, Dorothy Wheeler, daughter of Isaac and Martha (Park) Wheeler. They were the parents of twelve children.

Isaac Smith, son of Nehemiah (3) and Dorothy (Wheeler) Smith, was born on the farm of his ancestors, near New London, Connecticut, December 29, 1707. He married, November 4, 1729, Ethel Denison, daughter of Deacon Daniel and Mary (Stanton) Denison. They were members of the First Church of New London.

Amos Smith, son of Isaac and Ethel (Denison) Smith, was born December 13, 1732. He married and resided in Norwich, Connecticut.

Nathan Smith, son of Amos Smith, was born in Norwich, Connecticut, April 2, 1766. He later resided in Sturbridge, Connecticut, and then in Vermont. He married ———.

Thomas Smith, son of Nathan Smith, was born in Sturbridge, Connecticut, in 1788. He married Jane Barron, of Kirby, Vermont. In 1840 they moved to Palmer, Massachusetts, where Mr. Smith died in 1866 and his wife in 1869. They were the parents of seven children: Roxanna, died young; Philura, became the wife of Bartlett Page; Florilla Eliza, became the wife of Lewis McCrellis; Loren Lorenzo, married Hattie Hungerford; Nathan Leander, married Roxanna Francis; Sarah M., became the wife of Nathan Baker; and Oren Barron, mentioned in the following paragraph.

Oren Barron Smith, son of Thomas and Jane (Barron) Smith, was born December 6, 1827, in Kirby, Vermont, in a log cabin in which he lived until he was five years old. In 1832 he moved with his parents to Surrey, New Hampshire, and from there to Holden, where at seven years of age he became employed in the spinning room of the Brick City Cotton Mill as "bobbin boy," his duty being to change full bobbins for

empty ones. Here he worked thirteen hours a day at a wage of \$1.50 per week. He later secured the same employment at another mill, following this until he was twelve years old at a maximum wage of \$3.00 per week. Later he secured employment at the Smithville Cotton Mills at Barre, where he was promoted to be a "second-hand" in a Thorndyke Mill and where he later learned to weave. When nineteen years old he went to Ware, then to Thorndyke, and later was employed at the Chicopee (No. 1) Cabot Mill, where he remained two years, filling the position of "second-hand." Following this he was employed in the Mitteneague and Holyoke (No. 2) Lyman Mills. In 1860 he took a position as overseer in the Boston Duck Company's Mill at Bondville, where he remained until 1864. He later became superintendent in the Parks & Arnold Woolen Mill in Brimfield, Massachusetts. Here he gave such satisfaction that he was sent to the South Hadley Mill by Mr. Arnold, one of his employers. By this time (1865) he had become thoroughly proficient with the manufacture of cotton goods and he was then employed by the E. B. & G. Draper Company, the well known concern of Hopedale, Massachusetts, as their traveling representative, and he filled this position with satisfaction to his employers and credit to himself for the following five years. In 1870 he became agent of the Boston Duck Company in Bondville, with which concern he was associated for twenty years, at the end of which time he retired from the manufacturing business and removed to Northampton. There he invested largely in real estate, opening up Massasoit street. In 1894 he went to Ashfield; thence to Somerville, and later to his daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Packard, in Springfield, where he remained until his death. During his long and honorable business career, Mr. Smith found time to hold

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public office, serving as representative from Palmer in 1884, and as selectman for two terms. In 1858 he was made a member of Jerusalem Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Northampton, Massachusetts. Mr. Smith married (first) October 3, 1848, Rosanna Moody, daughter of Joseph and Rhoda Moody, of Palmer. She was born May 23, 1827, and died October 15, 1857. Their children were: Charles Moody, born August 28, 1851, and Clara E., born June 20, 1855, became the wife of Frank A. Packard. He married (second) December 16, 1858, Elmina James, born September 12, 1829, died April 3, 1868. Their children were: Frank O., born June 20, 1861, and George Herbert, of further mention. He married (third) January 2, 1870, Harriet Buckland, born June 20, 1836. Their children were: Gertrude, born April 26, 1871, became the wife of Dr. William Jackson, of Atlanta, Georgia; and Oren Barron, Jr., born January, 1874; two other children died in infancy.

George Herbert Smith, son of Oren Barron and Elmina (James) Smith, was born in the town of Palmer, Massachusetts, June 1, 1866. Here he was educated in the public schools, and at the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, which he attended for three years. Upon leaving school, he went into the woods of Northern Michigan, where he was in the employ of a large lumber company as scaler from his seventeenth to his twenty-first year, when he returned to Massachusetts, to the town of Bondville, where he was employed in the mill of which his father had charge, remaining there five years. In 1892, when twenty-six years of age, Mr. Smith went to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and entered the office of the Valley Paper Company, where for the past twenty-five years he has been in active service. He is also identified with the Lithia Spring Water Company. He is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Ma-

sons, of Holyoke; Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masters; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Canoe Club of Holyoke, and the Bay State Club. Through his ancestry on the Barron side, he holds membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. He attends the First Congregational Church.

Mr. Smith married, September 5, 1889, Ethelyn J. Hamilton, daughter of James O. and Mary J. (Pease) Hamilton, of Passaic, New Jersey. They are the parents of two children: 1. Claude Hamilton, born December 4, 1894, who is a graduate of the Holyoke High School; later was employed in British Columbia by his uncle, Oren Barron Smith, Jr.; from there, after returning home, he entered the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado; and later, in June, 1917, enlisted in the regular army, Company A, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment of Engineers. 2. Dorris Ethelyn, born February 12, 1898.

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### SMITH, Ernest Fred,

#### Representative Citizen.

Ernest Fred Smith, son of Charles Moody (q. v.) and Mary Frances (Eaton) Smith, was born in Wakefield, Massachusetts, May 22, 1870. His parents, after spending many years in Massachusetts, moved to Iowa, and their son accompanied them. They later lived in Omaha, Nebraska, where he worked at carpentry, which trade he had learned in earlier years. Following this he again moved West, this time to California, where he continued as a carpenter in Chico, Butte county. After two years he came East, locating on a farm in Suffield, Connecticut. In 1913, Mr. Smith settled in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he has been working ever since. In politics he is a Republican.

On December 1, 1890, Ernest F. Smith

married (first) Pearl Boyce, daughter of Charles and Anna (Conway) Boyce, of Omaha, Nebraska. They were the parents of one son, Raymond Charles, born February, 1895; he is a corporal (1917) in the regular army, having enlisted October 27, 1913; he did service on the Mexican border; he has been located at Camp Jarvis and at Fort Slocomb, Texas; now in France, Third Cavalry Machine Gun Troop. On June 20, 1906, Mr. Smith married (second) Estelle Maude Childs, daughter of William and Mary (Van Zandt) Childs, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. By this marriage were born seven children, as follows: Edith Mary, born September 24, 1907; Ernestine Charlotte, July 13, 1909; Estelle Maude, October 23, 1911; Catherine Eleanor, December 11, 1912; Ernest Fred, Jr., October 24, 1914; Oren L., September 6, 1915, died August 14, 1917; and Clara Hilma, born October 24, 1916.

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**SMITH, Leroy Elmer,**

**Building Contractor.**

Charles Moody Smith, son of Oren Barron Smith (q. v.) and his first wife, Rosanna (Moody) Smith, was born in Palmer, Massachusetts, August 28, 1851. He was educated in the public school, and after leaving school he learned the carpenters' trade and for twenty-three years was engaged as a contracting builder. He then moved to the states of Iowa and Nebraska; later he returned to New York State, where he now resides upon a small farm which he owns at Albany. He married (first) in 1869, Mary Frances Eaton, who died in 1892. She was a daughter of John S. and Mary (Draper) Eaton. He married (second) Josephine Ferris. Children of first marriage: Ernest Fred, whose sketch precedes this; Leroy Elmer, of further mention; Clara E., deceased, married Robert Wiley; Oren B. (3); Charles, died in in-

fancy; Charlotte L., married James Wolfenden, deceased, of Holyoke; Grace Eaton, married Joseph Castine, now deceased; he was an architect and a graduate of Boston Technical School. Children of second marriage: Ola, Leah, Edric and Cliff.

Leroy Elmer Smith, son of Charles Moody Smith and his first wife, Mary Frances (Eaton) Smith, was born at Three Rivers, Massachusetts, August 12, 1874. He was taken West by his parents, when young, and in the school of Omaha, Nebraska, was educated. He learned the carpenters' trade and for a time was engaged as a builder in the West; he then returned East and for some time was associated with his father in contracting and building in New York State. In 1897 he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he has since resided. For six years he was superintendent for F. H. Dibble, contractor and builder, but in 1905 he began contracting under his own name and has built many residences and buildings in Holyoke and vicinity; among these may be named the Union Club on Commercial street and the Van Valkenburg plant at Willimansett. He is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Holyoke, and also belongs to Mt. Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masters.

Mr. Smith married, May 22, 1895, Margaret A. Spoore, of Savannah, New York, daughter of Joseph J. and Margaret A. (Olmstead) Spoore, and granddaughter of John and Margaret (Beebe) Spoore. They are the parents of a daughter, Frances Margaret, born March 2, 1897.

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**HILL, Carlton J.,**

**Business Man.**

Carlton J. Hill, who for many years has been associated with the business interests of Holyoke and Springfield, in both of which cities he has held positions of respon-

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sibility, is now one of the successful merchants with a well stocked grocery store in the former city. The success he has attained has come to him as the result of his own initiative and perseverance and is well deserved.

He comes of an English family, his great-grandfather on the paternal side, John Hill, was born in Gloucester, England, where he grew up, received his education, married and became a stone mason. In 1852 he came to the United States, settling in Chateaugay, Franklin county, New York, where he lived until his death, which occurred practically in the prime of life. His wife, Jane (Spencer) Hill, whom he married before leaving England, was the mother of his nine children: John, Arthur, George, Henry, William, Charles, Alfred, Edwin, and Eliza, who married Sylvester Edwards.

The third son of John and Jane (Spencer) Hill, George Hill, through whom follows the line of descent of that family, was born November 25, 1853, in Chateaugay, New York, where he lives at the present time. He received his education at a school near his own home. At an early age, however, he began farming, in which he has become successful. He has always been active in affairs pertaining to the advancement of his community. On November 24, 1875, he married Henrietta Elizabeth Frazier, born in Malone, Franklin county, New York, the daughter of Charles W. and Jane Eliza (Cornan) Frazier. To them were born these children: Mabel Myrtle, born January 7, 1877, who became the wife of Fred Gleason; Lawrence Guy, born July 2, 1879; Nellie Maude, born March 30, 1881, married Perley Baker, to them has been born one son; Carlton Jay, mentioned below; Pearl Elizabeth, born August 22, 1886, now the wife of Arthur Laplante; and Grace Loretta, born June 18, 1893, became the wife of Easton Gil-

lespie, and now has one son, William Lloyd.

Carlton Jay Hill was born June 27, 1884, in Chateaugay, New York, where he was educated in the public schools. When sixteen years of age he went to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he worked for two years in a meat and grocery store. The two following years he worked under the employ of White & Wyckoff, of Holyoke. From there he went into the Holyoke store of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, with which firm he continued for sixteen years. When first employed, his work consisted of taking orders and various other duties. For two years he drove through the country with a team for this firm. In 1906 he took charge of the Holyoke store, but two years later, owing to ill health, was forced to take up outside work once more. A few years after this he was made manager of the store. In July, 1917, he was appointed assistant superintendent of thirteen stores, and continued up to September of that year when he resigned to go in business for himself. During the years of activity with the company, Mr. Hill had the credit of doing more business than any of the three hundred agents of the company, and while in charge of the Holyoke store received the high mark for business over all the other stores. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Holyoke Lodge, No. 134. He attends the Presbyterian church.

On September 28, 1910, Mr. Hill was married to Delia E. Pellissier, daughter of George and Delia (Garceau) Pellissier, of Hadley, Massachusetts. Her great-grandfather was a Major of Militia, having come from France to Canada. Her grandparents, Edward and Angele (Beauprec) Pellissier, were both born in Canada. Her father, George Pellissier, when nineteen years of age went from his home in Canada to Minnesota and later to Wisconsin, about 1862.

In 1872, he went to Hadley, Massachusetts, and in 1903 removed to Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of one son, Ronald Louis, born in Holyoke, October 20, 1913.

**BURKHARDT, Herman Gottlob,**

**Post Office Carrier.**

The ancient home of the Burkhardt family as far back as the year 1471 was in far away Saxony, a state of the German Empire. At about that time the kingdom was divided into two states, electoral Saxony and ducal Saxony, Wittenberg the capital of electoral Saxony, the cradle of the Reformation. George Burkhardt to whom Herman Gottlob Burkhardt, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, traces his ancestry, lived in the days of the Reformation and was secretary to Martin Luther, the great reformer. He was a man of wide education, and at one time was tutor of the elector of Saxony, that state not becoming a kingdom until 1806.

From George Burkhardt descended Christian John Burkhardt, born about the year 1800, who lived and died in Saxony, leaving a son, Gottlob Heinrich Burkhardt, born in Saxony, December 6, 1832, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, December 3, 1899. He was a manufacturer of woolens and a retail merchant in his native land, selling the goods he manufactured. In 1872 he came to the United States and located in Huntington, Massachusetts, but two years later, in 1874, settled in Holyoke, where he established a grocery business, which he conducted very successfully until 1898, when he sold it to his son, Max Burkhardt, and retired. He married, in Saxony, November 10, 1861, Friedicke Augusta Funke, born March 30, 1840, in Crimmitzschau, a manufacturing town of Saxony on the Pleisse river, daughter of Carl Frederic and Caroline (Seifert) Funke. Mrs. Burkhardt

survives her husband and is yet (1917) a resident of Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt were the parents of four sons and two daughters: 1. Max George, deceased; was a merchant and at one time a member of the Holyoke Common Council. 2. Herman Gottlob, of further mention. 3. Robert Carl, mentioned elsewhere. 4. Frederic Theodore. 5. Clara Charlotte, married Douglas H. Hood. 6. Emma Elise, married Alfred Baush, whom with a daughter Alfreda, she survives.

Herman Gottlob Burkhardt, son of Gottlob Heinrich Burkhardt, was born in Glauchau on the Mulde river, one of the principal manufacturing towns of Saxony, April 30, 1864. He attended school there until 1872, when he was brought to the United States by his parents, and then completed his studies in the public schools of Huntington and Holyoke, Massachusetts. His first position after leaving school, which he held two and a half years, was as clerk in the Holyoke post office. In 1885 he was appointed carrier, and for thirty-two years has filled that position to the satisfaction of the department and of the districts he has served. He is still (1917) in active service, and one of the highly regarded men of the force. He is a member of the Holyoke Turn Verein Club, and of the second Congregational Church.

Mr. Burkhardt married, in September, 1890, Lena Becker, of Rockville, Connecticut, daughter of Jacob and Regina Becker. They are the parents of two sons and a daughter: 1. Harold Herman, born June 26, 1891; a graduate of Cushing Academy and Massachusetts School of Technology, with the degree of Civil Engineer, now with the Santa Fe Railroad, and who is located at Topeka, Kansas. 2. Florence Clara, born December 24, 1892, a graduate of Holyoke High School, now in the office of the American Writing Paper Company; a mem-

ber of the choir of the Second Congregational Church. 3. Ralph William, born February 14, 1901; a high school student.

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**BURKHARDT, Frederic Theodore,**

**Traveling Salesman.**

Fourth of the sons of Gottlob Heinrich Burkhardt, but the first of American birth, Frederic T. Burkhardt, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, can claim full right to the title "native son" of that city. A full account of his parentage and ancestry is found in this work.

Frederic T. Burkhardt was born, as noted above, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, November 16, 1880, his parents coming from Saxony in 1872. He was educated in the graded and high schools of the city, and at the close of his school years his business life began in the office employ of the Keating Wheel Company. He remained with that corporation until the removal of their plant to Middletown, Connecticut, some two years later, when he entered the service of the Bausch Machine Company. He was next with the White & Wyckoff Company, as office employee for about six years, then for two years was with his brother, Robert Carl Burkhardt, (see sketch elsewhere) in the grocery business, in Holyoke. In 1904 he became traveling salesman for the Parsons Paper Company, his territory covering the greater part of the United States. For the past fourteen years, he has been actively engaged in this position and is well and favorably known to the representatives of the paper trade throughout the entire section in which he travels. He also represents Millers Falls Paper Company in the same field. The products of these corporations are of the highest quality possible and to Mr. Burkhardt's untiring energy in enhancing the interests of these firms, and in creating a demand for a high grade product no small share of praise is due for

this perfection. He is a member of the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Baptist church, the Bay State, Holyoke and Holyoke Canoe clubs.

Mr. Burkhardt married, December 4, 1905, Grace Ethelyn Smith, daughter of Quartus Judd and Irene (Atkins) Smith, granddaughter of Luther and Susan (Rumrill) Smith, great-granddaughter of Philip (2) Smith, and great-great-granddaughter of Philip (1) Smith, of South Hadley, Massachusetts, that also being the residence of the son, Philip (2) Smith. Luther Smith was a farmer of Willimansett, Massachusetts, his wife, Susan (Rumrill) Smith, a native of South Hadley. Quartus Judd Smith was a native of Willimansett. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt are the parents of a son, Frederic Smith Burkhardt, born December 1, 1908.

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**PRESTON, Ernest Tilley,**

**Business Man.**

The family of which Ernest T. Preston, of Holyoke, is a twentieth century representative, is an ancient one in England and dates from an early period in New England. Mr. Preston is a great-grandson of Jonathan Preston, a farmer of South Hadley and Amherst, whose wife Dorothy attained the great age of ninety-one years. Their son, William Taylor Preston, born in Amherst, in 1816, later removed to South Hadley, where he followed his trade of painter, and where he died at the early age of thirty-nine years. He married Melinda Winter, daughter of Jonas Winter. Their eldest son, Edward William Preston, was born in South Hadley, Massachusetts, September 20, 1845, where he passed his years of activity and is now (1917) living there retired. He was educated in the public schools, and in early life followed farming for a time. For twelve years after leaving



the farm he was employed in a sash and blind factory at South Hadley, after which he engaged in the painting and paper hanging business, which he conducted until his retirement. He is a member of Iona Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of South Hadley, member of the Congregational church, and in politics is a Republican. He married, January 8, 1874, Eugenie Tilley, daughter of George and Hannah (Sheldon) Tilley. They were the parents of a son and a daughter: Ernest Tilley, of further mention; Ruth Maria, married Harland Bradford, of Arlington, New Jersey, and has children, Preston Tilley, Edward Melvin, and Kenneth Bradford.

Ernest Tilley Preston, only son of Edward William and Eugenie (Tilley) Preston, was born in Granby, Massachusetts, September 16, 1878. He was educated in the public schools of South Hadley Falls and Worcester Academy, beginning his business career with the New England Telephone Company, and later was with The Long Distance Telephone Company, continuing with these corporations for six years. He then came to Holyoke, and immediately after locating in that city engaged with the Roland T. Oaks Company. In 1909 he began business for himself as an electrician and dealer in electrical supplies, becoming a partner with Clifford S. Moore, under the firm name of Preston & Moore. Seven years later, in 1916, this firm name was changed by the retirement of Mr. Moore, who was succeeded by Ernest W. Bishop, to Preston & Bishop, the new firm's first store being in the City National Bank Building. Later they moved to the McLean Block, and since June, 1916, Preston & Moore have been located at No. 237 Maple street. Mr. Preston is a member of the Holyoke Canoe Club, the Holyoke Gun Club, William Whiting Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in politics is a Republican.

He married, October 11, 1905, Mae Wright, daughter of John S. and Caroline (Grout) Wright, of Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Preston have a son, Sidney Wright, born in Holyoke, April 6, 1907.

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### ALLEN, Raymond Philip,

#### Paymaster of Farr Alpaca Company.

As paymaster of the Farr Alpaca Company. Mr. Allen fills an important post with Holyoke's greatest manufacturing corporation, a post to which he has fairly won his way by energetic, efficient service in each position assigned. He is a son of Carl A. Allen, M. D., one of Holyoke's eminent physicians, whose career and ancestry are written at length in this work. The American ancestry traces to James Allen, who settled in Dedham, Massachusetts, about 1637, a grandson of Reginald Allen, of Colby, Norfolk, England.

Raymond Philip Allen, third son of Dr. Carl A. Allen, and his first wife, Sophie E. (Stearns) Allen, was born in Acworth, New Hampshire, May 16, 1883. He attended public school in Acworth until the removal to Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1891, there completed his studies in the public schools of that city, finishing with high school. He began his business career as a clerk in the City National Bank, there continuing for two years, 1903-04, gaining needed experience in banking and business methods from the bankers' standpoint. In 1904 he resigned from the bank to enter the office employ of the Farr Alpaca Company, beginning as clerk. As he became more familiar with his duties he was advanced in rank, until January 1, 1917, when he was promoted to his present position, paymaster of the company, a post of importance, as the company employs two thousand eight hundred operatives. Mr. Allen is a member of the Holyoke Canoe Club; Oak Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows;

the First Congregational Church; and in politics is a Republican.

He married, April 5, 1905, Ina Squier, daughter of Edwin L. and Nellie (Dawley) Squier, of Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Leonard, born January 14, 1910, and of a son, Philip Lewis, born May 6, 1914.

**YOERG, William Paul,**

**Business Man.**

William Paul Yoerg, the well known dealer in automobile supplies, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, comes of a family whose name was originally spelled Yoergh, and which was first represented in America by John Michael Yoerg, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1830. He was a wagon-maker by trade, which trade he learned in his native country from his father. When the former came to America, in 1852, he landed in New York City, going almost immediately to Columbus, Ohio, where he remained a comparatively short time. He then returned to the East, locating in Easthampton, Massachusetts, where he found employment in the woolen and cotton mills. From there he proceeded to South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, where for some time he was employed as a loom-fixer in the textile mills. Eventually, however, he went into the hotel business and located in Holyoke, Massachusetts. For a number of years he conducted the management of the Germania Hotel, Holyoke, with marked success. Finally he sold out to his son-in-law, Onizim Viens, in order to retire from active life. John Michael Yoerg married in Germany, Walberger Brown, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, the daughter of John and Josephine Brown. John M. Yoerg died June 30, 1912, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife died two years later, in September, 1914, aged eighty-nine years. They were the parents of the following chil-

dren: Walberger, born in Columbus, Ohio, married Onizim Viens (deceased), and died January, 1917, at the age of sixty-nine; Michael John, of whom further; Joseph, deceased; and Kraig Joseph, born July 23, 1862.

Michael John Yoerg, son of John Michael and Walberger (Brown) Yoerg, was born in South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, December 25, 1854, and died November 25, 1892. During his early years he received an education at the common schools of South Hadley Falls, and upon the discontinuance of his studies he entered the Glasgow Mills, South Hadley Falls, where he was employed first as a bobbin boy. Because of his diligence he became foreman in the weaving department there. In 1890, however, he left these mills because of certain labor troubles which arose, and became identified with his brother, Kraig J. Yoerg, in the bottling business at Holyoke. In politics he was an ardent Democrat. He was a member of the Catholic church. His death occurred in an accident which resulted from the running away of a team of horses. Michael John Yoerg married Nellie O'Brien, born in Westfield, Massachusetts, the daughter of Garret and Bridget O'Brien. To them were born these children: Leon Michael, born October 10, 1881, now manager of the Carew Manufacturing Company, South Hadley Falls, married, August 11, 1909, Louise Burke, of Holyoke, to whom have been born two children, Gretchen Louise and Mary Constance; William Paul, of whom further; and Catherine.

William Paul Yoerg, son of Michael John and Nellie (O'Brien) Yoerg, was born in South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, October 16, 1883. He was educated in the public schools of his native town. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of the Russell Hardware Company of Holyoke, where he remained for a period of

five years. From there he entered the employ of the Revere Rubber Company of Holyoke and continued for a period of five years. Following this he became a traveling salesman for the Diamond Rubber Company, with the New England States as his territory, and he continued at this work for about one year. In 1909 he entered business independently, establishing in Holyoke the company known as the Yoerg Tire & Rubber Company. In March, 1916, his success warranted the moving of this company into its present commodious quarters on Chestnut street, where a large new garage had just been completed and which Mr. Yoerg operates in connection with his tire and rubber business. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Holyoke Club, and the Rotary Club.

He married, November 14, 1905, Mary G. Duggan, born in Ware, Massachusetts, the daughter of John and Mary (Fitzgerald) Duggan. They have one daughter, Gertrude, born March 4, 1911.

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**SEYMOUR, Frank Solomon,**

**Master Mechanic.**

Frank Solomon Seymour, master mechanic of the Newton Paper Company of Holyoke, Massachusetts, traces his line back to his great-grandfather, Friend Seymour, who was born in Hartford, Connecticut, about 1770. He married Sallie Bray, and they had three sons, Edward, Friend, and Solomon, of further mention.

(II) Solomon Seymour, second son of Friend and Sallie (Bray) Seymour, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1813. He was a blacksmith, and came to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he lived up to the time of his death in 1895. He married Martha Blaisdell, and their children were: William; Cynthia, who married a

Mr. Wells; Rachel, who married a Mr. Ford; and Ira C., of further mention.

(III) Ira C. Seymour, son of Solomon and Martha (Blaisdell) Seymour, was born in 1842, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and is still (1917) living there at the age of seventy-five years. He was a youth of vigorous physique, and he early became interested in blacksmithing and learned the trade in his father's shop. For fifty years he worked for himself at this business in Portsmouth. He then retired from active life, his work being taken up by younger men. In his day Ira C. Seymour took an active part in the affairs of the community in which he lived, among other things serving on the first Board of Police Commissioners of Portsmouth. He was also chief engineer of the Fire Department of the town. He served also as a member of the Board of Aldermen and at one time was a candidate for mayor. A number of years ago his fellow-citizens in the State named him as candidate for the United States Senate on the Labor ticket. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political beliefs Mr. Seymour is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Adventist church. He married Annie Garland, born in Newington, New Hampshire, daughter of Leonard and ——— (Whitcomb) Garland. Their children were: Elma, married Rufus Wood, of Portsmouth; Frank Solomon, of further mention; Mattie, married Ora Gerry, of Portsmouth; Louise, married Frank Marshall, of Portsmouth; Caroline, married George Googins, of Portsmouth; and two other children who died in childhood.

(IV) Frank Solomon Seymour, son of Ira C. and Annie (Garland) Seymour, was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, April 12, 1869. He received his early education in the local schools of Portsmouth, after which he went into his father's shop and learned the trade of blacksmithing. Here he remained working with his father at the

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blacksmith business until 1906. He then came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and entered the employ of the Newton Paper Company, having obtained the position of millwright in the repair shops of the firm. Four years of faithful and intelligent work in this place showed his employers that here was a man who could be put in command of others, and accordingly, in 1910, he was appointed chief master mechanic of the plant, a position which he has held since that time. Mr. Seymour has always taken an active part in civic affairs, and while living in Portsmouth served in the City Council. He is a member of the William Whiting Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Holyoke, and of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and council of the Royal and Select Masters.

Mr. Seymour married, December 12, 1893, Olive Buchanan, of St. John, New Brunswick, a daughter of James and Grace (Chisholm) Buchanan. Donald Buchanan, grandfather of Mrs. Olive (Buchanan) Seymour came to Canada from Scotland.

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### SHAW, William Henry,

#### Stationary Engineer.

The family of Shaw is one which was first represented in this country by the generation preceding William Henry Shaw, with whom this sketch is concerned.

Charles Senior Shaw, father of William H. Shaw, was born in 1840, in Sheffield, England, where he was reared and where he learned the cutlery business. When twenty-five years of age, he came to the United States and located in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, where he continued the work he had learned in England, in the specialized line of table cutlery. He was a member of the Baptist church, and a charter member of the Order of Foresters. He married Sarah Grinold, born in Sheffield, England, in 1845, died in 1906. Mr. Shaw died in

1899. To them were born these children: Charlotte, married (first) Henry Hening; (second) Dr. Dunbar, of Athol, Massachusetts, deceased; Emma, married W. H. Duncan, deceased; Lena, who married H. G. Littlejohn; Charles; Ada, who married Harry Keach; George; William Henry, of further mention; and Frank.

William Henry Shaw was born in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, February 2, 1875. He was educated in the public schools of that town. Upon leaving school he entered the cutlery business there, in which he continued for six years. In 1897 he went to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he entered the power plant of the Holyoke Street Railway Company, as oiler. He was not long in the employ of that company until he had worked up to the position of chief engineer. In 1912 he gave up this position to take that of operating engineer with the Holyoke Electric Light & Power Company. After two years there he was made chief engineer with twenty-eight men working under his direction, which position he holds at the present time (1917). This plant furnishes all the street lighting, and nearly all of the lighting of the private homes and great industrial plants of Holyoke, and in addition to this supplies the power for the operation of a large number of manufacturing plants. Thus it will be seen that the position which Mr. Shaw holds is one of great importance calling for a vast amount of mechanical skill. He is a member of William Whiting Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the National Association of Stationary Engineers. He and his wife attend the Baptist church.

On May 1, 1898, Mr. Shaw was married to Mary St. Lawrence, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Prentice) St. Lawrence, of St. Albans, Vermont. To them have been born two children: Donald, born October 9, 1900, and Norman, born June 25, 1905.

**BIGGINS, William Edward,****Business Man.**

It was not until he had acquired the handicap of a loss of a leg that Mr. Biggins turned his thoughts to mercantile life, his previous activities all having been in salaried positions. When the accident which cost him a limb occurred, he was compelled to revise his plan of life, and since 1900 he has been one of the successful grocers of Holyoke. "The Rose," a nine family apartment building, was erected by Mr. Biggins in 1909, and in that building located on Dwight street he has his store and his own apartment. He is a grandson of Timothy Biggins, who was born in Ireland, moved from County Mayo to England, and there died in 1839. He married Mary Millett, their children: Patrick J., of further mention; Dennis, Julia, Mary, and Edward.

Patrick J. Biggins was born in County Mayo, Province of Connaught, Ireland, March 10, 1830, and died in Springfield, Massachusetts, September 10, 1914. He began school attendance in Ireland, but when he was quite young his parents moved to Hayward, England, where his father died in 1839. He grew to manhood in England, and for several years was employed as a longshoreman on the Liverpool docks. Finally, in 1859, he came to the United States, located in Springfield, Massachusetts, and there resided until his death in 1914, at the age of eighty-four. Forty of those years were spent in the employ of the Boston & Albany Railroad as checker in the freight department, and finally he was retired on a pension in accordance with the company's plan of rewarding old and faithful employees. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Roman Catholic church, but a home loving man, taking little part in public affairs.

Patrick J. Biggins married Bridget Ri-

ley, born in County Galway, Ireland, and died in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1904. They were the parents of: Timothy, James, Julia, Mary, Patrick J., Jr., William Edward, of further mention; Michael, Mary, Annie, Thomas, and Margaret.

William Edward Biggins, son of Patrick J. and Bridget (Riley) Biggins, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, March 22, 1870, and was educated in the public schools of that city. His first employment after leaving school was with the Ball Harness Company, his term covering one year. He was next with the J. H. Baker Shoe Company of Springfield, remaining here until the destruction of their plant by fire, then going with them when they again resumed business in Beverly, Massachusetts. Later he returned to Springfield, and for a short time was with the Morgan Envelope Company. From that company he went to the Boston & Maine Railroad, first as night clerk at the Springfield Station, there remaining seven years. From the office he passed to the operating department, beginning as brakeman, but an accident which deprived him of a leg ended that chapter of his life. After his recovery, in October, 1900, Mr. Biggins opened a grocery in Holyoke, and has since been its successful owner and manager. He moved to his present location, "The Rose" Apartment block, which he owns, in 1909. He also claims the ownership of other tenement property in the same neighborhood. He has always taken an active interest in politics, but only as a citizen, never seeking nor accepting an office for himself. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Order of Foresters, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, all of Holyoke.

Mr. Biggins married, February 12, 1896, at the Church of Rosary, Holyoke, Rose Veronica McCarthy, born in Holyoke, daughter of Timothy and Margaret (Fitz-

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gerald) McCarthy, her father born in County Kerry, Ireland, coming to the United States in 1843, her mother born in Nova Scotia. Margaret (Fitzgerald) McCarthy was a daughter of Michael and Bridget (Curran) Fitzgerald. Timothy McCarthy was a son of Thomas and Margaret (Callahan) McCarthy. Thomas McCarthy died in Ireland, his widow coming to this country with her children, and locating at Chicopee, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Biggins are the parents of six sons and a daughter: William, born November 8, 1896, died at the age of three months; John Edward, born December 9, 1897; William Edward (2), born November 19, 1898; Thomas, born August 22, 1900; Rose, born December 8, 1902, died aged six months; Howard, born August 24, 1904; Edward, born August 23, 1906, died at the age of nine months.

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### **BOLDUC, George,**

#### **Representative Citizen.**

Although of French Canadian parentage, Mr. Bolduc is a native son of Massachusetts, having been born in Hinsdale, some thirteen years after the coming of his parents from Canada. He was brought to Holyoke when very young, and so far as personal recollection goes, never had another home. From youth until 1914, he was an active mill worker in Holyoke and Chicopee Falls, but since that year has devoted his time to the care of the "Andre," a large apartment house for the occupancy of twenty-five tenants, which he built and owns. He is a son of Gilbert Bolduc, and a grandson of Joseph Bolduc, both of Canadian birth. Joseph Bolduc, born in 1800, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1879, a blacksmith and wagon builder. Joseph and Cecelia Bolduc were the parents of: Joseph, who fought in the Union Army during the War of the Rebellion, died at the United States

Soldiers' Home in Togus, Maine; and Gilbert, of further mention.

Gilbert Bolduc was born in St. Cephas, Quebec, Canada, in 1836, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1905. He learned blacksmithing and wagon making under his father's instruction in Canada, and in 1858 came to the United States and resided in Hinsdale, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, until after 1871, then moved to Holyoke, his home until death. In Hinsdale and Holyoke, he was employed as a stationary engineer, a trade he learned after coming to Hinsdale. In Holyoke he was in the employ of the City Foundry & Machine Company as engineer at the time of his death. He was a member of the American Association of Stationary Engineers, and a man highly regarded for his mechanical ability. Gilbert Bolduc married Cordelia Roy, daughter of Joseph Roy, of Canada. Mrs. Bolduc survives and is now (1917) living in Holyoke, aged seventy-seven. They were the parents of: Eliza; Nelson, deceased; George, of further mention; Napoleon, deceased; Albert; William.

George Bolduc, second son of Gilbert and Cordelia (Roy) Bolduc, was born in Hinsdale, Massachusetts, August 24, 1871, but soon afterward was brought to Holyoke by his parents. There he was educated in the public schools, and when school days were over there began active business life. For ten years he was in the employ of the Springfield Blanket Mills at Holyoke, going thence to the Stevens Tool Company, of Chicopee Falls, there continuing seven years. The succeeding four years were spent in the employ of Spaulding Company of Chicopee Falls, manufacturers of sporting goods, that ending his years of service for others. In 1914 he built the "Andre," the large apartment house in Holyoke, previously mentioned, and now devotes his entire time to its management. He is a member of the Independent Club of Ward

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Two, and of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Bolduc married, September 1, 1898, Mathilde Fayes, born in France, daughter of Joseph and Delphine F.(Bernard) Fayes. Mr. and Mrs. Bolduc are the parents of five children, three of whom died at birth, the two living sons, Andre, born September 4, 1908; and Noel, born December 25, 1916.

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### FOLEY, Daniel Michael,

#### **Business Man.**

This branch of the Foley family came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, from County Kerry, Ireland, where they had long been seated, although authorities state that originally the family came from Spain. Daniel M. Foley, of the first American born generation of the family and a prosperous grocer and provision dealer of Holyoke, is a son of Michael Foley, and a grandson of Patrick Foley, born in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland. He came to the United States in 1874, about one year later than his son Michael, settled with him in Holyoke, and was employed in the paper mills until his death. He married Mary Burkett, born in Arfirth, Ireland, and they were the parents of: Michael, of further mention; Mary, a Sister of Mercy in a convent in New Haven, Connecticut, her religious name Sister Adrian; Margaret, deceased; James E.; Catherine; Patrick.

Michael Foley, eldest son of Patrick and Mary (Burkett) Foley, was born in Arfirth, County Kerry, Ireland, in 1853, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, February 16, 1913. He attended the parish school, and remained at home, his father's assistant, until 1873, then sailed for the United States, locating in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He entered the Parsons Mill, there becoming an expert paper maker, going thence to the Albion Paper Mill. He then spent several years en-

gaged in mercantile employment, in the fish market with his brother, James E. Foley, at the same location where the postoffice building now stands; with George H. Twaddle, at the corner of High and Hampden streets; with Fenno & Cleary, grocers, on Dwight street, in the old Windsor Hotel Building. Later, and for ten years, he was parkkeeper for the city of Holyoke, and for the two years prior to his death he was engaged in the store owned by his son, Daniel M. Foley. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and one of the active prominent men of the order. He married, May 10, 1874, Catherine Flaherty, born in County Galway, Ireland, in 1855, daughter of Frank and Isabelle (Kilkelly) Flaherty. Mr. and Mrs. Foley were the parents of nine children: Daniel M., of further mention; Mary; Patrick; Elizabeth, married John A. Bowler, of Holyoke; Frank A.; Louise; Cassandra, deceased; an infant, died young; William.

Daniel M. Foley, eldest son of Michael and Catherine (Flaherty) Foley, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, June 20, 1875. He was educated in the city schools and Childs Business College, beginning as a wage earner in the employ of George H. Twaddle when thirteen years of age, Mr. Twaddle was a dealer in sea food, and the boy remained in his employ four years. On August 13, 1892, being then but seventeen years of age, he began business for himself at No. 58 Lyman street, dealing in meats and operating a fish market in connection therewith. He continued in that location and business seven years, moving in 1899 to Centre and Mosher streets, where he established a grocery business, there remaining another seven years, until 1907. In 1904 he purchased the block at the corner of High and Essex streets, remodeled the building to suit his purpose, and in 1905 he began business in a new store at that location, conducting a grocery and general pro-

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vision business, with meat and fish departments, and running both stores until 1907, when he sold the one at the corner of Centre and Mosher streets. His store is admirably arranged and finely appointed, its sanitary conditions perfect, and a credit to its owner. In addition to his large mercantile business, Mr. Foley deals extensively in real estate, and in 1916 he erected a fine private residence for himself on Northampton street, Holyoke. He is a director in the Mechanics Savings Bank, was a member of the School Board six years, 1904-10; is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a good business man, energetic and progressive, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and a good friend, neighbor and citizen.

Mr. Foley married, June 20, 1906, Katherine Isabelle Dalton, of Springfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Michael and Julia Dalton. They are the parents of two sons: Daniel Foley, born in Holyoke, December 10, 1907; William, died in infancy.

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### WALSH, William Joseph,

#### **Manufacturer.**

After becoming an expert in boiler and bridge work and in the manufacture of bridge and structural steel and iron, Mr. Walsh located in Holyoke, where he is head of the boiler manufacturing firm, Walsh & Heywood, operating a large plant with a Canadian branch works. Mr. Walsh is a son of Thomas Walsh, born in County Sligo, Ireland, in 1826, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1912. Thomas Walsh remained in his native land until 1854, then came to the United States. Although he was left fatherless when but three years of age, he acquired sufficient education to enable him to hold a salesman's position. On coming to the United States he settled on a farm in the State of Connecticut, continuing an

agriculturist for several years. He then located in Hartford, where he established a commission fruit and produce business. Later he located in Springfield, Massachusetts, continuing in the produce business until his retirement. He removed to Holyoke after retiring from business and there resided until his death. Thomas Walsh married Bridget Gallagher, born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1828, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in May, 1916. They were the parents of fourteen children: Matthew Frances, Michael, Peter A., Thomas S., deceased, a boiler manufacturer of Holyoke and Springfield, and a State Senator; William J., of further mention; John, died in infancy; Mary A., Ellen, Nora Jane, Clara S., Theresa P., Anna S., George, died in infancy; Bernard.

William Joseph Walsh was born in Hartford, Connecticut, September 8, 1861, and there his parents resided until 1873, when they moved to Springfield, Massachusetts. William J. attended the public schools in both cities, completing his studies in the Oak Street Grammar School, Springfield. After leaving school he at once entered the employ of the Boston & Albany Boiler Works and while in their service was engaged in many different capacities on many different operations. As a boy he heated half the rivets used in the construction of the Forest Park and South End bridges in Springfield, worked on the famous Eddy engine boilers and became an expert on boiler and bridge work. From Springfield he went to New York City with R. F. Hawkins, a manufacturer of bridge and structural steel and iron, with whom he remained four years. For six months after leaving New York, Mr. Walsh was in the employ of the Coughlin Boiler Works in Holyoke: he then returned to Springfield, where he remained for one year, after which he was with the Thompson, Houston Electric Company at New Britain, Connec-



ticut, for a term of four and a half years. The works were then removed to Lynn, Massachusetts, Mr. Walsh with seventy of the New Britain employees going to Lynn, where Mr. Walsh remained two years. From Lynn he went to the Ponds Machine Tool Company at Worcester, Massachusetts, remaining eighteen months, after which for six years he was with the Printers Brothers Tool Manufacturing Company in the same city.

This brought him to March, 1894, and the age of thirty-three. He was an expert mechanic and thoroughly experienced in bridge construction and boiler manufacture, and had traveled enough to make him willing to settle down to a fixed abode and an assured business. His brother, Thomas S., was engaged in boiler manufacturing at that time in Holyoke as a member of the firm, Long & Walsh, and in March, 1894, William J. Walsh purchased that business and continued as the Walsh Boiler Works. This business became a prosperous and profitable one under his management, and in time outgrew the ability of one man to handle it. He then admitted Charles D. Heywood as a partner, the business being now conducted under the firm name Walsh & Heywood. The plant at Holyoke is a large and well equipped one, a branch in Canada also being a part of the company's equipment. Mr. Walsh is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Commercial Travelers Association of the United States.

Mr. Walsh married, September 8, 1887, Ellen Bowen, daughter of Timothy Bowen, of Bellows Falls, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh are the parents of three daughters: Clara L., married Vincent P. Marran, superintendent of the Walsh & Heywood Boiler Works, and has a son Vincent P. Marran, Jr.; Hazel; Helen B.

**O'CONNOR, Thomas Joseph,**  
**Attorney-at-Law.**

As a member of the Hampden county bar, Thomas Joseph O'Connor, of Holyoke, has added prestige to a name which has long been an honored one in the county, his father, Daniel O'Connor, one of that body of pioneers of Irish birth who have added much to the welfare and wealth of the land of their adoption.

Daniel O'Connor was born in Glenmore, County Kerry, Ireland, youngest of the seven children of Thomas and Catherine O'Connor. Thomas O'Connor died while his son was but a child, and some time afterward his widow came to the United States, accompanied by her daughter and son, Daniel, and settled at Belchertown, Massachusetts, where other members of the family had already settled. About 1867, Daniel O'Connor located in South Hadley Falls, which was his home for the half century which intervened between that year and his death, January 26, 1917. For many years he was one of the most faithful and trusted employees of the Hadley Thread Company. He was one of the devout members of St. Patrick's Church, and when the first church in that parish was built he was one of the men who gave their service to dig the excavation for a foundation, and when death came his funeral services were held in that church with the impressive rites of the solemn high mass of requiem, followed by his interment in St. Jerome Cemetery. He was of that fine type of manhood who are an honor to any community, faithful and trustworthy as an employee, consistent in his church relations, and in his home life devoted, loving and true, Daniel O'Connor married, February 10, 1867, Mary Sullivan, the ceremony being performed in St. Jerome's Church, Holyoke, by the then rector, Father P. J. Harkins, South Hadley at that time being part

of St. Jerome parish. There was no bridge across the river then, the bridal party crossing by ferry. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor were the parents of three sons and two daughters, namely: Thomas Joseph, of whom further; John J., a priest of the Order of Jesuits; Daniel F., of South Hadley Falls; Katherine T., who became the wife of James F. Loftus, and resides in Thorndike, a village of Palmer; Minnie Agnes, who resides with her mother at South Hadley Falls. Two children, Simon and Frances, died in early childhood.

Thomas Joseph O'Connor, eldest son of Daniel and Mary (Sullivan) O'Connor, was born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, September 22, 1874. He completed with graduation the courses of the graded and high schools, and having decided upon the profession of law he entered Boston University Law School, whence he was graduated LL.B., class of 1897. He was at once admitted to the Hampden county bar and located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and since then has been in continuous and successful general practice there. He served as city solicitor in 1913-14, and has been a member of the Board of License Commissioners since 1914. He is a member of the various bar associations, and conducts a large professional business in all the State and Federal courts of the district. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Foresters of America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Holyoke and Pequot clubs, and a trustee of the Elks Club.

Mr. O'Connor married, August 30, 1898, Ella G. Curran, daughter of Terence L. and Mary (Manning) Curran, of Holyoke. They are the parents of one son, Charles Daniel, born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, September 11, 1899.

**BRODEUR, Philias Joseph,**

**Representative Citizen.**

From Canada have come many of the best citizens of the United States, men who have contributed largely to the upbuilding and development of the communities in which they located, men who have been willing, if need be, to sacrifice their lives in the defense of their adopted country, and prominent among this number is Philias J. Brodeur, who for the past quarter of a century has been a respected resident of Holyoke.

Honore Brodeur, grandfather of Philias J. Brodeur, was a native of Canada, and there spent his entire lifetime, his active years being devoted to the tilling and cultivation of the soil, which yielded him a bountiful return for labor expended. He was active in community affairs, and won and retained the respect of his neighbors. His wife, Marie (Alex) Brodeur, bore him four children: Honore, Joseph, Paul and Troussaint, who were reared to lead lives of usefulness and activity.

Troussaint Brodeur, father of Philias J. Brodeur, was born in St. Bridget, Province of Quebec, Canada, 1827, and died there, March, 1888, aged sixty-one years. He attended the schools in the neighborhood of his home, assisted his father in the duties of the home farm, and upon attaining manhood decided to follow in his father's footsteps, purchasing a farm of some one hundred and fifty acres in extent, and in addition to general farming he kept a herd of well selected cows, from the product of which he made excellent butter and cheese, which he disposed of readily, it being of good quality. He was a Liberal in politics and served as a member of the Council in his town, his advice on many subjects being of advantage to his fellow councilmen. He was public-spirited and devoted his time and attention to the var-

ious projects that had for their object the welfare of the community. He married Mary Brodeur, daughter of Francois Expernia and Victoria (Carreau) Brodeur. Children: Joseph, a resident of Canada; Francois, a resident of Holyoke, Massachusetts; Paul, also a resident of Holyoke; Timothy, a resident of Portland, Oregon; Melvira, became the wife of Octavia Desroches; Azilda, deceased; Modeste, a resident of Canada; Philius Joseph, of whom further.

Philius Joseph Brodeur was born in St. Bridget, Province of Quebec, Canada, April 6, 1867. He obtained a practical education in the schools of his native town, and for the two years following the completion of his studies there was a student in the college at St. Cesaire, his studies there being interrupted by the death of his father, in 1888, he having to return home and assist in the management of the home farm, and so continued until the year 1892, when he was twenty-five years of age. In October of that year he came to the United States, believing that there was a wider field for activity and advancement than in his native land, and at once located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, which city has been his home ever since. He entered the employ of the Hampden Glazed Paper and Card Company, his present employers, and by the faithful discharge of his duties has advanced to the position of foreman of the paste department. He possesses in full measure the confidence and regard of the men under his command, being fair and impartial in his treatment of them, and he has also gained the good will of the men higher than he in authority, the result of conscientious and earnest effort. Mr. Brodeur purchased the "Belmont," one of the finest apartment houses in Holyoke, the property being valued at \$75,000, and he disposed of the same in April, 1917, at an advantageous price, this transaction denoting not

only his thrift in accumulating capital sufficient to purchase it, but shrewdness and judgment in the sale of it. Mr. Brodeur is a member, with his family of the Church of Perpetual Help of Holyoke, a member of St. Jean Baptist Society, of the French Citizen Society, and of Ward Two Independent Club.

Mr. Brodeur married, October 6, 1890, Euphemie Gingrass, born in Farnham, Province of Quebec, Canada, daughter of Abraham and Anastasia (Peltier) Gingrass. Children: Bertha, born August, 1891, deceased; Blanche, born July 4, 1893; Albert, born October 5, 1894, bookkeeper with the Fisk Rubber Tire Works of Chicopee, married Maria Therrien; Olive, born February 18, 1896; Antonio, born June 10, 1900; Harvey, born October 22, 1909.

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**CHAREST, Odilon Zephirin Elzear,  
Dealer in House Furnishings.**

Odilon Zephirin Elzear Charest is an enterprising furniture dealer of Holyoke, Massachusetts, who has displayed much executive ability, energy and public spirit in building up the business in which he is now occupied, and in the numerous political activities in which he has taken part. He has gained the consideration and respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

His father, Elzear Charest, was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada. He was a mechanic and millwright, living the greater part of his life in Three Rivers, Canada. In politics he was a Liberal. He was married to Arline Sulte, who was better known as Arline Vadeboncoeur. Their children were: Odilon Z. E., of this sketch; Alida; Emelie; Helmina; Marie Louise, deceased; Arthur, deceased; J. Elzear.

Odilon Z. E. Charest was born May 30, 1857, at Three Rivers, Canada. There he attended the public schools, and at a comparatively early age began work as a ship-

ping clerk, in which occupation he remained for three years. In June, 1878, he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he became employed by Metcalf & Luther, proprietors of the Holyoke Furniture Company, and he continued in their employment ten years. In September, 1888, he entered into partnership with Didace Sainte-Marie and opened a furniture business in Holyoke under the firm name of Sainte-Marie & Charest. Since that time this firm, dealing extensively in furniture and household goods, has enlarged its quarters at frequent intervals in order to maintain the proper accommodations for its ever increasing business. Mr. Charest was actively engaged in politics for twenty years, of which fifteen were spent as school committeeman and two years he served as chairman of the school board. He is a member of the Order of Foresters, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Heptasophs, and the Rochambeau Club.

On November 26, 1886, Mr. Charest was married to Mary Jane Robert, of Northern New York. These children have been born to them: Leonise, wife of Joseph Carmel, who has two children, Rita and Alice; Antoinette; Arthur, who works in the Prentiss Wire Mill; George W., who is with his father in the furniture store; Romeo P., who is a graduate of the Dental Department of the University of Maryland at Baltimore, class of 1918.

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**LASONDE, Napoleon,**

**Business Man.**

In 1866, Prospere Lasonde left his native Canada and settled in Fall River, Massachusetts, and with the change of location changed his occupation from farming to manufacturing. He was born in Canada in 1842, died in Fall River in 1908. His wife, Dorothy (Vincent) Lasonde, born in Canada in 1846, died in Fall River in 1910.

They were the parents of six sons, Eli, Jenno, Napoleon, of further mention; Albert, Edward, and Evares.

Napoleon Lasonde, third son of Prospere and Dorothy (Vincent) Lasonde, was born in St. Jacent, Province of Quebec, Canada, July 12, 1861, and in 1866 was taken by his parents to Fall River, Massachusetts. He left school when quite young, and until he was eighteen his work had principally been driving teams. In 1879 he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and being a strong, healthy lad of eighteen found employment in the brickyards, continuing in that line of activity for a number of years. In 1887 he invested his savings in the purchase of horses and wagons and established a general express and trucking business under his own name. In that line of business he continues, and while horses are yet the main reliance as a motive power, and they are the best that can be obtained, he also uses in addition to these two very large automobile trucks. He does an extensive business in heavy trucking, also in a line of lighter express work and employs several men. He is a man of industry and integrity, has the confidence of all with whom he does business and is highly esteemed by his many friends.

Mr. Lasonde married, in September, 1881, Anna Demara, born in Canada. They are the parents of two sons, Henry and Edward, both associated with their father in the trucking business, and two daughters, Flora and Dora, the last named being the wife of Patrick Hebert. This is the record of a life of industry from early boyhood until the present. For thirty-eight years he has resided in Holyoke, where by industry and perseverance he has placed himself at the head of a prosperous business and won an honorable name. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, and is a splendid example of what can be accomplished by well directed effort and right living.

**SPARROW, William,****Representative Citizen.**

The man who performs his duty faithfully and conscientiously, in whatever position he is placed, is the man who makes the best citizen, the one to be relied upon in times of peace or war, and among this class is William Sparrow, of Springfield.

His father, Jonathan Sparrow, was born in Ireland, 1794, and died in Huntingdon, Canada, 1866, aged seventy-two years. He attended the schools of his native town, after which he learned the trade of stone mason, at which he became highly proficient. In 1812, when eighteen years of age, he emigrated to Canada, settling in what was known as New Ireland, and also by some as the Sparrow Settlement. It was a new section and he was the first man to cut down the trees there, and thus witnessed its growth from a wilderness to a settlement of homes and well tilled fields. In conjunction with his trade of stone mason, he followed agricultural pursuits, deriving a comfortable livelihood. He married (first) Rebecca Kalbach, who bore him two children, Rebecca and James. He married (second) Mary (McLane) Hunter, a widow, who bore him six children, as follows: John, deceased; Jonathan, residing in Huntingdon, Canada; William, mentioned in next paragraph; Fannie, deceased; Elizabeth, became the wife of Willard J. Tuttle, resides in Charlestown, New Hampshire; Charles, deceased. Jonathan Sparrow had two brothers, Thomas and James Sparrow, and a sister, Frances M., who became the wife of a Mr. Cox.

William Sparrow was born in Huntingdon, Canada, March 1, 1842. He obtained a practical education in the schools of Huntingdon, and was employed on the home farm until seventeen years of age, when he entered upon an apprenticeship at the trade of carriage maker, and followed that trade

for six years. He learned the trade in all its details, beginning with the cutting down of the trees, then cutting the planks from the trees, and later cutting the planks by hand, this being before the introduction of the machinery for manufacturing purposes. In 1866 he became a resident of the United States, locating in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and for the following five years was engaged at carpenter work, in which line he was skillful and proficient. He then returned to Canada, and for the following twenty-two years was engaged in the contracting and building line, in which he was equally successful. In 1892 he again returned to the United States, this time locating in Springfield, Massachusetts, and has resided there ever since, a period of a quarter of a century. For a short time he worked in the Wasson Car Shops, and then secured employment in the Old Connecticut River Railroad Company, now the Boston & Maine Railroad, and has worked there continuously ever since, engaged at carpentry work, looking after the wood work of the engines, tenders, windows, etc. His many years connection with this company is an eloquent testimonial to his ability, fidelity and trustworthiness.

Mr. Sparrow married, February 20, 1866, Isabelle McDonald, born in Huntingdon, Canada, October 24, 1846, daughter of Philip and Ann (Howe) McDonald. Children: Ida Eva, born November 28, 1866, died March 22, 1869; Viola May, born November 6, 1868, died October 4, 1869; Rosa Belle, born December 26, 1869, became the wife of Isaac Barr; William Allen, whose sketch follows in this work; Frederick Elden, born August 21, 1874, married Clara Drake Fisher, and they have one child, Raymond Fisher; Bert Philip, born February 4, 1876, married May Clifford, and they have children: Bertram William, Viola May, Charles A., Joseph Arthur; Charles Alexander, born June 4, 1879, married

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Grace June Fellows; Arthur Robert, born November 15, 1883, died September 21, 1917, married Sarah N. Staunton; John Harford, born September 4, 1887; Earl McDonald, born May 9, 1889, married Margaret B. Phoenix; Annie May, born March 31, 1891, became the wife of Russell Clinton Sayre, and they have children: Barbara Isabelle and Mazie Emeline. The first two above named children were born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, the remainder in Huntingdon, Canada.

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### **SPARROW, William Allen,**

#### **Business Man.**

William A. Sparrow is one of the enterprising business men of Holyoke, and his career illustrates most forcibly the possibilities that are open to young men of energy and ability.

William A. Sparrow, son of William and Isabelle (McDonald) Sparrow, was born in Huntingdon, Province of Quebec, Canada, March 14, 1872. He was educated in the schools of his native town, and later learned the trade of carpenter in his native land under the instruction of his father. In 1890, at the age of eighteen years, he came to the United States and located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and has resided there to the present time (1917). He learned the trade of plumber with Mr. Phelps and Mr. C. H. Tower, and after becoming proficient in all its details, he served as a journeyman for a number of years, thus gaining valuable experience. In 1904, in company with Mr. McTigue, he established a plumbing business under the firm name of Sparrow & McTigue, and this connection continued until 1909, in which year he became connected with the McDonald Plumbing Company, retaining this connection for a short period of time, and then engaged in the same line on his own account, under his own name, and has so continued to the

present time. His natural aptitude for the work and his earnest attention to the work entrusted to him has won him many friends and secured him business success. He is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Holyoke; of Connecticut Valley Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias, of which he is a master of finance at the present time (1917); has passed through all the chairs in the order; was past chancellor in 1916, and for six years has been a member of the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the Cryptic Club of the Masons.

Mr. Sparrow married, October 6, 1897, Rosa La Duc, born in Chesterfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Oliver and Soulaunge (La Duc) Da Duc. Children: Harold Allen, born February 19, 1899; Beatrice Isabelle, born July 14, 1901; William Clement, born April 21, 1907.

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### **COLLINS, Patrick J.,**

#### **Merchant.**

At the age of fourteen years Patrick J. Collins left his native Ireland and came to the United States, locating in Holyoke, Massachusetts, his present home and the scene of his successful business career. He is a son of Patrick J. Collins, born in Barlo, County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1850, died in 1877, the victim of an accident in the hay field. He married Honora Flaherty, also of County Roscommon, and they were the parents of Patrick J. (2), James J., and Catherine J., married Michael Connell.

Patrick J. (2) Collins was born in Balenbaugh, County Roscommon, Ireland, February 4, 1871. He was but six years of age at the time of his father's accidental death, consequently his early training was under the gentle influence of his mother who was ambitious for her boy and gave him such school advantage as the parish

afforded. In 1885 he came to the United States, located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and in night schools and Child's Business College completed a good business education. His entrance into the business world was as clerk in the furniture store of James J. Delaney, and there he remained for thirteen years, and during eight years of that period he was in the employ of the city of Holyoke, being call man in the fire department and under Chief Lynch, the city paying Mr. Collins \$150 yearly for the privilege of calling upon him for service at fires.

It was not until 1897 that Mr. Collins established in business for himself and when he did it was in the business he had become so intimately acquainted with during his years with Mr. Delaney. He joined a partnership with William Murray, and in 1897 as Collins & Murray purchased a furniture store at No. 997 High street, Holyoke. The firm conducted a successful general furniture business until 1913, when they incorporated as the Collins & Murray Company, Mr. Collins, treasurer, Mr. Murray, president. In 1916 Mr. Murray died, and on February 1, 1917, Mr. Collins, who acquired the Murray interest by purchase, succeeded to the presidency of the company, which he now serves both as president and treasurer. The history of this now important business has been one of progress and prosperity from its inception. When originally purchased it occupied but one-half its present floor space, the adjoining store having been the insistent demand for more room. Mr. Collins' entire business life has been spent in the retailing of furniture and associated lines, and to his ability, energy and progressive spirit the success of Collins & Murray is due in a large degree. For one year he served as a member of the Board of License Commissioners. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus, Improved Order of Red Men,

Catholic Order of Foresters, Mt. Tom Golf Club and the Holyoke Country Club. He is fond of travel and has four times crossed the Atlantic, each time visiting his native land.

Mr. Collins married, in 1900, Catherine J. Donohue, born at County Kerry, Ireland. They are the parents of Mary Agnes, Catherine J., Helen Gertrude, Anna Theresa, Patrick J. (3), Margaret and Gertrude.

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**O'CONNELL, Daniel,**

**Contractor.**

Daniel O'Connell, one of the pioneer and best known building contractors of New England, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, November 23, 1916. He was one of the first Irish settlers to come to that city, and during his sixty-nine years' residence saw that community develop into a thriving municipality, and in that growth and development bore a prominent part. He was the founder and long at the head of the contracting firm, Daniel O'Connell's Sons, and was closely identified with construction work in many places. As each of his six sons came of age they were admitted to the business, and when the years bore too heavily he withdrew, leaving the burdens of management to his sons. He had a wonderful memory and was an authority upon local history. For forty-two years he lived in the house in which he died, and when he was borne from it for the last time it was upon the shoulders of his six sons.

Daniel O'Connell was born in the parish of Ferriter, County Kerry, Ireland, in September, 1832. He was a son of Daniel O'Connell, who was born in the west part of Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland, in the year 1799, and died in 1849, when fifty years of age. He married Catherine Manning, a daughter of Michael Manning, who afterwards came to the United States and

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settled with her son in West Holyoke, Massachusetts, where she spent the remainder of her life. To Daniel and Catherine (Manning) O'Connell the following children were born: James, Michael, Daniel, who is the subject of this sketch, Maurice, John, Johanna, and Mary, the latter becoming the wife of James Sullivan.

When a lad of fourteen years, Daniel O'Connell left Ireland, and after a voyage of thirty-one days landed in Boston, Massachusetts, in April, 1847. A few months were spent at Chicopee Falls, then on or about his fifteenth birthday he came to Holyoke, which was ever afterward his home. His first employment was as water boy to the large force of men employed in building the first dam built by the Hadley Falls Company, a structure which was washed away before completion, the dam which still stands above the present stone dam not being finished until 1849. After leaving this the lad found employment with a farmer in Baptist Village (now Elmwood), then again entered the employ of the Hadley Falls Company, becoming barn boss at their stable in Ward 1, Holyoke. In 1858 he bought a farm in Rock Valley, which he cultivated for a year, then in 1860 went to Springfield, where he was employed driving a team used to switch freight cars in the old New Haven depot. Later he was in the service of Mayor Bemis, of Springfield, who was then engaged in the coal business, and still later managed a farm in Longmeadow for John Madden. Returning to Holyoke, he gained a knowledge of the building business with Deacon E. T. Richards in 1862, and the following year he went into business for himself as a truckman and expressman. In 1865 he formed a partnership with Deacon Edwards in the general jobbing business, continuing until 1868, when they dissolved, Mr. O'Connell at

that time having been appointed by the selectmen to take charge of the town roads. He served as supervisor of highways until 1864, then was appointed superintendent of city streets, holding that position until 1870, when he resigned. In 1880 he began contracting, his first important mill contract being for the excavation of the present Nonotuck Mill of the American Writing Paper Company. From this time business rapidly increased, his sons were admitted partners and the firm of Daniel O'Connell's Sons became well known far beyond local limits. Among his many contracts, Mr. O'Connell made the excavations and laid the foundations for the Symms & Dudley Mill, the Winona and Parsons mills, the Farr Alpaca Company's plant in Jackson street, and numerous others, mill building becoming their specialty. The large contracts executed outside of Holyoke were the building of the New Bedford Water Works; the Electric Railway in Conway; the six miles of railroad between Great Barrington and Stockbridge; the Fomer pipe line, twelve miles long, which is a part of the city's waterworks; the dams at Bellows Falls, Vermont, and Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and contracts executed for the State, and when the founder retired the sons assumed the management, continuing the business.

Mr. O'Connell married, December 13, 1858, Johanna Brassil, who died in October, 1911, three years after the aged couple had celebrated their golden wedding day. They were the parents of six sons, all residing in Holyoke, and constituting the firm, Daniel O'Connell Sons: Daniel James, whose sketch follows; William; Charles Joseph, whose sketch follows; John, Frank, and George. Mr. O'Connell was a member of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church.



**O'CONNELL, Daniel James,****Contractor, Manufacturer.**

Daniel James O'Connell, son of Daniel and Johanna (Brassil) O'Connell, was born August 18, 1864, at Holyoke, Massachusetts, and has spent his entire life there. He received his education at the local grammar and high schools, and upon completing his studies there became associated with his father in the latter's great business. In the year 1894 his two brothers, Charles Joseph and John O'Connell, joined him in the enterprise, and the three took over the whole of the business founded by the father under the name of Daniel O'Connell's Sons. They conduct business in all parts of New England, particularly in the line of heavy contracting work, such as building roads, bridges, water works, dams, mills and manufacturing plants, and in addition to the construction department, they also manufacture brick. Mr. O'Connell is a Democrat and has served as a member of the City Council. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Holyoke Country Club.

On October 18, 1900, Mr. O'Connell was united in marriage with Bessie O'Donnell, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and a daughter of Patrick O'Donnell, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell are the parents of the following children: Anna; Alice; Margaret Mary, born in 1905; and Daniel Patrick, born March 17, 1907.

**O'CONNELL, Charles Joseph,****Business Man.**

Charles Joseph O'Connell, one of the successful business men of Holyoke, Massachusetts, was born in that city, January 29, 1868. He is a son of Daniel and Johanna (Brassil) O'Connell, Charles J. O'Connell's education was received in the

local grammar and high schools, the latter of which he attended for three years. Upon completing his studies at these institutions, he learned the trade of brick mason, which he followed as an apprentice for some three years, and then entered into partnership with Mr. Vallis V. Goddard and they, under the firm name of O'Connell & Goddard, engaged in business as masons and builders, and during the partnership, which continued for a number of years, they constructed many important works in and about Holyoke, among which should be mentioned the largest sewer ever built in the community, the Highland Grammar School, and many of the best apartment houses in the city. They also erected a number of business blocks, and came to be well known throughout the region. This association was, however, terminated in 1899, when Mr. O'Connell, in company with his brothers, Daniel James and John, took over the business which had been developed by their father, Daniel O'Connell, and under the style of Daniel O'Connell's Sons have continued to carry on this enterprise ever since. Daniel O'Connell's Sons, as a firm, is well known in this section of the county. Mr. O'Connell's residence is situated in the Highland district, on a tract which was purchased by his father many years ago. His house was the first one erected there, and is one of the most attractive in the neighborhood. Mr. O'Connell is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Holyoke Club.

Mr. O'Connell married (first) in 1888, Mary Murphy, a native of Lawrence, Massachusetts. He married (second) June 15, 1897, Eva Marie Doyle, a native of Holyoke, a daughter of John and Bridget (Burlley) Doyle, of that place. Mr. Doyle was born at Chicopee, Massachusetts, in 1837, and died in 1915. He was a son of William Doyle, a native of Limerick, Ireland, who

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came to America in 1805 and lived for a number of years at Chicopee, although he later removed to Holyoke, where his death occurred. By the first marriage there were born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell three children, Margaret, still living, Charles and Louise who died in infancy. Of the second marriage the following children have been born: Helen Marie, born April 24, 1898; Daniel Jerome, born May 5, 1900; Mary Rose, born May 19, 1901; Charles, born June 24, 1903; Francis, born October 5, 1904; George Edward, born December 14, 1905; John Doyle, born March 27, 1907; James, born August 2, 1910; Eva Louise, born August 8, 1912; and a child who died in infancy.

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**BAESSLER, Lillian Eleanor,**

**Business Woman.**

In 1883, Christian Lobegatt Baessler came to the United States, followed in 1884 by his son, Oscar Baessler, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, this city finally becoming their place of habitude, and there both Christian L., his son Oscar, and his granddaughter, Lillian Eleanor Baessler, now reside, she the capable paying teller of the savings department of the Holyoke National Bank. Christian Lobegatt Baessler, of Thalheim, Germany, born in 1820, died at the age of thirty-nine years, son of a Thalheim manufacturer of wood knitting frames. He married Johanna Langer, born in Thalheim, in 1826, died in 1905, the mother of Christian Lobegatt (2), of further mention; Bruno, deceased; Carl B., whose career is described at length in this work; Gustave, deceased; Gottobene; Ilivena, deceased; and Amelia.

Christian Lobegatt (2) Baessler was born in Thalheim, Saxony, Germany, in 1845, and is now (1917) at the age of seventy-two living in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He obtained a good education in his native

Saxony, served his time in the German Army, and was a soldier of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. He was a man of importance in his native town, served as a member of the school board, and as a weaver had steady employment in the textile mills. But he chafed under conditions in Germany, and in 1883 sought the freer air of the United States, believing that here he could attain a freedom of thought and liberty of action, and rise to a better, higher life than was possible in his own land. All his dreams came true, and since his coming to Holyoke, in 1884, he has been remuneratively employed in the hosiery mills, then for fourteen years as a weaver in the Germania Mills, and is yet an employe of that mill, working in the gig room. He has not only found a home and employment, but has taken an active part in public affairs, and in all things has been a good citizen of the city which gave him opportunity. He married, in Saxony, Wilhelmena Ruscher, born in that kingdom. Their children are: Anne, married Gustave Geissler; Alma, married Paul Knie; Frieda, married Richard Englehardt; Martha, married a Mr. Clark; Oscar, of further mention; Max; William; Charles; Gustave; and two children who died in childhood.

Oscar Baessler, son of Christian Lobegatt (2) and Wilhelmena (Ruscher) Baessler, was born in Thalheim, Saxony, Germany, November 9, 1876, and at the age of seven and a half years he came to the United States with his uncle, Carl B. Baessler, and joined his father in Holyoke, Massachusetts, he having come to the United States in 1883, and to Holyoke in 1884. The boy Oscar was educated in the public schools of Holyoke, and after completing his school years began business life as an employee of the Merrick Thread Company. He soon afterward began his long connection with the Buchanan & Bolt Wire Mill of Holyoke, and for twen-

ty-five years he has been a wire worker with that corporation. He is a member of the Holyoke Turn Verein; The Sons of Herman; the German Shooting Club; Wire Workers Union; and the German Lutheran Church; a man highly esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. Baessler married, October 14, 1896, Ernestine Stalzman, born in Posen, Germany, daughter of Julius and Caroline (Fenska) Stalzman. Mr. and Mrs. Baessler are the parents of a daughter, Lillian Eleanor, born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, educated in the grade and high schools, and now fills the responsible position of paying teller of the savings department of the Holyoke National Bank.

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**CWIKLINSKI, Casimer Francis,**  
**Clergyman.**

Under the charge of Father Cwiklinski, the properties of the parish of Mater Dolo Rosa in Holyoke have been greatly improved, and the work of the church thereby extended. He is of Polish ancestry, the son of Joseph Cwiklinski, a native of German Poland, now (1917) living in Trenton, New Jersey, at the age of seventy-six years. In his younger days the father was employed in a distillery in German Poland, and during the Franco-Prussian War served as an infantry soldier, participating in seventeen engagements. In the operations before Paris he received a wound, and after recovering was later employed as a nurse in the Red Cross department. In 1885 he came to America on the ship, "Elba," which was sunk on its return voyage to Germany. Locating in Trenton, New Jersey, he has continued to make that his home to the present time. For some years he was employed in rubber mills, but has been long in enforced retirement on account of blindness caused by cataract of eyes. Joseph Cwiklinski and his wife Anna were the parents of the fol-

lowing children: 1. Michael, deceased. 2. Francis, deceased. 3. Joseph, now foreman of the Imperial Porcelain Works of Trenton, New Jersey; the father of three children: Edmund, Agnes, and Alma. 4. Paul, who died December 19, 1915, and he had children: Raymond, Francis, Clara, Anna and Casimer. 5. August, deceased. 6. Casimer Francis.

Rev. Casimer Francis Cwiklinski was born February 13, 1883, in Supkan, German Poland, and was about two years of age when he came with his parents to America. He devoted many years to preparation for the priesthood, and is now a member of the Franciscan order, O. M. C. He attended private schools in Trenton and also the parochial school of St. Francis Parish, a German parish of Trenton. He also attended St. John's School of that city, and St. Stanislaus Polish School. After spending three years in Syracuse, New York, at the Assumption School under the Franciscan Fathers, he returned to Trenton and attended St. Francis College for two years. His entire education was earned by his own labors, in any honorable capacity or any humble chore that came his way, and his college expenses were paid out of his own earnings. Going to Europe, he was three years a student at a seminary conducted by the Franciscan Fathers in Krakow, Polish Austria, and there he was ordained to the priesthood, July 11, 1905. Returning to America, he became for a short time assistant priest at the Corpus Christi Church at Buffalo, New York, and then went to Baltimore, Maryland, where for a period of three years he was first assistant priest in St. Stanislaus Church. His next location was in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he acted as supply for a short time at the Mater Dolo Rosa Church, and then went to Elmhurst, Long Island, as pastor of Saint Adalbert Church, this being his first pastorate, and there he continued two years. In 1911 he again went

to Holyoke, and has ever since been pastor of the church at Mater Dolo Rosa. This parish has an active membership of some six thousand souls, and maintains a school with something like eight hundred pupils. Father Cwiklinski has two assistants, and has made many improvements in the church property, particularly in the interior decorations of the church, and in grading and planting the grounds. It is all under the charge of the Franciscan Order in the Diocese of Springfield, and one of the largest church properties in the city. He is an ardent worker for the church, a friend of the poor, an advocate of progress, one of the most patriotic citizens, and a great power for good in the community.

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#### DIETZ, Richard Hermann,

**Business Man, Public Official.**

It has been through sturdy industry and attention to details that Richard Hermann Dietz has developed from humble beginnings one of the large baking industries of Massachusetts and Connecticut. His parents, Hermann and Christliebe Dietz, were natives respectively of Bohemia, Austria, and Saxony, Germany, and came to America in 1882, settling in Holyoke, December 12th of that year. Hermann Dietz was a weaver by trade and continued in that occupation for some years following his emigration to this country. In 1885, only three years after their arrival, his wife died, Mr. Hermann Dietz surviving her until 1909. Besides the son whose name heads this article, they had a daughter, Minnie, now the wife of Charles Bluemer, of West Holyoke, and they are the parents of four children.

Richard Hermann Dietz was born June 16, 1863, in Kimmitschau, Saxony, Germany, and came to Holyoke on December 12, 1881, having preceded his parents' arrival by one year. Educated as he was in the excellent public schools of his native

land, he experienced little difficulty, despite the hard times then existing, in finding employment in the land of his adoption. His first position was in the Germania Mills of Holyoke. Later he was employed in the Skinner Silk Mill, continuing until 1883, when he embarked in business for himself as a baker. For the first eight months his bakery was located on Park street. In November, 1884, he moved to a new location on Adams street. In 1889 he erected a building of his own on Park street, which he occupied as bakery and office until 1905. It was in these years that the solid foundation of his later business growth was laid. In 1905 his steadily growing business necessitated removing again to a still larger building of his own on High street, No. 440. In 1909 he established a very successful retail branch in Springfield, devoted especially to the sale of fancy baked products, frozen delicacies and confectionery. In 1912, continued business expansion occasioned the construction of a commodious factory on Commercial street, Holyoke, where all his baking is carried on, and where also is installed a thoroughly modern ice cream and refrigerating plant, and here also, he has a fine store, thus operating two stores. For the conduct of his present wholesale and retail trade nine delivery wagons and five automobiles are required in addition to daily railroad shipments to scores of surrounding towns.

On December 1, 1917, an organization, known as the Massachusetts Baking Company, was formed, and of this Mr. Dietz was one of the organizers. In addition to his large interests in Holyoke, this concern has purchased a large number of bakeries throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. Mr. Dietz is vice-president and one of the directors of this organization, the largest of its kind in New England.

As will be seen by the above Mr. Dietz's success has not come to him as the result

of accident or lucky circumstance, but through the conquering of obstacles that many others less determined and industrious would have deemed insurmountable. Although a very busy man, he nevertheless finds time, like every other worthy citizen, to give intelligent attention to civic affairs. Having prospered under American institutions, he desires to see them perpetuated under honest government and just principles of progress. In 1896 he was a member of the Board of Alderman and has served as park commissioner. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, which was formerly the Business Men's Association, and served at one time on the Board of Directors. Among other social and benevolent organizations with which he is affiliated are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the German Order of Harugari, the Turn Verein, the Holyoke Club, and the Canoe Club. He is likewise a member of the German Lutheran church.

Mr. Dietz married, July 6, 1887, Bertha Domki, a native of Posen, Prussia, Germany, daughter of Wilhelm and Christina (Shultz) Domki. Mr. Domki died when Bertha was a child. The mother married (second) Frank Glesmann, and the child, Bertha, took the name of her step-father.

Mr. and Mrs. Dietz reside on the beautifully situated estate, "Rus In Urbe," on Easthampton road overlooking Holyoke. Their three eldest sons, Walter H., Hermann R., and Edwin O., are associated with the father in the bakery business, the former as manager of the Springfield store. The other children are: Rudolph A.; Richard; Erna, a music teacher, married Emil Atmus; and Helen, the wife of William Muentner, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and they have a son, Rolf Muentner, born November 29, 1916.

**DIETZ, Walter Herman,**

**Business Man.**

As manager of the Springfield branch of the Dietz Baking Company, Mr. Dietz is but continuing his connection with a business with which he has been associated ever since his graduation from college.

Walter Herman Dietz, son of Richard Hermann and Bertha (Glesmann) Dietz, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, June 11, 1888. After preparation in the city graded and high schools terminating with graduation, he entered Yale University, whence he was graduated in the class of 1910, with the degree of A. B. After leaving college he became associated with his father in the Dietz Baking Company of Holyoke, and upon the opening of a branch of that business in Springfield he was appointed its manager, a position he capably fills. This establishment is located at No. 335 Main street, and is devoted to the sale of fancy baked products, frozen delicacies, confectionery and ice cream, and does a large business catering to a very choice trade. In connection with their beautiful store, one of the finest in the city adapted to this purpose, they have a very fine ice cream parlor, where customers are served with the choicest productions along these lines.

Mr. Dietz married, November 8, 1916, Ann Mildred Brooks, daughter of Archibald Alexander and Dora (Edmunds) Brooks, of Holyoke, her father a native of Glasgow, Scotland. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dietz have resided in Springfield. He is a member of the Publicity Club and of the United Commercial Travellers.

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**FRIEDRICH, Ernest Hugo,**

**Business Man, Public Official.**

Ernest Hugo Friedrich, Park Commissioner of the City of Holyoke, Massachu-

setts, and one of the prominent manufacturers of that city, represents the finest type of American citizenship. Though of foreign birth and handicapped in his youth by his lack of knowledge of the English language and the advantages of most boys of the present generation in this country, he overcame all obstacles and won his way to the front rank in business.

His father, August Friedrich, was a native of Saxony, and until he came to this country in middle life he was a manufacturer of woolens near his birthplace in Germany. Soon after he came to America, in 1869, he made his home in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he was employed in the mills during the remainder of his active life. He was an earnest and faithful communicant of the German Lutheran church. A member of the various German lodges and other social organizations of Holyoke, he was well known and highly respected not only by his fellow-citizens of German birth but by all who knew him. His sturdy, straightforward principles, his kind heart and persistent energy won him a place in the esteem of the community. He died in Holyoke in 1896, at the age of seventy-one years. He married, in Germany, Wilhelmina Hiberer, who was also a native of Saxony, and they had four children: Louis; Ernest Hugo, who is mentioned below; Oswald and Ernestine.

Ernest Hugo Friedrich was born in Saxony, November 20, 1857, and his early education was received in the schools of his native place. When his parents came to this country with their children, he was eleven years old. Entering the public schools he rapidly acquired the rudiments of English and laid the substantial foundations of a liberal education. Though he left school comparatively early in life, he has never ceased to be a student of books. For three years when a boy he worked in the Germania Mills in Holyoke, then he decided to

learn a trade and he served an apprenticeship in the shop of a tinsmith, working for six years afterward in the manufacture of woven-wire mattresses. But he was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and for that purpose saved from his earnings and accumulated a modest capital. In 1893 he ventured in a small way in business under his own name as a tinsmith and ironworker. From the beginning he exercised the same industry and energy that had characterized him as a journeyman and mill-hand, and literally commanded success. From time to time he enlarged the scope of his business activities and secured more important contracts from builders. He included eventually every kind of work in tin, iron and other sheet metal, manufacturing cornices, sky-lights and other metal work used in modern buildings, and also made a specialty of tinning and roofing with metals. Later he added a plumbing department that has also grown to large importance. In 1912 his business was incorporated under the name of the E. H. Friedrich Company, of which he is the sole owner, also president and treasurer. The growth and expansion of his business has been uninterrupted from the beginning, and today it is among the most extensive in Western Massachusetts. His success has been the result of prudence, patience, untiring labor, as well as exceptional business ability. Naturally a good mechanic, Mr. Friedrich possesses the progressive spirit and keeps well to the front in adopting new methods and machinery and in securing the utmost efficiency in the mechanical departments of his business. He believes in thorough workmanship and maintains the old traditions of honor in his craft, making his work speak for itself.

Outside of his own business, which has engrossed his time and energies for so many years, he has recently found opportunity to gratify his taste for agriculture. He has

an orange plantation in Florida and a large part of the two hundred acres that he owns has already been set with orange and other citrus fruits. In late years he has devoted his time in winter to his Florida estate. It was his love of nature, as shown by his keen interest in his plantation, and his taste in landscape gardening that led to his appointment as park commissioner. During the five years that he served on the Park Board of Holyoke he has given his time unsparingly to the beautifying of the parks and public places of the city and worked to increase the number and value of these breathing spots for the public. More than ever the people of this country are taking interest and pride in the public parks, and in this community Mr. Friedrich has been a leader in creating and promoting this fine public spirit. His work in the park department will be a lasting memorial.

In politics he is a Republican, but he has avoided all opportunities for public service, except in the park department, on account of the demands of his business. Among the Free Masons of this section he is particularly well known and popular, having attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Holyoke; of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; of the Council, Royal and Select Masters; of the Commandery, Knights Templar, and of the Massachusetts Consistory. Among the other social organizations of the city of which he is a member are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the various German lodges. He is a communicant of the German Lutheran church and a generous supporter of its charitable organizations.

Mr. Friedrich married, December 23, 1882, Bertha Leining, a daughter of Adam and Clara (Stoehr) Leining, of Rockville, Connecticut. Her father was a native of Hesse, Germany, and her mother was born in Saxony. Her parents came with their

family to America in 1854 and made their home in Rockville. Her father was a skilled mechanic. Children of Ernest Hugo and Bertha Friedrich: 1. Edmund H., born April 28, 1884. 2. Bertha, born December 9, 1889; married William Wakelin and has two children: Frederick and Edmund Wakelin. 3. Emma L., born June 28, 1891. 4. Hugo Ernest, September 14, 1894.

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**LEKSTON, Roman, M. D.,**

**Physician.**

Dr. Roman Lekston, a well known Polish physician of Holyoke, is building up a career far from the scenes of his childhood. He is a son of Michael and Agnes (Berkowska) Lekston, of Buckawanna, Russian Poland, who were the parents of six children: Rev. Joseph Lekston, a priest of the Roman Catholic church, now pastor of churches in South Deerfield and Hatfield, Massachusetts; John, married Josephine Saumska; Roman, of further mention; Landislaus, a lawyer, who is now held a prisoner in Germany, a victim of war; Mary, died young; Josephine, married John Mazur.

Dr. Roman Lekston was born in Buckawanna, Russian Poland, of well-to-do and honorable family, June 18, 1886. Until the age of eleven years he attended public schools, then in 1897 was sent to Lombriasso, Italy, there entering the College of Language and History, completing the course with graduation. He then completed a course at the Lyceum at Torino, Italy, receiving a diploma doubly valuable from the fact that it admitted the holder to any European University. After graduation from Torino Lyceum he came to the United States, going first to Monongah, West Virginia, later entering Marion College of Commerce, Fairmount, West Virginia, where he finished the course in two years. Being an accomplished linguist, speaking

Italian, German, Swedish and English in addition to his native tongue, he was considered a desirable addition to the staff of the Fairmount National Bank, and for two years he was in charge of the foreign department of that bank, a responsible position, as the foreign business was very large. At the end of his engagement he began the study of medicine at the University of West Virginia, remaining one year before going to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, there entering Medico-Chirurgical College, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1915. He spent the following seven months in hospital work in Providence, Rhode Island, and Holyoke, Massachusetts, then opened offices at No. 40 High street, Holyoke, and began private practice, being one of the few Polish physicians of Western Massachusetts. He has been very successful in his profession and is one of the forces for good in his community. He is a member of Holyoke Medical Society, the Polish Catholic Union and the Polish Catholic Alliance, both having headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, with branches in different parts of the United States. While a student in Italy he developed his musical talent, studying under Professor Dogliani, and is proficient in both vocal and instrumental music. While in Monongah he was organist of Saint Stanislaus Church.

Dr. Lekston married at Monongah, West Virginia, Josephine Smuzenska, born in Russian Poland, but educated in this country in the high school at Elizabeth, New Jersey. They have two children: Roman (2), born June 26, 1903; Josephine, August 6, 1905.

**LIPPMAN, Richard Bernard,**

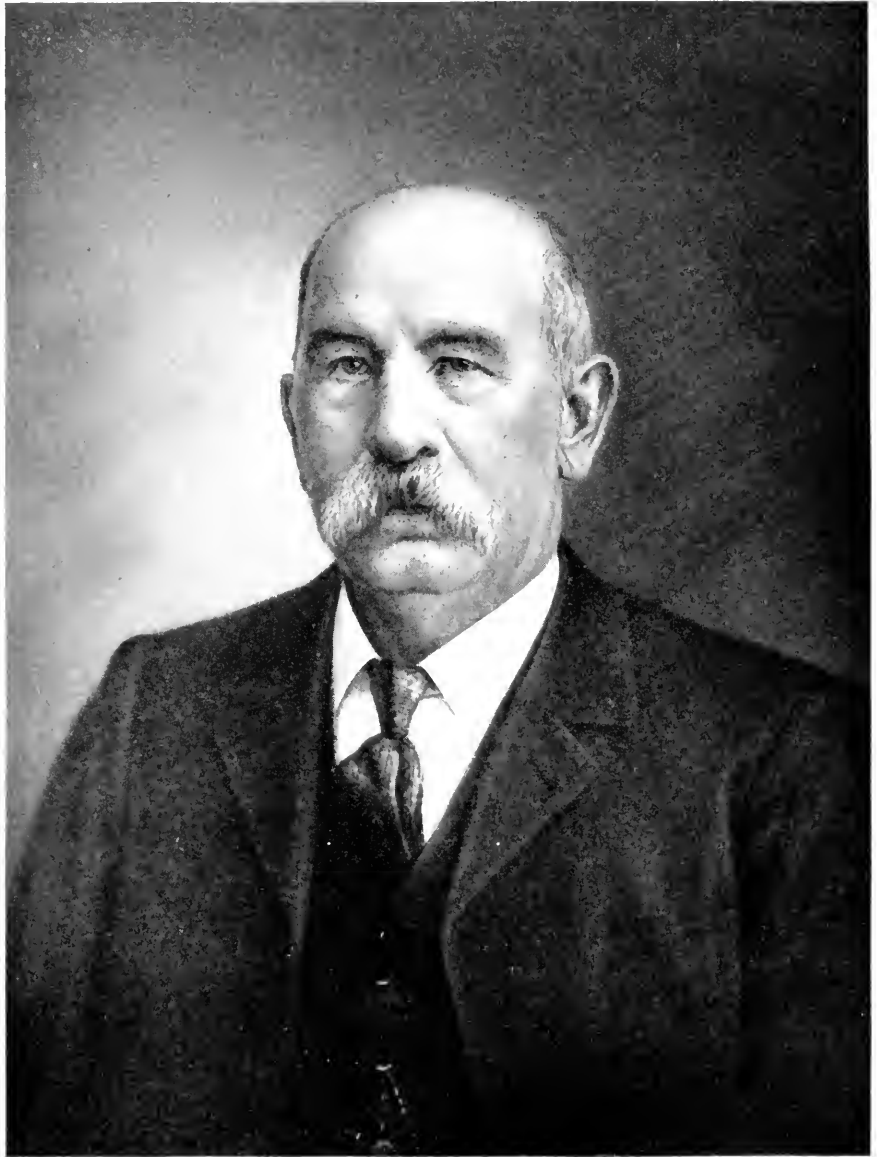
**Manufacturer.**

Although born in far-away Saxony, the Lippman family reunited upon American soil and for the past thirty-seven years res-

ident in South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, where Richard B. Lippman has passed all but the first two years of his life, and there his aged parents, Henry and Henrietta Lippman, yet reside in honored retirement, the father an octogenarian in years, died in February, 1917. Henry Lippman was a manufacturer of cloth goods in Saxony, Germany, operated several looms and not only made but personally sold the cloth he wove. He had brothers, Herman, Wilhelm and Ernest, the latter deceased, Herman now also residing in South Hadley Falls. In 1880 Henry Lippman came to the United States, located in Hadley Falls, worked at the weaver's trade in the Glasgow Mills, but for several years has been retired from business. He married Henrietta Boch, also born in Saxony, and now living in South Hadley Falls. They are the parents of eight children: Henry (2), married and has sons, Alfred and Raymond; Oscar, married Lizzie Beyer, two children, Harry and Rosa; Fannie, married Herman Englehart, and has a daughter Lillian; Clara, married John Dietel; Anna Rosa, married William Sligo and has a daughter Ruth; Richard Bernard, of further mention.

Richard Bernard Lippman was born in Saxony, Germany, March 2, 1878, and in 1880 was brought to the United States by his parents. He attended the public schools of South Hadley Falls, but when yet a boy began life as a wage earner, being employed in the mills at South Hadley Falls until 1896. In the latter year he entered the service of the National Blank Book Company of Holyoke, there continuing until 1906. In 1898 he began employing his evenings, making pasteboard boxes for druggists' use, and for eight years he continued such operations but necessarily in a small way. He, however, built up a good line of customers who were pleased with his goods and his efforts to please them, a fact which encouraged him to make box manufacturing





*Henry Lippman*



his sole business. In 1906 he severed his connection with the National Blank Book Company and began manufacturing in South Hadley Falls as the Arona Box Company, beginning as sole owner. He continued in successful business operation for ten years, then in July, 1916, in association with A. W. Hoffman, also a manufacturer, he organized the United Box & Paper Company, Lippman & Hoffman, proprietors, that company taking over the Arona Box Company, the A. W. Hoffman business and the Tait & Marsh Company which they purchased. The company, situated in the Whiting street building and at No. 32 Main street, Holyoke, are manufacturers of paper boxes and paper dealers. The business is well managed and prosperous, the practical knowledge and business ability of the partners being bent to the production of goods of merit, while a spirit of honorable, upright dealing with customers and employees prevails in every department. Mr. Lippman is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Holyoke, and of several beneficial societies, is an energetic business man, has many friends and reviews a life of successful effort. He is unmarried, residing with his aged mother at South Hadley Falls.

#### THE ALDERMAN FAMILY.

Seventy-five years was the span of life allotted Eugene Clydon Alderman, and for thirty-six years of that period he resided in Holyoke, Massachusetts. For thirty-one years he was in the employ of the Holyoke Water Power Company, retiring five years prior to his decease. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and was wounded in the head by a bullet, but surviving all perils, returned to his home with an honorable discharge. To the community in which he lived so long, he left sons and daughters whose lives are herein recorded.

The Alderman family originally came from

Germany, but it is not a numerous one in that country. The surname is derived from the title held by an ancestor and belongs in the same class of surnames as Sheriff, Constable, Beadle, Warden, etc. The first mention of the American ancestor, William Alderman, is of his settlement in Windsor, Connecticut, about 1672. From Windsor he moved to Simsbury, Connecticut, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died about 1697. There are descendants of his residing in that town at the present time (1917). He married Mary, widow of John Case, and they were the parents of six children: Mary, born September 22, 1680; Thomas, born January 11, 1682; William, see following paragraph; Sarah, born in 1692, became the wife of Thomas Moses; John, born in 1695, married, October 28, 1719, Mary Case; Joseph, born in 1697, married, June 30, 1720, Mindwell Case.

William (2) Alderman, son of William (1) and Mary (Case) Alderman, was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, October 20, 1686. He there followed agricultural pursuits, and took an active interest in the affairs of the town, residing there all his life. He married, March 28, 1716, Rebecca Osban (Osborne), of Windsor. Their children were: Jerusha, born June 5, 1717, William, Joseph John, born August 1, 1722; Elijah, see following paragraph.

Elijah Alderman, son of William (2) and Rebecca (Osban or Osborne) Alderman, settled in that part of Simsbury, Connecticut, now known as East Granby. He, like his forbears, was a farmer and spent his entire life in the town of his birth, and his death occurred January 11, 1779. His wife, Deborah Alderman, bore him two sons: Elijah, see following paragraph, and Gad, a soldier of the Revolution who enlisted from Connecticut.

Elijah (2) Alderman, son of Elijah (1) and Deborah Alderman, was born about 1750, lived at East Granby, Connecticut,

and there followed agricultural pursuits throughout the active years of his life. He married and among their children was Oliver, see following paragraph.

Oliver Alderman, son of Elijah (2) Alderman, was born in East Granby, Connecticut, in 1782, and died January 21, 1858, aged seventy-six. He became one of the prominent business men of the town, was a general contractor, owned a distillery and several farms, held a commission as justice of the peace for many years, was a wise, just, honorable magistrate and stood high in the community. He was the only one in the community that would make the drawings and carve out to make a perfect fit the large wooden cider press screws used in those early days. This was a source of considerable income. He finally taught his son Charles to do this work.

He married Patty (Martha) Alderman, a cousin, who died October 2, 1853, aged sixty-six years. Their children, all born in East Granby, were: Clydon, see following paragraph; Erving, born in 1813, died September 28, 1838; Charles, born in 1820, died April 15, 1862, aged forty-two; Harry, born in 1823, died October 11, 1849; Isabella, born in 1826, died February 5, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Alderman were members of the Episcopal church of North Bloomfield, known as Scotland, and are buried in the cemetery opposite the church.

Clydon Alderman, son of Oliver and Patty (Alderman) Alderman, was born in East Granby, Connecticut, 1812, and died there April 17, 1848, aged thirty-seven. He learned the trade of wheelwright and later established a combined blacksmith and wheelwright shop. He was a man of fine mechanical ability, very industrious, a useful citizen, whose life ended in its prime. He was an Episcopalian in religion, and a Democrat in politics. He married, November 25, 1837, Mary Ann Hatch, and they were the parents of three children: Fran-

ces A.; Isabella G., who died in childhood; Eugene Clydon (2), of further mention.

Mary Ann (Hatch) Alderman was a daughter of Lucius Hatch, granddaughter of Major Timothy Hatch, and great-granddaughter of Captain Zephaniah Hatch, a grandson of Captain Joseph Hatch, a soldier of King Phillip's War, who settled in Tolland, Connecticut, son of Jonathan Hatch, a pioneer in the march of civilization, son of Thomas Hatch, of Plymouth Colony, one of the nine men who in 1638 proposed "To take up their freedom at Yarmouth." Captain Zephaniah Hatch was of Guilford, Connecticut, and in 1745 married Johanna, daughter of Josiah and Hannah Chittenden. They were the parents of a family of fifteen.

Major Timothy Hatch, son of Captain Zephaniah Hatch, was born in Oxford, Connecticut, in 1757, died June 10, 1838. He entered the army at the beginning of the Revolution, and at the battle of White Plains was captured and confined in the Bridewell prison in New York and was not exchanged until the war ended. He was created a major of militia and at the time of the "Shay Rebellion" was called out for its suppression. He married (first) Lueta Rockwell, (second) Lucy Bassett, (third) a widow, Mrs. Dantforth.

Louis Hatch, son of Major Timothy Hatch and his first wife, Lueta (Rockwell) Hatch, was born October 14, 1785, in Blanford, Massachusetts. He was the father of four children by his first wife, among whom were: Susan, the eldest; Mary Ann, born in Norwich, Connecticut, October 15, 1815, died September 18, 1849, aged thirty-four; she married, November 25, 1837, Clydon Alderman.

Eugene Clydon Alderman, only son of Clydon and Mary Ann (Hatch) Alderman, was born in East Granby, Connecticut, March 18, 1840, and died at his home, corner Pearl and Lincoln streets, Holyoke,

Massachusetts, June 3, 1915, his death resulting from a fall from an apple tree he was trimming. Previous to his fall he was in perfect health. When he was eight years of age his father died and he was taken into the home of his grandfather, Oliver Alderman. Upon the completion of his studies he learned the trade of carpenter, and after completing his apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade he left East Granby, and in 1861, when war broke out between the states, he was employed at his trade in the State of California. He returned home in order to enlist from his native State, entering the army in 1862 as a private in the Twenty-fifth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, which regiment was assigned to the Army of the West and fought with General Banks from "Cairo to the Gulf." Mr. Alderman was an active participant in some of the fiercest fighting of that campaign, particularly around Fort Hudson and Vicksburg, the Twenty-fifth at one time being under fire forty-four consecutive days. The regiment was later detailed to rid the section of guerillas and during this skirmish he was wounded on the head. He was made sergeant after a short time in service and was discharged as such. He enlisted for nine months, but served fourteen months, then re-enlisted but was rejected on account of ill health at the time.

After his return from the army, Mr. Alderman resumed his trade, and in 1879 took up his residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he entered the employ of the Holyoke Water Power Company as carpenter, and was employed by that company for thirty-one years, retiring in 1910, and the following five years were passed in happy contentment, rejoicing in the prominent place his sons had won in the business world, happy in the love of his grandchildren, of whom he had nineteen, and very proud of the fact that he had two great-grandchildren. In religious faith Mr. Alderman

was an Episcopalian and in political faith a Republican. He had been a member of the Masonic order for forty-seven years, having been made a Mason in Evening Star Lodge, Unionville, Connecticut, in 1868. After his removal to Holyoke he joined Mt. Tom Lodge. He was a member of Kilpatrick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, an order in which he took a deep interest. He rarely missed a reunion of his old regiment, and was never more pleased than when meeting with his comrades and around the camp fires living again the days of battle and bivouac.

Mr. Alderman married, January 22, 1860, Ellen E. Holmes, born in Thompsonville, Connecticut, January 15, 1842, daughter of Robert and Eliza (Barrett) Holmes, of East Granby, Connecticut. Their married life extended over a period of fifty-five years, they celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, January 22, 1910, in the same year that Mr. Alderman retired from active pursuits.

FATHER AND MOTHER'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

HOLYOKE, MASS., JAN. 22, 1910.

Eighteen hundred and sixty,  
On January twenty-second,  
It makes an even fifty years,  
Unless I wrongly reckon.

That Gene put on his Sunday clothes,  
Hitched Old Bill in the double sleigh,  
Drove down to fair Ellen's home,  
About three miles away.

"Unless you're going to change your mind,  
This is our wedding day;  
We'll go to Parson Vinton's,"  
Coy Gene was heard to say.

"Arrangements are all quite complete.  
Two witnesses we must have;  
We'll stop and get your Cousin Lib  
And then your brother Dave."

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The Parson welcomed in the group  
 And singled out the pair;  
 Proceeded thus to tie the knot  
 Which made bashful Dave declare—

“Mr. Parson, there is some mistake,”  
 And shook his curly head,  
 “Lib and I are not the ones,  
 But Nell and Gene instead.”

The parson bowed with humble grace  
 And said, “I do declare;  
 I ’sposed of course you were the ones,  
 Not this other youthful pair.”

And then he quickly tied the knot,  
 Pronounced them man and wife,  
 Offered prayer and his best wish  
 For a long and happy life.

Two happy years went quickly by,  
 And sad the day indeed—  
 War was declared, the call for men,  
 Dad felt the country’s need.

And ere he was called to the front  
 A message came from D.:  
 “A little boy arrived last night  
 And they call him Geo. P. B.”

In eighteen hundred sixty-five,  
 A pleasant Easter morn,  
 The country mourning Lincoln’s death,  
 ’Twas then that I was born.

In four years more O. C. arrived,  
 One cold November day;  
 We all felt sure as we heard him cry  
 That he had come to stay.

One day in eighteen seventy-four  
 Dad called us with a grin,  
 “Don’t make a noise, but come in still,  
 We’ve got a little Hen.”

We all looked round to see a chick,  
 Or something that could fly,  
 But looked around in blank surprise  
 When we heard a baby cry.

It seemed to us that girls were scarce,  
 None ever came our way  
 ’Till three years later Nell arrived,  
 Late one September day.

And when ’twas seen how pleased we were  
 With the one girl which we had,

Within another space of time  
 They sent us sister Cad.

We were all such husky kids  
 That nothing else would do,  
 But there must be another boy,  
 So ’long came “Gene the Two.”

And when the last small baby came—  
 Now this—it is no bluff—  
 We all said, “Let’s call her Mae,”  
 And Mother said, ‘Enough.’

We’ve journeyed on through all these years,  
 Through fair and stormy weather;  
 Whate’er the joys or burdens were,  
 We’ve borne them all together.

A greater blessing would we ask?  
 We all will answer, Nay.”  
 Than this: Our lives have all been spared  
 To celebrate this day.

*The Oliver Wendell Holmes strain,  
 Through C. E. A.*

You know those fellow Alderman  
 What’s live on fifty Pearl?  
 He’s got one wife and five big boy  
 And three school teacher girl.

He’s goin’ git marry fifty year  
 On Jan’ry twenty-two,  
 If I have time, I’m jes’ go down  
 And tole him “How you do?”

I’m get some invitation?  
 No, but all he’s friend can go,  
 Whats know the old folks and the kids,  
 The ole man tole me so.

I’m tink I’m lak to see those kid  
 Whats grow for fifty year;  
 The ole man lak to have me come,  
 I live by him so near.

The ole man say he feed those kid  
 On stuff whats new to me;  
 Sometimes extract white birch,  
 An some time apple tree.

The Mother, she’s good on the cook,  
 Make pies and cookie thick,  
 And big wide frosting on some cake,  
 What’s never make you sick.

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And if you lak to see those folks,  
 I'm sure your glad you go.  
 Go in an' ax 'em, "How you do?"  
 And say I tole you so.

We're glad they stay here for so long,  
 And stay long as they can;  
 And if they're here in fifty years,  
 We'll all come roun' again.

C. E. A.

Ellen E. (Holmes) Alderman, wife of Eugene Clydon Alderman, is a daughter of Robert Holmes, and a granddaughter of Robert Holmes, the latter born in Donegal county, Ireland. He came to the United States in 1838 and settled in Tariffville, Connecticut, where he died in June, 1857, aged eighty-three. He married Delilah Holmes, who died March 22, 1867. Their children were four sons, William, James, Robert and David (2), and three daughters, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Jane. Rebecca, married William Remington, of Suffield, Connecticut; Elizabeth, married Oliver Pomeroy, of Suffield, Connecticut. Jane, married Appleton Burnett, of Suffield, Connecticut.

Robert (2) Holmes was born in Donegal county, Ireland, in 1820, and died in East Granby, Connecticut, February 13, 1858, at the age of thirty-eight years. He came to the United States with his parents in 1838, and for a time was employed in a carpet mill at Tariffville, Connecticut. Later, for several years, was proprietor of a hotel. He married Eliza Barrett, daughter of Henry and Sophia (Fenton) Barrett, born in Connecticut, November 14, 1815, who survived him and married (second) Alexander Pattison, who served in Company E, Twenty-fifth Regiment during the war, and who died at Andover, Connecticut, January 23, 1897. She died in Andover, Connecticut, April 15, 1891, at the age of seventy-six. Robert (2) and Eliza (Barrett) Holmes were the parents of David, Charles E., and of Ellen E., who married and is now (1917) the widow of Eugene

Clydon Alderman. The Holmes burial place is at Tariffville, Connecticut.

Mrs. Alderman survives her husband and is now (1917) living at her old home with her daughter Carrie who is a teacher in the Elm Street Public School. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Alderman were the parents of eight children, all of whom are now living—seven of them in Holyoke and one in Springfield, Massachusetts. They are as follows:

1. George Perkins Bissell Alderman, born in East Granby, Connecticut, September 20, 1862; attended school in East Granby, Connecticut; the family moved to Plainville, Connecticut, where he attended school one year, and entered the employ of H. D. Frost, who was proprietor of a country store at Plainville. In 1879 he moved with his parents to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he was employed with his father and learned the carpenter's trade; he commenced the study of architecture in the office of James A. Clough, Architect, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and later was employed in the architectural office of Cass Chapman, architect, of Chicago, Illinois. He returned to Holyoke, and in 1885 opened an office, and at the present time (1917) is located in the Mills-Alderman Building, No. 316 High street, in the same line of business, under the firm name of George P. B. Alderman & Company, Henry H. Alderman having been admitted to the firm. He is a director of the Hadley Falls Trust Company, one of the trustees of the People's Savings Bank, and a member of the finance committee; he is a director and is vice-president of the Potter Knitting Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, and is a member of the Second Baptist Church; he is also a member of the Holyoke Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Alderman married (first) C. Belle Drake, of Springfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Ebenezer and Amelia Drake, of

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Newark, New Jersey. Their children, all born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, are: Eliza (Lida) Helen, born February 4, 1887; Marjorie, born June 11, 1889, died June 12, 1889; Albert Drake, born August 24, 1890; Helen Holmes, born December 10, 1891, died January 12, 1907, one of the sweetest souls that ever lived; George, born March 20, 1895, died August 14, 1896; Paul, born November 5, 1896; Lesley, born March 11, 1901. Mr. Alderman married (second) Mrs. Hortense (Goslee) Bacon, of East Granby, Connecticut, daughter of Owen E. and Emma (Cowles) Goslee. Their children, all born in Holyoke, are: Hortense, born August 14, 1911; Bissell, born September 19, 1912; Wayne, born July 2, 1914. Eliza H. Alderman married, October 31, 1908, Robert Glenn Ashman, of Salisbury, Connecticut, at present (1917) manager of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts. Their children are: Barbara Helen, born in Milford, Connecticut, May 10, 1914; Robert Glenn, Jr., born in Milford, Connecticut, July 8, 1915. Albert D. Alderman attended the public schools of Holyoke, and Cushing Academy and University of Vermont. He married Madelene L. Harrigan, of New York City, daughter of Michael and Katherine (McGrath) Harrigan. He entered the employ of the Poole Dry Goods Company, Steiger Syndicate, of Springfield, to learn the dry goods business and is still (1917) with this firm. Their children are: George, born in Springfield, August 22, 1914; Madelene, born in West Springfield, January 19, 1916. Paul Alderman graduated at the Holyoke High School, and entered the employ of George P. B. Alderman & Company to learn the business. He is a member of the Second Baptist Church. Lesley Alderman now (1917) junior in the Holyoke High School.

2. Charles Eugene Alderman, born in Tariffville, Connecticut, Easter morning,

April 16, 1865. He attended the public schools of East Granby and Plainville, Connecticut. He removed with his parents to Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1879, and entered the employ of the Hampden Glazed Paper Company. He has been there for thirty-six years and is still (1917) in their employ, the last twenty years as superintendent. He is a member of the Second Baptist Church. A member of the Mt. Tom Lodge of Masons, and is a past master of the lodge; a companion of Mt. Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a Cryptic Mason of Mt. Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masters. His interest in the Young Men's Christian Association dates from the foundation of that work in Holyoke, his name appearing on the original charter of the Association. He married, June 25, 1890, Jennie Louise Cook, of Constable, New York, daughter of Joseph S. and Martha (Earl) Cook. Their children are: Gertrude S., born in Holyoke, September 2, 1892; Karl Henry, born in Holyoke, July 17, 1897; Louise, born in Holyoke, August 21, 1904.

3. Oliver Clydon Alderman, born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, November 28, 1870; attended school in East Granby and Plainville, Connecticut, and Holyoke, Massachusetts. He left school and went to work in a hardware store in Holyoke. In 1898 he with F. E. Carlisle bought out the Penniman Hardware Store of North Adams and ran it under the firm name of Alderman & Carlisle. In 1904 they bought out the C. J. Blackstone Hardware Store in Springfield, Massachusetts, and in 1905 Alderman & Carlisle dissolved partnership, Mr. Alderman taking the Springfield store, and Mr. Carlisle taking the North Adams store. In 1912 Mr. Alderman bought the property, Nos. 227-229 Worthington street, a three story building, and fitted the building up for his business and is still (1917) located there. He has one of the largest and most



complete stocks of goods in Western Massachusetts. He is a member of Greylock Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Adams; Morning Star Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Springfield Council, Royal and Select Masters; Springfield Commandery, Knights Templar, and Melha Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Springfield Board of Trade, and of the Nyassette Club. In political faith he is a Republican.

He married, June 21, 1893, Edith B. Stearns, of Holyoke, daughter of Willard W. and Mary (McBride) Stearns. Their children are: Willard W. S., born in Holyoke, May 8, 1897. At present (1917) a junior in Dartmouth College; E. Bethia, born in North Adams, Massachusetts, November 6, 1902; Clydon Eugene, born in Springfield, Massachusetts, April 13, 1907; H. Elwood, born in Springfield, Massachusetts, July 24, 1908; Mary E., born in Springfield, Massachusetts, August 25, 1911.

4. Henry Holcomb Alderman was born in East Granby, Connecticut, June 10, 1874. He attended school in East Granby and Plainville, Connecticut, and Holyoke, Massachusetts. After leaving school he commenced work in the office of his brother, George P. B. Alderman, and has worked in that office ever since, and now (1917) has a half interest in the firm of George P. B. Alderman & Company, Architects, of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He is a member of the Mt. Tom and William Whiting Lodges of Masons; the Springfield Commandery and Shrine; the Holyoke Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and present vice-president and director of Rotary Club; an attendant of the First Congregational Church. He married, June 10, 1903, Isabelle E. Patterson, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, daughter of William and Esther (Mooney) Patterson. Their children are: Henry Holcomb (2), born January 16, 1905, died August 1, 1906; Hol-

comb Patterson, born in Holyoke, November 23, 1909; William Harris, born in Holyoke, September 20, 1912.

5. Ellen Isabel Alderman, born in East Granby, Connecticut, September 2, 1878; attended school in Holyoke, graduating at the High School and the Springfield Training School. She taught in the Highland Grammar Public School. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mercy Warren Chapter, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Second Baptist Church. At present (1917) vice-president of Pynchon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She married, October 11, 1911, Larkin Howard Foster, of Beverly, Massachusetts, who graduated at the Beverly High School and Salem Commercial School. At present (1917) he has charge of the drapery department of the Poole Dry Goods Company of Springfield, Massachusetts.

6. Carrie Lull Alderman, born in Holyoke, May 20, 1880. She graduated at the Holyoke High School, the Westfield Normal School, and is now (1917) a teacher in the Elm Street Public School of Holyoke, Massachusetts. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mercy Warren Chapter, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Second Baptist Church.

7. Eugene Robert Alderman, born in Holyoke, November 20, 1882; attended the Holyoke public schools, and in 1897 entered the employ of the Farr Alpaca Company, and has worked for them ever since, and is at present (1918), superintendent. He is a member of the Mt. Tom Lodge of Masons, and an attendant of the First Congregational Church. He married, June 17, 1908, Emma Dickerman, of Holyoke, daughter of Hiram P. and Ellen (Place) Dickerman. Their children are: Dorothy Jean, born in Holyoke, April 2, 1909; Robert Holmes, born July 8, 1911.

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8. Mae Eliza Alderman, born May 30, 1885. She attended the public schools, graduating at the Holyoke High School, and the Twitchel Kindergarten School of Springfield, Massachusetts, and taught in the Holyoke schools. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mercy Warren Chapter, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Second Baptist Church. She married Joseph Collingwood, of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He graduated at the Holyoke High School, the Philadelphia Textile School, and entered the employ of the Farr Alpaca Company in 1906 and has worked for them ever since, and at present (1917) has charge of their color dyeing department.

### **ALDERMAN, George Brainard,**

#### **Real Estate.**

The Alderman family, of which George Brainard Alderman, of Springfield, Massachusetts, is a member, is an old one in Connecticut, where it has resided for a great number of generations, and where Mr. Alderman himself was born.

William Alderman, the immigrant ancestor of this family, settled in Windsor, Connecticut, as early as 1672, afterwards removed to Simsbury, Connecticut, where his death occurred about 1697. Here his descendants reside at the present time, his original home being still in their possession. He married Mary Case, widow of John Case.

Daniel Alderman, a grandson of William Alderman, was born at Simsbury, in the year 1738. He afterwards removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where his death occurred July 18, 1790. His son, Epaphras Alderman, was born at Simsbury, Connecticut, December 14, 1760, and spent the earlier part of his life in that region. In the latter part of his life he removed to Granbytown, where his death occurred. He

was an Episcopalian in religion. He married Chloe Hayes, of Simsbury, March 23, 1781, when she was but nineteen years of age, and they were the parents of the following children: Chloe, born May 20, 1782, became the wife of Suman Holcomb; Almira, born January 26, 1784, became the wife of Ebenezer Holcomb; Daniel T., born December 22, 1785; Cornelia, born February 22, 1788, became the wife of Benjamin Holcomb; Lydia, born April 19, 1790, became the wife of Gramson Holcomb; Harvey, mentioned below; Sarah, born August 20, 1794; Harriett, born August 27, 1796; Norman, born September 13, 1798; Eliza, born September 16, 1800; Flora, born December 1, 1802; Cynthia, born November 1, 1805; Esther, born May 20, 1808; and Ortha, born in 1810.

Harvey Alderman, son of Epaphras and Chloe (Hayes) Alderman, was born April 22, 1792, at Simsbury, Connecticut, and died July 30, 1875. He married, January 19, 1813, Sally Holcomb, born July 16, 1796, and died December 27, 1886, at the advanced age of ninety. They were the parents of the following children: Mary A., born August 20, 1813; Martha A., born March 13, 1815; Solomon Flagg, born February 19, 1817; Cynthia S., born April 9, 1819; Laura, born February 3, 1821; Chloe H., born April 14, 1823; James H., born January 3, 1825; Allen A., born February 5, 1827; Esther J., born April 5, 1833; Brainard Louis Richardson, mentioned below, and Ellen L., born August 24, 1840.

Brainard Louis Richardson Alderman, youngest son of Harvey and Sally (Holcomb) Alderman, and father of the George Brainard Alderman of this sketch, was born October 10, 1837, at East Granby, Connecticut. He received a common school education, and during his attendance at the local schools made a reputation as a skillful penman. After completing his education, he worked in a dry goods store in

Hartford, where he was employed as a bookkeeper. Later, however, he left this employment and removed to Suffield, Connecticut, April 1, 1866, where he has since devoted his attention to farming, and was highly successful, both in general farming and in raising tobacco, of which he made a specialty. Mr. Alderman, Sr., also engaged in the buying and selling of horses, which he purchased in Canada and brought in the United States, selling them in the local market. He was prominent in the general life of the community where he dwelt, and represented his district in the State Legislature during the year 1883. This fact speaks highly of his personal popularity and the confidence with which he was regarded by the community-at-large, as he was the only Democrat to hold that office up to the time of his election or since. During the latter part of his life, however, Mr. Alderman became a Republican and supported staunchly the principles and policies of that party. Among other offices held by him at various times during his life should be mentioned that of constable, also that of state game warden, which he held for fifteen years. He was a member of the school committee for many years and was active in securing educational reforms and improvements for the region. Mr. Alderman, Sr., married, November 30, 1859, Elizabeth Aurelia Root, born October 1, 1839, at Hartford, a member of an old and distinguished family in that region. Her death occurred September 16, 1911. To Mr. and Mrs. Alderman the following children were born: Harvey, born July 7, 1860; George Brainard, of further mention; Martha Elizabeth, born October 7, 1865, and Uriel Samuel, born February 19, 1875.

George Brainard Alderman, son of Brainard Louis Richardson and Elizabeth Aurelia (Root) Alderman, was born at East Granby, Connecticut, March 2, 1863. When he was but three years of age he accom-

panied his parents to Suffield, Connecticut, where they made their home and where his childhood was spent. Here he attended the district school, but after completing his studies at this local institution he was sent by his father to the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, and still later took a course at Williston Seminary. After attending this school the young man went West, making his home at Cleveland, Ohio, holding there for three years a position as conductor on the East Cleveland Railroad System. In 1885, however, he returned to the East and settled at Springfield, Massachusetts. Here for a time Mr. Alderman was employed by Kibbe Brothers in the manufacture of candy, but he afterwards withdrew and became associated with Meekins, Packard & Wheat, of Springfield. Here he remained until 1891, when he removed from Springfield, and went to live at Suffield, Connecticut, where he was engaged in farming for some twenty-three years on one farm. His farm contained some one hundred and fourteen acres and he made it one of the model farms of that community. During his residence at Suffield, he also dealt in agricultural implements, fertilizers, and the buying and selling of tobacco. In this last line he met with a high degree of success, and was the owner of large tobacco warehouses at Suffield. Here he handled large quantities of this commodity, buying and packing the same. This tobacco was disposed of through the New York market. In the year 1914 Mr. Alderman sold out and returned to Springfield and here engaged in the real estate business, and at the present time (1917) handles farm and city properties in all parts of New England, conducting a very large business in the same. Mr. Alderman, while residing at Suffield, was a member of the Village Improvement Society. He also held various local town offices, and after his father resigned from the office of state

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game warden, he succeeded the elder man in that position and continued to hold it for fifteen years. He is now a member of the Springfield Board of Trade. He was one of those concerned with the starting of the Boys' Club of the First Congregational Church of Springfield, of which he is a member, which has been in existence ever since Dr. Burnham's time. Mr. Alderman is a member of Apollo Lodge, No. 59, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Suffield, Connecticut; of Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and also the Council, Royal and Select Masters. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the Order of American Mechanics.

George Brainard Alderman was united in marriage, June 1, 1887, with Clara M. Sheldon, of West Suffield, Connecticut, a daughter of Charles Chandler and Helen M. (Nelson) Sheldon. Mr. and Mrs. Alderman are the parents of the following children: Edna Clara, born January 13, 1891; Ethel Sheldon, born June 10, 1895, married Lieutenant Harold Tetford, graduate of Suffield Institute and with the "New York Sun" for several years; Edith May, born Christmas Day, 1898; and Charles Brainard, born February 27, 1908.

Charles Chandler Sheldon, the father of Mrs. Alderman, was born at Windsor, Connecticut, May 1, 1834. He is a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of the State, and for many years followed farming as his occupation and made tobacco raising his specialty. He was educated in the public schools of West Suffield, and then attended the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, Connecticut, and finished his schooling at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Massachusetts. He remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until he reached the age of twenty-five years, at which time he was given charge of the farm. Since then he has pur-

chased a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres, and has been engaged in the raising of tobacco and general farming and there has erected a fine residence. Mr. Sheldon is a Democrat and has held the offices of selectman of his town, assessor, member of the Board of Relief and justice of the peace.

Mr. Sheldon was united in marriage, December 15, 1858, with Helen M. Nelson, a native of Suffield, daughter of Horatio King Nelson, and a sister of Clinton H. Nelson. To Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon the following children have been born: 1. Emma H., born December 30, 1859, educated in the public schools and the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, Connecticut, where she afterwards taught school; she married Nelson Talmage, of East Granby, April 6, 1898. 2. George Allen, born March 9, 1862; married Olive Root, a daughter of Francis Root, and is the father of four children: Howard Root, born April 27, 1898; Ruth, Helen, and Charles; is now farming on the old homestead. 3. Clara Martha, born August 8, 1864; married, June 1, 1887, George B. Alderman, as aforementioned.

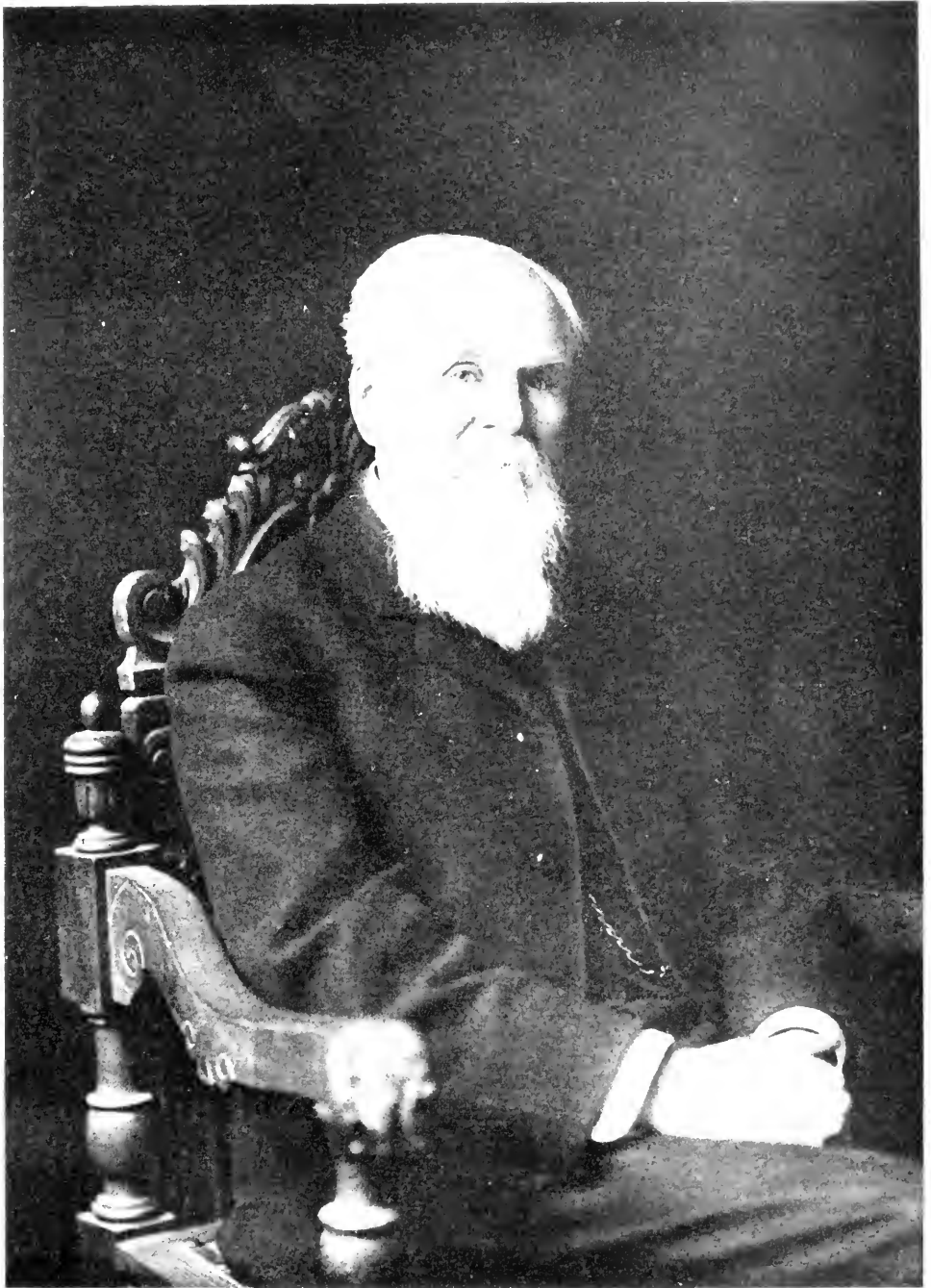
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### MARBLE, Jerome,

#### **Business Man, Public Official.**

The Marble family, represented in the present generation by Nella Marble, daughter of the late Jerome Marble, is said to be of Scottish origin. The first ancestor of whom we have any information was Free-grace Marble, who was one of the early settlers of Sutton, Massachusetts, coming to that place early in the eighteenth century from Essex county. He married and was the father of three sons, Samuel, Enoch and Malachi.

Enoch Marble, second son of Freegrace Marble, was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, was there educated in the district school, spent his active years in useful pursuits, and



*Jerome Washburn*



died at a very advanced age in the year 1814, leaving as a heritage to his descendants an honored name. By his wife, Abigail Marble, he had eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, and his grandchildren numbered more than a hundred.

Thaddeus Marble, son of Enoch and Abigail Marble, was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, in 1758, and his death occurred in Charlton, Massachusetts, in 1817, at the age of fifty-nine. In Charlton he engaged in the manufacture of scythes, and also in connection with his brother, Aaron Marble, owned and operated a grist mill, both of which enterprises proved remunerative, the result of careful management, ceaseless effort and prudent judgment. He was public-spirited and patriotic, proving the latter characteristic by serving in the Revolutionary War. He married, in 1784, Olive Putnam, of Sutton, Massachusetts, daughter of John Putnam. She survived her husband twenty-five years, her death occurring in 1842, aged seventy-five years. They were the parents of six children, among whom was John Putnam, through whom the line is descended.

John Putnam Marble, son of Thaddeus and Olive (Putnam) Marble, was born in Charlton, Massachusetts, October 1, 1802, and died January 23, 1901. He resided at the parental home until the age of twenty-five, when he succeeded his father-in-law, William P. Ryder, of Charlton, in business. In 1828 he also assumed the management of a hotel in Charlton, which was a profitable undertaking, and in 1843 he started to make trips to the West, selling boots and shoes at wholesale in the southern and central parts of Michigan. His son, Jerome Marble, attended to the management of the store in Charlton during his four months' absence each year, the elder Mr. Marble continuing in the above named line until 1860, a period of seventeen years. In 1853 he also embarked in the buying and selling of flour at

Dexter, Michigan, in partnership with another man; his partner died in 1860, and Mr. Marble continued the business on his own account for the following five years, then disposed of the same, and thereafter lived practically retired, enjoying the fruit of his many years of toil. From attaining his majority until 1840, Mr. Marble gave his allegiance to the Democratic party, and thenceforth until his death voted for the candidates of the Republican party, in which organization he took an active interest. In 1841 he represented the Worcester district in the Legislature, being elected by a majority of three hundred and forty-four votes over the Whig candidate. The first vote he cast in the Legislature was in favor of the proposition that amalgamation, or the marriage of blacks and whites, was a crime, and the offspring were illegitimate. He also voted in favor of straightening the Boston & Albany Railroad, which was at that time owned by the State. He was a member of the Universalist church. Mr. Marble married, November 30, 1823, Ruth Ann Ryder, of Charlton, who was born June 30, 1806, and died December 14, 1883. They were the parents of two children: Jerome, of whom further; and William T., who died December 4, 1852, being then a student in Leicester Academy, preparing for college.

Jerome Marble, eldest son of John Putnam and Ruth Ann (Ryder) Marble, was born in Charlton, Massachusetts, September 10, 1824, and died February 14, 1906. He attended the district school, and the knowledge there received was supplemented by attendance at Leicester Academy. At the age of eighteen he began his active career by entering his father's store in Charlton, in which he had previously worked during his school vacations. Later he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and for two years was employed in the paint and oil store of Randall & Bacheller, but at the ex-

piration of that period of time returned to Charlton, his native town, and continued in the general merchandise business for the following four years. He then disposed of his business, and removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he engaged in business as a wholesale and retail dealer in drugs, paints, oils, etc. For ten years, from 1853 to 1863, he was a member of the firm of C. A. Harrington & Company, but upon the retirement of Mr. Harrington in 1863 the firm name became Jerome Marble & Company. The firm operated two stores, the principal one at No. 440 Main street, Worcester, and a wholesale department at No. 42 Pearl street, Boston. Their trade extended over the New England States, New York and Pennsylvania, and from eight to ten travelling agents were employed. Mr. Marble also travelled extensively, principally in the West and throughout the State of California. He was a staunch adherent of the principles of Republicanism, and for one year filled the office of alderman, but he preferred to devote his time to his business interests. He was an attendant of the Universalist church, and in all respects an exemplary citizen, performing well his part in community affairs.

Mr. Marble married (first) in 1849, Susan E. Blanchard, of Charlton, Massachusetts, who died in 1881, aged fifty-three, leaving two daughters: Nella, who resides in the old homestead at No. 23 Harvard street, Worcester, and Olive, who became the wife of Frederick W. Bailey, of New Haven, Connecticut, and the mother of four children: John Marble, Nella M., Fred-eric Starr and Francis Howarth. Mr. Marble married (second) in 1882, Abbie E. Redding, of Worcester, daughter of John Redding, of Sturbridge.

**SHUMWAY, Austin Lyman,**

**Merchant.**

The life of Austin Lyman Shumway, one of the leading merchants of Holyoke, is one full of a useful lesson, well worthy of emulation by young men, who would learn the way to success. He made his way from boyhood with little help, accumulated capital for his mercantile venture from his own earnings, and rose to a commanding position in the business life of Holyoke. He was upright and honorable in all things, and respected by all who knew him.

The Shumways are of French descent, the name said by some writers to have been Charmois or Chamois. The family in New England begins with Peter Shumway, who came from England as early as 1650, when he settled in Topsfield, Massachusetts. He fought with the Massachusetts Troop at the Great Swamp Fight, December 19, 1675, and on account of his service during King Philip's War his son petitioned later for a land grant. He resided at Salem Village, now Danvers, prior to his removal to Oxford. By his wife Frances he had sons, Peter and Joseph; also a daughter, Dorcas, born in Topsfield, October 16, 1683, who married Valentine Butler. The line of descent from Peter and Frances Shumway to Austin L. Shumway is through their eldest son, Peter (2).

Peter (2) Shumway was born in Topsfield, Massachusetts, June 6, 1678. Although not an original settler of Oxford, he early settled there purchasing the land right of Joshua Chandler, January 13, 1713. He married (first) February 11, 1701, Maria Smith, who died January 17, 1739. He married (second) February 28, 1740, Mary Dana. His nine children by his first wife were born in Oxford: Oliver, Jeremiah,



David, of further mention; Mary, Samuel, John, Jacob, Hepzibah, Amos.

David Shumway, third son of Peter (2) Shumway, was born in Oxford, but was baptized in Topsfield, December 23, 1705. He resided in Oxford until December, 1733, when he bought a one-fiftieth share of the land in Sturbridge, and became one of the pioneer settlers there. He married (first) Esther —, they were the parents of Esther, Asa, Mary, David, and Solomon, of further mention. He married (second) Alice —, their children: Cyril, Elijah, Alice, Abigail, Lavina, Chloe, Jemima, Dantforth.

Solomon Shumway, youngest child of David Shumway and his first wife, was born in Sturbridge, April 1, 1745. He moved early in life to Belchertown, Massachusetts, where he married and became the progenitor of a numerous family, many of the name yet being found in that section. Among these was Elihu Shumway, who for many years was a resident of Belchertown, and there married Charlotte Crittenden. The youngest of their seven children was Austin L. Shumway, to whose memory this review is dedicated.

Austin L. Shumway, of the sixth American generation of his family, was born in Belchertown, September 13, 1832, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, March 23, 1901. He attended public school for a few years, but while still a boy he began making his own way in the world, his education being acquired through self study, reading and actual experience. That he was very intelligent and capable is proved by the fact that he held clerkships in Enfield and other places, commanding sufficient salary from which he saved capital enough to enable him to start a store of his own. He chose Holyoke as the locality in which to make his venture and dry goods as his main line. He continued in this line of activity in Holyoke for about thirty-five years, becoming

one of the substantial, successful merchants of the city. His business grew in size and importance with the years, and he continued its capable head until he retired in 1886. He then entered the real estate business and continued in this until his death at the age of sixty-nine. He was wholly absorbed in his business but not selfishly, enjoying the society of his fellowmen in fraternity and church. He belonged to lodge, chapter, council and commandery of the Masonic order, and was an attendant of the Congregational church, and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Shumway married, October 25, 1859, Louise F. Richards, born April 21, 1838, who survives him, yet residing in Holyoke. Mr. and Mrs. Shumway are the parents of nine sons and daughters: Edward A., born July 22, 1861, died March 24, 1863; Arthur R., born January 16, 1864, died in 1872; Mary L., born August 28, 1865, married George S. Parsons, and has a daughter, Mary Louise, born July 25, 1900; Charlotte, born March 24, 1867, died in 1868; Sarah, born January 15, 1869, married A. K. Sibley, of Warren, Massachusetts, resides in Brookline, Massachusetts, has a daughter, Priscilla, born December 13, 1905; William R., born April 20, 1873, married Mary Fraser; Charles, born July 26, 1875, died the same year; Robert, born August 16, 1876, married Adelina Ritter, and has children: Helen E., born April 16, 1903, and Frank Ritter, born March 27, 1906; Priscilla, born June 24, 1881, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, class of 1905, married Harry S. Scott, who is associated with the Farr Alpaca Company.

(The Richards Line).

Mrs. Louise F. (Richards) Shumway is a descendant of William Richards, who by his will, dated January 18, 1680, proved July 25, 1682, gave to his widow Grace, during her life or widowhood, the income

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and improvement of "All my houseing and outhouseing, orchard, lands, chattels, and moveables, in Weymouth or elsewhere with power in case of need to sell any part thereof for her comfortable subsistence." William and Grace Richards were the parents of five sons, the line being continued through his son, Joseph Richards, born either in Plymouth or Scituate, Massachusetts, died in Weymouth, in 1695. He married (first) Susan ———, (second) Sarah ———, she surviving him and was executrix of his will. The line is continued through their son, Benjamin Richards, born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, April 7, 1686, died April 12, 1741. He married (first) in 1711, Mehetible Allen, who died in 1720, daughter of Isaac Alden, a descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of the "Mayflower." He married (second) November 20, 1722, Lydia Faxon, who died in 1788, aged ninety-two years. The line is continued through their son, John Richards, born in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1723. He married, in 1851, Keziah, daughter of Captain Israel Bailey, of Scituate. The line is continued through their son, James Richards, born in Bridgewater, in 1766. He married, in 1796, Sarah Rich, daughter of Deacon Ebenezer Rich. The line is continued through their son, James (2) Richards, born at Enfield, Massachusetts, March 20, 1801, and there died February 16, 1886. He was educated in the district school, and spent his minor years on his father's farm, as his assistant. In 1822 he purchased this farm and there resided until death. He was a successful farmer and business man, influential in his community, and highly esteemed. In political faith he was a Whig, in religious belief a Universalist. Mr. Richards married, August 27, 1822, Priscilla C. Newcomb, born December 3, 1800, died November 1, 1881, daughter of Elisha and Rachael (Collins) Newcomb. Mr. and Mrs. Richards were

the parents of nine sons and daughters: Maria F., born March 1, 1823; Charles, November 18, 1824; William, October 27, 1826; George, January 27, 1829; Jane, May 25, 1831; John, October 1, 1833; Mary, March 7, 1836; Louise F., April 21, 1838, married, October 25, 1859, Austin L. Shumway, whom she survives; Marshall N., November 26, 1840.

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### **STRICKLAND, Lucius Wilber,**

**Electrical Engineer of Holyoke.**

The Strickland preference in this branch has been for the soil, but Lucius W. Strickland has departed from family tradition, and as an electrical engineer has won honorable position.

Peter Strickland, ancestor of Lucius W. Strickland, served in the Revolutionary War, participating in the battle of New London. After the close of the war he removed to Otis, Massachusetts, and purchased six hundred acres of land, upon which he erected a house, and a portion of his land is now in Sandisfield. In that town his death occurred, and his remains were interred in North East Plains Cemetery, Sandisfield. His son, Daniel Strickland, born 1773, was eight years old at the time of the burning of New London by Benedict Arnold, in 1781, and he and his mother witnessed the conflagration from a hill outside the city. Daniel Strickland resided with his father until he was eighteen years old, then erected a log cabin on the portion of the original tract which was in Otis, and there spent his life, his death occurring there and he was buried in Otis Center Cemetery. By his first marriage he was the father of nine children, five of whom, all born in the log cabin, are as follows: Laura, Whiting, Amelia, Lucinda and Clarissa. He married (second) Esther Case, who bore him four children, all born in the house where Lucius

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W. Strickland, of this review, was born and which is still (1918) standing in good condition, namely: Hiram Curtis, of whom further; Cornelia, Anna and Philo.

Hiram Curtis Strickland, son of Daniel and Esther (Case) Strickland, was born in Otis, Massachusetts, in 1817, and all his life resided on a two hundred acre portion of the old homestead, which had been divided and sold. He engaged in general farming and stock raising, and was prosperous in his undertaking. He married Mary Curtis, and they were the parents of three children: Edmund Hiram, a prominent citizen of Sandisfield, Massachusetts; Wilber Leroy, of further mention; and Giles Peter.

Wilber Leroy Strickland, son of Hiram Curtis and Mary (Curtis) Strickland, was born at the homestead in Otis, Massachusetts, December 13, 1847, and died there June 13, 1913. He obtained a good education and devoted his youth to farm and school labor. He completed his studies with graduation from Westfield Normal School, and at the same time renounced farming as an occupation. For a number of years he taught school in different places, then abandoned his profession and returned to the farm homestead in Otis. There he spent the remainder of his life, a successful farmer of the homestead acres, and a good citizen. His education gave him prominence, and as selectman and school director he had a leading part in town government, his service also including terms as road commissioner and on jury duty grand and petit. He was a Democrat politically, was staunch and true, shirking no duty, public or private, and aiding in all good works. His untimely death in the full vigor of life, the result of an accident with his horses, was deeply regretted by the entire community in which he lived. Wilber L. Strickland married Celina B. White, born April 13, 1853,

at Feeding Hills, town of Agawam, Massachusetts, died April 14, 1911, daughter of Daniel Hiram and Celina (Bills) White. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland were the parents of two sons: Lucius Wilber, of further mention; Edwin White, born October 4, 1885, now residing upon and cultivating the old homestead acres at Otis, he the fourth Strickland to own and till them. He married (first) Lena Snow; (second) Bernice Carter, they the parents of a son, Louis Edwin Strickland.

Lucius Wilber Strickland, eldest son of Wilber Leroy and Celina B. (White) Strickland, was born at the Strickland homestead in Otis, Massachusetts, October 29, 1879, and there spent his youth. After completing the district public school courses he attended Springfield High School, supplementing his study there by a course at a business college in Springfield. From student to teacher was a quick transition, but after two years as a pedagogue he retired and entered the employ of the Westfield Electric Light Company at their power house in Westfield, and there continued for five years, 1901-1906. During the period he entered for he completed the electrical and mechanical engineering course with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, fitting himself for advanced position, both in theory and practice. From the Electric Light Company he went to the street railway power house, as operating engineer, there remaining one year. He came to the city of Holyoke in 1907, entering the employ of the city as operating engineer at the Municipal Lighting Plant. He remained three years in that position, then went with the Farr Alpaca Company as chief electrical engineer of their great Holyoke plant, a position he now occupies. Mr. Strickland is a member of the National Association of Stationary Engineers; Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Holyoke; Oronoco

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Lodge, No. 74, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Westfield, Massachusetts: is a Republican in politics; and a Congregationalist in religious preference.

Mr. Strickland married, October 29, 1905, Elizabeth Jean Herrick, born in Westfield, daughter of Hayden and Esther (Donaldson) Herrick, who were the parents of five other children: Harriet, Ada, Charles, George and Joseph. Hayden Herrick was born December 18, 1838, and died March 13, 1913. He was a whip maker, a veteran of the Civil War, and spent his life in Westfield. His wife, Esther (Donaldson) Herrick, was born February 1, 1846. Rufus Herrick, father of Hayden Herrick, was born in Danby, Vermont, March 27, 1816, and died in Westfield, Massachusetts, March 21, 1871. He invented machines that were of great value to the whip makers, and was himself for many years engaged in the manufacture of whips. He married Sophia Drake, born March 1, 1817, and died April 9, 1913. They were the parents of six children: Hayden, aforementioned; Harriet; Homer; Mary, became the wife of Frank Alby; Byron, died in infancy; John.

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### SMITH, Edwin Sawtell,

#### Representative Citizen.

Edwin Sawtell Smith, secretary of the American Writing Paper Company in Holyoke, is a son of Horace Cicero Smith, a native son of New York, born in Herkimer county, where his father, Cicero Smith, was a farmer before going to Suffield, Connecticut, where he died in 1874, aged seventy-three years. He married Mary Austin, of Suffield, Connecticut, who died in 1887, aged eighty-two years. Cicero and Mary (Austin) Smith were the parents of the following children: Horace Cicero, of further mention; Jane C., Frank, Mary, married David French; Emma. After their

marriage Cicero Smith and his wife moved to Columbia, Herkimer county, New York, and there Horace Cicero Smith, their eldest child was born, September 30, 1835, and died in Springfield, Massachusetts, April 21, 1909. He remained in Columbia until eighteen years of age, obtaining a good education in the public schools and assisting in cultivating the home farm. In 1853 he left Columbia and went to Suffield, Connecticut, his mother's girlhood home, and there was employed by her brother, his uncle, Cornelius Austin, a nurseryman. He continued with his uncle and thoroughly mastered the nursery business, but paid particular attention to plants, shrubs and flowers. Finally he left his uncle's employ and started in business for himself as a florist, growing his own plants and flowers very successfully. He later closed out his business in Suffield, and came to Massachusetts, locating in Springfield, where, as market and floral gardener, he ended his useful and busy life. He loved his flowers and his home, and could always be found either working in his gardens or enjoying the comforts of his home, neither politics nor fraternities having any allurements for him. He was a member of the Baptist church, lived an honorable, upright life, but one passed in the quiet, peaceful manner described, and all who knew him were his friends.

Horace C. Smith married (first) Emily Austin, they were the parents of a daughter, Ellen, deceased, and a son, Charles H., of Springfield. He married (second) September 11, 1873, Adelia Eleanor Sawtell, born in Baltimore, Maryland, September 12, 1841, daughter of Edwin and Mary Jane (Palmer) Sawtell, her father born in Lowell, Massachusetts, son of Josiah and Rebecca (Manning) Sawtell, of Pelham, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of four sons: 1. Frank Sawtell, born January 20, 1873, married Grace L.

Prout, and has children. Horace, Mildred, and Frank; resides in Suffield, Connecticut. 2. Edwin Sawtell, of further mention. 3. Herbert E., born January 2, 1879, married Harriet M. White, and has children: Gladys, Grace, Carl, Gertrude, Madeline; resides in Springfield. 4. Harold Palmer, born May 30, 1880; resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

Edwin Sawtell Smith, second son of Horace C. and Adelia Eleanor (Sawtell) Smith, was born in Suffield, Connecticut, February 10, 1876, but while young his parents moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was educated in the graded and high schools of the city. He began business life in 1897, becoming in that year bookkeeper in the Third National Bank of Springfield. He continued with this bank for nine years in constantly improved position, his connection with that institution being most satisfactory to the management. In 1916 he was elected secretary of the American Writing Paper Company of Holyoke, and has since resided in that city, holding that position.

Mr. Smith married, June 27, 1899, Ethel Margaret Atwood, formerly of Westfield, Massachusetts, then of Springfield, daughter of Arthur D. and Florence (Hastings) Atwood. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a daughter, Doris Hastings, born in Springfield, Massachusetts, June 25, 1901.

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### **HURLBURT, Albert Francis,**

#### **Educator.**

The Hurlburts have been a family of distinct, energetic intelligence. The overwhelming capacity of acquiring knowledge and turning the same into a creative motive power is characteristic of Albert Francis Hurlburt, as it was of his most excellent father and grandfather before him.

The immigrant ancestor of the Hurlburt

family in America was the great-grandfather of Albert Francis Hurlburt, who emigrated from England to Canada. His son, Francis Hurlburt, was born in St. Peter, Canada, about 1812. He was a farmer, living in Vermont for a time, from which place he moved to Hatfield, Massachusetts, then to Hadley, and finally to Holyoke, where he died in April, 1895. His wife, who was Louise Charboneau, bore him eleven children: Vitaline, Frank, Cordelia, Louise, John, Paul, of further mention; Joseph, Julia, Horace, Charles and Sidney.

Paul Hurlburt, son of Francis and Louise (Charboneau) Hurlburt, was born in Swanton, Vermont, May 2, 1848. His education was largely that which he acquired on his own initiative. With the veritable patience of genius he educated himself to be an engineer and draughtsman, in which he proved to be eminently successful. From 1868 to 1890 he was with the Holyoke Water Power Company of Holyoke. While in Holyoke he built a block on Park street, in 1884, to which he added another large section ten years later. He left Holyoke to join the East Jersey Water Company of New Jersey, where he was employed as assistant engineer, and while in this position he was often called upon to lend his counsel in conference with the most eminent engineers of that and other sections. From New Jersey he went to Niagara Falls, New York, where he played an important part in installing the power plant of the Canadian Power Company. He remained there until 1903, when he met with an accident which ultimately resulted in his death. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of the Baptist church. He married (first) January 1, 1868, Jennie Langlois, daughter of Antoine and Mary (Berard) Langlois, of Farnham, Quebec. To them was born one child, Freddie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hurlburt died April 19,

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1870. He married (second) April 12, 1871, Louise Langlois, sister of his first wife. She was born in Farnham, Quebec, April 10, 1853. Her grandfather came to Canada from France. The children by this second marriage were: Jennie Louise, born January 18, 1874, died September 24, 1895; Arthur Paul, born August 30, 1876, educated in the public schools, was with the East Jersey Water Company, with his father, and has been actively engaged in the insurance business in Holyoke for the past eight years; Mary Cordelia, born March 17, 1882, died in infancy; Albert Francis, of further mention, and Hattie May Rose, born 1889, died in infancy.

Albert Francis Hurlburt, son of Paul and Louise (Langlois) Hurlburt, was born March 15, 1884, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he was educated in the public and high schools, graduating from the latter in 1903. He then entered Harvard University, from which he was graduated four years later. In 1907 and 1908, he travelled extensively in England, France and Spain. In 1908 he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, as instructor in French and Spanish, and instructor of French in the summer school. Mr. Hurlburt takes much interest in music as well as an active part, occasionally, in amateur dramatics, coaching and acting in plays in college and out. He is church warden, and one of the officers of the Catholic church, and a member of the Cambridge Club.

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**BOWES, Robert J.,**

**Manager of United States Rubber Company.**

In 1877 William J. Bowes moved to Millville, Massachusetts, with his family which included a son, Robert J. Bowes, then a child of six years. In Millville Mr. Bowes founded the local plant of the Lawrence

Felting Company, which he managed with ability and profit until his death, when it passed to the management of the son, Robert J., who for twenty-seven years was actively and prominently connected with the company, part of that time and after it had passed under the control of another corporation. During his long term as manager of the local plant of the Lawrence Felting Company, Robert J. Bowes won the love and confidence of his employees and it was largely due to his untiring energy and wise business management that the company maintained the high place in the business world in which it had been placed by the genius and energy of the founder, William J. Bowes.

Robert J. Bowes, son of William J. and Elizabeth J. Bowes, was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, July 16, 1871, and died in Millville, Massachusetts, September 11, 1916. In 1877 the family moved to Millville, and in the public schools of Millville, Blackstone and Woonsocket he was educated. After graduation from Woonsocket High School he entered the office of the Lawrence Felting Company, founded in Millville by William J. Bowes, and under the wise, loving care and instruction of his father he developed a managerial ability which qualified him to worthily succeed his honored father when the latter was called to his reward, leaving a widow, four sons and two daughters. From boyhood, Robert J. Bowes had been a leader among the boys, and when he succeeded his father as manager of the Lawrence Felting Company there was general satisfaction that the plant would continue under the wise Bowes rule.

The position to which he had been promoted was not an easy one, yet he continued in it most efficiently until July 1, 1915, although the plant had been sold to the United States Rubber Company, that company wisely continuing Mr. Bowes as



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its manager. His term of service covered a period in excess of a quarter of a century, he having entered the plant a lad of seventeen years. During his period as manager he won the love of the employees of the plant by his fairness and consideration, and the unvarying respect and confidence of his superiors, officers of the company, and those associated with him in the management. He was a fine type of the honest, public spirited citizen, loyal to every duty and to the town in which nearly his entire life was spent. Big hearted and generous, no one ever appealed to him in vain, and from his great loving heart went out comfort and succor to all in trouble. His friends were legion, and when the hour came to pay him the last mark of respect the floral tributes were many, and an entire town mourned, and its business was suspended during the hours of the funeral. As the cortege passed from the house to St. Augustine's Church, the bells of that church and the St. Lawrence Felt-ing Mill tolled solemnly and the streets were lined with townsmen, many of whom had for many years worked with him and for him. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Augustine's Church, where thirty years earlier he had been an altar boy, and every honor of the church was paid her faithful son, whose seat in the church was occupied every Sunday save when illness kept him away. At his funeral were delegations from the Millville Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen; and Woonsocket Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Blackstone.

Mr. Bowes married Fanny P. Lamphere, who survives him with two daughters, Elizabeth and Isabelle. During the last summer of his life Mr. Bowes spent much of his time with his family at their summer home, Pleasant View, near Narragansett Pier, seeking to regain his lost health.

He was a devoted husband and father, a man who loved his home as he did nothing else on earth. His aged mother, Elizabeth J. Bowes, long a widow, was his affectionate care as long as he lived, and he failed neither as husband, father nor son.

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**FOSTER, George Herbert,**

**Funeral Director.**

George Herbert Foster, the well known undertaker of Holyoke, Massachusetts, is a descendant of Christopher Foster, born in England in 1603, married there Frances ———, born in 1607. He came to New England in 1635, on the Ship, "Abigail," embarking in London, June 17. He was styled a farmer on the ship's papers, and had with him his wife Frances, aged twenty-five, and children: Rebecca, aged five; Nathaniel, aged two; and John, aged one. He settled in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1636, and two years later was allotted sixty acres. He settled in Southampton, Long Island, in 1651, where he died in 1687. Children: Rebecca, Nathaniel, John, of further mention; George, Benjamin, Hannah, married Daniel Sayre; Joseph, Sarah, married Samuel Johns, son of Deacon Samuel Johns, and grandson of Edward Johns, who was in Southampton in 1644.

(II) John Foster, son of Christopher and Frances Foster, was born in England, in 1634, and was brought by his parents to New England, in 1635, and to Southampton, Long Island, in 1651. There he married and died, leaving children: John, of further mention; Sarah, Hannah, Jeremiah, Patience, Rachael, Jonathan, David, William, Phebe, Abigail.

(III) John (2) Foster, son of John (1) Foster, was born at Southampton, Long Island, February 8, 1662, and there resided all his life. He married, December 5, 1689, Hannah Abbott. Children: John,

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Hackaliah, Thomas, Abraham, of further mention.

(IV) Sergeant Abraham Foster, son of John (2) and Hannah (Abbott) Foster, born in 1702, died in Wapping, Connecticut, April 2, 1781. He married in East Windsor, his home, November 30, 1727, Elizabeth Moore, born May 4, 1702, died September 13, 1800, daughter of John and Abigail (Strong) Moore, and great-granddaughter of Deacon John Moore, the original settler, who came in the ship, "Mary and John," in 1630, and moved from Dorchester to Winchester, Massachusetts, in 1635. Abigail Strong was the granddaughter of Elder John Strong, born in 1605, died in 1699, and of Rev. John Warham, the minister, who brought the Colony in the "Mary and John" in 1630, first to Dorchester, then in 1635 to Windsor, Connecticut. Children: Thomas, married Martha Elmer; Abel, Hannah, Peletiah, of further mention; Sybil, Hakaliah, John, Elizabeth.

(V) Peletiah Foster, son of Sergeant Abraham and Elizabeth (Moore) Foster, born in East Windsor, Connecticut, November 30, 1732, died July 29, 1826. He married, January 12, 1762, Phoebe Pomeroy, born 1740, died April 23, 1821. They resided in East Windsor. Children: Phineas, born May 13, 1763, married Hannah Kilbourn; Eli, of further mention; Chloe, died young; Louisa, died young.

(VI) Deacon Eli Foster, son of Peletiah and Phoebe (Pomeroy) Foster, was born in East Windsor, Connecticut, September 1, 1767, died July 16, 1827. He was a farmer of Barkhamsted, Connecticut, until 1808, then moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, settling in that section of the town known as "Sixteen Acres." There he continued farming operations until his death at the age of sixty. He married Catherine Lathrop. Children: Lois, born March 4, 1810; Harvey, of further mention; Marven, married

Betsey Chapin; Chloe, married Rodney Holt, of Springfield; Milton, married Mary Markham; Laura, married Silas Dimock.

(VII) Harvey Foster, son of Deacon Eli and Catherine (Lathrop) Foster, was born in Barkhamsted, Connecticut, July 28, 1796, died in Springfield, Massachusetts, April 17, 1879. He was twelve years of age when brought to Springfield by his parents, and all his after life he was a resident of the "Sixteen Acres" section, becoming a farmer, landowner, and prominent public citizen. He was the second man ever elected alderman from Ward 8. He was also captain of the old Third Ward Military Company; surveyor of highways; settled many estates as executor and administrator, and in 1846 was elected deacon of the First Baptist Church of Springfield. He was a man of energy and integrity, highly esteemed in his city. He lived to the age of eighty-three and left sons to emulate his virtues. Harvey Foster married Laura Alden, born January 23, 1801, in Stafford, Connecticut, died October 25, 1862, daughter of Nathan Alden, of Wilbraham, and a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, the "Mayflower" passengers. The line of descent from John and Priscilla Alden is through their son, Joseph; his son, John; his son, Rev. Noah; his son, Lieutenant Elisha; his son, Nathan; his daughter, Laura, wife of Harvey Foster. Harvey and Laura (Alden) Foster were the parents of: Walter, Eli, Franklin, George, of further mention; Festus H., Ralph, Cyrus Alden, Nathan A.

(VIII) George Foster, third son of Harvey and Laura (Alden) Foster, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, August 9, 1830, there engaged in farming all his life, and died August 22, 1909. He was educated in the public school, assisted his father in his years of minority, and in time became a substantial landowner, and prominent in the public affairs of his city. He

was a member of the Common Council and of the Board of Aldermen. He was a Republican in politics, a man of upright character and blameless life. He married (first) Ella Warner; (second) Matilda J. Smith; (third) Ida A. Porter; and (fourth) Sarah E. Capen.

(IX) George Herbert Foster, son and only child of George Foster and his second wife, Matilda J. (Smith) Foster, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 30, 1868. The family home was in the "Sixteen Acres" section, and there he attended the public schools. After completing his school years he remained with his father until of legal age, then started out on his own responsibility. For a time he was in the employ of Kibbe Brothers, confectioners, then was with Smith & Wesson, firearm manufacturers, a still shorter period, and for ten months he was with Frank W. Dickinson, undertaker. He spent four years in this way, 1889-1893, but in the latter year he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and under Wells Lathrop thoroughly learned the undertaking business, remaining with Mr. Lathrop sixteen years. In April, 1909, he purchased the business and for the past eight years has been its sole owner and manager. Mr. Foster is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Robert Morris Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Holyoke Lodge, No. 134, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Glenwood Lodge, No. 104, Daughters of Rebekah; Loyal Mt. Holyoke Lodge, No. 7103, Manchester Unity; Connecticut Valley Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias; and Endeavor Temple, Pythian Sisters. He is also interested in the Young Men's Christian Association. His clubs are the Rotary and Holyoke, his church the Second Congregational.

Mr. Foster married, May 10, 1899, Celenna Edith Tower, of Worthington, Massachusetts, daughter of Russell and Rebecca

(Granger) Tower, granddaughter of John Tower, an old stage driver between Boston and Albany, who built the first frame house in Cummington, Massachusetts, a descendant of John Tower, of Hingham, England, and later an early settler of Hingham, Massachusetts.

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**FOSTER, Cyrus Alden,**

**Civil War Veteran, Well Known Citizen.**

Cyrus Alden Foster, one of the gallant generation which took up arms in defence of the Union, has been identified with the life of Springfield for over half a century, and his record of long service with one company is one he may well be proud of.

Cyrus Alden Foster is a son of Harvey and Laura (Alden) Foster, and was born February 18, 1836, in that portion of Springfield which was called Sixteen Acres. Here he grew up and went to the district schools of the place. After finishing his studies at home he attended Wilbraham, and later Monson Academy. But it was necessary for him early to become a breadwinner, and he soon obtained a position with Kibbe Brothers, wholesale confectioners, and in their service he gained his first experience in business. His next opportunity came at the time he was twenty-one years of age, and this opening was with the Thompson Express Company of Springfield; he gave satisfaction as is proven by the fact that he remained with this company for thirty-five years, with the single exception of the time he enlisted for the defense of the Union in the Civil War. In July, 1862, he was enrolled in Company A, Forty-sixth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, enlisting for nine months, and served until receiving an honorable discharge in July, 1863. Although he entered the army as a private he was soon promoted to assistant quarter-master, serving with his regiment in the Department of the Gulf.

After his discharge from military service, he returned once more to the employ of the express company. But as the years passed by the desire came to him to be his own employer, and invest for his own profit the accumulated experience, and the goodwill of the many friends he had gained by faithful and conscientious service. He therefore organized an express line of his own, running between Springfield and Westfield, and one that had a profitable and successful existence for ten years, when he closed up his affairs and retired from active business. Mr. Foster keeps up his association with his old comrades-in-arms by membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and in the Union Veterans' Union, in which latter organization he holds the honorary title of colonel.

Mr. Foster married, February 18, 1862, Mary J. Warner, of Wilbraham, daughter of J. Russell and Huldah (Stevens) Warner, and granddaughter of Ebenezer and Ruby (Herrick) Warner.

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**LYON, Raymond Farrell,**

**Representative Citizen.**

This branch of the Lyon family in New England descends from Seth Lyon, a farmer of Peru, Vermont, who there lived a life of honorable endeavor, married, and reared a family.

Seth Stanley Lyon, son of Seth Lyon, was born in Peru, Vermont, in 1821, and died in South Londonderry, Vermont, in 1894. He was the owner of a large farm at Londonderry, a man of substance and possessed of all the old fashioned virtues, hospitality, charity, love for the church, and rugged honesty. He was a deacon of the Baptist church, in the affairs of which he took an active part and interest. In his good works he was aided and abetted by his excellent wife, Sarah Jane (Barnard) Lyon, born in Winhall, Vermont, in 1823, died in 1913,

daughter of John Barnard. They were the parents of three sons: George, Seth, John Stanley, and of a daughter, Harriet. George, the eldest, enlisted in the Union Army and gave his life to his country at the battle of the Wilderness; Seth, the second son, resides in Tampa, Florida; John Stanley, of further mention; Harriet, married Clarke C. Fitts, of Brattleboro, Vermont.

Rev. John Stanley Lyon, son of Seth Stanley and Sarah Jane (Barnard) Lyon, was born in South Londonderry, Vermont, in 1864. He absorbed all the advantages of the local schools, attending the Black River Academy, Ludlow, Vermont. He then entered the Colgate University, where he remained a year. For a time he taught in Friends College. He was graduated from the University of New York with the degree of A. B. In 1908 this university confirmed upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity and he was ordained a minister of the Gospel according to the ordinances of the Baptist church. He was settled over the church at Fair Haven, Vermont, was also pastor at Bristol, Connecticut, and from 1900 was located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, as clergyman until 1914, then in 1915 was manager of the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce. He is now engaged in educational work under the Northern Baptist Society management, and in the interest of the Society travels all over the United States.

Rev. John S. Lyon married Ella Grace White, daughter of John Everett and Elmira (Sawyer) White, of Mechanicsville, town of Mt. Holly, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon are the parents of Clifford Stanley, whose sketch follows; Raymond Farrell, of whom further; and Margaret G., who married Paul L. Houston, of Holyoke.

Raymond Farrell Lyon, second son of Rev. John Stanley and Ella Grace (White) Lyon, was born in Fair Haven, Vermont, March 14, 1892. He was eight years of age when Holyoke became the family home, and





*L. Donville*

there he was educated in the grade and high schools, completing the course with the high school graduating class of 1909. The following year was passed at Worcester Academy in post-graduate and college preparatory work. He then entered Hamilton College, whence he was graduated, class of 1913, with the Bachelor's degree. Later in the same year he entered the office employ of the Cowan Truck Company of Holyoke, and from a clerkship has won his way to the position of general manager. The company are manufacturers in Holyoke of the Cowan Transveyor, a power truck for warehouse, shipping room and platform work, and maintain selling agencies in New York City and Chicago. Mr. Lyon has traveled extensively in the interests of the company going abroad and through all accessible parts of the war zone. His responsibilities are heavy for a young man, but his promotion was won on merit, and is held through ability to meet its every requirement. He is a member of William Whitney Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Rotary, Mt. Tom Golf, and Holyoke Canoe clubs; Sigma Phi, and other college fraternities, and of the Second Baptist Church of Holyoke.

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**LYON, Clifford Stanley,**  
**Lawyer.**

Clifford Stanley Lyon, eldest son of Rev. John Stanley and Ella Grace (White) Lyon, was born in New York City, March 17, 1888. He obtained his education in the schools of the towns in which his father was stationed as pastor, namely: Fair Haven, Vermont; Bristol, Connecticut; and Holyoke, Massachusetts; completing preparatory study with graduation from Holyoke High School, class of 1906. He next pursued a four years' course at Dartmouth College, receiving the usual bachelor's degree,

class of 1910. After Dartmouth, he engaged in the Young Men's Christian Association's work in New York, being secretary and in charge of student work. He finally decided upon the profession of law, pursued a full course at Columbia Law School, was awarded his degree, LL.B., at graduation, class of 1915, was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in September of that year, and entered the law firm, Green & Bennett, of Holyoke, Massachusetts. On June 1, 1916, he was admitted as a partner in this firm, which is one of the largest in Western Massachusetts. He is a member of the law association and college fraternities; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Holyoke Canoe Club, and Mt. Tom Golf Club. He is a member of the Second Baptist Church and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Lyon married, May 27, 1916, Gertrude A. Merrick, of Holyoke, daughter of A. Judson and Ella (Bentley) Merrick. Mrs. Lyon is of the ninth generation of the family founded in New England by Thomas Merrick. Mrs. Lyon is a direct descendant of Captain John Merrick, the line of descent being through his son, Esquire John Merrick; his son, Joseph Merrick; his son, Timothy Merrick; his son, Joseph Merrick; his son, Rev. Samuel Dunton Merrick; his son, Adoniram Judson Merrick, father of Mrs. Lyon. (See Merrick Line under separate heading). Mr. and Mrs. Lyon are the parents of a daughter, Elisabeth Merrick, born in Holyoke, May 3, 1917.

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**DOUVILLE, Louis,**  
**Furniture Dealer.**

Among those sturdy, steady, thrifty French Canadians who have migrated to the United States from the Dominion of Canada, should be mentioned Louis Douville, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, who by his dil-

igence, persistence and straightforwardness of character has been able to make his way from employee to employer, in an altogether admirable and honorable manner of progression.

His father, Louis Douville, who was born in Granby, Province of Quebec, Canada, 1835, and died in North Sheffield, Canada, in 1866, aged thirty-one years, was one of four children, the others being: Mark, Louise and Philomena. He was a blacksmith by trade. He married, May 9, 1859, Rosele Markee, daughter of Jeane Baptiste and France (LaPierre) Markee. She was born in the Province of Quebec, July 4, 1836, and is now (1917) living in Canada at the age of eighty-one years. Their children were: Peter, who lives in Canada; Louis, of this sketch; Victoria; and Louise.

Louis (2) Douville, son of Louis (1) and Rosele (Markee) Douville, was born December 4, 1861, in North Sheffield, Province of Quebec, Canada. There he was educated in the public schools and in those of Adamsville, Canada. At the age of fifteen years he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he was first employed at the Farr Alpaca Mills. After eight years here, he left to enter the Williston Mills at Easthampton, where he remained one year. The following year he spent in the employment of the National Blank Book Company of Holyoke. He then decided to engage in business for himself and for the next seventeen years he was occupied in selling kerosene oil. From this he entered the business of selling stoves, and later he engaged in the furniture and house furnishing business. Mr. Douville has developed his present well managed business from ever so small a beginning.

His fine store is located at No. 523 High street, the principal thoroughfare of Holyoke, and here he has the first floor and basement, in which is found a complete and well arranged stock of everything neces-

sary to completely furnish any home, and he is reckoned among the successful business men of the city. His unflinching courtesy to each and every customer and his strict attention to all the details of the business have made him most popular in the city where he has a large number of friends. Although doing business in Holyoke he maintains his well appointed home in the adjoining town of Willimansett, in which town he has resided for more than twenty years.

On September 3, 1883, Mr. Douville was married to M. Martineau, daughter of Nelson and Mary (Counteau) Martineau, of Port Henry, New York. To them have been born the following children: 1. Arthur, born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, January 4, 1885; attended the schools there; then was employed by the Coburn Trolley Track Company for a year, at the end of which time he became associated with his father in the oil business, and later with him in the furniture business, eventually becoming his partner, since which time the firm has been known as Douville & Son. He married, June 3, 1907, Lena Leroux, of Holyoke, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Brisette) Leroux; they have one son, Earl Arthur, born May 8, 1908. 2. Eva, born September 1, 1891; married John Mosher, of Chicopee Falls; their children are: Constance May and Doris Mira. 3. Rosele, born October 1, 1891. 4. May, born May, 1895. 5. Nettie Louise, born March, 1903. Several others were born, but died in infancy.

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**CHOINIÈRE, Amidee Olivie,**

**Contractor.**

For more than ten years Mr. Choinière, as head of the firm of Choinière & Beaugard, has been numbered among the successful contractors and business men of Holyoke, this firm being large builders in



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Holyoke, Springfield, and elsewhere in Massachusetts. In addition to this Mr. Choinière is the owner of valuable real estate in his home city.

(I) Narcisse Choinière, grandfather of Amidée Olivie Choinière, was a farmer in Canada, and his children were: Theophile, Narcisse, Eugenie, Louis, mentioned below; Joseph, Marcile, Exilide, Leo, Pierre, and Alexandre. Mr. Choinière died in 1879, in Canada.

(II) Louis Choinière, son of Narcisse Choinière, was born in 1839, in Canada, and in early life followed the blacksmith's trade, later becoming the proprietor of a country store at St. Pie, Canada. For some twenty years he was engaged in mercantile business and was otherwise a man of prominence in the community, being an officer in the church. Mr. Choinière married (first) Alice Bennoit, and they became the parents of the following children: Victor, born May 15, 1863, died in 1908; Guile Arthur, now of Easthampton, Massachusetts; Joseph Ovid, living in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts; Amidée Olivie, mentioned below; one who died in infancy; and Aglae Eliza. Mrs. Choinière died in 1871, and Mr. Choinière married (second) ——— Voucher, the children of this union being three in number: Euclid, Evige and Amile. Mr. Choinière died in 1904, in Canada, maintaining his activities to the very end.

(III) Amidée Olivie Choinière, son of Louis and Alice (Bennoit) Choinière, was born October 14, 1868, in St. Pie, Quebec, Canada, and received his education in the local schools. In boyhood and early youth he was trained to assist in the labors of the farm, and at sixteen began to learn the carpenter's trade. In 1885 Mr. Choinière came to the United States, the first employment secured by him being in a cotton mill in Governorsdale, Connecticut. After being employed there fourteen months he returned to Canada and for two years engaged in

farming. At the end of that time he returned to the mill, but in the spring of 1888 removed to Holyoke, where he has since remained. For two years he was employed as a carpenter by John Prew and then for sixteen years was employed in the same capacity by John St. John, his term of service ending with the death of his employer. In 1906 Mr. Choinière formed a partnership with Alexandre Beaugard, of Holyoke, under the firm name of Choinière & Beaugard, since which time they have conducted an extensive business as contractors and builders. Their operations have not been limited to Holyoke, but have included Springfield and Chicopee, Massachusetts. In Springfield the firm purchased a number of valuable building sites, erecting thereon apartment houses and blocks of structures and later disposing of them to advantage. Mr. Choinière built and owns individually the "Strathmore," one of the finest apartment houses in the city and which adjoins his own residence. Before going into business with Mr. Beaugard Mr. Choinière had, in association with his brother-in-law, Azarde La Clare, engaged in building both for Mr. St. John and for themselves. After the formation of the partnership with Mr. Beaugard Mr. Choinière and Mr. La Clare were associated until 1917 in important transactions in real estate.

Mr. Choinière married, May 3, 1892, Aizelia, daughter of Louis and Margaret (Vallière) Gobielle, of Canada (Garden of the Angels) Canada, and they are the parents of the following children: Louis Felix Florimond, born August 6, 1895, educated at Montreal College, and now a contractor in Holyoke; Antoinette Mary Anjes, born June 10, 1897; Alberta Albina, born February 15, 1901; Joseph Ovid Harvey, born August 4, 1902; Joseph Armand Ovile, born August 21, 1904; Adrian Euclid, born July 27, 1907; and Joseph Lau-

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rent Amidée, born August 3, 1915. Mr. Choinière is a fine type of the self-made man and as such is highly regarded by his neighbors and fellow-citizens.

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### **BOUCHER, Barthelemie,**

#### **Representative Citizen.**

Three generations of this family have made their home in Holyoke, all coming from their native Canada. Isaac Boucher, the grandfather, coming to be with his children and dying in Holyoke. He married Olive Ploud, who died in Westfield, Massachusetts, leaving children: Victor, David, Isaac (2), of further mention; Amalie, Josephine, Belzemere, Agatha.

Isaac (2) Boucher, born in Antrim, Canada, in 1838, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, February 8, 1905. He obtained a good education in Quebec schools, and until coming to the United States was employed as lumber checker and inspector. He came to the United States in 1884, locating for a short time at Island Pond, Vermont, there being employed in the lumber camps and saw mills. He was later employed at Norton Mills, Vermont, and at Whitefield, New Hampshire, with the Brown Lumber Company, continuing with the last named place for four years. Then for a short time he was with the Laconia Car Works, at Laconia, New Hampshire, and for a few months at Tilton, New Hampshire, with the Boston & Maine Railroad Company. In 1892 he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where for a time he was in charge of a gang of workmen in the employ of the street railway company. He was in that service, building roads, etc., until entering the employ of the Holyoke Plush Manufacturing Company, a connection only terminating with his death at the age of sixty-seven. He was a man of good education and superior intelligence, active in politics and interested in public affairs. Isaac (2)

Boucher married Camille Bergeron, born in the Province of Quebec, daughter of Joseph and Cerevia (Lafure) Bergeron. They were the parents of three sons: Barthelemie, of further mention; Henry, deceased; Peter, deceased; and of a daughter Annie, who married Arthur Nolan.

Barthelemie Boucher was born in Ruawald, Province of Quebec, Canada, March 6, 1874. He was educated in the public schools in Canada, Island Pond, Vermont, and Holyoke, Massachusetts, his business life beginning in the mills of the Hampden Glazed Paper & Card Company, of Holyoke. After his mill experience, he learned the painter's trade, and for a number of years was connected with that trade as journeyman, and also was in business for himself as painting and decorative contractor. In 1917 he entered the employ of the Westinghouse Company of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, as tool maker. During these years he has accumulated considerable real estate, one of his parcels being a twenty family apartment building. He is a member of the Holy Name Society and The Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholic) Church.

Mr. Boucher married, October 30, 1905, Eugenie Perreault, daughter of Francis Perreault, of Holyoke. They are the parents of four children: Blanche, deceased; Annette Mayrose, born June 24, 1907; Doris Ailine, born August 8, 1914; Donald Arthur, born October 22, 1917.

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### **CHAPUT, Emil Arthur,**

#### **Business Man.**

Now a prosperous grocery, meat and provision dealer of Holyoke, Mr. Chaput conducts as proprietor the store at No. 69 Ely street, where he was long employed as clerk. He is a grandson of Louis Chaput, a farmer of St. Jean Baptiste, Canada, who there lived and died, leaving sons: Louis, Jo-

seph, Napoleon and Basil, the latter being the founder of the family in Holyoke. Basil Chaput was born in St. Jean Baptiste, Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1834, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, July 4, 1917. He received his schooling in the parish school, and until 1889 he remained in Canada, engaged in farming. In the latter year he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and for several years he was employed in various meat markets until about 1902, then retired from active business life but continuing his residence in Holyoke. He married Adele Roberts, born in St. Jean Baptiste, Canada, in 1853, died in Holyoke in 1907. They were the parents of children: Louis, a farmer of South Holyoke, Massachusetts; Emil A., of further mention; Rosanna; Albina, married Napoleon Anthis; Corrine, married Louis Anthis; Rosabella, deceased; Anna, married and residing in Concord, New Hampshire.

Emil A. Chaput, second son of Basil and Adele (Roberts) Chaput, was born in Merryville, Province of Quebec, Canada, July, 1887, and when two years of age was brought to Holyoke by his parents. He completed the full courses of the parochial school of his parish, and when through with his studies became an employee of O. N. Chaput, the grocer, and a relative. He continued in Mr. Chaput's employ until November, 1916, when he purchased the business, and is now successfully conducting the store in which he was formerly clerk. Meats, provisions and groceries are carried, a good trade has been built up, and success is assured. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Westmount Canoe Club. Mr. Chaput married, June 9, 1917, Eglantine Liscault, of Chicopee, Massachusetts.

## THE PLUMMER FAMILY

Francis Plummer, the immigrant ancestor, was born in England, and came to America from Norfolk, England, in 1633. He was admitted a freeman, May 14, 1634. He settled in Newbury, Massachusetts, in 1635. Coffin's "History of Newbury" states that his descendants still own the land he once held; that his descendants are many and distinguished; that one of them, Hon. George Plummer, was the first white child born west of the Alleghany Mountains in Pennsylvania and was the first congressman elected from that region. It is said that when the pioneers sailed up the river to their new home in Newbury, the second to land was Francis Plummer, followed by his wife and two sons, Samuel and Joseph. He was a linen weaver by trade, and in 1636 was the proprietor of a tavern in Newbury. He held various town offices. He married (first) Ruth ——, who died May 18, 1647. He married (second) March 31, 1648, Ann Palmer, widow, who died October 18, 1665. He married (third) November 29, 1666, Beatrice, widow of William Cattlebury, of Salem. Children by first wife: Samuel, Joseph, mentioned below; Hannah, born 1632, married, May 3, 1663, Samuel Morse; Mary, born 1634, married (first) May 26, 1660, John Cheney, Jr., (second) David Burnett. Francis Plummer died in Newbury, January 17, 1672-73.

(II) Joseph Plummer, son of Francis and Ruth Plummer, was born in England. He married Sarah Cheney, and their children, born in Newbury, were: Joseph, mentioned below; Benjamin, born October 23, 1656; Sarah, May 3, 1660, died May 26, 1676; Francis, April 23, 1662, died December 5, 1663; Francis, February 23, 1664; Nathaniel, January 31, 1666; Jonathan, May 13, 1668; Abigail, July 16, 1669.

(III) Joseph (2) Plummer, son of Jo

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seph (1) and Sarah (Cheney) Plummer, was born at Newbury, Massachusetts, September 11, 1654. He married, January 20, 1685, Hannah Jewett, and their children, born in Newbury, were: Samuel, May 4, 1686; Abigail, December 11, 1687; Miriam, January 16, 1691; Aaron, January 16, 1693; Eleazer, January 29, 1694, died young; Joseph, January 12, 1695; David, mentioned below; Sarah, October 26, 1697; Sampson, March 14, 1699; Sarah, April 17, 1700; Hannah, July 17, 1702; Deborah, December 19, 1703; Elizabeth, April 1, 1705; Nathaniel, May 2, 1711; Elizabeth.

(IV) Dr. David Plummer, son of Joseph (2) and Hannah (Jewett) Plummer, was born at Newbury, Massachusetts, March 16, 1696. He settled at Gloucester, Massachusetts, and became the leading physician of that town. He married (first) 1723, Ann Newman, who died in 1736. He married (second) Ann Barber. Children by first wife: Samuel; Dr. Joshua, and five daughters. Children by second wife: David, died July 15, 1801; Daniel, mentioned below.

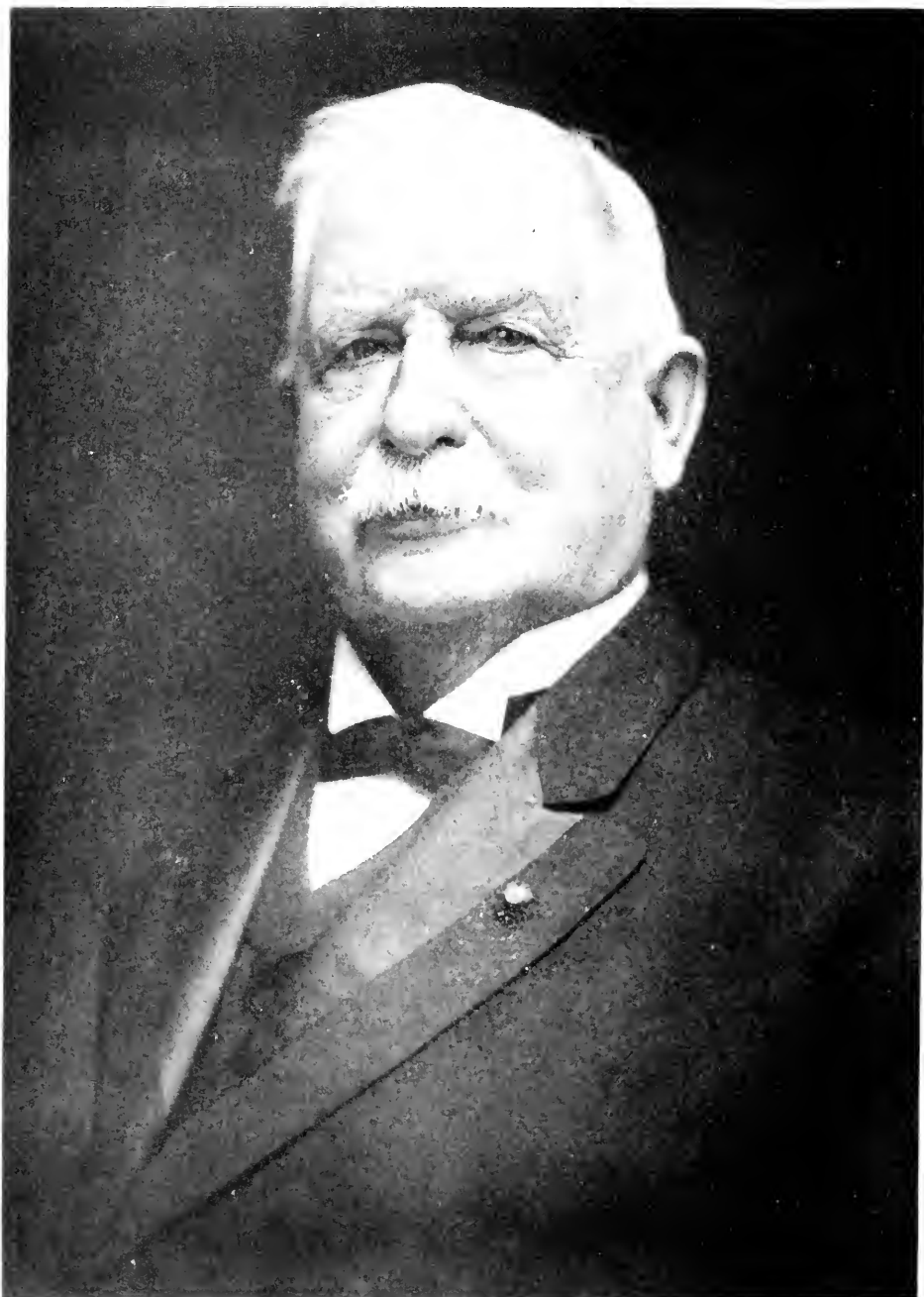
(V) Daniel Plummer, son of Dr. David and Ann (Barber) Plummer, was born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, February 11, 1741, and died December 22, 1792. He married Mary Davis, of Newbury, May 19, 1763. She died June, 1833, aged ninety years and three months. Children, born at Gloucester: Daniel, December 2, 1765; Moses, mentioned below; Joseph, March 11, 1773; Aaron, May 3, 1775, died September 12, 1861; Polly, March 17, 1777, became the wife of John Atkinson; Joshua, May 3, 1780, married Thankful Bray; Henry, March 26, 1784, married Mary Weber; Mary, July, 1787, became the wife of Simeon Dodge, of Wenham, Massachusetts.

(VI) Moses Plummer, son of Daniel and Mary (Davis) Plummer, was born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, November 9,

1767, and died January 28, 1856, at New Gloucester, Maine, aged eighty-eight years, two months, nineteen days. He married, December 6, 1790, Sarah Allen, born January 16, 1768, and died July 2, 1846, aged seventy-eight years, five months, nineteen days, at New Gloucester, Maine. She was a daughter of Solomon Allen, who was a soldier in the Revolution, a private in Captain Abraham Dodge's company, Colonel Moses Little's regiment (Twelfth) entering service, February 9, 1776; muster roll dated April 24, 1776. He was also in Captain Andrew Woodbury's company, Lieutenant-Colonel Enoch Hallet's regiment, from August 1, to October 29, 1780. Solomon Allen was born December 6, 1737, and died June 6, 1836; married Susan Riggs; children: Sarah, aforementioned as the wife of Moses Plummer; Susan, became the wife of Zebulon Davis; Martha, born December 2, 1774, died at Dover, Massachusetts, May 16, 1870, and was the wife of Giddings Tucker; Permelia; Solomon; Captain Mark, died January 5, 1873; John. Children of Moses and Sarah (Allen) Plummer, born in Gloucester: Moses, September 22, 1792, died August 2, 1822, in New Gloucester; Micajah Sawyer, mentioned below; Solomon Allen, May 10, 1798, died September 13, 1816; Daniel, July 16, 1803, died July 21, 1803.

(VII) Micajah Sawyer Plummer, son of Moses and Sarah (Allen) Plummer, was born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, August 21, 1796, and died April 10, 1888, at Dover, Massachusetts. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and in later life a pensioner, and during the years that he received a pension he was the only living member of the company in which he served. The pension was obtained through the persistent efforts of his son, Osgood Plummer, who found great difficulty in proving the claims of his father because of the fact that there was only one man living who could verify





*Osgood Plummer*

the application. Mr. Plummer was a private in Captain John Smith's company, Colonel Appleton's regiment, stationed at Gloucester, from September 19, to October 12, 1814. About 1818, he removed to Boston, Massachusetts, was a voter there and voted "Yes" on the question of incorporating the city of Boston. In 1822, while still a resident of that city, he was a member of the choir in Hosea Ballou's church. From Boston he moved to Portland, Maine, and was there engaged in the grocery business until obliged to move to New Gloucester, same State, to take charge of the estate of his brother, Moses, whose sudden death made this necessary. He resided in New Gloucester until 1859, in which year he removed to Dover, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the retail grocery business for several years. He attended the Murray Universalist Church in Gloucester, Massachusetts, said to be the first church of that denomination in the United States. He was also an active member of the Universalist parish at New Gloucester, and contributed generously towards the support of the church, one of his contributions having been the land upon which the Universalist church now stands. He married, in New Gloucester, Maine, September 13, 1831, Betsey or Elizabeth Haskell, born January 1, 1801, and died at Dover, Massachusetts, August 7, 1871. Children, born at New Gloucester: 1. Charles Giddings, mentioned below. 2. Osgood, mentioned. 3. Sarah Allen, mentioned below. 4. Martha Allen, mentioned below. 5. Seth Haskell, mentioned below.

(VIII) Charles Giddings Plummer, son of Micajah Sawyer and Betsey or Elizabeth (Haskell) Plummer, was born in New Gloucester, Maine, October 4, 1833. He attended the public and private schools of his native town during his minority. Later he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and was employed for about a year at the well

known Bradley Book Bindery. He then decided to learn the machine business, and to this end apprenticed himself to the then firm of Furbush & Crompton in Worcester, Massachusetts, for two years, and during the entire period of his apprenticeship he received one dollar per week and board. He remained with that firm for five years, then accepted a position as clerk and salesman in the book store of Z. Baker in Worcester, and served in that capacity for one year. In 1857 he removed to Davenport, Iowa, where he engaged in the book and stationery business, later adding book binding and job printing, which he continued for a number of years. He remained in Davenport until the spring of 1907, then moved to Black River Falls, Wisconsin, residing there with his sons, Edwin V. T. and Clarence H., until 1912, then moved with his son, Clarence H., to Kewaunee, Wisconsin, where he was residing in 1915. On May 2, 1860, in Henry county, Illinois, he married Sarah Eugenia Van Tyle, of Davenport, Iowa, born in Finchville, Orange county, New York, October 26, 1839, and died in Davenport, September 12, 1902. Children: Edwin Van Tyle, born in Davenport, September 28, 1862, and Clarence Houghton, born in Davenport, September 27, 1868, married, September 6, 1906, Mary Stransky, at Kewaunee, Wisconsin; she was born August 14, 1874, at Kewaunee.

(VIII) Osgood Plummer, son of Micajah Sawyer and Betsey or Elizabeth (Haskell) Plummer, was born at New Gloucester, Maine, April 16, 1835. He attended the public schools of his native town and various private schools there. In the year 1853, at the age of eighteen he came to Worcester, Massachusetts, and served an apprenticeship of two years with the firm of Furbush & Crompton, receiving one dollar per week and board during that entire period. Realizing the value of an education to a man in his later years, Mr. Plummer

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worked three nights a week at the rate of ten cents an hour in order to secure the money with which to obtain an education sufficient to carry on his business successfully in the coming years, and with this he was enabled to complete a full business course in Eaton's Commercial Business College at Worcester, graduating in the class of 1859. At the expiration of his term of apprenticeship, he was promoted to foreman of the shop in which he had worked, and he continued in that capacity during the existence of the firm, which dissolved in 1860, Mr. Furbush going to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he established the M. A. Furbush Loom Works, and Mr. Plummer went with him as superintendent of the new firm, continuing for two years. He then returned to Worcester, and was employed with Thayer, Houghton & Company, manufacturers of machinist tools, as contractor, employing workmen for the manufacture of parts of the tools. Later he was employed with the Knowles Loom Works, as superintendent, and some years later resigned to form the partnership of the Lathe & Morse Tool Company, successors of Lathe & Morse. After a time he sold his interest to the other members of the firm, and became associated with Mr. Boynton in the manufacture of blacksmith's drilling machines and machinist's tools. Later he purchased the interest of Mr. Boynton, and he continued the business for a number of years, until his final retirement from active business life. During his business career, Mr. Plummer invented and patented a number of appliances and machines, on woolen looms, blacksmith and machinist tools, and on other lines as represented in the following table: Harness Mechanism for Looms, 1868; New Mechanical Movement, 1869; Towel Rack, 1871; Harness Mechanism for Looms, 1871; Automatic Heat Regulator, 1876; Universal Lathe Chuck, 1877; Upright Drilling Ma-

chine, 1878; Blacksmith's Drilling Machine, 1883; Telephone Switch, 1890. The most valuable of these was the Machinist Tool patent for upright drills, which from the very start proved to be a valuable improvement in machinist tools, being used extensively in first-class machine shops in the United States and Europe. One firm in Worcester, under a royalty paid to Mr. Plummer, accumulated a fortune in the manufacture of these drilling machines, thereby adding to the many industries for which Worcester is noted.

Since his retirement from an active business life of thirty-eight years, Mr. Plummer has occupied a large part of his time in photography. In 1891, as a member of a touring party that visited the principal cities and towns of Old Mexico, he personally secured more than one hundred negatives of scenery and people that comprise a very valuable collection. At the request of school authorities he allowed slides to be made of six dozen for use in the schools in Worcester. During his experience as a photographer, he has been successful in discovering a process of toning that is known as wet plate lantern slides, that rivals the process formerly held exclusively by Levey & Son, of Paris, France, to whom many plates were sent across the ocean for treatment. Mr. Plummer spent three months of constant study to discover this method, which is used exclusively by the United States Government at Washington, and is known only to the chief operator there, to whom it was communicated by Mr. Plummer, who is always given a warm welcome at the photographers headquarters in Washington. Mr. Plummer has a valuable collection of all the known butterflies in New England. He has spent considerable time in the study of geology, and his cabinet of minerals collected by himself in many states of the Union is not excelled by any private collection in Worcester at least.



In politics Mr. Plummer is a Republican. He has always taken a keen interest in the public affairs of Worcester, and was especially prominent in the movement to build a new city hall on the common. The following extract from the book published by the City Council, entitled "The New City Hall," in 1899, is official testimony of the part he took: "As a matter of history, it should be stated that Osgood Plummer was the prime mover in this action, and that to his determined energy the final outcome in the City Hall location is to be ascribed. He called the meeting and directed its course. A committee with power to act was chosen, of which Mr. Plummer was the working member. He raised the necessary funds by subscription, employed canvassers and directed the canvass in detail." Another quote: "The Editor desires to acknowledge his indebtedness to Mr. Osgood Plummer for the use of his historical collection of newspaper cuttings and other materials relating to the discussion of a site of the new City Hall and the construction of the building. Mr. Plummer, with commendable foresight, carefully preserved all references in print and other matter illustrative of the undertaking, and arranged them chronologically in a volume, the contents of which it would be impossible to duplicate at the present time." There were only one hundred copies of the City Hall Memorial published, and Mr. Plummer has one which was presented to him by the committee in charge of the book, and in the book is inscribed the following: "Presented to Osgood Plummer Esq. by vote of the committee on 'City Hall Memorial' in recognition of the valuable service rendered in the preparation of this volume. Thomas J. Barrett, for the Com., Dec. 16, 1899." The present City Hall was dedicated April 28, 1898.

Mr. Plummer has been a member of the Worcester County Mechanics Association,

joining April 16, 1856, during the term of Hon. Henry S. Washburn as president of the association, just after he had finished his apprenticeship with Furbush & Crompton; he was a member of the board of directors fourteen years, serving as vice-president in 1908, the year he retired from the board; he declined to be a candidate for president, a position for which he was unanimously recommended by the board of directors. Mr. Plummer is a member of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, joining in 1863, and past master in 1873-74; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, since 1865; Hiram Council; Stella Chapter, Eastern Star, since 1871, of which he is senior initiated member of the order in Massachusetts. He is the senior past master of the Masons in Worcester. He is a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and honorary member of Luther Burbank Society of Santa Rosa, California. He is a member of the First Universalist Parish, Worcester.

Mr. Plummer married, January 17, 1861, Diana Houghton, born September 6, 1837, at Woodstock, Maine, and died September 25, 1905. She was a daughter of Samuel Haskell and Betsey G. (Tuell) Houghton, of Woodstock, the former named born May 20, 1802, died December 1, 1868, and granddaughter of Moses Houghton, born March 22, 1781, died October 31, 1847, and his wife, Martha (Haskell) Houghton, born February 15, 1780, died April 14, 1833, of Acton, Massachusetts, and Norway, Maine. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Plummer: 1. Stella H., born at Worcester, July 28, 1863; member of Order of the Eastern Star, Timothy Bigelow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Massachusetts United States Daughters of 1812. 2. Frank Osgood, born April 13, 1872; married, January 15, 1896, Maude Evelyn Whaley, of North Sterling, Connecticut; she was born at Texas, Connecticut, Septem-

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ber 22, 1874; child, Dorothy Whaley, born at Foster, Rhode Island, February 28, 1908.

(VIII) Sarah Allen Plummer, daughter of Micajah Sawyer and Betsey or Elizabeth (Haskell) Plummer, was born September 3, 1836. She attended public and private schools at New Gloucester, Maine. In 1860 she entered the Woman's College (now Worcester Academy) in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, was advanced with honor, and later gained the highest grade certificate, designated as "Grade A" at the Albany, New York, State Normal School, followed by a special scientific course at the Peter Cooper Institute, in Physics and Chemistry. She discovered that nature study attracted her more than any other pursuit. The way was additionally prepared in 1880 by her marriage to an enthusiastic botanist and patriot, Professor John Gill Lemmon. For over twenty-five years they travelled together and explored a vast region of the West American Continent, from Alaska to Old Mexico, and to the western base of the Rocky Mountains. This quest was for the discovery of plants new to science, and they contributed to the botanic world hundreds of new species and several new genera, two of which have been dedicated to them, *Lemmonia* and *Plumera*, the highest botanic honor in recognition of service given to the science. During the explorations into out-of-the-way regions often inhabited by native savage tribes and wild animals, they have had many strange and sometimes dangerous experiences. Between the years 1880 and 1890 the Apache tribe of Indians were very troublesome. Between the years 1895 and 1908, they gave special observation and study to the native trees of California; those relating to forest growth; issuing illustrated reports for the State Board of Forestry, to popularizing and assisting in the preservation of the noble forests. While Professor Lemmon

was botanist for the State Board of California, four years, Mrs. Lemmon's services were given as artist (botanic). From time to time Mrs. Lemmon issued brochures on Marine Algae; California native ferns and sometimes on Forestry, an illustrated booklet. During and after our Cuban and Philippine wars, she was chairman of the committee for compiling and editing an illustrated Record of Red Cross Work on the Pacific Slope. In 1884 she was appointed chairman for California by the National Floral Emblem Society and procured the selection, adoption and legalizing of a state floral emblem, The California Golden Poppy. At this same time, 1884, Professor and Mrs. Lemmon were each appointed special commissioners for the New Orleans World's Cotton Centennial Exposition, and she was also chosen to the added honor in the Woman's Department as one of the six vice-presidents, having under her supervision nine states and territories. In 1894 she assisted in the required articles upon native flowers in grouping and illustrating for the States Series of revised school readers for California. Previously, in 1891, she established in the City and County Hospital in San Francisco the first Training School for Nurses on the Pacific Coast. While a student and teacher in New York City, during the Civil War, every night and morning, before and after school hours, Sundays, holidays and vacations she assisted to nurse and care for the sick and wounded soldiers in Bellevue Hospital, as a member of the Rose Hill Soldiers Association. During her early residence in California she established the first circulating library in Santa Barbara, which later she presented to the city as the foundation for the present Free Public Library of that place. During the last twenty-five years of field work in botany she made a large portfolio of hundreds of field sketches of flowers in water colors, often sketching under great difficulties. They

took first prize awards at an Interterritorial Exposition and again at a World's Exposition in New Orleans in 1884-85. Mrs. Lemmon is a member of the Ebell Club of Oakland, California; of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the California Woman's Press Association and of the Water and Forest Association.

(VIII) Martha Allen Plummer, daughter of Micajah Sawyer and Betsey or Elizabeth (Haskell) Plummer, was born August 17, 1838. She was educated in the public schools of New Gloucester, Worcester Academy, and graduated with honor at the Westbrook Seminary, taking first honors in English Composition. She taught several years in Maine and Massachusetts, taking much interest in the public schools of Dover, Massachusetts, where she served as superintendent of schools for nine years. She was chosen as delegate from Massachusetts to the International Educational Convention in Washington, held there during President Cleveland's administration. She also taught for two winters in the Missionary School at Shelter Neck, North Carolina, under the auspices of the Woman's National Unitarian Alliance, organizing the first branch alliance in that State. She edited the history of the town of Dover, Massachusetts, in the "History of the Towns of Norfolk County, Massachusetts." She has always been an earnest worker in the Unitarian church. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of Colonel Timothy Bigelow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Worcester. She has been a trustee of Dover Public Library a number of years, and charter member of Dover Grange. She married, June 23, 1861, George Draper Everett, of Dover, Massachusetts; he died May 4, 1904. Children: 1. Sarah E., born May 13, 1862, at Dover, married, January 1, 1883, John M. Humphrey, and has one child, Vivian, born in Rochester, New

Hampshire, August 28, 1891. 2. Martha Everett, born November 16, 1863; married, June 26, 1888, Rev. Charles E. St. John; children: Everett, born March 27, 1889; Harold, July 25, 1892; Lyman and Prescott Keyes, twins, May 8, 1899, the former died February 24, 1900, and the latter February 26, 1900. 3. Edward Plummer, born September 2, 1865, died July 2, 1874. 4. Charles Crandall, born September 11, 1871. 5. George Osgood, born March 6, 1874, died December 15, 1891.

(VIII) Seth Haskell Plummer, son of Micajah Sawyer and Betsey or Elizabeth (Haskell) Plummer, was born in New Gloucester, Maine, January 8, 1845. When about thirteen years of age, he accompanied his parents to Dover, Massachusetts. He attended the country and village schools, worked on his father's farm and clerked in his father's store in Dover, also in other stores. In September, 1862, he removed to Davenport, Iowa, and there clerked in the book and stationery store of his brother, Charles, for about eight years. Soon after the great Chicago fire, he went to that city in the employ of the purchasers office of the Rock Island Railroad, where he remained one season, then returned to Davenport and soon after engaged in the retail boot and shoe trade, which proved a profitable venture until hard times ruined all retail business in the West, and caused him to close out his business. In the fall of 1876, four years after his marriage, he removed to Dallas, Texas, where he spent several months prospecting, but not being favorably impressed returned to Davenport, in the spring of 1877, where he engaged in his former trade, boots and shoes, which he again closed out and accepted the management of the Frazer Coal Yards, then the leading yards in that city, in which capacity he continued until October, 1882, when he located in Huron, then Territory of Dakota, and became the chief clerk in the United States

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Land office, filling the position until the Cleveland administration came into power, which caused a general change in the office force. He then became deputy county treasurer of Beadle county, serving one term, after which he accepted a position with a farm investment company, with whom he remained for nearly twenty-eight years, filling many positions with them as a trusted confidant, advisor and cashier. He continued with that company until after the death of two of its members and closed the business for the survivors. He then became interested as a district manager for a new commercial agency, he being located at Rockford, Illinois, while the agency had its home office in Chicago, and owing to crooked work in the general office the agency was short-lived. After the firm went out of business, Mr. Plummer and his wife spent more than a year in California and Omaha, Nebraska, but without any special employment, and in the summer of 1914 located in the village of Coopersville, Michigan, having twenty acres of land. While a resident of Davenport, Mr. Plummer joined the Masonic fraternity, shortly after his twenty-first birthday, and before he attained his twenty-second year he became a Knights Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason, being a charter member of the consistory located in Davenport. He filled various chairs in the several bodies, was twice master of Trinity Lodge and declined two re-elections; served as commander of the commandery of Knights Templar at Davenport, and also the first commander of the commandery at Huron, Dakota Territory. He was admitted to the Scott county, Iowa, bar as an attorney-at-law at the September term of court in 1882, but only used the knowledge as an assistance in business.

Mr. Plummer married, October 16, 1872, Mary Frances McConnell, of Davenport, Iowa. Children: 1. Edith May, born in Davenport, Iowa, May 16, 1878; she mar-

ried, July 2, 1900, at Huron, South Dakota, Millard Victor Robins; children: Edward Plummer, born August 29, 1908, and Edith Victoria, born at Huron, South Dakota; they reside in Omaha, Nebraska. 2. Perry Haskell, born at Davenport, Iowa, September 11, 1882; is a practicing dentist, residing in Rockford, Illinois; married Katherine Dougherty; child, Perry Haskell, Jr., born at Rockford, Illinois.

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### **TUCKER, Albert Moody,**

**Professor of Mt. Holyoke College.**

Although yet a young man, Mr. Tucker has attained high position as a performer on the pipe organ. He has for several years been associated with Mt. Holyoke College, where among his other duties he plays the organ in the beautiful college chapel. The Tucker name dates in New England from Robert Tucker, from whom Albert M. Tucker descends in lineal line.

(I) Robert Tucker married in Weymouth, Massachusetts, about 1635, having come there from England. Later he moved to Gloucester, Massachusetts, where he held the office of recorder. He returned to Weymouth, held several town offices, but about 1662 moved to Milton, Massachusetts, and purchased in different lots all adjoining lands aggregating about one hundred and seventeen acres. He was town clerk of Milton for several years, and as the first records of the town are in his handwriting he must also have been recorder. He represented Milton in the General Court for several years; was active in the church and a good citizen. He died March 11, 1682, aged seventy-eight years. He married Elizabeth Allen, and they were the parents of ten children. The line of descent to Albert M. Tucker, of South Hadley, Massachusetts, is through Ephraim, the seventh child and fourth son.

(II) Ephraim Tucker, son of Robert

Tucker, the founder, was born in 1652, in Weymouth, Massachusetts, it is believed. He was made a freeman in 1678, was town clerk and selectman of Milton for many years, and on July 31, 1698, was elected a deacon of the Milton church. He married, September 27, 1688, Hannah Gulliver, they the parents of two sons, Ephraim (2) and Stephen.

(III) Stephen Tucker, of the third generation, son of Ephraim and Hannah (Gulliver) Tucker, was born in Milton, Massachusetts, April 8, 1691. He settled in Preston, Connecticut, in 1715, his brother Ephraim settling in Woodstock, Connecticut, the same year. Stephen Tucker married, August 30, 1716, Hannah Belcher, born in Milton, died in Preston, February 28, 1745. They were the parents of two sons, William and Ephraim, who grew to maturity and reared families.

(IV) Ephraim (2) Tucker, son of Stephen and Hannah (Belcher) Tucker, was born in Milton, Massachusetts, about 1740. He settled in Preston, Connecticut, and there resided until his death. He was a Loyalist during the Revolution. The silver knee buckles he wore were melted and run into spoons which descended to his great-granddaughter, Mrs. William H. Bartlett, of Worcester, Massachusetts. He married and had a daughter Cynthia, and a son Ephraim, of further mention.

(V) Ephraim (3) Tucker, son of Ephraim (2) Tucker, was born July 21, 1786, in that part of Preston, Connecticut, which was set off to Griswold in 1815. He married September 5, 1810, Mary (Polly) Coit, born September 26, 1786. They were the parents of Ephraim, married Sapphira Hall; Cynthia Barstow, married Moses Lyman; William Coit, of further mention; Caroline M., married Caleb Howard Stickney; Samuel, born June 7, 1823; Mary Jane, twin with Samuel, married Increase S. Waite.

(VI) William Coit Tucker, son of Ephraim (3) and Mary (Coit) Tucker, was born in Griswold (Preston), Connecticut, February 11, 1818, and died at Ludlow, Massachusetts, in 1902. He was a farmer by occupation, residing at Montgomery and Westfield, Massachusetts, during his active years; married at Huntington, Massachusetts, Laura Moore, May 8, 1851. They were the parents of three sons: 1. Myron William, of further mention. 2. Oscar Dwight, married, February 19, 1885, Ella Sheldon, and their children are: Orland W., born October 24, 1888, married, April 8, 1916, Ida Strong, and has a daughter, Ruth Alice Tucker, born March 15, 1916; Evelyn, born February 25, 1896; Laura, February 11, 1898. 3. Elmer, who died young.

(VII) Myron William Tucker, son of William Coit Tucker, was born in Montgomery, Massachusetts, February 11, 1854. He attended public schools in Montgomery, but when still a boy his parents moved to Westfield where he attended the graded and high schools. Upon leaving school, he went to Chicopee, Massachusetts, there learning and for several years following the baking business. His health did not warrant his remaining in so confining a business, and to get the benefit of out-of-doors life he located on a farm at South Hadley Falls, which he now owns and devotes to small fruits, market gardening and poultry raising. He is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Tucker married Julia M. Moody, born at Granby, Massachusetts, September 16, 1857, daughter of Albert Moody, born in Granby, April 1, 1821, eldest son of Quartus Moody, born June 30, 1793, and Mary (Towne) Moody, born November 29, 1799, who were married April 13, 1820. Quartus and Mary (Towne) Moody had another son, Jonathan Fayette, born November 23, 1825, died July

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31, 1850, and a daughter, Mary Irene, born May 12, 1831, died October 10, 1851. Albert Moody, a life long farmer of Granby, died at South Hadley Falls, June 30, 1895. He married Grace M. Stebbins, born at Belchertown, Massachusetts, October 3, 1821, died at South Hadley Falls, February 7, 1889, fifth child of Henry Stebbins, born July 16, 1785, at Belchertown, died October 3, 1857, and Anna (Jones) Stebbins, born at Hebron, Connecticut, April 22, 1788, died March 10, 1865, who were married at Hebron, May 18, 1812. Two of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Moody, Henry Fayette and Charles Jones Moody, reside in Westfield, Massachusetts. Julia M., wife of Myron W. Tucker, resides in South Hadley Falls, the others are all deceased. Myron W. and Julia M. Tucker are the parents of two sons: Albert Moody, of further mention; Merton Myron, born at Chicopee, Massachusetts, February 10, 1884, educated in South Hadley Falls graded and high schools, connected for some years with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, now connected with the Schenectady post office, a position gained after a competitive civil service examination.

(VIII) Albert Moody Tucker, eldest son of Myron William Tucker, was born at Chicopee, Massachusetts, October 13, 1881. The family moved to South Hadley Falls in 1885 and there he completed his public school course with graduation from high school, class of 1900. From youth he displayed unusual interest in music and an ability which justified a musical education. He developed his talent under the best local instruction, then chose the pipe organ as his special instrument. He studied under S. P. Warren, of New York City, a master organist, and then spent eighteen months in Paris studying under those two French masters, Guilman and Swayne. He then returned to the United States, and is now (1918) associate professor in the de-

partment of music at Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts. He has been organist in several prominent churches and presides at the organ in the beautiful college chapel.

Mr. Tucker has made several journeys abroad in the interest of his art, studying in the musical centres of England, France, Italy, Switzerland and Germany. His last trip abroad was just prior to the outbreak of the European War in 1914, being in France when the Germans began the war with their drive upon the French capital. He speaks both French and German fluently, his knowledge of these languages having greatly facilitated his foreign study. He also made a trip of three months' duration in the West. For a good share of the time he was a guest of Professor Lines, formerly instructor in economics at Mount Holyoke College, and who now owns a ranch in Columbus, Montana. On the return trip, Mr. Tucker spent a week in San Francisco. Mr. Tucker also spent a few days in Salt Lake City, where he inspected the big organ, recently rebuilt by Austen of Hartford. He has devoted his life to his art and is one of the well known organists of this section. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists and of the Holyoke Canoe Club.

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### WOOLLEY, Mary Emma, LL. D.,

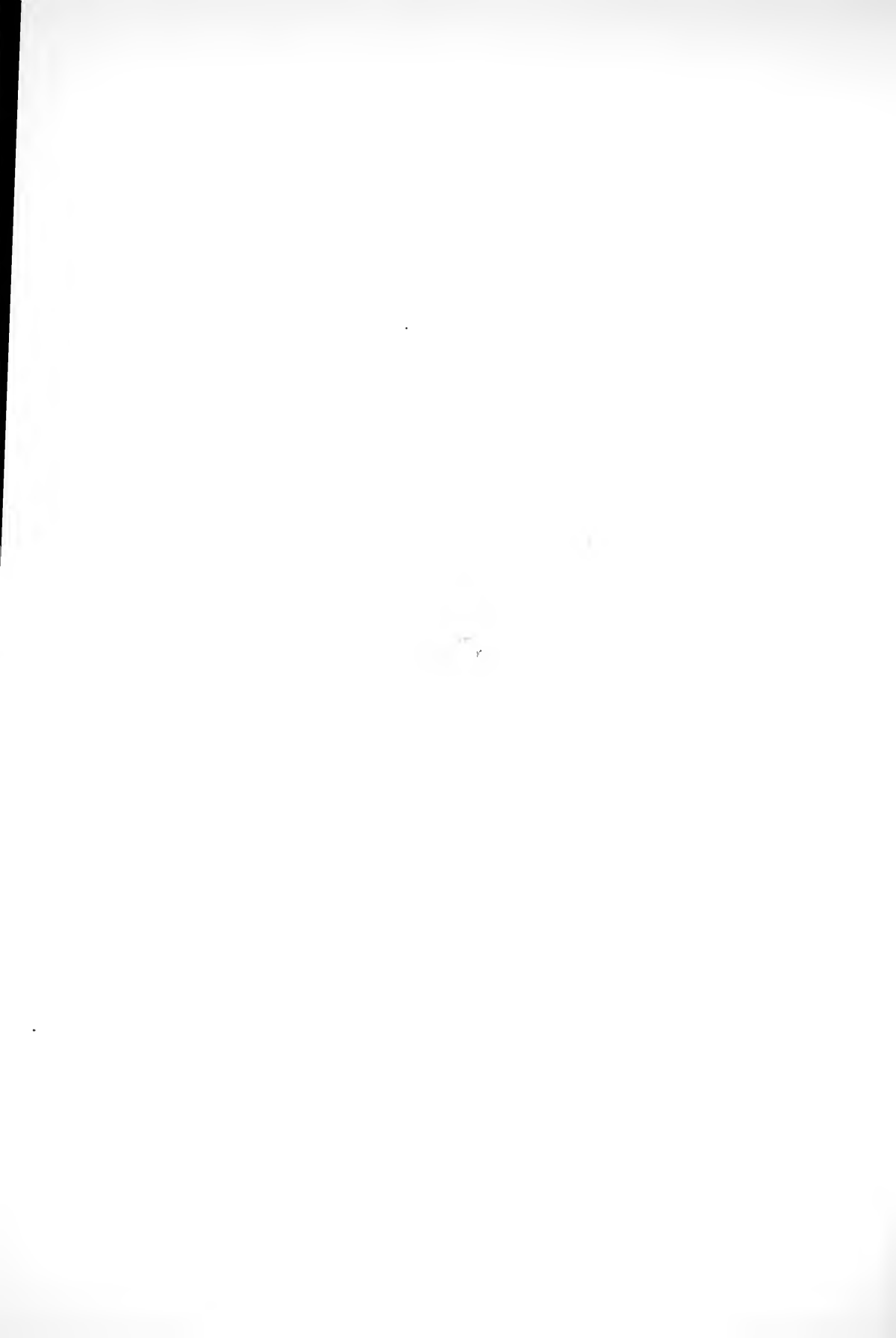
**President of Mt. Holyoke College.**

As educator, college president and litterateur, Miss Mary Emma Woolley has fairly won her way to eminence, and ranks as one of the representative women of the world in an age in which there is no dearth of brilliant minds among the sex.

On paternal lines President Woolley descends from Joseph Woolley, born in 1800, in a Spanish town on the Island of Jamaica, West Indies, and who at the age of twelve years was sent to New York to



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be educated. Joseph Woolley's father died not long after the sending of his son to the United States. When he attained suitable age he learned the cabinet maker's trade, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut, there attained a good position, and married Fanny Burroughs, born April 7, 1804, daughter of Captain Stephen (3) Burroughs, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, granddaughter of Captain Stephen (2) Burroughs, a captain of the Revolution, and great-granddaughter of Stephen (1) Burroughs. Joseph and Fanny (Burroughs) Woolley were the parents of John; Georgianna, married Charles Beatty; Joseph Judah, of further mention; and William.

Rev. Joseph Judah Woolley was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1832, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, July 1, 1906. He became an eminent minister of the Congregational church, and during both the Civil and Spanish-American wars volunteered his services, serving as chaplain. He continued in the active ministry until his death. He married Mary Augusta Ferris, born March 4, 1838, died March 28, 1905. Children: Mary Emma, of further mention; Erving Yale, married Mary E. Davis and has children: Paul and Mary E.; Frank Ferris, married Harriet Wright, they the parents of Frank Ferris (2), Janet, Eleanor, and Grace E., who died when a child.

Through her grandmother, Fanny (Burroughs) Woolley, President Woolley traces descent to Robert Burroughs, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, who is descended from the Burroughs family long seated in Devonshire, England. A noted representative of that family was Captain Burroughs, the navigator, who in 1553 commanded one of the vessels of the ill fated expedition attempting to find a passage to China by the Nova Zembla route. Captain Burroughs alone brought his vessel in safety into the White Sea, and from that event dates Eng-

land's commercial relations with Russia. Another Burroughs of the Devonshire family, "Clerk and Comptroller of the Queen's Navy," received a grant of a coat-of-arms in 1586, described as: Azure a bend wavy argent between two fleurs-de-lis ermine.

Robert Burroughs, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, married Mary, widow of Samuel Ireland, and removed to New London, Connecticut; had (with perhaps other children) a son John, born in New London, Connecticut. He married there Mary, daughter of John Culver. John (2) Burroughs, eldest child of John (1) Burroughs, was born in New London, Connecticut, September 2, 1671. Removing in early manhood to Stratford, Fairfield county, Connecticut, he became a prominent citizen of that community and one of its most enterprising men. In 1707 he purchased a half proprietorship in a grist mill, with a dwelling and several acres of land from John Seeley, who had built the mill—the first on the Pequonnock river—in 1697; and in 1710 he bought Seeley's remaining interest. Throughout the remainder of his life he was a prosperous farmer and miller. He married Patience, daughter of Edward Hinman, of Stratford. Stephen Burroughs, eldest child of John (2) Burroughs, was born in Stratford, February 25, 1695. He inherited the paternal homestead, and also received a "double portion" of the estate. Subsequently by purchase from his sisters, he became the sole owner of the mill property. In addition to his possessions in Stratford, he had lands "in Rocky Hill, in the mountains of Cornwall and on the plains of Wallingford." He married, March 3, 1720, Ruth, daughter of Abraham Nichols, a leading citizen and member of a wealthy family of Stratford.

Stephen (2) Burroughs, known as Captain Stephen Burroughs, and also as Stephen Burroughs, the astronomer, fourth child of Stephen (1) Burroughs, was born

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in Rocky Hill, now North Bridgeport, October 4, 1729. He was a man of extraordinary mathematical attainments, which apparently were acquired without the advantage of any formal educational training. Among his literary reviews, possessed by his descendants, is his "Navigation Book," bearing date 1749 (when he was only twenty), which contains intricate trigonometrical problems, worked out by logarithms, for use in trigonometry. He continued his astronomical studies with great zeal to the end of his life, made numerous calculations for almanacs, and was engaged in the compilation of an extended work on astronomy, which he was obliged to suspend by the loss of his eyesight when about seventy years old. To him has been attributed the invention of the decimal monetary system of the United States. According to Isaac Sherman, Mr. Burroughs made the original proposal in that direction and submitted it to Hon. William Samuel Johnson, "who after understanding its simplicity and great convenience, caused it to be brought before Congress in 1784, when he was a member of that body." He possessed an unusually large and varied library for those times, a portion of which is now preserved in the Burroughs Public Library in Bridgeport. The scientific and scholarly pursuits of Stephen Burroughs were, however, only incidental to a life of great activity and success in practical affairs. He was the principal merchant of the locality, and his establishment at the Burroughs Landing at Rocky Hill was the centre of the shipping business of the Pequonnock river. The manuscript records of his transactions, kept with scrupulous care, are of great historical value for the information which they afford about the circumstances and usages of life and society in Connecticut during the latter half of the eighteenth century. In the Revolution he was an earnest patriot and raised a military company,

known as the Householders, of which he was captain. He was twice a representative in the General Assembly, and for many years was justice of the peace. He died August 2, 1817, on his eighty-eighth birthday anniversary. Captain Burroughs married (first) May 22, 1760, Elizabeth Browne, who died December 4, 1764, of a "very excellent family" of Stratford, daughter of Joseph Browne, and sister of Anne Browne, who married Wolcott Chauncey and was the mother of the famous Commodore Isaac Chauncey, of the United States Navy. He married (second) December 11, 1765, Huldah, daughter of Peter Pixlee, and widow of Jeremiah Judson.

Stephen (3) Burroughs, second child of Stephen (2) Burroughs (by his first marriage) was born March 5, 1763. He was a merchant in Bridgeport, captain of coasting vessels, and also made several voyages in the trade with China. He married (first) March, 1792, Mary, daughter of Levi Jennings, of Boston; (second) November, 1812, Pamela (Turney) Higby, of Trumbull, Connecticut, widow of Dr. Higby.

Fanny Burroughs, eighth child of Captain Stephen (3) Burroughs, and his first wife, Mary (Jennings) Burroughs, was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, April 7, 1804, married Joseph Woolley, of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dr. Mary Emma Woolley, of the third generation of Woolleys in the United States, and of the ninth American generation of Burroughs, was born in South Norwalk, Connecticut, July 13, 1863. After graduation from Wheaton Seminary, Norton, Massachusetts, she continued at the Seminary as an instructor, 1886-1891, then entered Brown University, whence she was graduated with the Bachelor's degree, class of '94." She returned to Brown University the following year, did post-graduate work and was awarded the Master's degree with the class of '95." The same year she was

appointed instructor of Biblical History at Wellesley College, and as associate professor served during the period, 1896-1899. During the year 1899-1900 she was professor and head of the department of Biblical History and Literature, retaining that chair until her election in 1900 to the presidency of Mt. Holyoke College, a position of honor and responsibility she most ably fills, her executive service to the institution having been continuous since that time until the present (1917). The same year, 1900, Brown University conferred the degree Litt. D., and Amherst College, L. H. D. In 1910 Smith College conferred LL. D., and Yale University the honorary degree of A. M. in 1914.

There are few avenues of usefulness open to women which do not engage Miss Woolley's attention. She is a member of Current Opinion Scholarship Fund Committee; Senate of the United Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society; Brown University and Mount Holyoke Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Society; Board of Governors at Christian College for Women, Madras, India; Managing Committee of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem; Board of Electors of the Hall of Fame; American Association for Maintaining a Woman's Table at Naples; American Academy of Political and Social Science; College Entrance Examination Board; Board of Trustees of Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio; Board of Trustees of American International College, Springfield, Massachusetts; Rhode Island Society for the Collegiate Education of Women; Northeastern Territorial Committee of National Board of Young Women's Christian Association; Church Peace Union; Board of Directors of National Institute for Moral Instruction; Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis; Advisory Board of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupation in New

York City; Polish University Grants' Committee; Board of Missionary Preparation; Corporate Member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (1917); American Section of the Committee on Christian Education in the Mission Field; Committee of Religious Education of the National Council of Congregational Churches; Woman's Peace Party; National Council American Institute of Social Service; Advisory Committee of Standing Committee of Habit-Forming Drugs (American Public Health Association); Women's Woodrow Wilson League; Curtis Guild Memorial Committee; Advisory Council Massachusetts Association for Labor Legislation; Charter Member of the Church Peace League; Central Organization for a Durable Peace; Association of Collegiate Alumnae; Lyceum Club, London; Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Rhode Island Branch; Woman's Cosmopolitan Club, New York City; Woman's University Club, New York City; Pawtucket Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is an honorary member of Salem Society for Higher Education of Women; New England Women's Press Association; Boston College Club; Springfield Club; Pawtucket Women's Club; Sorosis. She is vice-president of Constantinople College Association; Woman's Home Missionary Association; Rhode Island Branch Woman's Board of Missions; Religious Educational Association (also Director-at-large); American School Peace League; American Peace Societies; Massachusetts Branch of the Peace Society; League to Enforce Peace; and honorary vice-president of the National Consumer's League; Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage League; Massachusetts Audubon Society. She is the author of historical monographs, "Early History of the Colonial Post Office," "Development of the Love of

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Romantic Scenery in America," "History of the Passover Scandal," and many educational articles.

**HANLEY, Francis J.,**

**Physician and Surgeon.**

The State of Massachusetts with its highly specialized educational system and rapid industrial development demands that practitioners of any profession be men of sound training and marked ability. It is in this way that its progress has been aided and its high rank among the states maintained. The medical profession is no exception among the others and to be admitted to practice in this State is proof that education and ability have been thoroughly tested.

Dr. Francis J. Hanley, to whom this review is devoted, is a physician in Whitman, to whom the county owes its gratitude on account of his faithful and efficient service. Martin and Elizabeth Hanley, parents of Dr. Francis J. Hanley, are residents of Massachusetts and have spent their entire lives in the vicinity of Boston. For many years Mr. Hanley was engaged in the Reynolds Woolen Mills, of Monson, Massachusetts, where his services were much appreciated by his employers to whom he gave his most devoted attention. He had the honor of being a member of the Fifty-seventh New York Regiment during the Civil War. He is now retired from active business cares, and for the past several years has made his home in Middleboro, Massachusetts.

Dr. Francis J. Hanley received his early education in the public schools of Hinsdale, Massachusetts, where his birth occurred on January 10, 1869. After completing the courses given by the public schools he was sent to Monson Academy, where he prepared to matriculate at the Georgetown University. During his college career at

the latter institution he decided to take up the practice of medicine later in life. He selected his courses with that end in view. After receiving his degree he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he remained the full four years, familiarizing himself not only with the general medical practice but with surgery also. His high rank among his associate physicians is particularly emphasized by the fact that he is not only a member of many medical organizations, but also director, officer and trustee of several of these societies. This shows his desire to keep abreast with the latest developments in medical science, as well as his desire to assist others in gaining all possible benefits from fraternal intercourse with their fellow practitioners. Thus Dr. Hanley is not only extremely busy and successful, but is also in great demand socially in these organizations. Being interested in education beyond that of the medical profession, he has for ten years held the position of trustee of the Whitman Public Library. He is a member of the Plymouth County, Massachusetts and Brockton Medical societies; Massachusetts Society for Examining Physicians and Surgeons; Boston City Club and Samoset Club of Whitman; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Whitman Council; Knights of Columbus; Sons of Veterans; George A. Custer Camp of Whitman. He is the medical director of Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, trustee of the Knights of Columbus Bed in Carney Hospital, Boston; and past grand knight of Whitman Council, Knights of Columbus. Following the religion of his parents, both Dr. Hanley and his family have always been members of the Roman Catholic church.

On November 17, 1897, Dr. Hanley married Mary E. McGovern, daughter of James and Elizabeth McGovern, of Dorchester, Massachusetts. They are the parents of





R. J. Floody

two children: Edward J., whose birth occurred February 27, 1903, and Francis J., Jr., whose birth occurred May 11, 1906.

**FLOODY, Robert John, D. D.,**

**Clergyman, Reformer.**

While the late Rev. Dr. Robert John Floody, of Worcester, Massachusetts, will be remembered because of his Christian work, his deep study into the religious lore of the ancients, he will be most popularly recalled and his memory revered by the thousands of boys in America for whom he opened a way for better living, greater ambition and higher places in the world as men.

Dr. Floody was a native of Cartright, Canada, son of Charles and Hannah (Virtue) Floody, and a descendant of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He obtained his early education in the public schools of his native town, graduating from the High School. He then entered the Teacher's Training School and there received excellent preparation for the vocation of teacher and prepared for pedagogical work, for which he was eminently qualified because he was possessed of those rare attainments which seem to make easier the grasping and retaining of knowledge by the young. After serving in this work two years, he was impelled to the higher services of the Christian ministry and matriculated at McGill University. He entered upon his ministerial work in 1886, accepting an appointment to the Gladwin (Michigan) Methodist Church, and later was transferred to the Olivet Methodist Episcopal Church of Michigan. Three years later, he was ordained and made a member of the Michigan Conference. His experience with the world thus far convinced him that his ambitions could be accomplished in a far greater degree by deeper study in Arts and Sciences and he entered Albion College,

graduating therefrom in 1890 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then became a student in Boston University and graduated in 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology. The same year he was awarded the degree of Master of Science by Albion College, and in 1910 his *Alma Mater* conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1892 he became a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and on several occasions was called upon to prepare and read papers for that body.

Dr. Floody was a scholar and a deep thinker. He studied well the higher sciences that brought him a broader knowledge of life and the psychology of living. He devoted much time to literature and left behind him four books unfinished, regarded as remarkable in their literary merit, and his finished work "Scientific Basis of Sabbath and Sunday" which is known as the standard work upon this subject. His greatest work, certainly the most popular work of his lifetime, was the origination of the Garden City movement. In 1906 he organized the Worcester Social Settlement Association with the object of helping toward bettering life for the residents of the tenement districts of Worcester. This was perhaps the beginning of the greater idea, for the next year he began the Garden City Movement which is still carried on and bears the name "Worcester Garden City Incorporate." His primary motive behind this work was to lessen crime among the juvenile residents of the city, which had been increasing at an alarming rate, and to teach the young some of the most valuable lessons for better life. This work resulted in the organization of miniature cities for boys and girls, where they governed themselves under the American Municipal Government plan, transforming dumping grounds into productive gardens and instilling in their young minds

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the principles of good citizenship in their little communities in the belief that these lessons would serve to make them better when they reached the age of the greater responsibilities of citizenship. He gave not only of his time but of his substance to make this work effective and permanent and, as carried on by his wife after his death, it has spread far and near; and the little community of youngsters of the poor established in 1907 seems to have been the foundation upon which the work for great good and far-reaching influence is being built. Dr. Floody's life has been summed up as that of a forceful example of the "Good Samaritan." He seemed to have been influenced by this old lesson all his life, and at all times was eager to "Go forth and do likewise."

He died May 19, 1915, and was mourned by people of all creeds, and not the least of those who felt the personal loss in his passing were the boys and girls of Worcester to whom he had brought better ideals and greater ambitions than otherwise would have been theirs.

Dr. Floody married Addelene Beecher, daughter of Madison and Harriett (Dewey) Beecher, July 20, 1889.

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### SMITH, Edward Harper, D. D. S.,

#### Dental Practitioner.

The third Dr. Smith to grace the dental profession of Holyoke, Dr. Edward Harper Smith, as a student under and associate with his honored father, Dr. Daniel Herbert Smith, gladly acknowledges the debt he owes to that wise, helpful father in guiding his early professional years. Dr. Smith, the elder, was one of the pioneer dentists of Holyoke, his practice in that city dating from 1872. He was well known and beloved by the older generation, and is remembered for his professional skill, his gentleness, unflinching courtesy and modest

simplicity. He was an ardent lover of nature, and every day he could abstract from office work found him roving the fields and woods, and he knew every tree and every form of bird life for miles around Holyoke. He loved to hunt and to fish, but he never hunted the song birds nor any useful animal except for food. The second Dr. Edward C. Smith, also a dentist, brother of Dr. Daniel H. Smith, and uncle of Dr. Edward H. Smith, the twentieth century representative, left the city in 1886. Dr. Daniel H. Smith died in 1914, Dr. Edward H. Smith now upholding the family professional honor in the city of his birth, his practice dating from 1906.

Dr. Edward H. Smith traces descent from William Smith, one of the four related Smiths who, with their sister, came to Hartford, Connecticut: Christopher, moved to Northampton and died there; Joseph, settled in Hartford; Simon; Mary, became the wife of William Partridge, and moved to Hatfield, Massachusetts; William, the ancestor of this branch, moved to Weathersfield, Connecticut, and in 1648 was made clerk of the train band. In 1649 he moved to Middletown, Connecticut; in 1655 to Farmington, Connecticut, where he died in 1671. William Smith married, August 16, 1644. Elizabeth Standly, daughter of Timothy Standly. Children: Jonathan, born January 26, 1647, a soldier in King Philip's War, killed by the Indians at Hatfield, Massachusetts, May 30, 1676; Johannah, born June 2, 1649, died May 30, 1676; Susannah, born March 20, 1651; Elizabeth, May 20, 1653; Mehitable, twin with Elizabeth; Joseph, August 25, 1655; Benjamin, of further mention; William, April, 1661, and Samuel, May, 1664.

Benjamin Smith was born in Farmington, Connecticut, April 11, 1658, died in West Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1738. He married (second) Hannah Loomis, a sister of his first wife, and was the found-



er of this branch of the Springfield-Holyoke district of Massachusetts. Children: William; Ruth, born February 8, 1684; Benjamin, February 14, 1686; Samuel, August 24, 1689; Elizabeth, February 14, 1692; Rachel, October 25, 1694; Jonathan, of further mention; Job, December 29, 1700; Mary, August 12, 1703.

Jonathan Smith was born October 20, 1697, and died in West Springfield, Massachusetts, February 9, 1772. He married Margaret Ball, daughter of Samuel Ball. Children: Jonathan, born June 27, 1729; David, August 12, 1731; Margaret, December 10, 1733; Solomon, May 20, 1737; Daniel, of further mention; Caleb, September 17, 1743; Simeon, March 3, 1750.

Daniel Smith was born June 20, 1739, and died March 6, 1808. He married, June 30, 1766, Mary Noble, born August 19, 1738. Children: Son, died aged nine years; Mary, born February 26, 1768, died July 2, 1836; Daniel, of further mention; Electa, born December 25, 1772, died July 15, 1860; Enoch, born May 20, 1775, died November 9, 1847; Anna, born June 21, 1778, died November 11, 1858.

Daniel (2) Smith was born April 9, 1770, and died December 11, 1845. He married, December 18, 1801, Sarah Day, daughter of John and Rhoda (Chapin) Day. Children: Sally, born October 19, 1802, died December 13, 1880; John Day, born February 19, 1805, died January 10, 1899; Thankful, February 1, 1807, died April 9, 1888; Mary Ann, October 3, 1809, died January 21, 1884; Rhoda Chapin, born April 9, 1812, died July 29, 1882; Daniel, of further mention.

Daniel (3) Smith was born February 9, 1816, and died April 28, 1897. He married, December 21, 1840, Lou Luce, daughter of George W. Luce, of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Children: Sarah Elizabeth, born August 1, 1842; Edward Chapin, born October 26, 1843, died July 21, 1902;

George Edy, born February 1, 1846; Daniel Herbert, of further mention; Henry Augustus, born August 23, 1851, died January 4, 1908.

Daniel Herbert Smith was born in West Springfield, Massachusetts, February 23, 1848, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, November 19, 1914. He was educated in Springfield schools and Westfield State Normal School, a graduate of the latter institution. In his younger years he taught school for one year in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, then for a time was principal of Greenville Academy, New York State. While at Greenville he began studying dentistry with his brother, George E. Smith. In 1871 he opened an office in South Hadley Falls, but a year later moved his office to Holyoke. His first office was in the Baker Block, later in the old Prentiss block on Main street. In 1874 his brother, Edward C. Smith, joined him in practice, and the firm of Smith Brothers sprang into being, continuing until Edward C. Smith retired from the firm in 1886, and left the city, going to the old farm in West Springfield. Later he practiced in Westfield, then retired and his death occurred on the old farm. He had one son, Charles H. Smith, engaged in the automobile business in New London, Connecticut, being the first to open a garage there. In 1881, Dr. Daniel H. Smith moved his dental offices to No. 235 High street, in the old Tilly Building, there continuing in practice up to 1899, then moved to the Senior Building, now the City Bank Building, but wherever located he was the leading dentist of the city, serving a large and influential clientele, who appreciated his skill and gentleness. He continued in active practice up to 1912, then retired, after forty-one years of continuous practice. Dr. Daniel H. Smith married, November 15, 1871, Anna Stevens, born in June, 1848, died December 13, 1913, daughter of Orrin and Mary (Smith) Stevens, of Greenville,

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New York. They were the parents of two sons: Edward Harper, of further mention; Herbert Daniel, born December 31, 1877, died March 6, 1900.

Dr. Edward Harper Smith, of the eighth American generation of the family founded in Connecticut by William Smith, and in West Springfield, Massachusetts, by his son, Benjamin Smith, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, December 2, 1874. He was educated in Holyoke grade and high schools, completing his school years with graduation from high school with the class of 1893. After working under his father's instruction for three years, he entered Philadelphia Dental College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated D. D. S., class of 1899. After obtaining his degree he was associated with a dental practitioner in New Jersey for a time, and for six months with his father in Holyoke, then on January 1, 1901, he opened offices in Springfield, Massachusetts, there practicing very successfully until 1906, when he returned to Holyoke and there succeeded to the honors and emoluments so long enjoyed by his honored father, whose skill and popularity have fallen upon his son. He is a thorough master of the practice of modern dentistry, and is highly rated in his profession. He is a member of William Whitney Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Bay State Club, ex-trustee; Holyoke Canoe Club; the City, State and National Dental societies, and the Second Congregational Church.

Dr. Smith married, February 9, 1899, Nellie Baugham, of North Carolina. They are the parents of two children: Dorothy Huston, born March 19, 1900; Herbert Daniel, born December 13, 1910.

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**WEISER, Walter Rupert, M. D.,**

**Physician.**

The Weisers came to America in 1710, landing at New York, where Conrad Weis-

er, the great-great-grandfather of Walter R. Weiser, of Springfield, Massachusetts, remained until 1714. His parents continued in New York until 1723, when they settled on Tulpehocken creek in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Conrad Weiser was born in Germany in 1696, and in 1710 was brought to New York City by his parents, arriving June 13, 1710. His father became acquainted with a Mohawk Indian chief, who becoming interested in young Conrad offered to take him to the New York home of his tribe and teach him the Mohawk language. The father consented, and in 1714 he began his residence with the Indians. Although he suffered many trials and privations during the following years he became an adept in the Indian tongue, their signs, symbols and mysteries. He did not settle in Pennsylvania until 1729, then joined the family at the home on Tulpehocken creek. In 1730, Governor Gordon, of Pennsylvania, learning of his knowledge of the Indian tongue, called upon him to act as an interpreter with the Indians, and during the following twenty-five years he acted in that capacity at all the Indian treaty councils and was one of the most famous Indian interpreters of that period. During the French and Indian War he was lieutenant-colonel in command of the second battalion of the Pennsylvania Regiment. He settled in Lancaster, later York county, Pennsylvania, and was one of Lancaster's early men of note. In 1752 he was appointed a trustee of the schools held in Lancaster, York and Reading, Pennsylvania. He died July 13, 1760.

Conrad Weiser was succeeded by his son, Martin Weiser, who died in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, leaving a son Martin (2) Weiser, born in York, Pennsylvania, a merchant of York, died in 1829. He married Catherine Haller. They were the parents of William, Susan, Mary, Catherine, Martin Haller, of further mention, and

Emma. Martin Haller Weiser was born in York, Pennsylvania, in 1825, and died in 1886. He learned the mercantile business in his father's store in York, and nearly his entire life was spent as a merchant. He the German Lutheran church as deacon, and was an earnest Christian worker, served member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married (first) Caroline J. Peiffer, a daughter of Christopher and Mary (Hyde) Peiffer, of New York. He married (second) Mary Tyler. The children of his first marriage were: Edwin Christopher, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and William P., of Camden, New Jersey. By his second marriage: Dr. Walter Rupert Weiser, of further mention; Martin Luther, of Long Island City, New York; and Margaret Haller, deceased.

Dr. Walter Rupert Weiser, eldest son of Martin Haller Weiser and his second wife, Mary (Tyler) Weiser, was born in York, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1870. He prepared in the grade and high schools of York, then entered the College of Pharmacy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, finishing his course in 1889 with the degree of Ph.D. Deciding upon the profession of medicine, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his M. D. with the graduating class of 1892. The following years were spent in hospital work in Philadelphia, special attention being given to surgery. In 1894 he located in Springfield, Massachusetts, where for eight years he practiced both medicine and surgery. In 1902 he went abroad and for two years made a special study of surgery, receiving his degree from the University of Vienna. From 1904 until the present he has practiced surgery exclusively in Springfield, Massachusetts, being managing director of the Hampden Hospital, which he founded. He has been surgeon to the Springfield and

Mercy Hospitals, and State Hospital for Epileptics, and consulting surgeon to the Noble and Wing Hospitals. He is a skilled surgeon, never operating unless an operation is necessary and never delaying an operation to the detriment of a patient. He combines the gentleness of a woman with the nerve and courage of the surgeon who cuts to cure, and has a record of uniform success. Dr. Weiser is president of the Academy of Medicine of Springfield, and a trustee since its organization; he is an ex-secretary and ex-president of the Hampden District of the Massachusetts Medical Society; member of the American Medical Association; the Nayasset Club (member of board of governors); Springfield Country and Springfield Automobile clubs; Roswell Lee Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; is a thirty-second degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; a Noble of the Mystic Shrine; an Odd Fellow and an Elk. Dr. Weiser was appointed a captain in the Massachusetts Red Cross, United States Army, April 9, 1917, and was called into the service in June, 1917. He was ordered to camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. On September 10, 1917, he was commissioned a major, and is at present serving with the United States army.

Dr. Weiser married (first) October 2, 1895, Harriet Lamson, of Springfield, Massachusetts, who died November 9, 1915, leaving a son, Franklin Hall, born in Springfield, August 30, 1897, a graduate of Springfield High School, Phillips Exeter Academy, class of 1915, and is now a student at the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1919 (College Department). Dr. Weiser married (second) February 1, 1917, Karolin M. Dietrich, of Springfield, Massachusetts, a daughter of Albert and Matilda Dietrich.

**FITZGIBBONS, Edward P.,**

**Merchant.**

As one of the largest United States dealers in leather remnants, Mr. Fitzgibbons has added to the industries of Whitman, Massachusetts, one of the largest and most important plants. The great benefit so large an industry is to a community is at once apparent, but the impetus he has given to material prosperity is but one obligation under which Whitman rests to Mr. Fitzgibbons. There he has erected his beautiful mansion surrounded by an extensive Italian garden designed and built by the noted landscape gardener, Windsor Wynan, house and grounds forming one of the great attractions of the town. In addition he has taken a deep interest in the upbuilding of Whitman, and lent generous aid to every enterprise which promised temporal or moral benefit. He is a son of James and Ellen Fitzgibbons, his father also having been a leather merchant.

Edward P. Fitzgibbons was born in Whitman, Massachusetts, July 28, 1870, and was educated in the grammar and high schools of Whitman. He completed his education with a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, after which he entered the business in which he has been so conspicuous a success. The business has grown to great proportions and products of the Fitzgibbons plant are found all over the United States and form a large item of the leather export trade with England and France. The plant at No. 68 Temple street was established in 1902, and the development of the business has been remarkable, Mr. Fitzgibbons being widely known as one of the leading operators in his special line in the United States. In addition to dealing in leather remnants, stay facings, tongues are cut to order, and cut lifts, outersoles, innersoles and taps are bought and sold. An idea of the business trans-

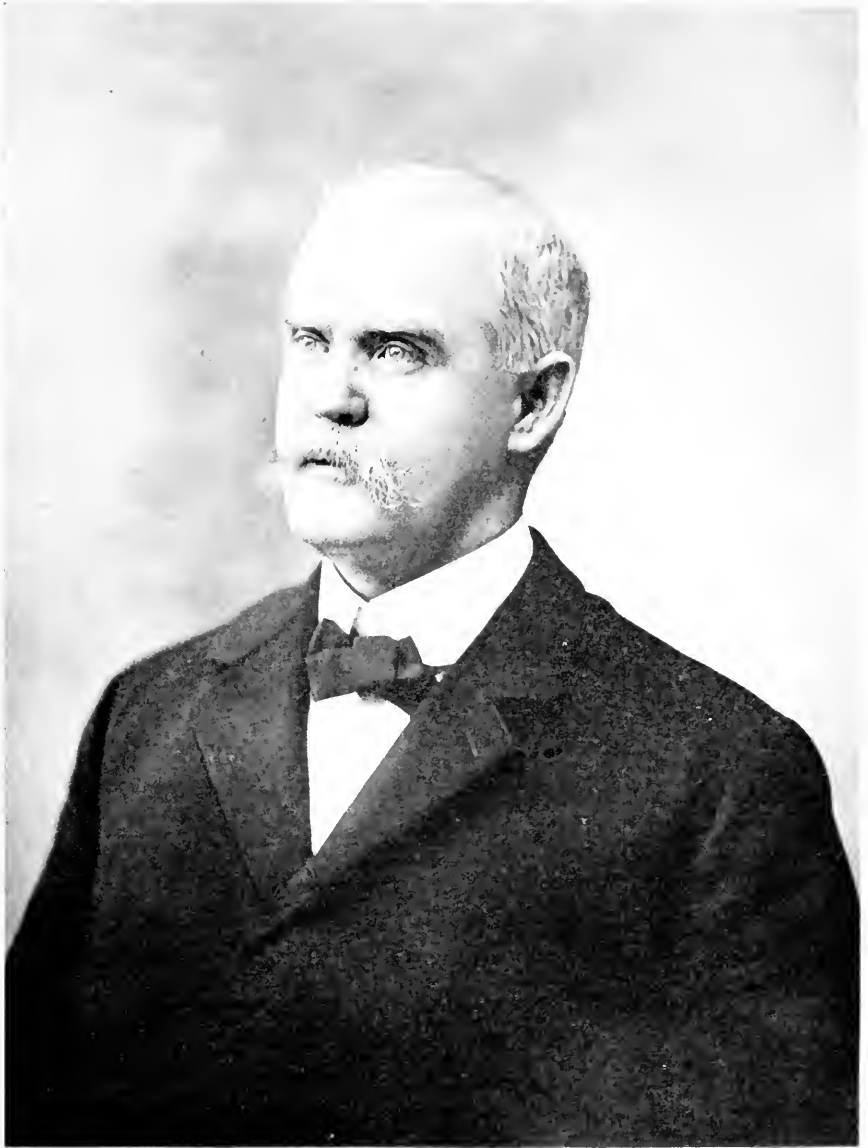
acted may be gained from the fact that Mr. Fitzgibbons handles the remnants of such large shoe manufacturing concerns as Rice & Hutchins, of Rockland; E. T. Wright, of Rockland; Louis A. Crossett Company, of North Abington; the Commonwealth Shoe Company, of Whitman, and many others. In the management of his large business, Mr. Fitzgibbons displays sterling qualities that have won him enviable reputation among the progressive, sagacious business men of the Bay State. He is a member of the Whitman Board of Trade, and has many interests in the city of his birth. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious faith a Roman Catholic. He is a member of the Republican Club, the Knights of Columbus (Fourth Degree) and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

He married, on Thanksgiving Day, 1891, Julia Morey, daughter of Dennis J. and Margaret Morey. They have two children: 1. Harold E., born November 26, 1893, graduate of Whitman High School, of Phillips Andover Academy, class of 1911, and of Harvard University, class of 1915, and is now associated in business with his father, making the third generation to engage in the same line of activity; while a student at Harvard he was active in athletics, pitching for two years on the Varsity base ball team. During the World War he served as clerk in the Quartermaster's Department, United States Army, having charge of the final inspection of the army shoes made in the Brockton district. 2. Agnes M., born February 11, 1895.

**THOMPSON, John J.,**

**Skillful Physician.**

Dr. John J. Thompson, practicing physician in Webster and vicinity for more than a third of a century, respected by the community and beloved by all as a phy-



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sician for his skill in treating the sick, and for his life-long acts of painstaking and self-sacrificing benevolence, was a native of Webster, Massachusetts, born February 10, 1858, son of Richard and Bridget (Farrell) Thompson, respected and influential residents of Webster.

The foundation for his education was derived in the public schools of his native town, and in 1876 he was graduated from the Webster High School. In June, 1877, he received his diploma from Nichols Academy in Dudley, then entered Holy Cross College in Worcester, from which he was graduated in 1882, and in 1887, five years later, was graduated with high honors from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. Shortly afterward he passed the examination of the Massachusetts Medical Board, and began the active practice of his profession in Webster. A pleasing personality, coupled with proper training, experience and rare judgment in critical cases, increased his practice in an incredibly short space of time, and he came to be recognized as one of the leading physicians of his community. In addition to his private practice, which increased with each passing year, he served for many years as town physician, and also served as physician to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Royal Arcanum and the Order of Foresters. Although deeply absorbed and interested in his chosen line of work, Dr. Thompson devoted considerable of his time to the improvement of the public school system, serving the town of Webster for nine years on the school board, he being considered an authority on educational matters, his study being careful and unbiased. He was a member of the committee which designed and built the school, the most modern in town, located on Prospect street, named in his honor. His interest in this building was shown in many ways, including substantial gifts for advanced school

equipment and furnishings. Dr. Thompson was active in the lodge and society life of Webster. He was affiliated with many of the leading organizations, including Division 11, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Webster Council, Knights of Columbus; Ben Franklin Council, Royal Arcanum; Court Friendship, Foresters of America; Massachusetts Medical Society, Nichols Academy Alumni Association and Holy Cross Alumni Society.

The close attention he gave to his professional and other duties caused his health to break, and about three years prior to his death he suffered a paralytic shock, which left him practically helpless, this calamity causing wide-spread sorrow throughout his large circle of friends, patients and acquaintances. Through his many months of suffering he bore his trial with patient fortitude, looked for the cheerful side of life and, although helpless and suffering, he derived considerable pleasure from the declining years of his life. Dr. Thompson died at his late home on Lake street, Webster, September 16, 1916. The high esteem in which Dr. Thompson was universally held was made evident by the many who attended the funeral services, men and women of all ages and conditions in life, all of whom respected and admired him for his many excellent characteristics, and for the part he played in the conduct of affairs in Webster. Funeral services were held in St. Louis Church, and a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Garrett H. Dolan, pastor, with Rev. James J. Farrell, Worcester, deacon; Rev. Patrick J. O'Malley, Clinton, sub-deacon, and Rev. James W. Dolan, master of ceremonies. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

The Worcester District Medical Society in their Memorial of their late respected associate, Dr. John J. Thompson, said in part:

In the passing from this life of our Townsman

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and also Associate and Co-worker, we mourn with the personnel of this Association in the loss of our esteemed Member, one whose devotion to the medical profession was not only respected by his hundreds of patients, but one whose quiet dignity and scholarly bearing were an honor to the Worcester District Medical Society.

There are those of your Committee who can not only attest to the value of the late Dr. Thompson's life as a most successful physician, but as an educational force in the community long favored by his professional skill and as an efficient public servant in connection with our institutions of learning; but also have been intimate and associated with him as a playmate, schoolmate and co-worker. A student from early life, always considerate of those with whom he came in contact, which noble characteristic was a predominating force through his professional life to the extent that his own interests were constantly sacrificed, and his health thereby permanently undermined.

At a special meeting of Court Friendship, No. 59, Foresters of America, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call from our midst our beloved brother, Dr. John J. Thompson, therefore, be it

Resolved, That while humbly bowing before Divine will, we cannot but regret the loss to our Court of an honest and faithful brother, one who was ever ready to uphold the motto of Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord.

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days.

Resolved, That we tender his sister our heartfelt sympathy in her sad bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our Court, and that a printed copy be sent to his sister, Miss Ellen Thompson, as a lasting tribute to the memory of our beloved brother.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Miss Ellen M. (Nellie) Thompson, a graduate of the old Mount Saint Mary, in the sorrow for a beloved brother, Dr. John J. Thompson, of Webster, who had been in the medical profession for a number of years, and was remarkable for his kindness to poor patients who were tended with extreme care. May our Dear Lord console his sister as only he can and give eternal rest to the soul of the departed one.

Nothing is our own; we hold our pleasures just

a little while, ere they are fled. One by one life robs us of our treasures; nothing is our own except our death.

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**GILMORE, Edward,**

**Public Official.**

In every community or state when economic or political conditions require their leadership there are found men of unusual ability as organizers who step forward from the younger ranks and assume the burdens of the occasion, men who form their plans quickly and execute them with determination. Such men are never satisfied with present conditions and delight in changing what is old and inefficient into new and progressive customs laws, whose scope is equal to the advances brought about by commercial development and civilization. At such an occasion Edward Gilmore became prominent in the political life of Massachusetts.

Born in Brockton, January 4, 1867, son of John and Ellen Gilmore, his early years were spent at home, frequently assisting in his father's grocery store and always giving due attention to his studies pursued in the public schools. He later entered the high school and completed the full course. During this time he had learned much about the grocery business from his father's store and he immediately, after finishing school, started in this line himself, and is still continuing it. His business interests have not been confined to the grocery and provision trade, as he is also a director of the Brockton Savings Bank, to which institution he gives considerable attention. Throughout his life he has been an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of the Democratic party and his political career has been a fine example of his logical way of undertaking things; first starting with his own city's interests and working from that to district and then branching out to state and national politics.



At the time that he first interested himself in the activities of his party the Democrats were in an apparently hopeless minority and they needed just such an active, courageous fighter as Mr. Gilmore to start and turn the tide. His first political office in this city was as alderman and he was a member of the Board in 1901, 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906, and acted as chairman of the Board of Aldermen in 1903. His work on the Brockton Democratic city committee served as a stepping stone for his later service on the Massachusetts Democratic committee, of which he was a member for several years. In 1907 and 1908 he was elected representative to the Legislature of Massachusetts from the ninth Plymouth district. His willingness to fulfill every obligation which this election placed upon him was appreciated by the speaker and he was made a member of the committee on roads and bridges. At this time roads in America were a big problem and on account of the highly developed state of his territory it was particularly important that the public highways should be put in good condition as early as possible. In this work Mr. Gilmore was particularly active and made plans not only for the present and for his own state but also for all New England. During his term as representative he became one of the leaders of his party and seldom was any question brought up on which he was not asked to give his advice. In 1901 and 1902, at the solicitation of his friends, he consented to allow his name to be used as a candidate for mayor of the city, and although the Democratic party was in the minority, Mr. Gilmore received a strong indorsement from the people, running far ahead of his ticket, but was defeated.

There are some men who are born to be leaders and it seems as though Mr. Gilmore had this innate quality in an unusual degree. It was while he was a member of

the State Democratic central committee that he first brought forward the name of William L. Douglas as candidate of the Democratic party for governor. At first there was great opposition to Mr. Douglas' name. The state leaders were convinced that if Mr. William L. Douglas as candidate of the Democratic party for governor. At first there was cede to his wishes and have Mr. Douglas' name brought before the public. Mr. Gilmore's faith in Mr. Douglas' ability as a drawing power with the people was not misplaced and the election resulted in a Democratic landslide. In fact political history in Massachusetts was made right then and there. As manager of the Douglas campaign Mr. Gilmore was active in forty-eight cities and towns, the result being ample proof of his ability and success. In the spring of 1910 it was necessary to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives for the fourteenth congressional district. The Republican party had held the country in its grip for years and now its spoils system, its lack of foreign trade efficiency, its high tariff program, its forgetfulness of needed domestic reforms, all these conditions had shattered the public's faith, gave Mr. Gilmore, an idealist, the opportunity to appeal to a sympathetic public. This was shortly after the revision of the tariff by the famous Payne-Aldrich Bill and was at a time when a crisis had indeed arisen in the affairs of the Republican party. Quite naturally the state Democratic leaders of Massachusetts looked to Mr. Gilmore as the candidate for the vacancy but Mr. Gilmore, however, disagreed with the leaders and brought forward the name of Eugene Noble Foss. There again was much opposition to Mr. Gilmore, and it took all of the skill and ingenuity of Mr. Gilmore's political ability to convince the leaders that Mr. Foss was the man who could give Massachusetts the best service. Mr. Foss duly received the nomination and was elected

against Mr. Buchanan, the Republican candidate. Again this historic election was made through Mr. Gilmore's political ability. During the campaign for Mr. Foss some of the greatest speakers of the country were pressed into service and the fight was made on the tariff question. The entire country watched this campaign and the result was gratifying to the majority. The district was one of the strongest Republican districts in the United States, having a normal Republican majority of 15,000, and regardless of this fact, Mr. Foss carried a majority of 6,000 and had the honor of being the first Democratic representative sent to the House from the fourteenth district. It is conceded by many that this election had a greater influence on the subsequent defeat of the Republican party than any other. It was not long after that Mr. Foss was elected to the governorship of Massachusetts, an office to which he has been re-elected twice. After Mr. Foss' term as congressman expired Mr. Gilmore prevailed upon to enter the race for the Democratic nomination in 1912. After a close and interesting primary campaign he defeated both the Republican and Progressive candidates. His election to Congress was simultaneous to the presidential election of 1912 and throughout his campaign he spoke more frequently for the national candidate than for himself. His achievements as a member of the House of Representatives has been gratifying to his district and they look upon him as a man whose ability and dignity will always reflect with credit upon this district. To have been a member of the last congresses is honor for any man because of the many critical questions brought before the Legislature. Mr. Gilmore voted for the Underwood Tariff, the Trade Commission Bill, the Anti-Trust Bill, Child Labor Laws, Panama Canal Tolls Repeal, the Currency Bill and many other important measures,

which were of national and international importance. Quite naturally he was deeply interested in the tariff on shoes as he represented the greatest shoe district in the world, but he was not unmindful of the people of the entire country. His patriotism led him to take considerable interest in the pensions for widows and children of the Grand Army of the Republic veterans, but his chief speech made during his political campaign was in support of the President's position in favor of the repeal of the Panama Tolls Act, before the Brockton public forum, and was heard by over two thousand people. His friends look upon this as the best speech ever heard in Brockton. He took the ground that the United States must keep faith with the nations of the world and that the friendship of nations was at stake. He believed that the repeal would broaden the business interests of the country and in favor thereof said, "It is not dishonorable for us to repeal this act but rather an honor to be big and generous enough to give way to the opinion of the world." On January 25, 1915, Mr. Gilmore was appointed postmaster of Brockton by President Wilson and his administration has been marked by many needed reforms and benefits. Before closing the account of his political career it will be necessary to note one of the closest campaigns he ever managed, i. e., that of Thomas C. Thacher when he was running for Congress and lost by fifty-seven votes. At another time Mr. Gilmore assisted Mr. Thacher in winning the election. Mr. Gilmore was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at both Kansas City and St. Louis. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1, of Brockton, and has been treasurer of this organization for eight years. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Seville Council; Catholic Order of Foresters; Fraternal Order of Eagles and Owls; Benevolent and Protective Or-

der of Elks, and the Order of Moose, of which he is honorary past dictator. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Russell Club, Harmony Club, Hoffman Club, and Press Club. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church.

On September 19, 1887, Mr. Gilmore married Annie M. Owens, daughter of Robert and Katherine Owens, of Brockton. They have five children: John E.; Charles F.; Robert O.; Edward B.; and Phillip J.

For many years Mr. Gilmore gave his time and services without hope of personal reward, but he had the pleasure of seeing the strength of his party starting from practically nothing to the important position it now occupies. He was prominent in many cities and districts of Southern Massachusetts, which territory is always considered fighting ground in political elections. His many years of labor were rewarded personally when he was elected to Congress. His career is an example of the highest type of citizenship and it would be tautological to enter into a series of statements to show him to be a man of keen intelligence and public spirit for the foregoing record suggests these in each detail. His abilities fit him for leadership and his sympathies make him a true democrat of the highest type. His success can be measured, like that of his party, by what he has actually accomplished.

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**LELAND, Forrest L., M. D.,**

**Physician.**

A graduate of Tufts College Medical School, Dr. Leland began professional practice at South Hadley Falls in 1911, and is winning his way to eminence in his chosen profession. He is of the ninth generation of the family founded in America by Henry Leland, born in England in 1625, coming to Massachusetts with his wife in 1652. In England the name Leland is a distinguished

one, John Leland, chaplain to King Henry VIII., and one of the most accomplished scholars and voluminous writers of his own or any other age, having been the only person to hold the office of "King's Antiquary." The family in England bore arms: Gules a saltier argent, charged with three Pallets azure on chief or crest with a crow rising transfixed with an arrow. Motto: *Cui deo fides*. The Lelands of America have numbered many men of prominence within their ranks, men distinguished for firmness, courage, endurance, moral and religious integrity and intellectual ability.

Henry Leland, only son of Hopestill Leland, according to the church records of Dorchester, Massachusetts, united with the church in that town in 1653. After a short residence in Dorchester, he settled on land which was afterward within the town of Sherburne, on which he resided until his death, April 4, 1680. He was a tailor and followed that trade for twelve years, then became a farmer. He wrote his name Layland as did his son Hopestill, also his Holliston descendants for many years, but since 1820 the universal spelling in all branches has been Leland. Henry Leland married in England Margaret Badcock, who bore him five children. Hopestill Leland, son of Henry and Margaret (Badcock) Leland, was born November 15, 1655, and died in 1729. He was a farmer of Sherburne, Massachusetts. He married (first) Abigail Hill, (second) Patience Holbrook, and had eight sons, seven of whom settled in Sherburne and Holliston, the latter town set off from Sherburne in 1724. John Leland, son of Hopestill Leland, was born in Sherburne in 1687, and died in Holliston in 1759. His wife was Abigail Babcock. They were the parents of Samuel Leland, born 1711, died 1783, a farmer, who married Dinah White. Asa Leland, son of Samuel and Dinah (White) Leland, was born in Holliston, in 1738, and died in Chester,

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Vermont, in 1822. He married Lois Marshall. Their son was Nathan Leland, and his son was Leander F. Leland, and his son was Stark Leland, father of Dr. Forrest L. Leland, of South Hadley Falls.

Leander F. Leland was born in Holliston, Massachusetts, in 1826, and when a young man came to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was in business for a time. He then enlisted in Company K, Second Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, August 2, 1862, where he served until the close of the Civil War, being mustered out September 27, 1864. He then returned to Springfield, shortly after went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for a short time, then went to Marlboro where he engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes, and followed this up to his death in 1902.

Stark Leland was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and after an active life is now living retired from business at the home of his son, Dr. Forrest L. Leland. His early life was spent in Springfield and Holliston, Massachusetts, but later he was foreman of a shoe factory at Calais, Maine, where he remained seventeen years. He was also engaged as a foreman in a shoe manufacturing establishment at Hudson, Massachusetts, then went to Windsor, Vermont, as foreman of a similar factory. After severing his connection with that concern he retired and has since made his home with his son, Dr. Forrest L. Leland. Stark Leland married, 1876, Josephine Kimball, born in Holliston, Massachusetts, daughter of Ebenezer Kimball, a prominent shoe manufacturer and public official, serving several terms in the State Legislature. He married Sarah Travis. She was born on a farm upon which the buildings of Wellesley College are now located, the house having stood on the spot which is now the entrance to the college grounds. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball had the following children: Arthur, a druggist of Holliston, and Jose-

phine, wife of Stark Leland. Mr. and Mrs. Stark Leland have two sons: 1. Frank Kimball, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and attended Columbia University; was an instructor in New York City, but now giving his entire time to Red Cross work; married May Galvin Hopper, of Philadelphia, October, 1915. 2. Forrest L., of further mention.

Dr. Forrest L. Leland was born at Marlboro, Massachusetts, November 28, 1880, and there spent his early years. Later he accompanied the family to Calais, Maine, where he attended grammar and high school. Deciding upon the medical profession, he prepared at Tufts College Medical School, Boston, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1908. He then went to the Worcester City Hospital, where he served an internship from September, 1908, to May, 1910. He then secured a research fellowship which entitled him to the advantages of the Pathological Laboratory at Tufts College and passed there a profitable year. In August, 1911, he located at South Hadley Falls, where he has built up a good practice, one commensurate with his learning and ability. He is a member of the Holyoke Medical Society, and was its president in 1915; the Massachusetts Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is highly esteemed by his professional brethren. He is a member of the surgical staff of the City Hospital of Holyoke; chairman of the Board of Health of South Hadley, and was a visitor to Tufts College Medical School in 1910 and 1911. His college fraternity is Alpha Kappa Kappa, his religious affiliation, Congregational, and he is also a member of Mt. Holyoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. Leland married, June 20, 1910, Avis Janette Dwelly, born at Fall River, Massachusetts, daughter of Arthur Dwelly, a cotton mill superintendent of Fall River, Massachusetts, and North Pownall, Ver-





Joseph H. Kelley

mont, son of Dr. Jerome Dwelly, a graduate of Harvard Medical School, successful practitioner for over sixty years, dying at the advanced age of ninety. He was one of the best known physicians of Fall River, Massachusetts, and in the time of the gold fever, in 1849, was among those who went to California. He was one of the first physicians to use ether in Southeastern Massachusetts, and at the time of his death was next to the oldest graduate of the Harvard Medical School. Dr. and Mrs. Leland have three daughters: Avis Janette, born May 30, 1912; Marion Constance, born September 30, 1915; and Margaret Louise, born March 22, 1917.

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**CHAMBERLAIN, Loyed Ellis,**

**Lawyer.**

Loyed Ellis Chamberlain, of Brockton, Massachusetts, justice of the Police Court, was born in Plympton, January 30, 1857, son of Robert M. and Eliza A. (Wright) Chamberlain. His paternal ancestors first settled in Hanson, and subsequently moved to Maine, where his father was born, in Auburn. His mother was a native of Plympton, and a descendant through the Coopers and the Sampsons, from the Bradfords who came over in the "Mayflower." His education was acquired in the common and high schools of North Bridgewater, now Brockton, from which he graduated in 1875. He studied law in the office of White & Sumner, at Brockton, and in the Boston University Law School, graduating in 1879. While a student with White & Sumner, he also pursued general studies beyond the High School course for two years, and later took the Chautauqua four years' course. He was admitted to the bar in 1877, and began practice in 1881. From 1882 to November, 1884, he was a member of the law firm of Packard & Chamberlain, after which he practiced alone. He was appointed

to the justiceship of the Police Court upon its establishment in 1885, and he has been city solicitor of Brockton since 1891, through repeated elections. In politics he is a Republican, and performs fully the duties of the citizen, believing that politics are to be purified at the caucus; but he has no time to devote to public life. He is especially interested in municipal affairs and in movements for good government for cities and towns. He has been president of the Brockton High School Alumni Association for several years, president of the Alpha Bicycle Club of Brockton since its organization in 1892, some time president of the Young Men's Christian Association Congress, president of the Young Men's Republican Club for many years, and is secretary of the Plymouth County Club (a Republican and social organization). He is connected also with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Good Templars. In the latter society he has represented Massachusetts at sessions in Toronto, Canada, Saratoga, Richmond, and Edinburgh, Scotland (1891); and he was treasurer for four years up to 1894. Judge Chamberlain was married, August 26, 1890, to Mina C. Miller, of Camden, Maine. They have one child, Leslie C. Chamberlain, born July 11, 1891.

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**KELLEY, Joseph H.,**

**Physician, Business Man.**

Worcester, Massachusetts, suffered a keenly felt loss when it was deprived of the presence and services of Dr. Joseph H. Kelley, whose death occurred on November 10, 1914. He possessed a wonderful personality, genial disposition and tender heart, was charitable to an extreme, no one ever applying to him in vain for assistance, he contributing liberally of his time and substance, all his acts of charity being conducted in an unostentatious manner, known

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only to the beneficiaries. He was the center of many friendly associations, and was admired and loved by a wide circle of friends. Dr. Joseph H. Kelley was born January 1, 1862, in East Boylston, Worcester county, Massachusetts, a son of Patrick and Catherine (Caranaugh) Kelley. During his early boyhood, his parents removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, their place of residence for many years being on Lamartine street. The parents were active members of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, of which Patrick Kelley, the father, was sexton for many years. The family were highly esteemed in the community, in the affairs of which they took an active interest, performing the duties and obligations that fell to their lot in a praiseworthy manner.

Dr. Joseph H. Kelley attended the public schools of Holyoke, entered the Classical High School in 1876, and graduated therefrom in 1880. One of his teachers in the high school testified that he was an alert youth, with opinions of his own, ever ready for any task, always promptly in his place, full of good humor and the exemplar of good sense, an excellent tribute from such a source. He was ever popular with his classmates, a leader in athletic sports, a born manager. In his youthful days, there were several uniformed organizations of baseball players, and young Kelley was captain and manager of the team known as the "Emeralds." He retained his interest in the game to the end of his life, and was among the supporters of clean sports of all kinds. Having completed the course in high school, he entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City, and was graduated therefrom in 1884. Immediately he opened an office on Trumbull Square in Worcester, and rapidly developed a successful practice. He was a keen and discriminating student, ever in touch with modern methods and discoveries, and possessed the warm sympathy and encouraging personality indis-

pensable to the healer. In addition to his professional career, Dr. Kelley became interested in various business enterprises in Worcester, being a man of keen business instinct, rare sagacity and wonderful acumen, characteristics which make for success. He was an extensive stockholder and director of the Independent Ice Company, a director in other corporations, and the founder and owner of the People's Coal Company. Under his direction the coal business was developed from a very small beginning to one of the largest coal yards in the city, ranking among the leading industries. He made several purchases of real estate, which he greatly improved, was the owner of several houses at the time of his decease, and he had completed plans for a new residence at the corner of Salisbury street and Military road. Dr. Kelley was popular in various social organizations, and for twenty-one years was court physician of Worcester Court, Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters. He was active in the Worcester Lodge of Elks and the Washington Club, and was welcome in any circle he chose to join. Genial, whole-souled and honest, he brought cheer and good fellowship to every relation of life.

Dr. Kelley married, April 28, 1913, Kathryn M. Holian, of Springfield, Massachusetts, the ceremony being performed in the Church of the Holy Name, Springfield. Mrs. Kelley survives him.

In the midst of many activities, Dr. Kelley was stricken with apoplexy, November 10, 1914, at the age of fifty-two years, and died without regaining consciousness. Though his years were less than the allotted scriptural span, three score years and ten, he crowded into them acts that were of benefit to Worcester and his fellow-men, and his departure caused sincere and deep mourning in many hearts. At his funeral, St. Paul's Church was crowded with mourning friends and associates, including repre-



sentatives of various coal companies, the Order of Foresters, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Washington Club. During the hour of the services all the general offices of the Worcester Coal companies were closed out of respect to Dr. Kelley. The choir sang the Gregorian Mass, and the celebrant was the Rev. Dr. William H. Goggin, pastor, assisted by the Rev. James H. Burke and the Rev. John J. Keating, as deacon and sub-deacon. Many beautiful floral tributes were clustered about the casket, testifying to the love and devotion of a multitude of friends and associates. The body was laid to rest in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield, Massachusetts.

**WILKINSON, Edward Holman,**

**Business Man.**

This name, of great antiquity in England, was brought to New England by Prudence Wilkinson, a widow, who was living in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1630, and there recorded as the owner of several pieces of land. She moved from Charlestown to Malden and there died leaving two children, John, of further mention, and Elizabeth, who married George Felt. The will of Prudence Wilkinson was probated July 26, 1653. It is from John Wilkinson, son of Prudence Wilkinson, that the Wilkinsons of Springfield, Massachusetts, descend, Edward Holman Wilkinson, manager of the Springfield Blanket Company, and of the tenth generation, being a representative of this ancient and honorable family.

John Wilkinson, born about 1602, came to New England with his widowed mother, residing in Essex and Middlesex counties, Massachusetts. He married Joanna Sikelton, they the parents of Susannah, John (2), and Ebenezer. John (2) Wilkinson, born about 1645, inherited the estate of his

grandmother, Prudence Wilkinson, and lived in Malden, Massachusetts, until his death in 1714. He married Abigail Conway, and was succeeded by their son John (3) Wilkinson, born at Attleboro, Massachusetts, 1679, died January 1, 1725. He married Rachel Fales, born April 19, 1680, daughter of James and Anna (Brock) Fales, who came from Chester, England, and were among the first settlers in Dedham, Massachusetts. James Fales was a soldier, serving with Massachusetts men in King Philip's War. The children of John and Rachel Wilkinson were: John (4), Joseph, Abigail, Hepzibah, Sarah, Hannah. Joseph Wilkinson, of the fifth generation, was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts, March 21, 1715, where he resided until twenty-one years of age, then moved to Walpole, Massachusetts, and also lived in Stoughton, Massachusetts. He married, October 17, 1733, Hannah Warren. They were the parents of: Joseph, born September 9, 1734; Ebenezer, August 1, 1736; Thankful, September 6, 1740; David, of further mention.

David Wilkinson was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts, February 15, 1740, and on April 19, 1775, marched on the alarm at Lexington, and later saw service with Captain Josiah Pratt in Colonel Samuel Robinson's regiment, serving from Stoughton. After the war ended, he moved to Townshend, Vermont. He married Abigail Ware, intentions published at Wrentham, December 19, 1761-62. Their children were: David, of further mention; Oliver, born June 29, 1765; Hezekiah, August 12, 1768; Mary, June 7, 1770; Elijah, May 10, 1772; Susan, February 2, 1774; Abigail; Betsey; Irene.

David (2) Wilkinson was born in Sharon, Massachusetts, August 20, 1763, and died December 10, 1842. At the age of fourteen he began learning the harness maker's trade in Walpole, Massachusetts,

but before completing his trade he enlisted in the Continental Army and suffered with Washington's brave troops at Valley Forge. He was at West Point at the time of Arnold's treason and witnessed the execution of Major Andre. On his return from the army he resumed work with his old employer in Walpole, and completed his years of apprenticeship. Later he went into the woods of New Hampshire, blazing a trail, and after examination bought a tract of timber north of Marlboro. There he built a log cabin, returned to Walpole for his wife, and the next year they started for their home in the woods north of Marlboro, New Hampshire, each riding a good horse, the gift of Mrs. Wilkinson's father. On his horse he carried a stock of leather with which to start a harness maker's shop; her horse was loaded with a feather bed and household goods. They reached the cabin in safety and there resided all their lives. He cleared and cultivated the soil, and when not employed on his farm made saddles and harness which found a ready sale. He married, in Walpole, Massachusetts, January 1, 1788, Ruth Allen, who died May 3, 1863, aged ninety-seven years. Children: David, of further mention; Sarah, born October 29, 1790; Mary, September 18, 1792; Ruth, August 6, 1797; Esther, April 6, 1807; Irene, August 3, 1809.

David (3) Wilkinson, of the eighth generation, son of the New Hampshire settlers, David and Ruth (Allen) Wilkinson, was born at the Marlboro, New Hampshire, farm, June 30, 1789, and died there November 3, 1879. He followed his father's trade of saddler and harness maker, and was one of the prominent and substantial men of his community. He married (first) October 23, 1823, Patty Hubbard, born in Putney, Vermont, October 9, 1801, died October 17, 1870. He married (second) August 7, 1873, Mrs. Harvey (Locke) Abbott, a widow. Children, all by his first mar-

riage: Warren H., of further mention; Sarah, born December 23, 1825, died June 25, 1838; Solon Stone, of further mention; Mary, born June 8, 1832, died September 9, 1832; Martha, twin with Mary, died September 18, 1832; Mary Eliza, born March 31, 1834, died March 4, 1838; Martha, born October 9, 1836, died November 20, 1836; Cyrus Kingsbury, born December 17, 1839, died July 10, 1867; Oliver A., born May 13, 1842, died September 25, 1843.

Warren H. Wilkinson, eldest son of David Wilkinson, was born in Marlboro, New Hampshire, July 9, 1824. During his boyhood, besides the routine of attending school and the farm labor at home, he began as early as the age of ten to work in the harness shop of his father, and during his minority acquired a thorough knowledge of the business by which he mainly attained the competence he enjoyed in later years. Before reaching his majority, he attended two terms at an academy, which completed his school days. At the age of twenty-three, he became a partner with his father, and continued in the harness business in Marlboro until 1853, supplying not only the home demand, but also stores in Keene and Peterboro, New Hampshire, and Greenfield, Massachusetts. He was in business in Greenfield for six years, when he removed to Springfield, which was his home until his death.

Upon the breaking out of the Civil War, Mr. Wilkinson received an order for military work from the quartermaster of the State of Connecticut, which being satisfactorily filled led to orders from other states and from the United States government for the manufacture of military leather goods of various kinds during the continuance of the war. For many of these he furnished improved patterns, which were adopted and are still in use in the service. He also received orders for military work in large

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quantities from foreign countries. In 1869 he engaged in the manufacture of horse blankets, being located first at Marlboro, then at Winchendon, Massachusetts, and finally removed to Holyoke, where he built up one of the most extensive businesses of its kind, having one of the largest mills in the country, employing at times as high as three hundred persons. Mr. Wilkinson was a man who while his life was devoted to his business, yet remembered the various institutions needing support and especially the Congregational church to which he was a liberal giver. He was a Whig in politics and later became one of the founders of the Republican party, in which he was especially active, serving as alderman of the city of Springfield for three years.

He married (first) Almira, daughter of Asa Frost. She died in 1874. He married (second) Emily J., daughter of James Brown, of Brimfield, Massachusetts. He died January 10, 1914.

Solon Stone Wilkinson, second son of David Wilkinson, was born in Marlboro, New Hampshire, March 22, 1828, and died in Keene, New Hampshire, February 20, 1912. He learned the trade followed by his grandfather, David (2) Wilkinson, the Revolutionary soldier, and his father, David (3) Wilkinson, and after becoming a skillful workman opened a saddlery and harness maker's shop at Keene, New Hampshire, carrying in connection a stock of horse and leather goods of all kinds, trunks and traveling bags. For half a century he conducted a successful business in Keene and was prominent in city affairs. He served on the Board of Aldermen; represented Keene in the Lower House of the State Legislature, as a Republican; was a member of the Masonic order, belonging to lodge, chapter, council and commandery; was an active member of the Congregational church, superintendent of the Sunday school, and one of the substantial men

of his city. He married, June 22, 1852, Chestina Holman, daughter of Charles and Polly (Converse) Holman, born in Marlboro, New Hampshire, resided in Keene, New Hampshire, until her death, October 4, 1917, aged eighty-nine years.

Edward Holman Wilkinson, of the tenth generation, only child of Solon Stone and Chestina (Holman) Wilkinson, was born in Marlboro, New Hampshire, June 15, 1859. He was taken to Keene by his parents when the removal to that city was made in the winter of 1859, and there was educated in the public schools, completing his study by graduation from high school. He began business life with his uncle, Warren H. Wilkinson, in his manufacturing plant in Massachusetts, and in 1878 entered the employ of the Springfield Blanket Company at South Holyoke, founded by Warren H. Wilkinson. He was employed in the office and in the store room, handling boxes of goods and freight, but in due course of time he became superintendent of the plant located in Holyoke. Upon the death of Warren H. Wilkinson, Edward H. Wilkinson was appointed manager of the business for his aunt and administrator of his uncle's estate. Since 1878 he has retained his residence in Springfield. For eleven years he served on the Springfield School Board and for nine of those years was vice-chairman. He is an active member and treasurer of the Memorial Church.

Mr. Wilkinson married, June 22, 1904, Mary Waite Allis, who was born in Hatfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Daniel and Jennie (Hurlburt) Allis, and a descendant from Lieutenant William Allis, who came from England in 1635. The line of descent from Lieutenant William Allis is through his son, Captain John Allis; his son, Ichabod Allis; his son, Elisha Allis; his son, William Allis; his son, Dexter Allis; his son, Daniel Allis; his daughter, Mary Waite Allis, of the eighth American

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generation, who married Edward H. Wilkinson. She is also a descendant of the Hastings family.

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### **MILLER, George Dexter,**

#### **Business Man.**

George Dexter Miller, treasurer of the Coburn Trolley Track Company of Holyoke, comes of an old Connecticut family, grandson of Solomon Ezra Miller, and son of Solomon Evelin Miller.

Solomon Ezra Miller was a farmer of Hartland, Connecticut. He married a Miss Hoadley and they were the parents of Hoadley Milo, Seth, Eugene and Eugenia, twins, and Solomon Evelin, of further mention.

Solomon Evelin Miller was born in Hartland, Connecticut, April 28, 1824, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, April 13, 1909. He was a blacksmith by trade, and moved to Canada, in 1874, where he pursued his occupation. In that year, although fifty years of age, he closed up his affairs and with his family moved first to Sweetsburg and later to Sutton, Province of Quebec, Canada, and there he conducted a general smithing business for about fifteen years. He then returned to the United States, locating in Philmont, New York, there remaining two years. From Philmont he went to Worcester, Massachusetts, thence to Holyoke, in 1892, where he lived retired from business until his death in 1909. He married Matilda Philbrook Dexter, of Augusta, Maine, born April 2, 1824, died September 25, 1906. Both she and her husband attained octogenarian honors. She was a daughter of Samuel Dexter, her mother a Moody. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were the parents of Evelin Proctor, deceased; Mary Elizabeth, married Carlos Morehouse; Orion Vincent; Charles Albert, deceased; and George Dexter Miller.

George Dexter Miller was born in Hart-

land, Connecticut, October 30, 1867, and there spent the first two years, the next five years being spent in Winsted, Connecticut, when in 1874, he was taken to Sweetsburg and later to Sutton, Canada, by his parents, and there attended public and private schools. When through with his school years he began business life as a mercantile clerk, continuing as such for three years. He then returned to the United States, spent two years in a Philmont, New York, hosiery mill, going thence to Worcester, Massachusetts. At Worcester he pursued a course in Hinman's Business College, receiving his diploma with the class of 1889. His first position after graduation was with the Coburn Trolley Track Company, whose offices were then located in Worcester, and that company is the only employer he has known for the past twenty-eight years. In 1891 the headquarter offices of the company were moved to Holyoke, Mr. Miller coming at the same time in a clerical capacity. Some time after coming to Holyoke, he was promoted to the position of assistant treasurer of the company, and two years later, in 1910, was made treasurer, his present position. He is also a director of the company, which is one of the important firms in that field. He belongs to Belcher Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Chicopee, Massachusetts; Unity Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Springfield Council, Royal and Select Masters; Springfield Commandery, Knights Templar; also Melha Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is highly regarded by his associates in business and much esteemed by his brethren of the Masonic order and by his many friends.

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### **EATON, Herbert Scott,**

#### **Clothing Merchant.**

Ebenezer and Samuel Eaton, descendants of John Eaton, who came to Massachusetts

about 1640, settled in Landaff, New Hampshire, and there James Eaton, son of Samuel Eaton, was born. He lived for fifteen years in Sutton, Vermont, but then returned to Landaff. He died at Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, at the age of ninety-three years. James Eaton married Drusilla Priest, who died in Landaff in 1888. Both were active church workers, James an official member, serving on many committees and staunchly supporting all church interests. They were the parents of a daughter and two sons: Phoebe, married Edward Jenkins, has two daughters, Kate and Cora, and resides in Beloit, Wisconsin; Timothy A., of further mention; Martin.

Timothy A. Eaton was born at Sutton, Vermont, in 1841, and died at Orleans, Vermont, in 1870. He was educated in the public schools and St. Johnsbury Academy, and until his marriage continued his residence in Sutton. He soon afterward moved to Orleans, Vermont, where he resided until his death at the early age of twenty-nine years. He was never a man of even average health, being rejected by the recruiting surgeon on his attempt to enlist during the Civil War. He followed farming as an occupation, was deeply interested in religious matters, and was highly respected in his community. He was an earnest worker and one of the most active laymen of the church, his interest also extending to the cause of education. His sterling character won him many friends, and his death at life's threshold was deeply regretted. He married Mary Bartlett, born June 1, 1842, in Sutton, Vermont, daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Noyes) Bartlett, her father a farmer and lumberman of Sutton and Orleans, Vermont. Joseph Bartlett also had a son, Silas S. Bartlett, whose daughter, Eva Bartlett, is a resident of Warren, New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Eaton were the parents of three sons and a daughter: Herbert Scott,

of further mention; Helen, born June 3, 1864, died aged sixteen years; Amos J., born May 3, 1869, now residing in Royalton, Vermont, married and has Wendell, Lucy and Robert Eaton; Anson, twin with Amos J., died in infancy.

Herbert Scott Eaton, eldest son of Timothy A. and Mary (Bartlett) Eaton, was born in Sutton, Vermont, May 11, 1862. His parents moved to Orleans when he was six years of age. He attended the common school and then entered Montpelier Seminary, an institution of high grade conducted in Montpelier, Vermont, under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal church. Four years later he was graduated from the Seminary and entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. He continued two years at Wesleyan, sickness in the family causing his return home at the close of his sophomore year. He was free to return to the University a year later, but the year lost influenced his decision to forego his university course and to enter business life.

The year 1889 was spent in railroad employ at New Haven, the year 1890 witnessing his start in the clothing business in Westfield, Massachusetts. He started a retail business in clothing in a small way, but conducted along modern merchandising lines, and met with such success that after six years in his original location he was compelled to seek a larger store to accommodate the trade his energy and ability had attracted. In 1897 he moved to his present location at No. 108 Elm street, and there has continued his prosperous and honorable career as a merchant. His finely fitted store, well stocked with men's and boy's clothing and furnishings for every demand of business, society or outing, is one of the best and most popular in his section, while the proprietor is highly regarded not alone for his quality as a merchant but for his high character, his public spirit and deep interest

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in all good causes. The business is now incorporated as The H. S. Eaton Clothing Company, Mr. H. S. Eaton being president. He has always been interested in church and Young Men's Christian Association work, is a good musician and at one time was leader of a church choir.

Mr. Eaton married, June 29, 1889, Ellen M. Eastman, born in Landaff, New Hampshire, October 8, 1859, daughter of Oliver Dodge and Mary (Clark) Eastman. Oliver D. Eastman was born in Kingston, New Hampshire, March 3, 1815, and died at Landaff, New Hampshire, November 29, 1891. In his early life he taught school at Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Isle of Shoals, New Hampshire, but after his marriage moved to Landaff to a farm inherited by his wife. He married, April 12, 1851, Mary Clark, born at Landaff, February 2, 1826, died May 10, 1912, a teacher prior to her marriage. Their only child, Ellen M. Eastman, married Herbert Scott Eaton. They are the parents of two sons, Richard William and Arthur C.

Richard William Eaton was born March 29, 1892, in Westfield, Massachusetts. After graduation from Westfield High School, he entered Wesleyan University, whence he was graduated, class of 1912, with the degree A. B. During his freshman year he started a small store in Middletown, which he named the Wesleyan Store, and in its one room started a business which was so well received that he continued it all through his university course. In his junior year three rooms were necessary and two clerks. He dealt in school supplies originally, but as the business grew, confectionery, soda water, a telephone and telegraph office were added and a circulating library installed. After graduation he continued the profitable business he had built up, and the "Wesleyan Store" became not only a popular resort for University students, but a feature of the town's business, employing

eight clerks. He remained in business for two years after graduation, then sold out and for one year was with the Rand Company of Tonawanda, New York. He then formed a partnership with his brother, bought out a business in Buffalo, New York, incorporated as The Eaton Brothers Company and they conduct a successful business in office furniture and supplies. He married Edith Allyn and has two sons, Richard William (2), born December 25, 1915, and David Herbert, born August 9, 1917.

Arthur C. Eaton was born in Westfield, May 10, 1894. He is a graduate of Westfield High School and Wesleyan University, class of 1914. After graduation he spent a year with the Mortgage Bond & Trust Company of New York City, then with his brother, became a member of The Eaton Brothers Company, Inc., of Buffalo, New York, previously mentioned, and there continues in successful business. He married, May 19, 1917, Rebecca Farwell, of Turners Falls, daughter of Norman and Elizabeth (Austin) Farwell. Mr. Norman Farwell is cashier of the Turners Falls Savings Bank.

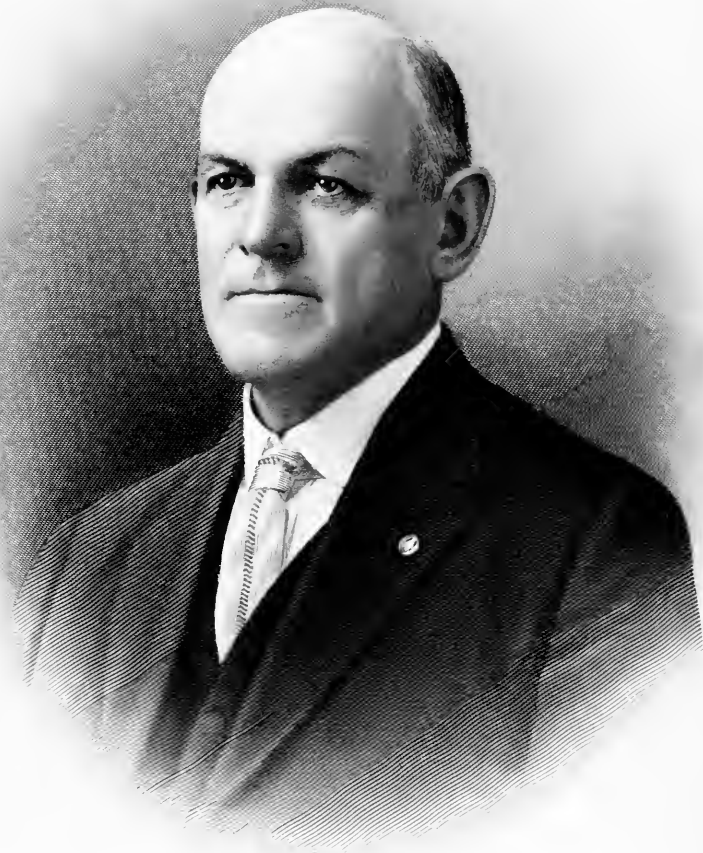
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### BRITTON, Herbert Royal,

**Deputy Sheriff, Contractor, Builder.**

Herbert Royal Britton, at present (1917), deputy sheriff of South Hadley Falls, has for many years held offices of trust and responsibility, demonstrating his fitness and efficiency in every case. In both paternal and maternal lines, Mr. Britton comes of old Colonial stock, and his ancestry has been traced to the first settlers.

(I) James Britton, his immigrant ancestor, was born in England in 1610, and came to this country in the ship "Increase" in 1637. He subscribed to the town orders of Woburn, Massachusetts, in 1640, and soon afterward was one of the Charlestown



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men who settled the town. His name appears on the first tax list of Woburn in 1645, and he died there May 3, 1655, leaving a widow Jane, who subsequently married Isaac Cole and returned to Charlestown to live. She died March 10, 1687. Children of James and Jane Britton: Peter; William, mentioned below.

(II) William Britton, son of James and Jane Britton, married Mary, eldest daughter of Captain James and Mary (Palmer) Pendleton, of Westerly, Rhode Island, granddaughter of Major Brian Pendleton, a distinguished pioneer of historical importance. Among their children was William, of further mention.

(III) William (2) Britton, son of William (1) and Mary (Pendleton) Britton, married, October 26, 1698, at Taunton, Massachusetts, Lydia Leonard, born March 10, 1679, daughter of James Leonard, of Taunton and Raynham. She was among the petitioners of the Taunton church, October 7, 1731, asking for a new parish at what is now Raynham. She died May 20, 1775, aged ninety-four years. William Britton died in 1732. Children: James; William, of further mention; Abiel; Ebenezer, of further mention; Abigail, Pendleton, Mary, Lydia, Sarah, Elizabeth.

(IV) William (3) Britton, son of William (2) and Lydia (Leonard) Britton, was born at Taunton, about 1710. He married at Raynham, March 21, 1733, Sarah Woodward, who died February 22, 1795, daughter of Robert Woodward, granddaughter of John Woodward, and great-granddaughter of Nathaniel Woodward, who was the progenitor of the Woodwards who settled early in Westmoreland, New Hampshire. His son, William, came with his uncle, Ebenezer Britton, to Westmoreland about 1765.

(IV) Ebenezer Britton, son of William (2) and Lydia (Leonard) Britton, was born in Raynham, June 1, 1715. He removed to Westmoreland in 1771, and pur-

chased one hundred acres of land there, a grist and saw mills. He was selectman, member of the Provincial Congress, a prominent patriot in the Revolution, and a leading citizen. He married twice and was the father of eighteen children. His sons, Dana or David, Job, Samuel, Seth, and Stephen, were heads of families in Westmoreland in 1790.

(V) Nehemiah Britton, son of Ebenezer Britton, was born in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, December 12, 1776, and died there, June 22, 1845, aged sixty-eight years. He married at Westmoreland, ceremony performed by Joseph Burt, Esq., Sally Prentiss, of Walpole, New Hampshire, born April 23, 1783. Children, born at Westmoreland: Sally, born October 4, 1802, married Jason Williams; Sophia, born August 27, 1804, married Henry Evans, and lived at Bellows Falls; Prentiss, born January 19, 1807, died at Northfield, Massachusetts, married Abigail Maynard; Harlow, born March 25, 1809, married Mercy Maynard; Crissana, born June 2, 1811, married, April, 1831, Alonzo Maynard, born March 11, 1809; Clarissa, born January 6, 1814, married Liberty Page, and died at Keene, aged ninety-nine and a half years; Francis, born March 4, 1816, married Amelia Randall, widow, and died at South Hadley Falls; Hiram, born October 11, 1818, lived at Springfield, Vermont, married Harriette Burt, and died at Bellows Falls; Levi, born January 17, 1821, married Maria Burt, and died at Keene; Royal, of further mention; Chandler, born December 2, 1826, married Mary Thompson, lived at Keene, died aged fifty years.

(VI) Royal Britton, son of Nehemiah and Sally (Prentiss) Britton, was born at Westmoreland, New Hampshire, July 31, 1823, and died January 2, 1891, at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts. He received his education in the district schools of Westmoreland, and at the age of eighteen,

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according to a not uncommon custom then in vogue with enterprising youths, he "bought his time" of his mother for the sum of \$200 and engaged in business on his own account as a lumberman, purchasing wood lots, cutting the timber and selling it. About 1855 he came to South Hadley Falls and continued in the same line of business, after a year of business as contractor and builder, and purchased extensively in the timber districts. His experience in New Hampshire was of great value to him. His judgment as to the value of standing timber was second to none and he prospered accordingly. At one time, it is said, that he owned more land than any other man in Hampshire county. In addition to his large interests in wood and lumber, he entered upon the field of brick making, the pioneer in this line of business in South Hadley Falls, which since that time has become the center of a very large industry. It was characteristic of Mr. Britton to take the lead in business. He possessed unusual foresight, had the courage of his convictions, and he occupied a place of distinction among the business men of the community, honored and trusted by men of all classes and conditions in life. Though he was interested in public affairs and strong in his faith in the principles of the Democratic party, which he supported from young manhood to the close of his life, he never accepted public office. When a young man he was active in the militia, joined the Keene Light Infantry, a very select organization at that time, and advanced to the rank of captain. While he commanded the company it was kept in the front rank of military organizations in the State. He possessed a natural gift for military affairs, and secured efficiency and enforced discipline with marked success.

Mr. Britton married (first) Mary Blanchard, born in 1829, daughter of William Blanchard (see Blanchard). He mar-

ried (second) November 28, 1855, Sarah Arabel (Blanchard) Miller, sister of his first wife, widow of Robert Miller. She died October 8, 1907, aged seventy-six years at South Hadley Falls. The child by first wife died in infancy. Children by second wife: Herbert Royal, of further mention; Frank, born at South Hadley Falls, died aged seven years; Fred Lewis, born at South Hadley Falls, April 3, 1871, married Fannie M. Wolcott, born at South Hadley Falls, May 25, 1871, daughter of Austin D. and Abbie (Hutchins) Wolcott, of that town; children: Ralph Royal, Grace, Marion, Frances.

(VII) Herbert Royal Britton, son of Royal and Sarah A. (Blanchard-Miller) Britton, was born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, March 30, 1858. His early education was received in the public schools, and he was graduated from the South Hadley Falls High School in the class of 1875. Afterward he was for a time a student in Williston Seminary at Easthampton, Massachusetts. When he left school he became associated in business with his father in contracting and building, and in the development and care of real estate. He has held many offices of trust and responsibility in South Hadley Falls. As a member of the prudential committee of the town he proved his high civic spirit and earnestness in promoting the welfare and progress of the town. For three years he was a member of the Board of Assessors, where his knowledge of real estate and its value was highly useful to the community. For three years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen and during part of that time its chairman, and his record in that office will bear comparison in every particular with any man who has served the town in the same capacity. Other offices he filled from time to time. Since 1910 he has held the office of deputy sheriff, being reappointed by the sheriff for five years in 1916. He is well

known and highly esteemed throughout the county. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Britton is a popular member of various fraternal organizations, namely: Mt. Holyoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Iona Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Connecticut Valley Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He and his family attend the Congregational church.

Mr. Britton married, April 20, 1885, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Myra Jeanette Stone, born in Lakeland, Minnesota, July 10, 1859, daughter of Charles and Mary Elizabeth (Spear) Stone. Her father was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, September 26, 1811, died in Lakeland, Minnesota, May 20, 1877. Her mother was born in Boston, Massachusetts, February 7, 1812, died in Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 10, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Stone were the parents of four children: Katherine Frances, born in Dorchester, November 29, 1837, died in Cambridge, February 11, 1884, unmarried; Mary E., born in Brighton, November 2, 1842, became the wife of George H. Stearns, of Cambridge, where she is living at the present time (1917); Henry Herbert, born in Brighton, October 23, 1844, died in Togus, Maine, December 13, 1915; Myra Jeanette (Mrs. Britton). Children of Mr. and Mrs. Britton: Mary Elizabeth, born June 24, 1892, died January 17, 1915; Ruth Blanchard, born September 24, 1894, resides with her parents.

(The Blanchard Line).

(I) Thomas Blanchard, the immigrant, was born in England and came to this country from Penton, Hampshire, in the ship "Jonathan" in 1639. He was a resident of Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1646, and later resided in Charlestown and Malden. He died May 21, 1654, his will being dated five days earlier. He bequeathed to wife Mary; to children: George, Samuel, Nathaniel and Thomas; grandchild Joseph; to the Mal-

den church, "provided that Benjamin Thompson should be fitted for the University if his parents consent." (N. E. Reg. XVII, 156 and XXXII, 411). His first wife died in England. He married (second) Agnes (Bent) Barnes, sister of John Bent. She died on the voyage, and he married (third) Mary ———. Children: George, Nathaniel, Thomas, Samuel, of further mention.

(II) Samuel Blanchard, son of Thomas Blanchard, was born August 6, 1629, and came to Massachusetts with his father in the ship "Jonathan" when ten years old, landing June 23, 1639, as stated in his own writing. He came to Andover, Massachusetts, June 10, 1686. He died at Andover, April 17, 1707. He married (first) January 3, 1654-55, Mary Sweetser, daughter of Seth Sweetser. She died February 20, 1669. He married (second) June 24, 1673, Hannah ———, who died July 10, 1725, aged seventy-nine years. Children of first wife, born at Andover: Samuel, born September 29, 1656; Sarah, February 15, 1657-58; Mary, April 18, 1659; Jonathan, May 25, 1664; Joshua, August 6, 1667; Abigail, March 5, 1668-69. Children by second wife: Thomas, of further mention; John, born July 3, 1677; Samuel, June 4, 1680; Hannah, September 26, 1681.

(III) Thomas (2) Blanchard, son of Samuel and Hannah Blanchard, was born at Andover, April 28, 1674, and died there, March 17, 1759. A deed of land to his son Nathaniel, of Roadtown, established the line. The descendants of the Shutesbury family, however, have ample other evidence that Nathaniel, son of this Thomas, went to Shutesbury. (See N. E. Reg., 1906, page 375, for copy of the family records). Thomas Blanchard married (first) March 22, 1698-99, Rose Holmes, of Marshfield. She died August 27, 1714. He married (second) September 21, 1715, Hannah Gowen, of Newbury. She died June 25, 1724. He

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married (third) February 21, 1728, Jude Hill. Children by first wife, born at Andover: Thomas, born January 15, 1700; Joseph, February 19, 1701; Isaac, September 20, 1702, died January 25, 1722; Josiah, August 16, 1704; Elizabeth, March 25, 1706; Hannah, May 6, 1708; Rose, January 12, 1709, died November 22, 1724; Deborah, April 18, 1712; Lida, August 22, 1714. Children by second wife: Mehitable, born October 3, 1716; Nathaniel, of further mention; Isaac, born October 23, 1723. Child by third wife: Abiah.

(IV) Nathaniel Blanchard, son of Thomas (2) and Hannah (Gowen) Blanchard, was born at Andover, February 2, 1718-19. He removed to Shutesbury, Massachusetts, where he died in 1805, aged eighty-six years. In 1800 he deeded land to sons, Joseph and Lemuel, who moved to New Hampshire and settled in Acworth, Walpole, Westmoreland and vicinity. His sons were: Joseph, married Relief Osgood; Aaron, of Acworth and Barnard, Vermont; Lemuel, of Acworth, soldier of the Revolution, present at the burning of New London; Isaac, married Miriam Lord; Asa; William; Nathaniel, of further mention.

(V) Nathaniel (2) Blanchard, son of Nathaniel (1) Blanchard, was born before 1750. He settled in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, and according to the census was living there in 1790, having seven in his family. He married ——— De Bell, of Boston. He was a "famous fiddler." He was a soldier in the Revolution, from New Hampshire, in Captain William Humphrey's company, according to a pay roll dated in 1776 (New Hampshire Papers, vol. 1, p. 355). According to the town records of Westmoreland, Nathaniel and Sarah Blanchard had the following children in that town: William, of further mention; a daughter, born May 5, 1782; Willard, August 9, 1783; a daughter, May 12, 1785; Heber, December 2, 1786; Martha, Novem-

ber 29, 1789; Nancy, October 28, 1792; Nathaniel, April 6, 1794; Amarilla (son), June 16, 1799; Henry, March 11, 1805; Almira, January 18, 1807.

(VI) William Blanchard, son of Nathaniel (2) Blanchard, was born at Westmoreland, New Hampshire, July 8, 1780, and died at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, August 15, 1864. He lived on his father's homestead at Westmoreland for a time, afterward purchasing a farm in Walpole, New Hampshire. He married (first) Roxanna Burt, daughter of Moses Burt. She died about 1825. He married (second) 1828, Laura Powers, born in Bernardstown, Massachusetts, 1810, died at Walpole, New Hampshire, July, 1846. Children by first wife: 1. Moses. 2. William. 3. Son, died young. 4. Sally, died aged twenty years. 5. Roxanna, married George McNeil. 6. Martha, was the third wife of her brother-in-law, George McNeil. 7. Sophronia, married, April 5, 1843, Hiram Britton (see Britton). 8. Submit, married Theron Adams. Children by second wife: 9. Mary, born in the summer of 1829; married Royal Britton (see Britton). 10. Sarah Arabel, born January 13, 1831; married (first) Robert Miller, (second) Royal Britton (see Britton). 11. Jeannette, born December 5, 1833; married Lewis Watson, who died in Minnesota; they had three sons and three daughters; she died at South Hadley Falls, February 2, 1913. 12. Harriet Laura, born October 28, 1837; married in Holyoke, November 16, 1858, Homer Taft, born February 12, 1832; he spent the early years of his life with a relative, Josiah Taft, and in young manhood removed to Watertown, Massachusetts; he was a carpenter by trade; moved to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and engaged in business for himself as a contractor and builder; resided in South Hadley Falls for twenty-eight years, but conducted business in Holyoke; retired from active work in 1897, then retired to a

farm in Putney, Vermont, where he resided until his death, February, 1908; children, all born in South Hadley Falls: Alfred Homer, born December, 1860, resides in New York City, married and is the father of three children; Will Forest, born December, 1862, resides in Paterson, New Jersey, married and is the father of two children and one grand-child; Mary Emma, born March, 1866, died 1888, unmarried; George Ernest, born April, 1868, resides in Corona, New York, married and is the father of eight children, two grandchildren: Fred Leon, born August, 1871, unmarried, resides in Worcester, Massachusetts; Hattie Mabel, born 1877, resides in South Hadley Falls, married H. H. Spaulding, of South Hadley, and has two children; Frank Lewis, born May, 1879, resides in North Brattleboro, Vermont, married and has one child. Mrs. Taft resides on the farm in Putney, Vermont. She is a member of the Eastern Star and the Relief Corps. 13. Henry, born August 17, 1842, died in Illinois, January, 1915; married Eliza Fieber, of Easthampton, Massachusetts. 14. Lizzie, born May 27, 1846; married (first) Fred Miller; (second) Nathan W. Loveland, born near Burlington, Vermont, January 16, 1842, died in Chicopee, April 20, 1914; he was a veteran of the Civil War, having served three years in the First Vermont Cavalry; Mrs. Loveland died in South Hadley Falls.

**WREN, Rev. Humphrey James,**

**Priest.**

Father Wren, the well known priest of South Hadley Falls, is a close student of history, and has had much to do with the upbuilding of the communities in which he has labored. This name is of Norman origin, and the family came to Ireland during the regime of Oliver Cromwell. Sir Christopher Wren, of St. Paul's Cathedral, Lon-

don, is a descendant of the same family. Humphrey Wren, grandfather of Rev. Humphrey James Wren, lived and died in Ireland. He married Joanna Cronin, and they had the following children: Mary, Margaret, John, Cornelia C., and Humphrey. Of these, Humphrey Wren, father of Rev. Humphrey James Wren, was born in Bally Longford, County Kerry, Ireland, in 1831, and died in Killarney, Ireland, June 21, 1911, while on a visit there. He was educated in the common and national schools of Ireland, and was a well read man. In youth he was apprenticed to learn the shoemaker's trade, later, in 1852, came to America, locating in the town of Hardwick, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his active life. His farm consisted of one hundred and twenty-five acres which he successfully conducted. He was much interested in local affairs, and was a man of influence in the community. At the age of eighty-one years he made a visit to his native land, in company with his son, Rev. Humphrey J. Wren, and was there taken ill and died, as previously noted. He married, in 1859, Margaret Walsh, who was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, daughter of Patrick and Joanna (Shea) Walsh. She died in 1908, at the age of seventy-three years. Their first children were twins, who died in infancy. The others are: Cornelius, a builder in Hardwick, Massachusetts; Rev. Humphrey J., of further mention; Joanna M.; and Michael J., who resides on the homestead in Hardwick.

Rev. Humphrey James Wren was born August 26, 1863, in Greenwich, Massachusetts, and pursued his early studies in the schools of Hardwick. Afterward he took a classical course in St. Hyacinthe College, Province of Quebec, Canada, and completed his college education at North East, Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated. Returning to St. Hyacinthe College,

he held a professorship at that institution for a period of three years, after which he entered upon his theological studies at the Grand Seminary in Montreal, Canada. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Hyacinthe, May 30, 1889, and immediately went to Monson for one year, then to the Sacred Heart Church at West Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he served eight months as a curate. He was next engaged at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, as an assistant in the parish which included Plainville, and during this time the present parish of Fairview was organized. Later he was sent to Warren, Massachusetts, as curate, to assist Rev. J. T. Madden, at present Monsignor and Vicar General (see sketch elsewhere in this work), and after a short stay was made rector of the French speaking parish at Mittineague, Massachusetts, which parish then included East and West Long Meadow. When the parish of Warren was divided by the Bishop, Father Wren was made pastor of the West Warren parish, and was called thence to North Brookfield, Massachusetts, where he remained fourteen years. In 1913 he was placed in charge of the parish of South Hadley Falls, where he has since remained and where his work has been crowned with gratifying success. Father Wren is an especially versatile man, and is as much at home with the French language as with the English. He is thoroughly acquainted with the French people, and is eminently fitted to attend to their wants, being a man of large heart. His influence is extensive, and he is ever leading his charge to thoughts of higher and better things, and the benefits of his influence are incalculable.

**BANNISTER, Jesse,****Cotton Expert.**

The honored and long-time resident of Chicopee, Massachusetts, whose name heads this article, was of notable qualities as a citizen. He was for many years associated with the Dwight Manufacturing Company, and was a recognized authority in matters pertaining to the cotton business.

William Bannister, grandfather of Jesse Bannister, was born in England, and spent his life as a truckman in the town of Blackburn. He married Alice Hurst, and their children were: William, born in 1815; Thomas, 1817; John, 1819; James, 1821; Henry, 1823; Robert, of further mention; Mary Ann, born in 1827; Lewis, 1829; Edward, 1831; Jesse, 1833; Richard, 1835; and Joseph, 1837. All these are now deceased. The mother of the family died in England in 1862. She and her husband attended the Protestant Episcopal church.

Robert Bannister, son of William and Alice (Hurst) Bannister, was born January 15, 1825, in Blackburn, England, and in 1863 emigrated to the United States. His occupation was that of a cotton spinner. In politics he was a Republican. During his long residence in this country he made four trips to his native land. Mr. Bannister married Catherine Brocklehurst, whose family record is appended to this biography, and of the ten children born to them seven died in infancy. The following reached maturity: 1. William, born October 9, 1845; now lives with his sister Nancy in Springfield, Massachusetts; he married Frances Jackson and of the four children born to them two died at birth, Alice died at the age of twelve, and Lewis lived to be nine. 2. Nancy, married Ellis Cunliffe, and they now live in Springfield, Massachusetts;

their children were: Eva, born September 18, 1877, died at birth; Albert E., born January 5, 1879; Alice M., born August 24, 1881, died August 15, 1892; James W., born December 23, 1886. 3. Jesse, of further mention. It was in the home of this son, at Chicopee, that Mr. and Mrs. Bannister passed away, the mother dying April 23, 1907, aged eighty-two, and the death of the father occurring January 29, 1909, at eighty-four. Both attended the Protestant Episcopal church.

Jesse Bannister, son of Robert and Catherine (Brocklehurst) Bannister, was born March 7, 1853, in Blackburn, England, and there received his primary education in public schools. He was eleven years old when the family emigrated to the United States, settling first at Cohoes, New York, after a short time removing to Easthampton, Massachusetts, thence going soon to Holyoke, in the same State, and finally taking up their abode in Chicopee. In this town Jesse Bannister was employed as a young man by the Dwight Manufacturing Company, becoming a first-class mechanic. In 1892 Mr. Bannister was made overseer of the spinning department, one of the largest in the mill, and it was not long before he became widely known for his knowledge of the business. Such was his reputation in this respect that in 1902 he was sent by the company to England in order that he might make a thorough study of the cotton industry in that country. In 1907 Mr. Bannister resigned his position with the intention of retiring from active business; he, however, immediately received the appointment of superintendent of the Fairview Cemetery, a position which he retained to the close of his life. In everything which he deemed calculated to promote betterment of conditions in the community Mr. Bannister took a helpful interest, being a man of civic spirit and benevolent disposition. He affiliated with the Masonic lodge of Chicopee, and

Bela-Grotto, Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, of Springfield, but never held office in either. He and his wife attended the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Bannister married (first) in the spring of 1882, Mary Ann Dawson. Mrs. Bannister died in 1904. On December 5, 1905, Mr. Bannister married (second) Belle M. Hubbard, whose family record is appended to this biography. The only child of this marriage is a son, Jesse Horace, born September 18, 1906. Mr. Bannister was a man of strong domestic tastes and affections, devoted to the ties of family and friendship. The death of Mr. Bannister, which occurred on January 13, 1916, after a brief illness, was mourned by the entire community. All felt that Chicopee had lost one of her best citizens.

(The Brocklehurst Line).

William Brocklehurst, father of Mrs. Catherine (Brocklehurst) Bannister, was a hand-loom weaver in England, and married Jane Marsden, who was also a native of that country. Their children were: Mathew, born in 1817; John, 1819; Margaret, 1821; Ann, 1823; Catherine, mentioned below; James, 1827; Joseph, 1829; Jane, 1831; Mary, 1833; and Alice, 1835. All these are now deceased. William Brocklehurst, the father, died in July, 1875.

Catherine Brocklehurst, daughter of William and Jane (Marsden) Brocklehurst, was born November 19, 1825, in Houlton Tower, England, and became the wife of Robert Bannister, as stated above.

(The Hubbard Line).

Charles Hubbard, grandfather of Mrs. Belle M. (Hubbard) Bannister, was born in 1802, in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and married Mary Sybil Streeter, who was born in 1808. Their children were: Horace J., mentioned below; Leavett, born in Hinsdale, New Hampshire; Delos, born in Hinsdale, New Hampshire; Cabbott,

born in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, as were the two following: Mary, died in 1916, aged seventy-two; and Willard, died in 1912, at the age of sixty-four. Mr. Hubbard passed away in 1848, in Hinsdale, and his widow survived him forty years, her death occurring in 1888.

Horace J. Hubbard, son of Charles and Mary Sybil (Streeter) Hubbard, was born August 1, 1835, in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and was a bobbin-maker and machinist. He married Mary E. Wheeler (see Wheeler line), and they became the parents of two children: Horace Albert, born July 28, 1861, died eight weeks later; and Belle M., mentioned below. Mrs. Hubbard passed away February 2, 1872, in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and the death of her husband occurred at the same place on August 25, 1905.

Belle M. Hubbard, daughter of Horace J. and Mary E. (Wheeler) Hubbard, was born July 17, 1866, in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and became the wife of Jesse Banister, as stated above.

(The Wheeler Line).

Otis H. Wheeler, father of Mary E. (Wheeler) Hubbard, was born March 11, 1812, and married, September 2, 1837, Melisse E. Thurston, who was born March 19, 1815. Their children were: 1. Loren O., born April 26, 1838, died October 3, 1861. 2. Albert E., born November 15, 1839, went to Montana and died there. 3. Mary E., mentioned below. 4. Emma, born August 10, 1844; married, September 5, 1859, Andrew E. Willis, who died August 5, 1913; they had two children. 5. Helen M., born March 20, 1846, died July 21, 1850. 6. Stella M., born May 21, 1848, married, September 5, 1865, Lucius J. Parmelee, and they had two children; Mrs. Parmelee died December 8, 1880, and the death of her husband occurred in 1916. 7. Ellen M., born June 9, 1851, married,

March 10, 1873, James Cargill, and they had two children: Mrs. Cargill died March 19, 1883, and her husband passed away April 12, 1891. The mother of these seven children passed away November 20, 1865, and the father survived until December 16, 1891.

Mary E. Wheeler, daughter of Otis H. and Melisse E. (Thurston) Wheeler, was born December 2, 1841, in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and became the wife of Horace J. Hubbard, as stated above.

### YOUNG, Hiram Joel,

#### Representative Citizen.

There is a tradition that the Youngs of New Hampshire settled in Canada, but the branch from which Hiram Joel Young descends came to New Hampshire after the Revolution, his father Wilson, and his grandfather Samuel, having been born in that State near the famous "Ox bow" in the Connecticut river. Later both settled in Canada, Samuel at Kingsley Falls, a post village of Drummond county, province of Quebec, on the Nicolet river. Wilson Young, when seeking a location for himself chose Warwick, a banking town of Arthabaska county, province of Quebec. There his son, Hiram Joel Young, was born and lived until eighteen years of age, and since 1884 has been a resident of South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts.

Samuel Young grew to manhood at his New Hampshire home, there married Ruth Aldrich, and when his son, Wilson, born in 1817, was yet a boy moved with his family to Kingsley Falls, Canada, where he died about 1843, his wife surviving him until about 1857. They were the parents of Ruby, married a Mr. Gallup; Ruth, married Levi Judd, Andrew; Lynda; Elizabeth; Jane; Wilson, of further mention.

Wilson Young, born in New Hamp-



shire, May 13, 1817, died in Warwick, Canada, in 1877. He was taken to Kingsley Falls, Canada, when a boy by his parents, and there obtained a public school education. When about twenty years of age he enlisted in the Canadian militia and was in active service during the insurrection of that period known as the Papinou War. He settled later at Warwick in the same province, and there was engaged in farming until his death. He was a Republican in politics and somewhat active, but never sought nor held political office. He was a member of the Masonic order and of the Baptist church. Wilson Young married Mary Ardella Shaultrie, of French descent, daughter of Peter Shaultrie, a farmer of Kingsley Falls, and a merchant of Somerset, a nearby town. Later Peter Shaultrie moved to Warwick, where he died about 1870, leaving sons, Charles and Frank, and daughters, Sophie, and Mary Ardella, wife of Wilson Young. Mrs. Young survived her husband about thirty-four years, and died at the home of her son Nelson, at Danville, province of Quebec, in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Young were the parents of eight daughters and five sons: Jane and Emily, died in infancy; Hiram Joel, of further mention; Louisa, born March 17, 1850, married and resides near Keene, New Hampshire; Matilda, born May 18, 1852, deceased; Phoebe, born in 1855; Ruby, born in 1857, deceased; Harriet, died in infancy; Elizabeth, born in 1859, deceased; Samuel Wilson, born July 15, 1861, now a resident of South Hadley Falls, married Margaret Reid and has seven children; Nelson, born in June, 1863, now residing in Danville, Quebec; John, born in March, 1865, now living in South Hadley Falls; Freeman, born in April, 1867, deceased.

Hiram Joel Young, eldest son of Wilson and Mary Ardella (Shaultrie) Young,

was born in Kingsley, Quebec, Canada, August 30, 1848. The first eleven years of his life were spent on the home farm in that town and then in Warwick. At the age of eighteen he made his first visit to the United States, coming in 1866 with a drove of cattle for the Boston market, walking from Richmond, Canada, to the stock yards at Brighton, Massachusetts. He did not at once return to Canada, but made his home in Paris, Maine, and here attended the public school, and for three years went to Canada, each season returning with a drove of cattle. From 1869 until 1871 he resided in Norway, Maine, where he attended the academy, and there belonged to one of the crack military organizations of the State, the Norway Light Infantry, this company being always a feature at inauguration and on special occasions. After leaving Norway he spent a short time at the old home in Canada, but the years, 1872-74, were passed in Vermont. He then spent a year at Kingsley Falls, Canada, learning paper making. In 1875 he married and then moved to Valleyfield, above Montreal, Canada, remaining there five years employed at his trade. In 1881 he settled in Holyoke, Massachusetts, securing employment in the paper mills. In 1884 he removed to South Hadley Falls and erected a fine residence, and has there continuously resided until the present year, 1917.

Mr. Young married, in Canada, in 1875, Janet M. Walkinshaw, born of Scotch parentage in Windsor, province of Quebec. Mr. and Mrs. Young are the parents of four sons and five daughters: 1. Alice Edith, born November 19, 1876, at Valleyfield, Canada; married Dr. James C. Maston, one child, Edith; resides in Springfield, Massachusetts. 2. Wilson A., born September 17, 1878, in Valleyfield; married Helen Brown, born in Scotland and resides in Oakland, California; one son,

Wilson. 3. Lily M., born May 10, 1881, in Windsor, Canada; married Frank Brown, born in England, and resides in Williamantic, Connecticut; two children: Evelyn and Dorris. 4. Hiram, born July 20, 1884, died in infancy. 5. Ida M., born July 29, 1886, died in infancy. 6. Walter R., born October 7, 1888, in Chicopee, Massachusetts; married Norene Gallivan and resides in Williamantic, Connecticut. 7. Norman R., born January 10, 1892, died at the age of twenty-one years. 8. Hazel Ruth, born November 23, 1893, at Chicopee, Massachusetts; married Carroll Cannon and resides in Springfield; one son, Russell. 9. Ruby Ethel, born August 23, 1897, at Chicopee, residing with her parents in South Hadley Falls.

**LAWTON, Dwight Barker,**

**Army Lieutenant.**

The Reed family, of which Mrs. Susan E. (Reed) Lawton, a well known resident of Worcester, is a representative, is of English origin, tracing back to the sixteenth century, its members in the various generations bearing well their part in public, military and private life, leaving behind them the indelible impress of their industry, perseverance and uprightness.

(I) William Reed, emigrant ancestor, was born in England, in 1587. He was reared and educated in his native land, remaining there until the year 1635, when he emigrated to the New World, sailing in the ship, "Defence," accompanied by his wife, Mabel (Kendall) Reed, and three children: George, Ralph, Justus.

(II) George Reed, eldest son of William and Mabel (Kendall) Reed, was born in England, 1629, and was brought by his parents to New England in 1635. He married, October 4, 1652, Elizabeth Jennison. Children: Elizabeth, Samuel, Abigail, George, William, Sarah.

(III) William (2) Reed, youngest son of George and Elizabeth (Jennison) Reed, was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, September 22, 1662. He married, May 24, 1686, Abigail Kendall, who bore him six children: Abigail, William, Mary, Benjamin, Joshua, Hepsibah.

(IV) William (3) Reed, eldest son of William (2) and Abigail (Kendall) Reed, was born at Lexington, Massachusetts, July 18, 1693. He married, about 1719, Sarah Poulter. Their children, born in Lexington, were: William, Samuel, Sarah, Mary, Oliver, John, Hammon, Eliot, Hannah, Nathan.

(V) Samuel Reed, second son of William (3) and Sarah (Poulter) Reed, was born in Lexington, Massachusetts, May 4, 1722. He married Eunice Stone, of Lexington, born July 2, 1724, who bore him nine children: Samuel, Micah, Moses, Frances, Eunice, Abigail, Lucy, Sarah, Mary.

(VI) Micah Reed, second son of Samuel and Eunice (Stone) Reed, was born in Lexington, Massachusetts, September 28, 1746. About 1780 he removed to Hardwick, Massachusetts, and later to New Braintree. He married Elizabeth Paige. Their children were: Micah, Elizabeth, Elizabeth (2), Elizabeth (3), Samuel, Eunice.

(VII) Colonel Micah (2) Reed, eldest son of Micah (1) and Elizabeth (Paige) Reed, was born in Massachusetts, October 17, 1773. In early boyhood he accompanied his parents upon their removal to Hardwick, but the greater part of his active career was spent in New Braintree, his homestead being located in the part known as Ditch Meadow, where, in addition to agricultural pursuits, he was also the proprietor of the Reed Tavern. He took an active interest in military affairs, and for a number of years served as colonel of a Worcester county regiment. He married Deborah Thurston, born September 23, 1778,



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daughter of Samuel Thurston, of Hardwick. Their children, all born in New Braintree, were: 1. Arminiley, born September 22, 1798, never married. 2. Rebecca Paige, born July 6, 1801, died January 6, 1808. 3. Infant son, born April 16, 1803, died same day. 4. Abel Wheeler, born January 15, 1805, died 1874; married Elizabeth Scovil, of East Haddam, Connecticut, and had a daughter, Nellie, deceased. 5. Micah Thurston, born May 21, 1807, died January 11, 1885; married Abigail Harlow, child, Thomas Harlow. 6. Samuel Gardner, born May 21, 1809, died 1884; married (first) Lucella P. Ware, of Worcester, and had two children: Charles Arthur and Frank Theodore; married (second) Elizabeth P. Field, of Philadelphia, and had one child, Karl Beagary; married (third) Hannah W. Whitcomb. 7. Hammond, born August 7, 1811. 8. Sumner, born March 29, 1813, married Jane Henshaw, of Carlton, Massachusetts. 9. Rebecca, born December 2, 1815, married James B. Bardwell, of New Braintree, and had three children: Everett J., Frederick, deceased, and Alice R., deceased. 10. Dwight, of whom further. Colonel Micah Reed died in New Braintree, August 3, 1825. His wife died June 30, 1828.

(VIII) Dwight Reed, youngest son of Colonel Micah (2) and Deborah (Thurston) Reed, was born in New Braintree, Massachusetts, August 25, 1817. He attended the schools of his native town, Leicester Academy, and Wilbraham Academy, thus acquiring an excellent education. He served an apprenticeship at the trade of spoke making, and operated a factory for some time in Brookfield, Massachusetts. From there he moved to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he was associated with Thomas Reed as stove dealers, under the firm name of Reed & Company, their place of business being on Main street. This enterprise proved successful and remunera-

tive, and the connection continued during the remainder of his active life. He became one of the well known citizens of Worcester, was active in worthy movements for the betterment of his adopted city, and cast his vote for the candidates of the Republican party. Mr. Reed married, in New Braintree, March 15, 1842, Susanne Luther Vaughn, born in Prescott, daughter of Josiah and Susanne (Shaw) Vaughn. They were the parents of three children: George D., born November 1, 1848, died August 23, 1849; Susan E., of whom further; Mary. Dwight Reed died in Worcester at the age of seventy-two years, and his remains were interred in Hope Cemetery. His wife died in Worcester, 1893, and is also interred in Hope Cemetery.

(IX) Susan E. Reed, eldest daughter of Dwight and Susanne Luther (Vaughn) Reed, was born in Brookfield, Massachusetts. She married Christopher P. Lawton. After completing her studies, Susan E. Reed pursued a course of study of music in New York, Chicago, Mexico and Boston. She possessed musical talent of marked degree, especially on the harp and organ, and for several years thereafter had pupils on both these instruments. She is a lady of culture, artistic taste and temperament, and is prominent in social circles in Worcester, in which city she is residing at the present time (1917). She is a member of the Army Relief Society, Red Cross Society, Equal Suffrage League, a fellow of the National Geographic Society, and takes an active part in charitable work. There was one child born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawton, Dwight Barker, of whom further.

(X) Dwight Barker Lawton, son of Christopher P. and Susan E. (Reed) Lawton, was born in Webster, Massachusetts. During his boyhood he resided for a time in New York City, receiving a military training in several New York military schools. He was formerly a sergeant in B.

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Battery. His first enlistment was at the recruiting station in the Walker Building shortly after the office had been opened. He was assigned to Company K, Twelfth United States Infantry, made up entirely of men from Worcester. Owing to his previous experience with B. Battery, his promotion from private to first sergeant was rapid. He did not go to Cuba with the rest of the regiment, as his battalion was not in readiness to go at that time. After the close of the war, Sergeant Lawton obtained his discharge under the volunteer act, and returned to Worcester. Soldiering was so much to his liking that he re-enlisted again at the Walker Building Recruiting Station, and once more was a private. He again rose through all the grades of non-commissioned officer and was appointed battalion sergeant-major in June, 1899, of the Twelfth United States Infantry. He was appointed second lieutenant of the same company in February, 1901, and first lieutenant of the Sixteenth United States Infantry in May, 1906. The examination for these ranks was very rigid, but he passed with a grade of 84 per cent. or over. He saw five years' continuous service in the Philippine Islands, after which he was retired on account of ill health. Previous to his retirement he had been ordered to proceed to Alaska. He won about twelve medals for valiant service from the different army corps he had served in, including the Congressional Medal. He was a member of the Army and Navy Club, Washington and New York; the Carabao Club in the Philippines; the Army Relief Club and the Red Cross Association. Lieutenant Lawton was a brilliant officer and socially popular. When he was first stricken with the nervous ailment which caused his death, Lieutenant Lawton was sent to the Walter Reed Army Hospital at Washington, D. C. After an illness of four and a half years of paralysis of the nerves, Lieutenant Lawton died October

23, 1914. The funeral services, which were private, were conducted at the home of his mother, No. 10 Institute Road, Worcester, and the chaplain of the Second Massachusetts Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard, officiated. He was buried with military honors in Hope Cemetery. A squad from the Second Massachusetts Infantry, under Captain Stevenson, fired a volley over the grave and taps were sounded. Adjutant-General Charles H. Cole, of the Massachusetts National Guard, ordered the flag at the armory to remain at half mast during the funeral services, and from his death until his interment the flag at the Grand Army of the Republic headquarters was at half mast.

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**BARDWELL, George Edwin,**

**Representative Citizen.**

The history of this branch of the Bardwells of Holyoke, Massachusetts, leads in direct paternal line to Robert Bardwell, who came from London, England, in 1670, then being about twenty-three years of age. His great-grandson, Deacon Joseph Bardwell, married Sibyl Worthington Smith, daughter of Captain Elijah Smith, of Belchertown, Massachusetts, great-great-grandson of Joseph Smith, who was a resident of Hartford, Connecticut, in 1655. His son, Sergeant Joseph Smith, removed in 1680 to Hadley, Massachusetts, and in 1687 he took charge of the grist mill at Mill River, three miles from Hadley. His son, Deacon John Smith, settled at Belchertown, Massachusetts, where he died in 1777, aged ninety. He married Elizabeth Hovey, they the parents of Captain Elijah Smith, of Belchertown, a captain in the French War of 1756. Captain Elijah Smith married (first) in 1751, Sibyl, daughter of Daniel Worthington, of Colchester, Connecticut. Their eldest daughter, Sibyl Worthington

Smith, married Deacon Joseph Bardwell, of Belchertown, their marriage uniting two prominent Colonial families of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Robert Bardwell, the American ancestor, was a hatter by trade, and at the time of the great plague in 1665 was in London learning this trade, being there also at the time of the great fire. He was sergeant of the militia in the Indian wars, and was actively engaged in King Philip's War. About 1675 he was sent to the Connecticut Valley with dispatches for the troops, making the trip alone on foot through the forests, after this making his home in Hatfield. He was in the fight at Turner's Falls, May 18, 1676, and came through many engagements without a serious wound. He married, November 29, 1676, Mary (Gull) Foote, who died November 12, 1726, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Smith) Gull, and widow of Nathaniel Foote. He died January 9, 1726, aged seventy-nine years. Children: Ebenezer, born October 19, 1679; Mary, October 15, 1681; John, September 16, 1683, died 1685; Samuel, September 26, 1685; John, of further mention; Elizabeth, July 30, 1689; Thomas, December 8, 1691; Esther, August 8, 1693, married, October 23, 1717, Joseph Belden; Sarah, married, May 19, 1713, Jonathan Barrett; Thankful, married, May 23, 1717, Abram Graves; Abigail, born 1699, married, June 6, 1720, David Graves.

John Bardwell, son of Robert and Mary (Gull-Foote) Bardwell, was born at Hatfield, August 18, 1687, and died there, May 25, 1728. His will was proved June 24, 1728. He married Mehitable Graves, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Graves, of Hatfield. Children: Moses, born 1712, married Azubah Graves; Joseph, of further mention; Sarah, March 23, 1719, died unmarried, March 18, 1736; Martha, October 27, 1720, married David Waite;

John, October 26, 1723; Jonathan, 1724, captain in the Revolution, married Violet Amsden.

Joseph Bardwell, son of John and Mehitable (Graves) Bardwell, was born in 1713, at Hatfield, and was a prominent man in Belchertown. He served in the Revolution twelve months, according to Graft's History of Whately. He died in Belchertown, January 1, 1791. He married, May 1, 1735, Lydia Morton, daughter of Ebenezer Morton, of Hatfield. Among their children were Obadiah and Joseph (2) Bardwell.

Joseph (2) Bardwell (also known as Deacon Bardwell), son of Joseph (1) and Lydia (Morton) Bardwell, was born in Belchertown, Massachusetts, in 1750, and died in South Hadley Falls, November 23, 1829. He married, at Belchertown, in 1774, Sibyl Worthington Smith (previously mentioned), who died May 26, 1858, aged one hundred and one years. They were the parents of eleven children including Alonzo, of further mention, grandfather of George Edwin Bardwell, of Holyoke.

Alonzo Bardwell, son of Deacon Joseph (2) and Sibyl Worthington (Smith) Bardwell, was born in Belchertown, Massachusetts, in 1793, and died in South Hadley Falls, July 4, 1868. He was a man of great business activity, and from the date of his settlement in South Hadley Falls, about 1815, was one of the public spirited, progressive men of that community. He built several houses in the town, one of them erected in 1819 being now occupied by a descendant. He took advantage of the fine water power in the eastern part of the town by damming Buttery brook on which stood a large tannery, grist and saw mill, all ultimately destroyed by fire and never rebuilt. He was one of the early manufacturers of farming machinery, and in connection

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with the factory was a foundry which was three times destroyed by fire. A woolen mill also stood near the dam, but was leased to outside parties. Alonzo Bardwell was also interested in river transportation, and prior to the coming of the railroads conducted a very profitable business. The family preserve many interesting relics of that period, old bills of lading, insurance policies, etc., also various costumes peculiar to the Colonial period. In addition to his business activities, Alonzo Bardwell was a large landowner, his estate in that portion of the town intersected by North Main and Bardwell streets, the latter named in his honor but not opened during his lifetime. He was very progressive in his farming operations, using a great deal of machinery for that day, his hay tedder, the first in the town, creating a great deal of interest among the farmers. He was a strong advocate of temperance and an ardent Abolitionist; aided in the operation of the "Underground Railroad" and helped many escaping slaves. He supported the candidacy of Abraham Lincoln for president, and was a strong supporter of the Union cause. He was a deacon of the church and abounded in good and charitable work. His interest in the development of the community in which he lived for half a century was constant, and many public improvements were carried to completion through his aid, including the South Hadley Falls bridge. Alonzo Bardwell married Harriet White, born at South Hadley Center, August 2, 1794, her birthplace known as the Eastman Place, now a part of the Joseph Skinner Estate. She died in South Hadley Falls, November 13, 1874. She was a daughter of Deacon Josiah White, born March 30, 1761, died February 26, 1829, married, November 22, 1787, Mabel Mitchell, born in 1765, died February 2, 1840. Alonzo and Har-

riet (White) Bardwell were the parents of nine children: Alonzo S., born in 1822, died November 26, 1855; Charles Addison, October 8, 1826, died April 22, 1911; Harriet, married James B. Fenton, lived and died in South Hadley Falls; Carlos, born in 1829, married Orra Louisa Frink, born 1831, died January 18, 1874, resided at Summit, New Jersey, and died at Saratoga, New York, September 2, 1884; Joseph, of further mention; Mabel, married H. A. Frink, and now resides in Baltimore, Maryland; three sons died in infancy.

Joseph Bardwell, son of Alonzo and Harriet (White) Bardwell, was born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, March 9, 1835, now a resident of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He grew to manhood at the place of his birth, engaged in farming several years, then became a meat and provision merchant, continuing until his retirement. He married, at Westfield, April 27, 1859, Emily J. Hamlin, born at Westfield, April 29, 1836, died December 26, 1900, at Holyoke, Massachusetts. They were the parents of two daughters and three sons born at South Hadley Falls: Emma Hamlin, born June 25, 1862, died December 4, 1863; Ella Josephine, May 12, 1863, died July 7, 1864; Fred Lincoln, born April 1, 1866, married and resided in Holyoke, now in Chicopee; George Edwin, of further mention.

George Edwin Bardwell, son of Joseph and Emily J. (Hamlin) Bardwell, was born at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, February 23, 1875. He was educated in Holyoke public schools, and while yet a boy became a paper mill employee and has advanced through all branches of the business to his present position, sales manager for the Carew Manufacturing Company of South Hadley Falls. Mr. Bardwell married, December 4, 1901, at Hartford, Connecticut, Mary Williams



Allen, born at Enfield, Connecticut, daughter of Albert Francis Allen, a farmer, died September 15, 1892, and his wife, Julia Ann (Patten) Allen, born April 30, 1837, died December 9, 1887.

**RUSSELL, John Whitney,**

**Representative Citizen.**

The real germ of a human stock is undiscoverable, though as expressed in the family, like Tennyson's brook "it goes on forever." Through change of habitation came the change in name. The flow of emigration in Continental Europe in the Middle Ages was from the north, the south and the east concentrating in the valleys of the Seine, the Rhone, the Rhine, and the Danube. Transferred to England in 1060 the stock was reinforced by the Anglo-Saxons. The name Rozel (Roz-castle, el, a synonym for water) was first given to a castle located in lower Normandy in 1045 and implied a tower or castle by the water. Hugh, son of William Bertrand, was invested with this stronghold and took its name, calling himself Hugh Rozel, from which came Rosel, Rousel and Russell. The Bertrand ancestry traces to Norwegian Earls of the seventh century, whose descendants were in the train of William the Conqueror and received large grants of the public domain taken from the Saxons. They were the founders of the English family of Russell, from whence came the American Russells, progenitors of John Whitney Russell, of South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts. They settled in Massachusetts with the Puritans, later branches aided in founding Wethersfield, Connecticut, then to the banks of the "Great River" and founded Hadley, Massachusetts, thence again to Connecticut, where John Whitney Russell was born. There were many ministers in the early family, and in all other professions and walks of life they have been important fac-

tors in the upbuilding of more than one commonwealth.

John Whitney Russell, son of George Russell, and grandson of Jonathan Russell, was born in Vernon, Connecticut, February 6, 1842. Jonathan Russell, a drover and stock raiser, was born in Massachusetts, and died there about 1854. He married Asenath Stebbins, who died about 1836.

George Russell was born in Enfield, Massachusetts, October 30, 1818, and died in Vernon, Connecticut, in February, 1890. He lived the life of the country boy of his period, and though he craved education it was denied him further than that which the public schools afforded. He remained on his father's farm as his assistant until twenty-three years of age, when he married, and soon afterward he moved to Vernon, Connecticut, where he purchased a farm and continued an agriculturist all his life. He was a man of a fearless, progressive nature, took a positive stand on all public questions, and maintained his opinions. He was a member of the Whig party and took a firm stand with the Abolition element of that party, and when it failed to fairly meet the issue he affiliated with the Abolition wing which founded the Republican party. He also joined in the Know-Nothing movement, and although he was one of the most active of party workers he never sought nor accepted public office. In his business he was equally progressive and 'far ahead of his times. He held advanced ideas and was a pioneer in lines of fruit culture, now so well established that it is difficult to imagine a time when strawberries and peaches were not raised for the public market. Yet George Russell is credited with being the first man in New England to raise those fruits for the market. George Russell married Nancy Cutler Powers, born at Templeton, Massachusetts, April 27, 1819, died at East Hartford, Connecticut, May 29, 1896, an active church member and

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a devoted Christian, training her children in habits of industry and integrity. She was a daughter of Joseph Powers, a shoemaker of Enfield, Massachusetts, who died in 1865. His wife was a Miss Whitney. Their children, all deceased, were: Nancy Cutler Powers, married George Russell; David Powers, a sea captain; Bentley Sanger Powers, superintendent of various penal institutions in Connecticut and New York. George and Nancy Cutler (Powers) Russell were the parents of six children: 1. John Whitney, of further mention. 2. S. Loraine, who married George Bissell, whom she survives with three daughters and a son, residing at East Hartford, Connecticut. 3. Jennie L., married Erastus Geer, and resides in East Hartford, Connecticut. 4. Alice L., married Albert Curtis Roby, a leading druggist of Unionville, Connecticut. 5. Florence, died in 1915. 6. George.

John Whitney Russell spent his early years in Vernon, Connecticut, was educated in the public schools and prepared for the battle of life by serving a full term of apprenticeship at the machinist's trade. He became an expert worker in metal and in different shops gained a thorough general knowledge of various lines of manufacture which, added to his mechanical skill, secured him responsible positions with plants of world-wide reputation. He was foreman of a department of the Deane Steam Pump Company for fourteen years; with Harris & Hawkins; Colt's Armory at Hartford; Parker Brothers of Meriden, Connecticut, makers of the famous "Parker Gun;" master mechanic with the Farr Alpaca Company of Holyoke, one year, and for seventeen years was with Prentiss & Company, wire manufacturers, of Holyoke. He was an authority on certain lines of manufacturing machinery, was a superior workman and most capable shop manager. During his last years he lived a retired life at Hadley Falls, where he died January

16, 1917. While business responsibilities took Mr. Russell to different cities, he was wherever located connected in membership with the Congregational church and active in Sunday school work. After his return to Massachusetts he served the church as deacon for many years, and the Sunday school both as a faithful teacher and capable superintendent. He was a man highly esteemed and had a host of warm friends. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Russell married, June 12, 1866, Elizabeth Hitt, born in Devonshire, England, April 10, 1843, died September 16, 1916, daughter of John Hitt, a paper manufacturer, who came to the United States with his family in 1855 and died at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, June 17, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Russell had an only child, Cora A. Russell, who married, in 1885, Harvey G. Smith, now a leading and prominent merchant of South Hadley Falls. They are the parents of Russell B., born in 1887, died in 1889; Carlton Russell, born September 21, 1893, married L. Mildred Lay and has a daughter, Marjory Russell, born August 8, 1916; Harvey G., Jr., born October 9, 1904.

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### EVERSON, George Howard,

**Retired Business Man.**

The name of Everson is one of long and honorable standing in several of the towns of Massachusetts, and is allied by marriage with early Pilgrim families. In the records of Plymouth, Massachusetts, at the beginning of the eighteenth century, are found the names of John and Richard Everson, and **their names are** also found in a list of the inhabitants of Plympton in 1708 entitled to vote.

The branch of the family to which George Howard Everson, of South Hadley Falls, belongs, settled in the town of Hanson, Massachusetts. Pembroke was

earlier a part of Duxbury, and later from Pembroke came the town of Hanson, all of these towns originally a part of Plymouth. Seth Sylvanus Samuel, Levi Joseph and James Everson are all credited with Revolutionary service. The ancestor of the Hanson branch was Richard Everson, of Plymouth, who with his wife Elizabeth, who died February 16, 1816, reared a family of four sons: Richard (2), of whom further; Ephraim, September 1, 1702; Ebenezer, April 14, 1705; Benjamin, January 26, 1711. Richard (2) Everson, born November 10, 1700, married, March 31, 1718, Penelope Bumpus. Their son, Richard (3) Everson, married, October 30, 1750, Mrs. Averick (Churchill) Standish, widow of Ebenezer Standish, and daughter of Isaac and Susannah (Leach) Churchill. Their eldest son, Samuel Everson, born September 22, 1751, married and was the grandfather of Isaac Henry Everson.

Isaac Henry Everson was born in Bryantville, town of Hanson, April 14, 1811. After his marriage he removed to what is now Rockland, a part of Abington, where he followed the shoemaker's trade until his death about the year 1873. His wife, Lucy (Hobart) Everson, was a granddaughter of Rev. Peter Hobart, who came with his father, Edmund Hobart, from Hingham, Norfolkshire, England, in 1633, and was the first pastor of the famous Ship Church of Hingham, Massachusetts, which was framed in England, brought to Hingham and there erected in 1681. Lucy Hobart was born April 4, 1811, died in 1897, aged eighty-six. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had children: Isaac Henry, born June 9, 1832; Lucinda H., born December 7, 1834, yet living in Rockland, Massachusetts; John Wesley, of further mention; a son, died in infancy; George Edward, born De-

ember 29, 1840, died September 30, 1862; a daughter, died in infancy; Elbridge H., born April 2, 1844, yet living in Rockland; Darius H., born September 12, 1846, died in August, 1917; Irene, born December 20, 1848, died in March, 1850; Ellereene A., born November 10, 1850, yet living in Rockland; a son, born and died December 5, 1852; Delwin, born July 25, 1854, deceased.

John Wesley Everson was born in Abington, Massachusetts, March 29, 1837, and died in Hanover, Massachusetts, July 10, 1912, in his seventy-sixth year. He attended public schools until beginning work with his father at the shoemaker's bench early in life. He married at the early age of nineteen and shortly afterwards opened a shop for himself. He conducted his business alone for about eight years, then formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Jacob Whiting, which continued two years. Owing to ill health he sold his interest in the shoe business and purchased a farm in Hanover upon which he resided until his death. Never a robust man, Mr. Everson, although he volunteered for military service during the Civil War, was rejected by the examining physician. He was very active, however, in the relief work for the soldiers' widows and orphans, and was treasurer of the Rockland Society organized to carry on that work. He was a Whig in politics in early life, later affiliating with the Republican party, but was very independent in political thought and action. For thirty-five years he was a member of the Board of Registrars, and in 1879 and 1880 represented his district in the State Legislature. He was reared in the Methodist Episcopal faith and bore the name of the great founder of Methodism, but later became an active Unitarian and was one of the founders of the church of that faith in Rockland. He was prominent in the

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a man thoroughly respected and highly esteemed in his community.

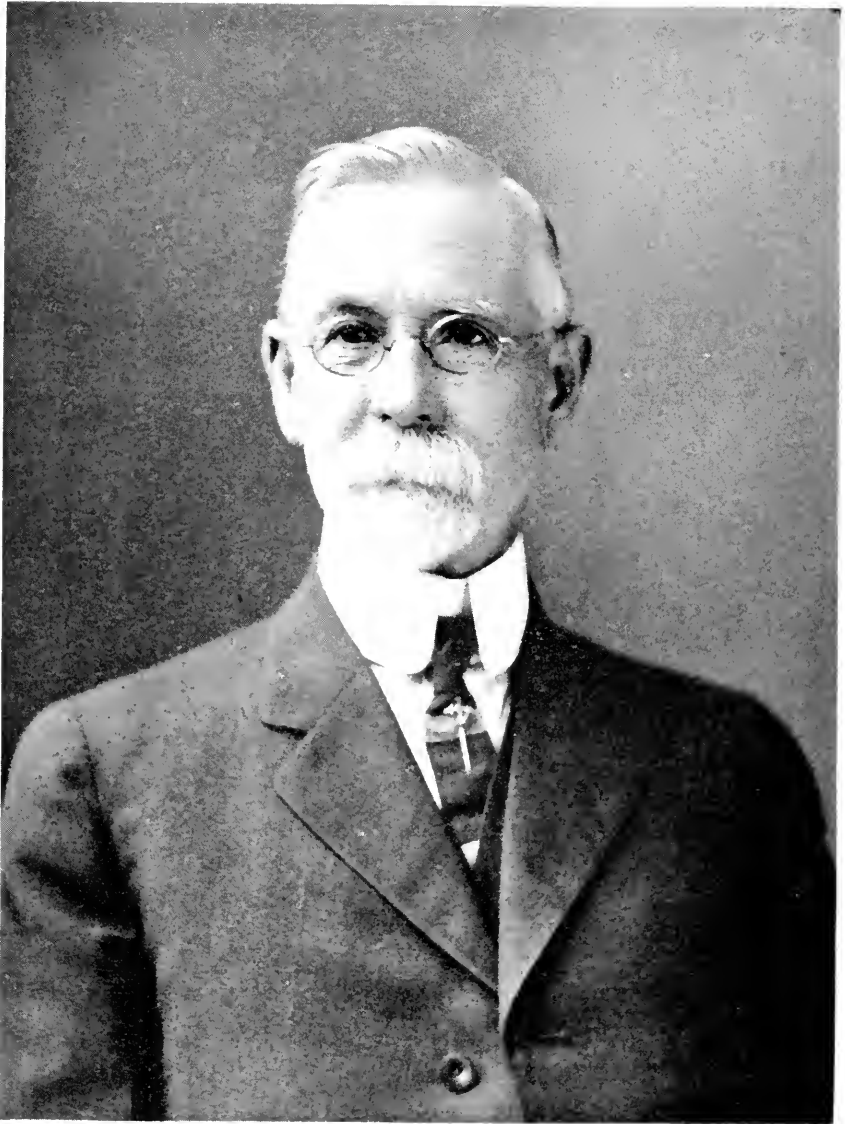
John Wesley Everson married Laura Ann Whiting, born in Hanover, Massachusetts, July 29, 1837, who still resides in Rockland, Massachusetts, and is very active in church and community work. She is a daughter of Sylvanus Whiting, now deceased, a farmer of Hanover. He married Lucy Bates and had children: Sylvanus (2); Thomas Hart Benton; Laura Ann, married John Wesley Everson; Elmer, now living in Rockland; Betsey, married Jacob Whiting (not a relative); Adelaide, married William Glover, and died at Quincy, Massachusetts. John W. and Laura Ann Everson had three children: 1. Wesley Elroy, born August 14, 1857; married Adeline Lowell, and they reside at Hanover, Massachusetts. 2. George Howard, of further mention. 3. Eva May, married Herbert Emir Thayer, of South Hadley Falls, whom she survives, residing with her mother in Rockland.

George Howard Everson, second son of John Wesley and Laura Ann (Whiting) Everson, was born in Rockland, Massachusetts, April 11, 1862. He was three years of age when his father located on the farm in Hanover and there resided until he was fifteen, attending school and doing a boy's work on the farm. At about the age of fifteen he started a milk distributing business, covering his entire route in time to enter a shoe shop at 7 a. m., and there performing a full day's work. He operated the milk route for a few years only, but continued working in shoe shops until 1890, giving special attention to the upper leather department and becoming an expert cutter. He held responsible positions in some of the best shops in the country in the upper leather and cutting departments, his last years in

that line being with Charles Groce & Sons, a firm now dissolved. About 1890, Mr. Everson located in South Hadley Falls, there entering the employ of the old firm of Smith & Bartlett, continuing with them until about 1896. He then established in business for himself, and for fifteen years conducted a large and successful grocery business under his own name. In 1905 he admitted his son, Howard Thayer Everson, to a partnership under the name of the Everson Grocery Company and this continued until George H. Everson retired in 1913, and he is now enjoying the benefits of his life of efficient labor, in retirement from business cares. Independent in his political opinions, he has acted with the progressive element of both parties and shapes his course solely with a view to the public good. He has been on the Board of Selectmen for the past four years and clerk of the Board of Health and still serving. He has worked his own way to success through that persevering quality which balks at no obstacle or discouragement. He is highly esteemed in the community in which he has resided for over a quarter of a century. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and an attendant of the Congregational church.

Mr. Everson married, December 22, 1886, Emma Estella Thayer, born in Leyden, New York, September 22, 1862, daughter of Sandford Coe Thayer, an ice dealer, born in Leyden, New York, November 11, 1837, died in South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, March 7, 1902. He married, March 13, 1855, Emily Melissa Avery, born October 11, 1838, died at South Hadley Falls, June 25, 1905. They had three children: Wilbur H. Thayer, born February 2, 1856, married Emma Bullard, of Newport, New York, and now resides in South Hadley Falls; Emma Estella Thayer, married George Howard





*James Duckworth*

Everson; Herbert Emir Thayer, born in 1864, married, November 19, 1890, Eva May Everson, and died April 30, 1911; she survives her husband and now resides with her mother, Mrs. John Wesley (Whiting) Everson, in Rockland, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Everson have one son, Howard Thayer Everson, born October 28, 1887, was his father's former business associate in the Everson Grocery Company, now in the wholesale cake business; resides at home, unmarried.

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**DUCKWORTH, James,**

**Manufacturer, Inventor.**

When the sailing vessel was the means of communication between the United States and England, James Duckworth, to whose memory this review is dedicated, was brought from his English home by his parents, the voyage requiring seven weeks to complete. That was in 1848 and he a boy of five years. Sixty-eight years intervened before his useful life closed, and during that period his name became known the world over in connection with the famous Duckworth Loom and as the leading manufacturer of chains for driving bicycles, motor cycles and other chain driven machines. His connection with the bicycle business was the means of interesting him in the Springfield Bicycle Club, and he became one of the most enthusiastic members of that organization whose meets were famous during the days bicycle racing was in its heyday. He never lost his interest in the racing game, and when motor boats became the last word in speed none on the Connecticut river surpassed his "Arrow II."

James Duckworth was born in Bury, England, September 29, 1842, died in Elizabeth Buxton Hospital, Newport News, Virginia, April 30, 1916. He was a son of Christopher and Ann (Borch) Duck-

worth. In 1848 Christopher Duckworth with his family came to the United States, settling first in Massachusetts, and later in Mt. Carmel, Connecticut, where he manufactured, with aid of his sons, the Duckworth Loom for weaving carpets and fancy Cassimers, a loom of his own invention which came into use the country over.

James Duckworth, after completing his school years, learned the machinist's trade in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and after finishing his apprenticeship joined the family in Mt. Carmel and engaged with his father and two brothers in manufacturing Duckworth Looms. Later the entire family moved to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, there continuing the manufacture of the Duckworth Loom under the firm name of C. Duckworth & Sons Loom Works. The family partnership finally dissolved, and James Duckworth settled in Springfield, Massachusetts. From the date of his location in Springfield (1876) Mr. Duckworth was engaged in manufacturing, his first line being various small machine parts. When the bicycle came he began the manufacture of chains for that machine and as motor cycles and automobiles followed he increased his plant on Mill street, kept pace with the demand and was probably the largest manufacturer of that type of chain in the United States. He was an inventive genius and most of the machines used in his plant were of his own invention and especially designed for a given purpose. He also was the inventor of a certain type of chain which won nation wide fame, vieing with the Duckworth Loom in popularity. He also was interested in the J. G. Duckworth Sewing Machine Parts Company. His expert mechanical skill and inventive genius lay as the foundation stone of the splendid manufacturing business he founded, developed and owned, but he was not lacking in those sterling business qualities which insure success, and his material prosperity

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kept pace with his high reputation as an inventor and manufacturer. He was a member of Hampden Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Springfield Lodge, Royal Arcanum; and the Park Congregational Church, and in political faith he was a Republican. He passed the last winter of his life in the South in search of health in that milder clime, and on his return north made the journey one of easy stages. At Newport News, Virginia, he had so weakened that he was taken to Elizabeth Buxton Hospital, where he died about four weeks later.

Mr. Duckworth married, in 1867, Annie E. Grannis, of Mt. Carmel, Connecticut, who survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth were the parents of a son, Horace G. Duckworth, of Springfield, and a daughter, Isabelle D., married Edward K. Allen, of Burlington, Vermont.

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**DORR, James,**

**Manufacturer.**

When a boy James Dorr came from his native Ireland to Worcester, Massachusetts, and became one of the important factors in the woolen manufacturing business. He was a man of quick intuition, energetic and capable, and won for himself competence and honorable position.

James Dorr was born in Ireland and there spent his early boyhood. After coming to Worcester he attended the public schools until 1848, then entered the employ of Martin Van Buren Jefferson, a woolen manufacturer of Holden, Massachusetts, and served as overseer for fifteen years. At the end of that period he severed his connection with the Jefferson Mills and henceforth engaged in business for himself, as a manufacturer of woolen goods. During his active manufacturing life he was located in business in Athol, Massachusetts, in New Hampshire, in

Holden, Massachusetts, and other places, conducting his mills under the trade name, Glenbrooke Mills. In 1891 he bought the old Springdale Mills in Holden on the Quinapoxet river, made extensive alterations in the property, and successfully conducted them until the operations of the Metropolitan Water Commission demanded the mill site. After the sale of the property Mr. Dorr retired and made his home on Michenor street, Worcester, until his death, April 11, 1915, aged seventy-eight years. He was a member of Division III, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and of St. Paul's Church.

Mr. Dorr was survived by his wife and sons, Francis Leon and James F. Dorr, of Worcester.

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**CORDES, Frank Diedrich,**

**Leading Mural Artist.**

Mural decoration in New England has not until during the past century received as a distinctive art the attention its importance entitles it to, although for centuries abroad, the greatest artists displayed their masterpieces upon the walls of churches and public buildings. But interior decoration in New England for many years was given over to the paper hanger and better class of painters, only in rare instances an artist accepting a commission for wall decoration. Among the men who have made their business an art, and who for several years has devoted himself to mural decoration alone, Frank Diedrich Cordes is one of the best known; churches, theatres and hotels in all parts of the country bearing the imprints of his genius.

Mr. Cordes was born in Bremen, Germany, September 17, 1852, posthumous son of John Diedrich Cordes, who died in the summer of 1852, aged about twenty-six. His mother, Margaret (Bohlman)



Cordes, born at Schwarmen, Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, about 1827, died in Bremen in 1880. After being left a widow with sons and daughters she married a second time. Bremen presented but two branches of activity which were open to a youth of honorable, respectable family, and after giving one of these, merchandising, a trial, he found that clerical work was wholly unsuited for a lad of his active, adventurous nature, and he therefore decided to try the other, the sea, and without consulting the family left home quietly and shipped as a seaman on board one of the vessels of a transatlantic line plying between Bremen and New York. He made several voyages, and while in New York met some relatives and formed some friendships that decided him to make the United States his home. This intention became a fact in 1870, and for a year he made his home in Brooklyn with relatives. He then went to New Haven, Connecticut, and became an apprentice to Carl Schenk, a painter and decorator. He remained an apprentice two and a half years, then worked as a journeyman decorator until 1878. Realizing the importance of the decorator's art in the rapidly growing New England community in which he had cast his lot, and feeling his own lack of proper artistic training, he went abroad and for eighteen months studied under the best mural artists in Munich, Germany.

He returned to the United States in 1880 and for two years was employed in New York City, becoming known as a decorative artist of taste and ability. Late in 1881 he embraced an offer to engage in business for himself in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and for a few months was associated there with Napoleon Coulture. In 1882 Mr. Cordes purchased his partner's interest in the business, conducting it alone until 1888, when he admitted

Robert Johannes a partner under the firm name F. D. Cordes & Company. The store, which was a part of their business, carried a full line of artists' and painters' supplies, while painting, paper hanging and interior decoration employed a force of skilled mechanics and artists. In 1893 Mr. Cordes withdrew from the firm to devote himself exclusively to mural decoration, Mr. Johannes continuing the store. Since that year Mr. Cordes has executed important commissions in all parts of the United States and ranks among the leading mural artists of the country. After permanently settling in the United States, he took the required steps to perfect his citizenship and has long been an American in fact as well as by adoption. He has always affiliated with the Republican party, but has never accepted public office with the exception of one year as selectman of South Hadley Falls, his home. He is a member of Holyoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Congregational church of South Hadley Falls.

Mr. Cordes married (first) at South Hadley Falls, November 27, 1879, Anna Thieme, born November 1, 1860, died at South Hadley Falls, the place of her birth, December 14, 1891, daughter of Morris Thieme, born in Germany. Mr. Cordes married (second) at South Hadley Falls, June 27, 1892, Annie P. Thranhardt, born there February 25, 1875, daughter of Ernest and Rosinda (Bishop) Thranhardt, both born in Germany. Mrs. Cordes has a brother, Edward Thranhardt, residing in South Hadley Falls, and a sister, Helen Thranhardt, a graduate nurse residing in New York City. Frank D. and Anna (Thieme) Cordes were the parents of a son, Frank, born November 27, 1880, now residing at home, and of five daughters: Ella, born March, 1882, died June 17, 1895; Lillian, residing at home; Clara,

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married, in 1909, George Pease, and resides at Stratford, Connecticut, and they have two children: George, born in 1910, Meta in 1912; Mabel, born August 17, 1888, married, in 1916, Edward Meacham, and resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Annie, born December 16, 1890. Frank D. and Annie P. (Thranhardt) Cordes are the parents of two sons, both residing with their parents, Walter, born in 1893, and Karl in 1894.

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**LEPORE, Anthony A.,**

**Public Official.**

The influence that is being exerted upon our institutions and general life by the Italian element in our body politic is one that is rapidly growing greater, and is in all respects a healthy and wholesome one. It is no wonder that this is so, considering the type of enterprising and capable young men that Italy is constantly sending to our shores, here to make their homes and work out for themselves careers of which any country might well be proud. An example of this enterprise and ability is to be found in the career of Anthony A. Lepore, already one of the prominent citizens of Worcester, Massachusetts, despite his youth, and one whose future gives promise of unusual brilliancy.

Born at Melezzano, in the Province of Benevento, Italy, April 5, 1884, Mr. Lepore spent his childhood up to the age of twelve in his native town. He was a son of Aniello and Appolonia (Rossi) Lepore, and a descendant of a family which had lived in that region from time immemorial. Aniello Lepore, the father of Anthony A. Lepore, first came to this country in 1888, and lived for five years in the City of Worcester. In 1893 he returned to Italy, and in 1896 again made the trip to this country. This time his son, Anthony A., who had already received an excellent education in the schools of his

native land, accompanied him and the two took up their abode in Worcester. The father did not, however, remain in America permanently, returning finally to Italy in 1902, where he still lives and is the owner of a successful farm in the Province of Benevento. The son, however, has continued in this country from that time to this and has in the interim become completely identified with the life and customs of his adopted country. Mr. Lepore is the youngest of five children of whom three were daughters. His brother, Pasquale Lepore, also accompanied his father to this country but returned with him in 1902. The opportunities which he found awaiting him in America, however, were such as to induce him to come here again in 1904 and he is now a resident of Worcester, where he has a successful barber shop, having learned this trade from his father. The three sisters of Mr. Lepore are as follows: Lucia, now the wife of Gaetano Rossi, a resident of Melezzano, where he was engaged in farming until he was recently called to the colors in the great European war; Maddellena, now the wife of Joseph Mancino, a farmer in Italy; and Felomena, who married Cosimo Mancino, who is also engaged in farming in his native land.

Anthony A. Lepore continued his studies for two years at the grammar schools of Worcester and for another two in the Worcester High School, graduating from the evening department of the High School. He is a man of very large ambitions and realized that his best chance to advance in this country was to become well acquainted with many branches of knowledge. Accordingly, after completing his studies in the Evening High School, he took up courses in French, Spanish and Greek, and now speaks and writes five languages fluently. He also took a course in music and drawing and is now proficient in both of these arts. For eight years after coming to this coun-

try, Mr. Lepore worked in the barber shop started here by his father, attending school and following up his courses of study during his leisure hours. He, himself, conducted the barber shop for about seven years, and then entered the real estate and fire insurance business, selling the barber shop and utilizing the capital to start him in his new line. He holds commissions as justice of the peace and notary public. Up to January, 1916, Mr. Lepore continued in the real estate business, in which he was remarkably successful, gaining the reputation of being one of the most prominent Italians in the city of Worcester and came to be a well known figure in the general life of the community. At the opening of 1916 the Norton Company, which enormous concern is engaged in manufacturing at Greendale, Massachusetts, made an offer to Mr. Lepore that he should take the supervision of the four hundred or more Italian hands who worked in their mills. Mr. Lepore at once accepted this offer, and from that time to the present oversees the work of this small industrial army. He has also been placed at the head of the employment department and attends to the hiring and discharge of all help.

Mr. Lepore has been extremely active in the political situation at Worcester, taking a prominent part in many of the campaigns of recent years and becoming a recognized factor in politics there. In 1910 he became the Democratic candidate for the City Council from Ward Three, and although he was defeated the vote cast for him was of such a kind as to encourage him and his constituents to repeat the candidacy. In 1911 he was successful and again in 1912. In 1915 he was elected alderman from the Third Ward and is still serving his term in that body, having done much efficient work for his district and for the city-at-large. He is a strong factor in progressive legislation in the Board of Alder-

men and is a member of committees, among which is that on sewers, ordinances, fire department, claims, enrollment and bills of second rating. He has always been devoted to the Democratic party, the principles and policies of which he staunchly upholds. He is not less active in club and fraternity circles in Worcester, being a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lodge Columbo Mazzini, of the Sons of Italy of America, also a member of the Court Mazzini Foresters. He also belongs to the Aztec Club, and is particularly active in the organization known as the Italian Citizens Progressive League of Massachusetts. He was elected to the vice-presidency of this organization, the object of which is to look after and establish in some adequate way the naturalization of Italian immigrants in this country and to look after their general welfare. He has been a member of this society from the time of its organization in 1913 in Boston and has been one of the most active in furthering its extremely valuable work. Mr. Lepore, in his religious belief, is a Roman Catholic and is a communicant of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church. He is a member of the Catholic Society of the Knights of Columbus.

On June 22, 1910, Mr. Lepore was married to Rose Mazza, a daughter of Domineco Mazza, of Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Lepore, like her husband, is a native of Italy and came to America with her parents when but ten years of age. Three children have been born to them, as follows: Ervino A. A., deceased in infancy; Ervino A. A.; and Margaret Carmel.

Mr. Lepore has made it a point to champion the cause of the Third Ward of Worcester and is one of the most popular figures living in that district. It was he who secured the handsome drinking fountain which now stands in Washington Square and also the appropriation from the city

government for beautifying Washington Park with a double line of columns on either side of the entrance and for enlarging the swimming pool. Mr. Lepore, on account of his unusual linguistic acquirements, has made himself of value to the courts of the city and has acted as interpreter there and in a number of law offices. In addition to his other studies, he has taken a course in commercial law from the School of International Correspondence.

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**ATWOOD, Benjamin S.,**

**Capable Man of Affairs.**

The type that has become familiar to the world as the successful New Englander, practical and worldly-wise, yet governed in all matters by the most scrupulous and strict ethical code, stern in removing obstacles from the path, yet generous even to his enemies, is nowhere better exemplified than in the person of Benjamin S. Atwood, of Whitman, Massachusetts, a figure who has carried down into our own times something of the substantial quality of the past. The successful men of an earlier generation who were responsible for the great industrial and mercantile development of New England, experienced, most of them, in their own lives, the juncture of two influences, calculated in combination to produce the marked characters by which we recognize the type. For these men were at once the product of culture and refinement, being descended generally from the most distinguished families, and yet were so placed that hard work and frugal living were the necessary conditions of success. Such was the case with Mr. Atwood, who was descended from a fine old English family, the members of which have from the early Colonial days, down to the present, maintained the same high standard which was set for them by their founder.

The Atwood family has been associated with Plymouth county, Massachusetts, and prior to that with Plymouth colony, since the earliest days of American history. According to Davis, the Plymouth historian, the name was originally Wood, and John Wood, the founder of the house in America, afterwards became John Atwood, in which form the name was handed down to his descendants. (I) This John Wood, or Atwood, was married to Sarah Masterson, a daughter of Richard Masterson, and of this union came the following children: John, born 1650; Nathaniel, of whom further; Isaac, 1654; Sarah, who married John Fallswell; Abigail, who married Samuel Leonard; Hannah, who married Richard Cooper; and Mary, who married (first) the Rev. John Holmes, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, and (second) Major William Bradford.

(II) Nathaniel Atwood, the second son of John and Sarah (Masterson) Atwood, generally known as Deacon Nathaniel Atwood, was born February 25, 1651-52, and died December 17, 1724. He was married to Mary Morey, a daughter of Jonathan Morey, and the following children were born to them: John, May 1, 1684; Elizabeth, April 24, 1687; Joanna, February 27, 1689; Mary, April 26, 1691; Nathaniel, of whom further; Isaac, December 29, 1695; Barnabas, January 1, 1697-98, and Joanna (2), June, 1700.

(III) Nathaniel (2) Atwood, the fifth child of Deacon Nathaniel (1) and Mary (Morey) Atwood, was born October 3, 1693, and lived at Plympton, Massachusetts. He was a lieutenant in a military company, and was twice married (first) to Mary Adams, daughter of Francis Adams, and (second) to Mrs. Abigail Lucas. The children of the first marriage were as follows: Mary, born 1723; Nathaniel, 1725; Francis, 1728; those of the second; Sarah, married Joseph Barrows; Mercy, married



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Joseph Warren; Ebenezer, born 1735; Keziah, 1737; William, 1740; Joseph, 1741; and Ichabod, of whom further.

(IV) Ichabod Atwood, the youngest child of Nathaniel (2) and Abigail (Lucas) Atwood, was born in Plympton in 1744, but afterwards moved to Middleboro, Massachusetts, where he died August 24, 1819. He married Hannah Shaw, a daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Perkins) Shaw, the former having been a captain in the Continental army during the Revolution. Of this union the issue was as follows: Ansel, born August 24, 1770; Amasa, April 15, 1772; Ichabod, May 4, 1774; Polly, March 27, 1776; Stephen, June 6, 1778; Pelham, June 16, 1780; Nathaniel, of whom further; Uriah, February 24, 1784; Betsey, May 17, 1786; Hannah, January 30, 1788; George, August 16, 1790; Sarah, born July 14, 1792.

(V) Nathaniel (3) Atwood, the seventh child of Ichabod and Hannah (Shaw) Atwood, was born at Middleboro, Massachusetts, April 28, 1782. He married Zilpha Shurtliff, a daughter of Francis and Mary (Shaw) Shurtliff, of Plympton, Massachusetts, and to them were born the following children: Flora, February 25, 1807; Gardiner, October 21, 1809; Ruel, of whom further; Polly, June 5, 1818; and Ichabod F., May 13, 1820.

(VI) Ruel Atwood, the third child of Nathaniel (3) and Zilpha (Shurtliff) Atwood, was born June 24, 1811. He was the father of Benjamin S. Atwood, with whose career this sketch is chiefly concerned. He married Abigail S. Tillson, a daughter of Ichabod Tillson, and they were the parents of seven children as follows: Ruel G., Lucy C., Flora M., Zilpha S., Benjamin S., of whom further; Elijah H., and Lafayette.

(VII) Benjamin S. Atwood, the fifth child of Ruel and Abigail S. (Tillson) Atwood, was born June 25, 1840, at Carver,

Massachusetts. His childhood was passed in the town of his birth and it was there at the rural schools that he obtained his education. Having completed his schooling, he sought for some work to do and soon secured a position in a lumber-mill at Middleboro, where he learned how to make various objects from wood and thus was introduced to the business in which he was afterwards to become a leader. From Middleboro he removed to Plympton, Massachusetts, the home of his ancestors for many years, and here secured a similar position in a lumber-mill. It was here that the outbreak of the Civil War found him. Mr. Atwood's record in that momentous struggle is such that any man might well be proud of it, showing as it does the most interested love of his country and a willingness to sacrifice all in her interests. The first call of President Lincoln for seventy-five thousand volunteers for three months had hardly gone forth before he responded. The very day in which it was published he enlisted in Company H, Third Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and the next day started for the front under sealed orders. The regiment sailed from Boston and eventually found that their destination was Fortress Monroe, now famous in history. On April 20, they disembarked and marched to the parade ground inside of the fort where they had a lunch of Boston crackers and boiled ham. Before they had finished the same the young Colonel volunteered the regiment to embark on the "Pawnee" to go somewhere that neither he nor any one else in the regiment knew where. They proceeded to the Navy Yard, where their object was the destruction of dry docks and a considerable store of munitions which there was some fear might fall into the hands of the Confederates. The Third Massachusetts has the distinction of being the first regiment to

invade the hostile southern territory and thus well earned the title that has been given them of the "Minute Men of Sixty-One." They it was who carried on the splendid tradition of the "Minute Men of Concord and Lexington" and passed it in turn to the "Minute Men" of today, whose heroism has turned back the advancing tide of tyranny and evil which threatened to engulf civilization in that second Thermopylae, the battle of the Marne. He was one of the three thousand eight hundred and five men honored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the presentation to them of those much desired medals inscribed with the words "Massachusetts Minute Men 1861," to commemorate the fact that they had been the first to respond to the call of President Lincoln. The medals were presented by the hand of the governor and constitute a reward for patriotism of which the members of the regiment may well feel proud. At the expiration of the three months' term of enlistment, Mr. Atwood returned to his home in Massachusetts and at once entered into the work of recruiting with all his might, a work which was then imperatively important for the country. There were few who were more successful than he, and there were many more who responded to his arguments than sufficient to fill up the gaps of his Company H, which had been his object. But although this was so, Company H was not completed, since so great was the country's need for men, that as soon as they came in they were sent off to the South, there to join other units already at the front. For his services in this work Mr. Atwood was given a commission as first lieutenant by Governor Andrews, of Massachusetts, but he did not feel satisfied for long to continue his efforts in the North, longing to be back in action once more. Accordingly he and his old com-

rades that formed the fragment of Company H joined with a similar fragment of Company K, also of Carver, and consolidating with Company B, of Plymouth, returned under the latter name to the South with their regiment. He was appointed fourth sergeant of the company, and during the campaigns that followed saw much active service, especially in North Carolina, where he took part in a number of important engagements. He remained with his regiment until the very close of the struggle and was then honorably discharged, when the army was put back on its peace basis. Returning to the North he took up his abode in Plympton, Massachusetts, and turned his attention once more to the tasks of peace.

This was in the year 1866, and Mr. Atwood at once entered into a partnership with his brother, Elijah H. Atwood, under the firm name of Atwood Brothers, and established a factory at North Abington, Massachusetts, for the manufacture of wooden boxes. In 1872 this business was removed to South Abington, which later became the town of Whitman, and here, too, Mr. Atwood made his home, a home that he has continued until today. In the year 1879, Elijah H. Atwood retired entirely from the concern, and Benjamin S. Atwood became the sole owner of an enterprise that even at that time promised great things, which it has more than realized subsequently. Under his careful yet progressive management the business has grown steadily and without interruption until it is today one of the largest of its kind in the country, operating mills which are without a superior in equipment and method anywhere, and giving employment to a large number of the townspeople of Whitman. During his whole business career Mr. Atwood has kept before him as an ideal, not less than his own success, the advantage of the community



of which he forms a member, and has been untiring in his efforts to build up and develop its industrial interests. He was one of those who in 1901 founded the Whitman Board of Trade, and was for twelve years thereafter its president, his term of office being marked by his splendid efforts towards a cleaner and better town, and towards the inducing of new business enterprises to make their home there. He has been instrumental in bringing to the town some of the most important industrial enterprises that now make their home there, and in persuading others to remain. As recently as 1916, when the great Regal Shoe Company contemplated removing its factories elsewhere, it was Mr. Atwood almost more than any other man who dissuaded them from their determination, and who was responsible in remedying certain conditions of which they complained.

Mr. Atwood is a staunch and life-long Republican, and at one time served for a period of ten years as chairman of the Whitman Republican Town Committee. His advice is often sought by the State leaders of the party. When a man was needed in the year 1916 to redeem the party from the defeat it has suffered for several years in the assembly district, Mr. Atwood's name was suggested as the strongest that could be found. He was for a time reluctant, but was finally prevailed upon to accept the nomination for the State Assembly. He carried his party through to victory and served as assemblyman for the 1916 term, during which time he was instrumental in having enacted much valuable legislation for the community. He was also for several years a member of the school committee of Whitman.

Mr. Atwood is a conspicuous figure in the social life of Whitman, and a member of a number of important organizations.

He has always kept up his old military associations, and is a member and past commander of David A. Russell Post, No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic, of Whitman, and was for several years commander of the Plymouth County Division of that organization, and a member and past commander of McPherson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Abington. He is also a member and past commander of the Association of Massachusetts Minute Men. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order and belongs to all the local bodies of the order, including Puritan Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Whitman; Pilgrim Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Abington; Old Colony Commandery, Knights Templar, of Abington; and he is also a member of Aleppo Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston.

The domestic life of Mr. Atwood has been a long and happy one. On September 24, 1862, he married (first) Angelina F. Weston, a daughter of Lewis and May Weston, of Plympton, Massachusetts. His children by this union were three, Winthrop F., Bertrand W. and Mabel F. The two sons are now associated with him in the great box manufactory. Mrs. Atwood died on March 4, 1908, at the home on Pleasant street. She was in her seventy-first year, and had long been a leader in the work of the Unitarian church in Whitman, where she left a host of devoted friends. On June 1, 1910, Mr. Atwood married (second) Mrs. Lizzie A. Sanborn, of Roxbury, Massachusetts.

There is much to suggest the gentleman of the old school in Mr. Atwood, and the courtesy of this type and the uncompromising firmness of the practical man of the world fittingly complement and modify each other. During the many years of his residence in Whitman he has been looked up to as have few other men in the

community; with respect for the unimpeachable integrity, the clear-sighted sagacity, the strong public-spirit that marks him, but with affection also, for his tact in dealing with men, his spontaneous generosity and the attitude of charity and tolerance he maintains toward his fellow-men which makes him easy of approach and a sympathetic listener to all, the humblest as well as the proudest. There is many a man in Whitman today who has good occasion to remember these traits of Mr. Atwood, many a man whose difficulties have been cleared away by the good offices of this true friend.

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**KILLIAN, Thomas,**

**Prominent Business Man.**

Thomas Killian, son of Thomas and Margaret Killian, both natives of Ireland who came to America many years ago, was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, July 3, 1854, and died in the same town, July 26, 1912. His education was acquired in the common schools of his native town, and upon its completion he entered the employ of the Russell Woolen Mills, in which his father was employed many years. He was one of two brothers and three sisters, of whom there is now living but one brother, Patrick Killian. After some years spent in working in the above mentioned mill, Mr. Killian decided to establish himself in business independently, and for this purpose selected the house furnishing line, with which he was successfully identified for a considerable length of time. Other business interests also claimed a share of his time and attention for a number of years prior to his death. While he never evinced any desire to hold public office, he took a deep interest in all public affairs, and was a consistent supporter of the Democratic party. As a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, he gave generously toward its support, and he

was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Division No. 5, Ancient Order of Hibernians, for more than thirty years.

Mr. Killian married, November 19, 1891, Mary Heaphy, of Lee, Massachusetts. She was educated in the schools of Lee, Massachusetts, whence she came to Pittsfield, where she followed the occupation of dress-making until her marriage. She is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Pittsfield, and of the Ladies' Benevolent Catholic Association of Pittsfield. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Danahee) Heaphy, a contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heaphy had the following children: Mary, mentioned above; Elizabeth, born in Lee and now living in Pittsfield; William A., a contractor of Lee, who married Mary E. Bossidy, of that town, and they have the following children: Harry W., a civil engineer; Mary C., a bookkeeper; William A., is in his third year at Holy Cross College; Margaret Elizabeth, in her second year at Middlebury College, in Vermont; Edward Thomas, attending high school.

Mr. Killian was essentially a home man, and though very busy all the time, he never permitted other things to detract his attention from his home, where he found his greatest enjoyment. He was in the truest sense of the word a self-made man, having begun at the bottom of the ladder and worked his way steadily upward. He held to a high standard of business ethics and had no use for trickery of any nature or for anything savoring of dishonesty. Personally, he was genial and unassuming, and he enjoyed a wide circle of friends throughout the city of his residence. At the time of his death it was said repeatedly, "Pittsfield has lost a man she could ill afford to lose."

**GRUNOW, Frank,****Business Man.**

In the death of the late Frank Grunow, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the city lost one of its most energetic men of affairs, whose potent influence for good will continue to pervade the lives of men. As the day, with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity and accomplishment, its evening of successful efforts, ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this good and honored man. His career was a busy and useful one, fraught with much good to himself, his family and humanity, and his memory will long be revered by those who had occasion to come in contact with him on life's pathway. His activities added in a material way to the welfare of the city of his residence. Devoting the major part of his time and attention to business interests, he did not, however, allow commercial pursuits to warp his kindly nature, but preserved his faculties and the warmth of his heart for the broadening and helpful influence of human life, being to the end a kindly, genial friend and a gentleman whom it was an unending pleasure to meet.

Frank Grunow was born in the Province of Brandenburg, Germany, October 28, 1858, and was a son of Heinrich and Charlotte Grunow, who lived and died in Germany. His education, which was acquired in his native country, was a substantial one, and upon its completion he entered upon his business career. Having acquired a practical knowledge of business procedures, he became the owner of what were known as combination stores, and was connected with these until he came to this country. He was still in his early twenties when he came to America, arriving in Pittsfield, June 6, 1882, and from that time until his death he was closely identified with the interests of this city, which profited greatly thereby. His

first field of activity was in the Pomeroy Woolen Mills, where he remained three years, then removed to North Monson, where he continued in the same line of industry for another three years. He then returned to Pittsfield, and found employment in the Hinsdale Mills at Hinsdale, and when he left this concern established himself in business independently, his first location being in Depot street from whence he removed to North street. He purchased the property now owned by George White and it was mainly through his efforts that the block known as the Grunow Block was erected. He retired from active participation in business affairs about six months prior to his death. In political matters he gave his consistent support to the Republican party, but never desired to hold public office. For many years he was a member of the German Lutheran church, taking an active part in furthering its interests, and served it as a delegate to the General Convention. He was a member of the German Harmonie Society, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Veteran Firemen's Association and the Turn Verein. While still living in Germany he was a member of the Reserves, and the soldierly bearing he acquired in early life never deserted him. He had one brother, Herman Grunow, of Pittsfield, and a sister, Wilhelmina, who lived and died in Germany. Always loyal to family ties, he assisted his brother and his wife's sisters and brothers to come to America.

Mr. Grunow married, in Pittsfield, October 4, 1882, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Haeger, of the Lutheran church, Elizabeth Becker, who was born in the Province of Pomerania, Germany, November 8, 1859, and landed in this country a few days prior to her marriage. She received an excellent education in her native land, and is a daughter of Christian and Emilie Becker, of Germany, whose other

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children are: Gertrude; Emilie, married ——— Schultz, and lives in Washington; Martha, is married in Germany, and never came to this country; Emma, married ——— Wolff, of Pittsfield; Maria, married ——— Schultz, of Washington, a brother of the husband of her sister Emilie; Bertha, married George Ende, of Washington, who was educated in Germany. Mrs. Grunow is a member of the German Lutheran church and the W. W. Rockwell Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. and Mrs. Grunow had children: Elizabeth, a deaconess in the Drexel Home, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Henry F. H., died in 1915, at the age of almost thirty years, was a master mechanic; Frank, deceased; William, residing with his mother; Walter, a minister in Sunbury, Pennsylvania; Bertha, a student of music, also resides with her mother, and is a member of several musical associations; Otto, the youngest, is a student at Wagner College, Rochester, New York; three died in infancy.

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### **WHITE, Benjamin Smith,** **Engineer.**

For several years Mr. White has been engineer in charge of the pumping department at the South Hadley Center Water Works, but he is a native son of Vermont and there spent his early years prior to locating in Holyoke, a young man of twenty-one years. He is a descendant of Peregrine White, son of William White, a "Mayflower" passenger, and Susanna (Fuller) White, the child Peregrine being born in the cabin of the "Mayflower," as she lay at anchor in Cape Cod harbor. This birth is of deep historical interest, as he was the first child born of English parents in a New England colony. His name Peregrine was given from the fact that he was born during the peregrinations of his parents from Leyden

with the "Mayflower," the landing at Plymouth Rock occurring after his birth.

William White, the American ancestor, was born in England and went to Leyden, Holland, with the Pilgrims, where he married Susanna Fuller. The "Society of Mayflower Descendants" published a transcript of the marriage records as follows: "Entered XXVI, January 1612. William White, wool comber, unmarried man from England, accompanied by William Jepson and Samuel Fuller his acquaintances, with Ann Fuller single woman also from England accompanied by Rosamond Jepson and Sarah Priest her acquaintance. They were married before Jasper Van Banhem and William Cornelius Tybault, sheriffs. This 11th. February 1612." One child, Resolved White, was born in Leyden. They came in the "Mayflower" and Peregrine, their second child, was born on board, November 20, 1620. Both Resolved and Peregrine White had many descendants.

Peregrine White was reared in the family of Governor Edward Winslow in Plymouth Colony, and about 1647 married Sarah Bassett, whose parents, William and Elizabeth Bassett, came from Leyden in the ship "Fortune" in 1621. He finally settled in Marshfield; was one of the thirty volunteers from Plymouth colony in 1637 to assist the Massachusetts Bay colonists in the Pequot War; was made a freeman in 1644; held many offices, was deputy to the General Court in 1659 and 1673, and member of the Council of War in 1673 with the rank of captain. He died July 20, 1704; his wife Sarah died January 20, 1711. He had sons: Daniel, Jonathan, Peregrine (2) and Silvanus. A branch of his family settled in Vermont, from whence sprang Herman White, a soldier of the Revolution. Captain Calvin White, son of Herman White, was the father of Calvin (2) White, and grandfather of Benjamin Seth White. Captain Calvin White, a farmer and car-

penyer, resided at Essex Center, Vermont, where he died leaving sons: Horace and Calvin (2).

Calvin (2) White was born at Essex, Vermont, August 28, 1816, and died in Colchester, Vermont, July 12, 1870. Both he and his brother learned the carpenter's trade with their father. Calvin (2) White became a leading building contractor and erected many houses and barns in the Essex-Colchester section. Many of the houses he built were distinguished by an elm tree planted in front, which is still standing. He followed the carpenter's trade in Essex, but later moved to Colchester and built the homestead which is now occupied by his youngest son. After moving to Colchester he gave up contracting and confined himself to wagon building, doing all the wheelwright and blacksmith work at his own shop. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist church. Calvin White married Hannah Melissa Furman, born in Milton, Vermont, December 17, 1826, and died in Colchester, Vermont, February 26, 1888. Calvin and Hannah Melissa White were the parents of five sons and four daughters: 1. Laura A., born June 28, 1845; married Spencer Hine, and has a daughter, Mrs. George Waite; all reside at Athol, Massachusetts. 2. Ray Ashley, born August 22, 1847, died August 18, 1907; married Edith Luke and had seven children; from 1874 until his death resided in California. 3. Truman C., born February 22, 1850; married a Miss Smith and had one son; resides in Fresno, California. 4. Lois S., born March 4, 1853; married Edward Wiater, and has one son; resides in Los Angeles, California. 5. Mary Alice, born March 6, 1856; married Charles Dwelley and has two children; resides in Fresno, California. 6. Benjamin Smith, mentioned below. 7. Jesse M., born August 19, 1866; married Minnie Thompson, and resides at Westminster, Vermont. 8. Sarah Augusta,

twin with Jesse M., married Edward Sawin, and resides in Springfield, Massachusetts. 9. Harris Stanton, born February 10, 1868; resides on the White homestead in Colchester, Vermont; married and has five children.

Benjamin Smith White, third son of Calvin (2) White, was born at Colchester, Chittenden county, Vermont, December 16, 1858. He was educated in the public schools, and remained with his parents until of legal age, then located in Holyoke, Massachusetts. For eighteen years he remained in Holyoke, employed in the paper mills, then changed his occupation to farming. He located at South Hadley and for eight years was a market farmer and poultry raiser. He also for several years supplied a milk route in Holyoke. As the years progressed he wearied of the burden of his large farm and sold it, purchasing a small place nearby. When he retired from the farm he took a position with the water works, and for several years has been engineer in charge of the pumping department of the town water supply. He is a Republican in politics, charter member and past noble grand of Iona Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and an attendant of the Congregational church.

Mr. White married, July 17, 1884, Frances L. Morrison, born at Plattsburg, New York, daughter of Henry and Ruth Ann (Jersey) Morrison. Henry Morrison, a farmer, was born in Peru, New York, and died in Plattsburg in 1870. Ruth Ann Jersey was born in Beekmantown, New York, and died in Plattsburg, New York, about 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. White are the parents of three sons and a daughter: 1. Henry C., born June 27, 1887; married Lillian Tiffany, and resides at South Hadley Center; three children: Alice Frances, Ralph Morrison, and Dorothy Ida. 2. Ella F., born October 1, 1888; married Roy Tiffany, and resides in South Hadley

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Center; two children: Muriel and Howard Loomis. 3. Benjamin C., born May 25, 1895; resides with his parents. 4. Lester R., born June 26, 1899; also living at home.

### **SMITH, George I.,**

**Merchant, Public Official.**

Although a native son of Maine, the greater part of the life of George I. Smith was spent in the State of Massachusetts, the last twenty-nine of his seventy-two years in South Hadley Falls. He was born in Kennebunkport, Maine, June 26, 1835, died in South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, May 8, 1907, son of James Smith, of an old family of the Kennebunkport region. James Smith was the father of eight children, three sons and five daughters, of the former all are deceased and of the latter three are still living: Clara, who married Lyndon Fairfield, of Dorchester, Massachusetts; Lucy, who married Alphonso Leech, of Lawrence, Massachusetts; Lillie, who married a Mr. Carr, of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

George I. Smith was educated in the public schools, and remained at home until his twentieth year, and during that period become an expert weaver. In 1855 he went to Saco, Maine, to become an overseer in the weaving department of a Saco mill, there remaining four years. He then went to West Warren, Massachusetts, and remained there an overseer of weaving for twelve years. In 1878 he located at South Hadley Falls as overseer in the Glasgow Mills, a position he ably filled until 1888, when he abandoned mill work and opened a shoe store, catered only to high class trade and continued a very successful merchant until 1897. He then sold his business and devoted the remainder of his life to the care and improvement of his property and in the development of the borough. In 1895 he

had purchased real estate on Bardwell street extending from Carew street to a point opposite School street, and the management of this tract with the buildings thereon furnished his chief business problem after retiring from mercantile life. He was a Republican in politics, served six years as assessor, serving at the time of his death, also town clerk, and was always interested in borough affairs. He was a member of the Masonic order for thirty-nine years, taking a demit from Warren Lodge on coming to South Hadley Falls and joining the lodge there. For many years he was treasurer of the lodge and held in high esteem by his brethren. He was an attendant of the Congregational church, and a lover of his home, there spending his happiest hours.

Mr. Smith married, July 3, 1873, Annie M. Drew, born in Eaton, New Hampshire, daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Matilda (Wilkinson) Drew, both of old New Hampshire families. Thomas J. Drew, a farmer, died at the age of seventy, son of Josiah Drew, also a farmer. Matilda Wilkinson was a daughter of John Wilkinson, of Allston, New Hampshire, where his whole life was passed. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Drew were the parents of ten children, five of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three sons: 1. Herman M., born at West Warren, Massachusetts; now paymaster at the works of the Coburn Trolley Track Company, at Willimansett, Massachusetts; he married Mabel Long, and has a son, Herbert. 2. Warren I., residing at home. 3. Dwight C., a draughtsman in the employ of the Coburn Trolley Track Company; he married Nellie Mills, and has two sons, Ernest and Henry. Mrs. Smith continues to ably manage the large property left by her husband, and in 1914 erected her present residence in South Hadley Falls.



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**SOUTHWICK, William Henry,**  
**Real Estate Operator.**

William H. Southwick, a well known real estate dealer in Chicopee Falls and towns adjoining, is a worthy representative of an English ancestry, his grandfather, David Southwick, having been a native of that land, from whence he came to this country in the eighteenth century.

Orin Southwick, father of William H. Southwick, was born in Salem, Massachusetts, where his parents settled upon their removal from England, in the year 1793, and died in Mooers, Clinton county, New York, in 1887, aged ninety-four years. He received his education in the public schools of his native town, where he resided until he attained the age of twenty years, and then removed to Mooers, New York, where he took up four hundred acres of government land, located on English river, which he cultivated and improved and on which he erected a saw mill, which he conducted successfully for many years, having the contract for supplying the railroad ties for the old Ogdensburg Railroad. He also made potash during the winter months, Montreal, Canada, being the nearest market to sell his produce, and in those days of slow transportation he made the journey with a wagon and team of oxen, this journey requiring one week. He was a Republican in politics, but never sought nor held public office. He was an active participant in the War of 1812, and as the result of meritorious service attained the rank of colonel. He was a member and deacon of the Presbyterian church in Mooers, his wife also holding membership therein. He married Hannah Stone, daughter of Isaac Stone, who died at the age of eighty-three years, having been a farmer on a large scale in Perrys Mills, New York, along the Chazy river. Mr. and Mrs. Stone were the parents of seven children: Alonzo, Eldridge, Lafayette, Sarah,

Hannah, Finetta and Rachel. Mr. and Mrs. Southwick were the parents of twelve children: 1. Hosea, died in infancy. 2. Isaac, died in infancy. 3. Edward Alonzo, died aged seventy-three years; married Axie Bateman, who died aged sixty-eight years; they were the parents of five children; they resided in Mooers, New York. 4. Orin Frederick, died aged sixty-nine years; married Mary Benson, who is living at the present time (1917) in Wells, Minnesota; they were the parents of four children. 5. David A., died aged sixty-nine years; married Fannie Benson, sister of Mary Benson; she is living at present in Minneapolis, Minnesota. 6. Horatio J., born 1838; married (first) Julia Hay, married (second) Ella Thompson; they reside on the old farm in Mooers, New York. 7. William Henry, of whom further. 8. Eldridge G., born 1842; married, June 28, 1865, Mary Louise Brewster, who bore him three children; she died December 5, 1915, aged seventy-six years; he resides in Northampton, Massachusetts. 9. Titus A., born 1844; married Margaret Purdy, who bore him six children; she died in 1915; he resides in Harvey, Illinois. 10. Pliny F., married Laura Tabb; they reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado. 11. Marion E., died aged twenty years. 12. Flora J., born 1857; became the wife of Dr. Ralph Erwin, who died in 1903; they were the parents of two children, and Mrs. Erwin resides with her daughter, Mrs. William Frowley, Mr. Frowley serving as postmaster of Worcester, Massachusetts. Hannah (Stone) Southwick, mother of these children, died in Mooers, New York, aged eighty-six years.

William Henry Southwick was born in Mooers, Clinton county, New York, August 13, 1840. He gained a practical education in the schools of the vicinity, and in assisting his father with the work of the farm and mill. Upon attaining the age of twenty-one, he hired out to his father at a wage

of twelve dollars a month, and for the following year worked thus in the mill and on the farm. He then went to Sunderland, Massachusetts, and assumed the duties of manager of the farm belonging to John Smith, where his compensation was thirty-two dollars a month and board. After serving in that capacity for one year, he returned to Mooers, New York, and engaged in buying and selling horses, cattle, sheep and poultry, to which he later added the buying and selling of lumber and shingles, shipping a large amount of lumber to Northampton, Holyoke, Chicopee and Springfield, Massachusetts. About five years later, after his marriage, he located in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, and there continued the lumber and shingle business, purchasing a tract of land, a portion of the Belcher and Taylor farm, on what is now (1917) East street. Subsequently he relinquished this business in order to devote his entire attention to his property holdings, cutting the land up into building lots, which he disposed of, also erecting houses, his activities carry him outside of the confines of Chicopee Falls. He has always given his political allegiance to the Republican party, but the only public office he ever held was that of collector for one year in Mooers, New York. He attends the services of the Congregational church in Chicopee Falls, as did also his wife, in which he takes a keen and active interest.

Mr. Southwick married, 1865, Eveline Crocker, died in 1905, daughter of John Crocker, of Roxbury, Vermont. They were the parents of two children: 1. Effie, born 1871; she married (first) Clinton Clark, of Westfield, Massachusetts, who died in 1913; she married (second) Martin Sayles, a chemist for the Westinghouse Company of Chicopee Falls; they reside in Springfield, Massachusetts. 2. Grace, born 1881; she became the wife of Robert Lindsey, a salesman and collector for Silver Brothers,

confectionery manufacturers of Hartford, Connecticut; they have two children: Marion and Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey reside on Wait avenue, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, and since the death of his wife Mr. Southwick resides with them.

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**RATIGAN, Martin,**

**Postmaster of Whitman.**

Prior to his locating in Whitman, Massachusetts, Martin Ratigan was engaged in business in Spencer, Massachusetts, and there took as prominent a part in town politics as he has in Whitman. A lifelong Democrat he was there and has been in Whitman one of the trusted party leaders. In 1892 he headed the Democratic legislative ticket in the Spencer-Leicester district. In Whitman he is the present postmaster, appointed by President Wilson, February 27, 1916. His period of active interest in political and public affairs covers his entire voting life, and Democracy has no more stalwart exponent. He is a son of John and Catherine Ratigan, of Worcester, Massachusetts, his father being deceased since 1895. John Ratigan was a shoemaker by trade. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving nine months in the Fifty-first Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and two years in the Twenty-fifth Regiment of Infantry from the same State. He saw hard service and among the battles in which he was engaged, Newbern, Cold Harbor, and the siege of Petersburg were the more important. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Martin Ratigan was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, September 17, 1858. He obtained his education in the public schools of that city and Brookfield. His business experience covers many years at the shoe manufacturing trade in Spencer

and Whitman, and five years in Spencer as proprietor of a variety store. In 1913 he was placed in charge of the high school building in Whitman, and since February 27, 1916, has been postmaster of the borough. He is a man of energy and industry, highly respected in his community. For fourteen years Mr. Ratigan was a member of the Spencer Democratic town committee, and in 1892 the candidate of his party for representative. For seven years he has held the office of Democratic town committeeman in Whitman, and is one of the influential men of that committee. As postmaster he has given the town good service and administered the affairs of the office to the satisfaction of both the patrons and the postal department. He is a member of George A. Custer Camp, No. 11, Sons of Veterans, Whitman; and of the Order of United Workmen. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

Mr. Ratigan married, in November, 1883, at Spencer, Mary A. Bell, daughter of John and Fannie Bell. They are the parents of one daughter, Lillian C., born March 31, 1898.

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### WYNN, Captain John Patrick,

#### **Captain in Fire Department.**

Twenty-five years ago John P. Wynn was first entered upon the rolls of the Holyoke fire department as a "call man." Three years later he became a permanent member of the department, and for twelve years has ranked as captain, having won his way upward through gallant, devoted service. For the past two years he has been in charge of the Elmwood Station, one of the important districts of the city. He is a son of William Wynn, and a grandson of Peter Wynn, both born in Ireland, and both coming to the United States. Peter Wynn settled in Connecticut, and is buried in Derby, that

State. He left children: Peter, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine, Ann.

William Wynn, born in Ireland, in 1825, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 28, 1879. He was sixteen years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, and in Connecticut worked at paper making in Derby, New Haven and Chaplin Mills. Later he located in Holyoke, where until his death he was a paper manufacturer, no better informed man concerning that industry to be found anywhere. William Wynn married (first) Mary McCabe, of County Waterford, Ireland, who died in 1862, aged thirty-three. He married (second) Margaret Downey, born in Dublin, Ireland, who died November 23, 1893. Children by first marriage: Peter; Catherine, married Frank L. Clapp, deceased; William; and Mary. Children by second marriage: James H.; John Patrick, of further mention; Elizabeth, deceased; and Thomas F.

John Patrick Wynn, son of William Wynn and his second wife, Margaret (Downey) Wynn, was born in Unionville, Connecticut, March 17, 1869. At the age of five years he was brought to Holyoke by his parents, and later spent two and a half years at Palmer Falls, New York. He attended the public schools in both Palmer Falls and Holyoke, and from the time he was thirteen years of age worked in the paper mills during vacation periods. He continued a mill worker exclusively until 1892, and during the years from thirteen to twenty-three he was employed in the Chemical, Franklin and Excelsior Paper Company Mills. In 1892 he applied for admission to the Holyoke fire department, and after passing all tests was enrolled as a "call man." He was then twenty-three years of age, and during the years 1892-1895 he was carried on the rolls as "call man," then was appointed to a

permanent position as fireman attached to the Central Station. He was connected with the Central Station for twenty years, 1895-1915, the People's Savings Bank now occupying the site of the station, so long a prominent feature of High street. He was promoted lieutenant in April, 1898, and captain in April, 1905, both promotions coming in recognition of efficient, honorable service. In March, 1915, he was transferred from the Central Station to the command of the Elmwood Station, his present post. He was treasurer of the Fireman's Aid Association for ten years; is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is highly esteemed wherever known. His record as a fireman is of the highest quality, his quarter of a century of service teeming with deeds of bravery and self sacrifice. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

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### **CUSHING, George,**

**Business Man, Public Official.**

The Cushing family is undoubtedly one of the oldest in existence, and is able to trace its descent back to the latter part of the eighth century to one of the old jarls and vikings of Norway. Hrolf Nefja Jarl is the first authentic figure in this long genealogy, and reference is found to him and to his more or less mythical ancestors in the Sagas relating to the eighth century, the period when authentic Norse history may be said to have begun. He appears to have lived in Thronjsem, that abode of so many of the famous Scandinavian vikings, among whom this worthy must be classed. Through his daughter Hild, who married Rognvald Maera Jarl, who participated in the conquest of Norway under the famous Harold Hadradda, the line descends through a long series of splendid old soldiers, both in that northern land and later in Normandy, until it

finally makes its way into England in the person of the nephew of William, the Conqueror, himself—Ralf, who later became Baron of Oxburg, in Norfolk, through the gift of his great uncle. The name Cushing seems to have come into use in the early part of the fourteenth century, its original form having been Cusyn.

The founder of the family in America was Matthew Cushing, who was baptized in Hingham, England, March 2, 1589, and died in Hingham, Massachusetts, September 30, 1660. He and his family came to the American colonies from Ipswich in 1638, on the good ship "Diligent," John Martin, master. His emigration from his native land was owing to religious troubles, and he soon became a prominent figure in the affairs of the little community in the New World. He had married as early as August 5, 1613, Nazerith Pitcher, who accompanied him to this country, and died in Hingham, January 5, 1682, at the age of ninety-six. Their descendants have been for long prominently associated with the life of Hingham and various other communities in Massachusetts and New England generally, whither they have spread. From this worthy progenitor the line descends through Daniel, Captain Theophilus, Captain Abel, Colonel David, David (II) and David (III) to George Cushing, the subject of this sketch. David Cushing (III) was a prominent farmer of Hingham, Massachusetts, and was married to Mary Lapham, also of that region.

Born June 16, 1841, at Hingham, Massachusetts, George Cushing, son of David and Mary (Lapham) Cushing, spent the early years of his life in his native town. During his childhood he attended the Hingham Grammar School, where he received his education and during this same period of his life he helped his father on the latter's farm. Believing



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that larger opportunities awaited him in another occupation, he engaged in 1872 in the hotel business, purchasing the Drew Hotel, and met with instant success. He had already conducted an express business from 1858 to 1864, and from the latter year to 1872 had kept a livery stable. In both of these former enterprises, he had met with success, but it was as the owner of the hotel now well known as the Cushing Hotel, that he first came into very wide prominence in the community. He is peculiarly well adapted to his present business, being of an extremely democratic nature, a friend of all men and enjoying a very wide popularity with all his associates. He has built up a very successful business for himself, and his hotel has the reputation of being the best conducted hostelry in that section of the country. Mr. Cushing has always taken an extremely active part in the public affairs of the community and is keenly interested in politics, although his independent nature has withheld him from identifying himself too closely with any organization. He may be described as an Independent Democrat in politics, but is never actuated by partisan motives, reserving for himself the right to vote for that issue or candidate which he believes truly to the advantage of the community. He is not an office seeker but his personal popularity is such that he has been elected to several important offices. He became chief engineer of the Fire Department in 1879, and has held that office to the present time. He was appointed postmaster of Hingham by President Cleveland during the latter's first term as president, and was reappointed by the succeeding presidents up to and including President Taft, his term of office expiring in October, 1913. He is a member of many fraternal and social organizations, among which should be mentioned Old Colony Lodge,

Free and Accepted Masons; Pentalpha Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; South Shore Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is a past eminent commander; and Old Stony Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Fire Chief's Club, and of the Naugatuck Club. In his religious affiliations Mr. Cushing is a Unitarian, belonging to the First Church of that denomination at Hingham.

Mr. Cushing was united in marriage at Hingham, Massachusetts, on the 15th day of January, 1860, to Miss Deborah Ellen Cushing, a daughter of John and Harriett (Gilkey) Cushing, old and highly respected residents of Hingham. Mr. and Mrs. Cushing are the parents of two children, as follows: Wallace Gilkey, born December 11, 1860; and Ralph Edwards, born March 8, 1873. The qualities that are required for success in the hotel business are of a perfectly definite order and quite as capable of being formulated as those needed in any other calling. Many, too, are of a high order and closely connected with some of the most fundamental of the virtues. Of course the same may be urged of any occupation in the case of that, perhaps the most fundamental of all virtues, honesty, for it is not difficult to maintain that no success worthy of the name, or of any stability, unless it is built upon this sure foundation, can ever be gained. Next to integrity, the most essential trait for the successful hotel man is that larger democratic sympathy that comes near to the virtue of Christian charity, which leads to a complete sympathy with and understanding of all men without regard for class or race and which finds its expression in that fine relationship between comrades that is one of the purest and most disinterested to be found. Such is the character of Mr. Cushing and as such he occupies an almost unique place

in the community. His success in the past has been great and there is every reason to prophesy with confidence that it will continue to grow in the future.

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**NARDI, William Francis,**  
**Councilman.**

About the year 1868, Francis Nardi came to Worcester from Italy and made that city his home for the following forty-three years, being at his death one of the oldest Italian citizens of the city of his adoption. Twenty-one years after his arrival, his son, William Francis Nardi, was born, and so completely has he imbibed the national spirit of America, that he is now numbered among the city fathers of Worcester as a councilman from Ward Three. He is the first man of Italian parentage to be elected to Council in the city, although since his election one other has been chosen a member.

Francis Nardi, one of the early Italian settlers in Worcester, Massachusetts, was born in Italy, came to Worcester about 1868, and there died in February, 1911. He married Stella Baroni, who came to the United States in 1869, died in Worcester in December, 1898, aged forty-seven years. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are living and residing in Worcester: Teresa A.; Thomas J., a machinist; Delya E., assistant superintendent of nurses at Worcester City Hospital; Alexander J., a traveling salesman; William Francis, of further mention.

William Francis Nardi was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 4, 1889. He was educated in the Worcester public schools, attending the Hedge and Grafton Street Grammar and the High School, spending three years in study at the latter. He is a graduate of the Worcester School of Telegraphy, and passed through a variety of occupations before coming to his present

position. For a time he was associated with his father in the fruit business; for two years was in the employ of the city at the Kendall Reservoir; for one year conducted a cafe at No. 21 Suffolk street; for one year was steward at the Wayside Club house, at Lake Quinsigamund; was in the employ of Grayton & Knight on Franklin street until 1915; was foreman for the Worcester Construction Company until February, 1916, then became manager of the tool department of the American Ammunition Company, his present position.

He is a Democrat in politics, his preference for that party being influenced by his frequent reading and study of the life of Thomas Jefferson while yet a school boy. The teachings of Jefferson, particularly concerning the rights of men, made a deep impression upon him, and in his political life he has been interested most deeply in all that concerns the betterment of conditions for the working man. His activity in working for party success brought him prominently before the voters of Ward Three, and in December, 1914, they elected him to represent them in Common Council, his term not yet having expired. He is a member of committees on public building, health and printing, and it is to the credit of the public buildings committee that more was accomplished during 1915 than in any two previous years. To enumerate, there was erected in that year an addition to the North High School at a cost of \$200,000; a police station costing \$500,000; a free station for Hose Company No. 2; additions to Portland Engine House; a school house; Hose House No. 7 on Lamertine street. Mr. Nardi also voted for the Underground Fire Alarm System; repairs to the Adams street school house; re-decorating the City Hall; repairs on Ash street school house; new cells for police stations Nos. 1 and 2 to cost \$94,000; other school house improvements to cost \$8,-



ooo, and strongly advocates an addition to Belmont Hospital for Consumptives. During the recent ravage of the hoof and mouth disease among cattle, he favored labeling all meats exposed, that a purchaser could benefit by the knowledge. He is fond of out-door sports, a taste which has continued from his high school days, when he played upon the football team. His home at No. 51 Suffolk street is the house in which he was born, his summer residence being a beautiful cottage at No. 1146 Pleasant street. In religion he is a Roman Catholic, belonging to Mt. Carmel Parish.

Mr. Nardi married, in 1915, Clara Le Fort, of Shrewsbury, and has a son, Richard William, born in August, 1916.

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### JUDD, Myron H.,

**Agriculturist, Honored Public Official.**

In the faithful and judicious conduct of public business, Myron H. Judd was conspicuous and naturally enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his fellows. Coming from a line of intelligent and upright forbears, he was reared in that devotion to principle and public welfare which made him a most useful and exemplary citizen. The surname Judd is one of the oldest of of English surnames, and is identical with Jude, an old and almost obsolete personal name. Henry Judde, of County Kent, and John Judde, of Oxfordshire, were mentioned in the Hundred Rolls of the year 1275, and the family has been in Kent down to the present time. Sir Andrew Judd, dealer in skins and furs, of London, son of John Judd, of Tunbridge, Kent, was mayor of London in 1550, a man of wealth and influence, and endowed a grammar school in Tunbridge.

(I) Deacon Thomas Judd came from England in 1633 or 1634, and settled at Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he had a home lot granted to him in August, 1634.

It was in that part of the town known as the West End, on the road to Watertown. He had other land granted in 1635, and was admitted a freeman, May 25, 1636. He removed to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1636, had two acres for a home lot, near the Charter Oak, was one of the first proprietors and settlers of Farmington, Connecticut, and removed there from Hartford about 1644. His home lot was on the main street, and he was a substantial farmer and an influential man, a deputy to the General Court several times, a charter member of the Farmington church, and was a second deacon. He moved to Northampton in 1679, and resided there the remainder of his life, and was selectman there in 1682. He died November 12, 1688, aged about eighty. His first wife died in Farmington, and he married (second) December 2, 1679, Clemence, widow of Thomas Mason, of Northampton.

(II) Samuel Judd, son of Deacon Thomas Judd, was born about 1651 or 1653, and died January 10, 1721. He was admitted a freeman in Massachusetts in May, 1684. After the death of his father he took care of his mother, and she deeded to him her property on Pleasant street. Besides he owned land in Farmington given him by his father. He married Mariah Strong, who died May 18, 1751, aged nearly eighty-eight years.

(III) Thomas (2) Judd, second son of Samuel and Mariah (Strong) Judd, was born January 28, 1691, in Northampton, and died December 31, 1749. He lived for a time in Northampton, and removed to the east side of Mount Tom, in the same town, to what was known as South Farms, opposite South Hadley. He married Hannah Bascom, daughter of Thomas Bascom.

(IV) Thomas (3) Judd, fourth son of Thomas (2) and Hannah (Bascom) Judd, was born in 1723, in Northampton, and resided in South Hadley, where he died De-

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ember 21, 1802. He was four times married. His second wife, Esther (Graves) Judd, born 1734, in Greenfield, Massachusetts, died May 3, 1772, in South Hadley, was a daughter of Daniel and Thankful (Smead) Graves, of Deerfield and Greenfield, Massachusetts. Daniel Graves was killed by the Indians in 1756.

(V) Levi Judd, eldest child of Thomas (3) and Esther (Graves) Judd, was born October 27, 1765, in South Hadley, where he purchased a tract of land in the then unbroken forest. He made a clearing and erected a log house upon what is now a part of the farm owned by the late Myron H. Judd. The farm later passed to his son, Zebina Judd. Levi Judd moved to Geneva, New York, in 1827, and there died in September, 1829. He married, in 1786, Lucy Snow, born September 2, 1768, in South Hadley, daughter of Josiah Snow, of that town. She married (second) Deacon Wilder, of Geneva, and died in June, 1846.

(VI) Zebina Judd, eldest child of Levi and Lucy (Snow) Judd, was born September 24, 1787, in South Hadley. He inherited the old homestead from his father and there remained, adding considerably to its cleared area. He married there, November 23, 1812, Laura Smith, born March 10, 1789, daughter of Deacon Silas and Asenath (Chapin) Smith, of South Hadley.

(VII) Warren Smith Judd, son of Zebina and Laura (Smith) Judd, was born September 6, 1820, in South Hadley. He went to Geneva, New York, when a young man, where he learned the trade of carpenter from his uncle, Thomas Judd. After his return East he built the house where his son, Myron Henry, was later born and which is now the home of his widow, and is still in fine condition. He married, November 25, 1847, Jerusha Dickinson, born February 15, 1819, eldest daughter of Elijah and Clarine (White) Dickinson, of Hadley.

(VIII) Myron Henry Judd, son of Warren Smith and Jerusha (Dickinson) Judd, was born October 19, 1848, in South Hadley, in the house built by his father, as noted above, and lived in the same house until his death, which occurred January 31, 1916. He received a good education in the local public schools of South Hadley Falls, and on reaching manhood engaged in farming. In this he was prosperous, and came to be regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town. Early in life he began to take an interest in the conduct of public affairs, and was always independent in his principles, and voted for whom he considered the best man. For ten years he served as selectman in the town of South Hadley, and for a like period was a member of the board of assessors, and also of the board of registration. In 1891 Mr. Judd was elected to the Legislature and served one year. The Holyoke "Transcript" said of him: "Mr. Judd was a man eagerly listened to as he pleaded for this or that cause in the annual meeting of the town in past years." His home was in the section of South Hadley known as Falls Woods, and he was known as a public spirited citizen of the first rank, and a sturdy example of native born New England stock. He was a member of the building committee which constructed the present town hall. For thirty-four years he was a member of Mt. Holyoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was past master. He was also a member of Iona Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Hadley Centre. He married, March 18, 1874, Nancy Ingraham, daughter of Alonzo and Mary Ingraham, of his home town. Both were faithful attendants of the Congregational church. There were four children of this marriage: Mary E., who died young; Mabel L., Helen D. and Warren H. On the day following his death the local paper said of him: "South Hadley has lost one of her solid

men. For more than forty years he had taken a keen interest in town affairs. It was his clear vision that made him a power in town affairs. He had served several times on the board of selectmen, was a member of the town hall building committee, and at the time of his death was a member of the board of registrars. He was a man of few words, yet behind that reticence was an alert mind. There was little sentiment in his makeup, but there was a generous complement of common sense and good judgment. Mr. Judd was unfailingly right on town problems because he thought them out for himself and he always stood by his opinions. It is this kind of men that are valuable in any community. Mr. Judd was a lover of his home and found his greatest happiness on his cozy Falls Woods farm. Our New England towns have far too few of such helpful, practical forces."

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**CHAPMAN, Edward Earl,**

**Agriculturist, Legislator.**

It is a trite but true saying that there is always room at the top, and when one has advanced far beyond others who, perhaps, started out ahead of him on the highway of life, it is because he has exerted in superior degree those qualities which constitute the basis of success. This remark is descriptive of the career of Edward Earl Chapman, of Ludlow, Massachusetts, who has not alone earned fame as an agriculturist, but has made a name for himself in the political world, and has attained high rank in fraternal circles.

Charles Chapman, his father, son of David Chapman, was born May 5, 1824, and died July 10, 1876. For some years he was engaged in the meat business in association with Albert Allen, was then associated in the grocery business with Mr. Cate for a time, and subsequently was a traveler for a firm of cattle dealers for a number of years.

Mr. Chapman married, in November, 1845, Sarah Whittemore Popkins, born May 22, 1826, died November 28, 1898, a daughter of Stephen and Beulah (Bates) Popkins. They had six children: 1. Charles Albert, born April 26, 1848, is treasurer of Southbridge Savings Bank. 2. Sarah Howe, born July 3, 1852, died December 5, 1871. 3. John Benjamin, born July 16, 1855, died December 6, 1909. 4. Martha, born February 28, 1858. 5. Edward Earl, whose name heads this sketch. 6. Amelia, born September 11, 1866.

Edward Earl Chapman was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, February 13, 1862, and was reared in that town. There he attended the public schools, acquiring a sound, practical education, which he has supplemented throughout his life by judicious and well chosen reading, and by the continued use of his unusually keen powers of observation. At the age of seventeen years he went to Wilbraham, where he was resident on various farms until the year 1883, when he removed to Ludlow, with which community he has been identified since that time. He purchased his present farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, which he is cultivating to the greatest advantage, for general farming purposes. He is, and not without good reason, regarded as an authority in matters of agriculture, and follows the most approved methods of scientific cultivation in all his agricultural work. He is of the progressive nature which has made him a leader in everything connected with farm labors, and has attained a high rank in the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. For a period of five years he was master of Ludlow Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; two years master of Pomona Grange, of the same order, of Springfield; deputy of the State Grange, ten years; overseer of the State Grange, four years, and was then elected master of the State Grange, an office of

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which he is still the incumbent, at present serving his second term in it, also elected lecturer of National Grange in 1915 for term of two years. In the field of politics his name is no less well known. He was elected to the Legislature in 1914, and served with such signal ability that he was re-elected in 1915, was in office in 1916, and is a member and chairman of the Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Chapman is a man of many-sided ability, and, had he chosen to devote himself to the study of music, would undoubtedly have attained a high rank in that art. As it is, in spite of the manifold other demands made upon his time and attention, he has been a leading spirit in the musical circles of the town. For almost a quarter of a century he had charge of the music in the Third Congregational Church of Chicopee, resigning this office, April 1, 1915. As a member of the School Committee he rendered excellent service, remaining in office nine years. He is a member of Brigham Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Ludlow; Ludlow Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Hampden Harvest Club. All of his children have inherited his talent for music and, at various times, have sung in church choirs.

Mr. Chapman married, December 6, 1883, Charlotte Elizabeth Corbin, born July 9, 1862, a daughter of Charles A. and Lovisa (Lawson) Corbin, of Wilbraham. Mrs. Chapman before her marriage was a school teacher in the Monson and Wilbraham graded schools. She is a member of the Ladies' Church Societies, and has filled the offices of president and treasurer. All the members of the family are regular attendants at the church of which they are members. Children: 1. Charles Earl, born September 11, 1886, farm manager of Rutland State Sanatorium; a past master of Ludlow Grange; he married, September 29, 1909, Mabel Cheney Johnson, daughter of A.

Lincoln and Leora (Emmons) Johnson. 2. Myron Edward, born June 9, 1890; a farmer of Ludlow; is also a member of the local Grange; he married, March 29, 1911, Jeannette Florence Jones, of Bangor, Maine. 3. Isabelle Louise, born August 8, 1892; is the lecturer of Springfield Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; she was graduated from high school, and is organist in the church at Ludlow, and sang in the First Church chorus at Springfield for a period of three years.

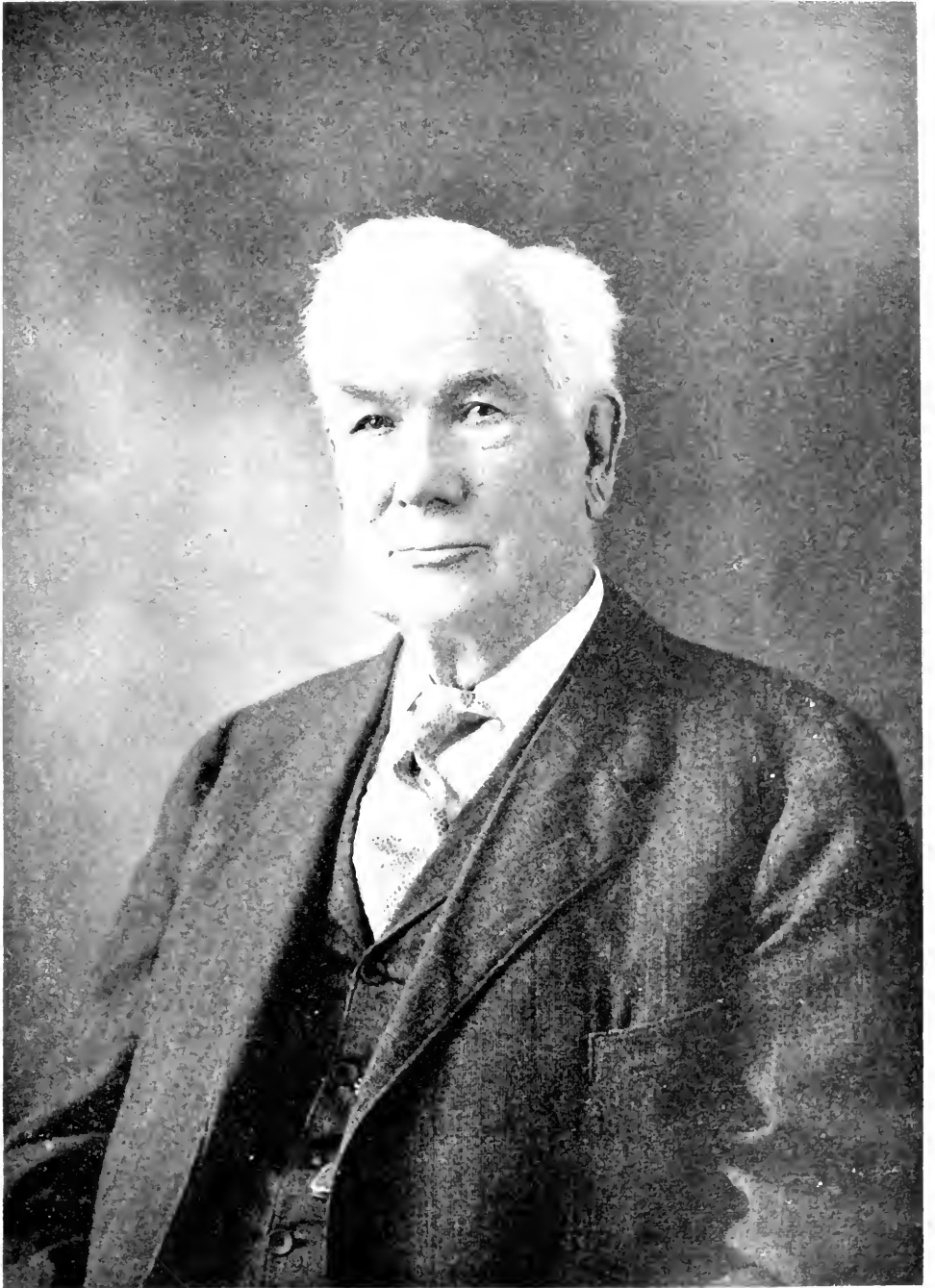
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### FLINT, John,

#### Public Spirited Citizen.

Many there are who will instantly recognize this name as that of one who was widely known as "the father of the Webster water department." For more than half a century Mr. Flint was a resident of Webster, and during the greater part of that long period was unceasingly active both as business man and citizen. When his death occurred, he was still in the field, fourscore years and upward having apparently abated but little of his energy.

John Flint was born September 22, 1831, in Templeton, and was a son of John and Fannie (Holman) Flint. In 1862 he came to Webster, purchased the bakery of Holmes & Shumway, and successfully conducted the business until October, 1884, when he sold out to Frederick R. Childs. In the twenty years and more during which he had been the proprietor, Mr. Flint, by tireless industry and strict adherence to good business principles, had rendered the establishment extremely lucrative, and a large portion of his profits he later invested in Webster real estate. Public spirit was ever one of Mr. Flint's dominant traits, and in 1876 he first became an office-holder, serving for three years as fire engineer, and for two years as constable. In 1877 he was elected assessor, an office which he re-



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tained until 1881. From 1882 to 1884 he served as selectman, and also filled the position of overseer of the poor. He was president of the Webster & Dudley Street Railway, the first of its kind in Webster, until the road was absorbed by the Worcester & Webster.

Identified as Mr. Flint was with numerous public interests, it was with the water works that he was specially associated and it was in their inception and development that his progressive spirit and willingness to take the initiative were most plainly manifested. When the water works were founded, in 1893, they were looked upon as an experiment, and it was mainly through his encouragement and guidance that the department developed until at the present time (1917) it is regarded as the town's greatest asset. At the time of its organization, Mr. Flint became chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners and for twenty-four years he served continuously in this capacity, still holding the office at the time of his death. His sound business sense was of incalculable value in directing the transactions of the department, and it has been well said that the greatest monument to his memory is the solid foundation upon which he has placed it.

Mr. Flint married (first) Mary Nugent, of Hubbardston, who died several years ago. He married (second) Mrs. Ella Hollis, who survives him. Always devotedly fond of his home, Mr. Flint, although so active in public affairs, led a life comparatively retired. Especially was this true of his later years, when he seldom appeared on the streets, always, however, attending with regularity the meetings of the Board of Water Commissioners.

On May 17, 1917, this veteran in the public service passed away, followed by the respect, admiration and gratitude of the entire community. Recognized by his home town as a benefactor, he was sincerely loved

by a large circle of devoted friends. John Flint was a man who will be remembered, because his labors were not for his own day and generation alone. Those who come after him will reap, in increasing measure, the benefit of what he accomplished, and the record of his work will form part of the annals of his community.

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**LYMAN, John Elliott,**

**Agriculturist.**

John Elliott Lyman spent his entire life in South Hadley, Massachusetts, where he was always highly respected and looked upon as a ready and capable servitor of his community. He held the most worthy ideals of life which gained for him the love of those who knew him either slightly or well.

His grandfather was George Lyman, born in the old family homestead near the Hockanum ferry at Hadley, Massachusetts, December 13, 1792. He married Laura Wadsworth and to them were born seven children: Lorenzo W., born September 18, 1820; Laura S., born November 19, 1823, died June 25, 1825; George Julius, born September 13, 1826; Laura S., born July 6, 1828, died November, 1838; Warren, born October 19, 1830; David, born August 7, 1835; and John, born April 17, 1822, was educated in the district schools near his home. He married Julia A., daughter of Hiram Smith, of South Hadley, who, for his skill as a navigator on the Connecticut river, when it was the only means of commercial intercourse between points along its tributaries and the ocean, was called King Hiram. The Smith family may be traced back from King Hiram through six generations to its progenitor, Lieutenant Samuel Smith, who came to America from England in the middle of the seventeenth century, and down through Fred M. Smith, now resident of South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts. After his marriage, John Lyman

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moved to the southern part of Amherst, where he lived on a farm until his death, which occurred at the age of thirty-seven years. Then his wife, Julia (Smith) Lyman, moved to her father's house in South Hadley, taking with her the two children: Mary Isabelle, born 1853; and Nellie Emily, both of whom are now deceased. It was here on the Hiram Smith farm that her third child, John Elliott Lyman, was born July 1, 1859, only a few months after his father's death.

He was educated in the public schools of South Hadley and in the high school there. Upon leaving school he devoted his entire time to the work on the farm of his grandfather. When the latter died, John E. Lyman succeeded to the property, one of the most beautiful and best managed farms in that district, and from this time he carried on the work of the farm, making improvements and additions which kept the place in an up-to-date condition. He made a specialty of dairying of a very high grade, keeping for this purpose a very fine herd of Holstein cows and a number of thoroughbred Guernseys. He did not produce butter but sold milk to a select trade for many years, supplying the Holyoke Baby Feeding Association, and a great deal of his energy was devoted to making his farm one of the best in the production of milk. In politics, he was a Republican and took a keen and active interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of South Hadley, serving as selectman two different terms, 1902-03-04, and in 1911-12 as member of the State Legislature, during the latter year, 1912, being chairman of the committee on agriculture. He was a member of Iona Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; trustee of the Gaylord Library; and member of the Evergreen Cemetery Association. He also belonged to the Franklin Harvest Club, a limited organization of dairymen, which had only one or two mem-

bers in each town. He was active in the affairs of the Congregational church. In politics he was a Republican.

On September 3, 1885, John Elliott Lyman was married to Emily Elizabeth Brockway, born in Chester, Massachusetts, August 27, 1863. Her father, Wilson Barnard Brockway, a farmer of Southamptton, Massachusetts, and later of South Hadley Center, was born in Southamptton, September 14, 1824, and died at South Hadley Center, September 1, 1909. Her mother, Susan (Taylor) Brockway, was born June 19, 1831, at Huntington, Massachusetts, and died March 8, 1898. John Elliott and Emily Elizabeth Lyman were the parents of two sons. Hiram Smith Lyman, born July 27, 1898, at South Hadley, went to school there, but during his third year at high school the illness of his father made it necessary for him to discontinue his studies and take charge of the farm. While in school he was a good student, being at the time he left at the head of his class in scholarship as well as its president. Since his father's death he has taken over the management of the farm entirely, and with the aid of some of his father's old employees is making a success in the dairy business and stock raising. The second son, Elliott Brockway Lyman, born July 5, 1903, is now a student in South Hadley High School.

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### GROSSMAN, Josiah,

#### Real Estate Investor.

While educational advantages are by no means to be despised, and while they tend to render smooth and pleasant the path of a business man so equipped for his life work, there are some men so generously endowed by nature that they rise superior to many difficulties to which those less gifted easily succumb. Josiah Grossman, of Lynn, Massachusetts, well known as an ex-



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ceptionally fine business man, is one of those who had many difficulties to contend with, and whose courage and other fine qualities appeared to grow with the struggles in which they were engaged, and in which their true worth ultimately met with well merited success. It has been universally conceded that the busiest men are those who always find time to spare in order to assume additional duties, and apparently they are able to accomplish wonders. The very simple principle lying at the root of this state of affairs is systematic and methodical work. Every moment of time is given its full valuation, and every phase of life is appreciated in proportion to the useful work which has been faithfully performed. A fine exponent of this admirable class of men is Josiah Grossman.

Josiah Grossman, son of Philip and Lena Grossman, was born in Kiev, Russia, where he attended the schools until he was thirteen years of age, and this was the only opportunity that offered itself in his life to obtain training in an educational institution of any kind. At this early age he came to America and at once entered upon a business career which has since become noteworthy. His first venture was as a peddler, and for a period of ten years he went about carrying his bundle of dry goods. Profits were small at first, but his sound business sense combined with his never varying courtesy and his progressive methods enabled him to amass a sufficient capital to warrant his engaging in the real estate business, as a builder as well as a buyer and seller of houses. He has always been a producer and never a destroyer, and has erected many fine apartment houses in the Back Bay District of Boston. He commenced his real estate operations in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1905, and has always conducted his business independently. His operations have run into large figures, as he has already handled

one and a half millions of dollars worth of property, selling one million dollars worth, and retaining a half million dollars worth. Included in the last mentioned portion is the magnificent Grossman office building, which he holds as a permanent investment. Among the buildings he has erected in Lynn are: The Longfellow, Gladstone, Whittier and Essex Castle; Sagamore Hall; Elliot Hall; Lincoln Hall; Jefferson Hall; Madison Hall; The Biltmore, No. 135 Ocean street, and Brookledge Hall, named after the street in Boston where he maintains his winter home. His summer home is "The White House," Lynn Shore Drive. He organized and owns the Grossman Realty Trust, which erected the Grossman Building. He is a member of the Lynn Chamber of Commerce; the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange; Aberdour Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Boston; Lynn Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Park Club of Lynn.

Mr. Grossman married, February 21, 1899, Rose Nichols, a daughter of Samuel Nichols, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and they have one daughter, Alma G.

Mr. Grossman is a great lover of outdoor sports and exercises. He is a golf enthusiast, and canters his thoroughbred every morning. His success has been the result of his love for his work, and the efficient manner in which he has attended to even the smallest detail; his absolute honesty and square dealing; and his willingness to demonstrate that these methods are the only infallible ones to business success. He has shown remarkable and consummate judgment in locating his properties. He is liberal in his mode of living as well as in his business affairs, demanding the best and giving the best. A careful and discriminating buyer of materials, he is able to produce and build at a minimum cost and a

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maximum of excellence, consequently is always able to show the capitalist a good investment.

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### **POWERS, Lyman Milton,**

#### **Retired from Active Pursuits.**

Lyman Milton Powers, now retired, who resides in West Springfield, Massachusetts, is a son of Stephen Milton Powers, who was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts. Stephen Milton Powers' early manhood was spent in that town, the family moving to Gill, Massachusetts, in 1856, and to Amherst in 1859. Stephen M. Powers was a carpenter by trade, which he followed in both Deerfield and Amherst, dying in 1858, aged forty-three. He married Mary Ann Allen, born in Vermont, died in Gill, Massachusetts, at the age of thirty-seven. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters: Mary L., married (first) Orin Eaton, (second) Walter L. Snow, and resided most of her life in Amherst, but died in Greenfield, Massachusetts; Marilla L., married Lucius Dickinson, and after a lifetime spent in Amherst, Massachusetts, died in Florida; Lyman Milton, of further mention; Henry Leroy, died in Colorado, unmarried; Charles B., married Emma French, and died in Florida; Francis H., died in New York State.

Lyman Milton Powers, the only living child of Stephen Milton and Mary Ann (Allen) Powers, was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, August 15, 1848, and there lived until eighty years of age, when the family moved to Gill and three years later to Amherst, Massachusetts. He attended school in Deerfield and Gill, completing his studies in the Amherst public schools, residing in that city until 1870, two years after the death of his father. He then moved to Springfield, where he was employed as a paper maker for thirty-five years before retiring to a well earned life of ease, al-

though he has since been engaged to some extent in real estate dealings. He is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

Mr. Powers married, October 18, 1882, Cora F. Knowlton, born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, in 1862, daughter of Phineas and Mary Curtis (Carew) Knowlton, of Wilbraham. Phineas Knowlton, a farmer, kept the first store in Wilbraham for many years, and later removed to Springfield, where he died April 25, 1906; his wife died August 19, 1899, aged seventy-two years. They were the parents of three daughters: Laura Carew, born November 13, 1859, died July 26, 1891, unmarried; Cora F., born September 8, 1862, married Lyman Milton Powers, and resides in Springfield; Lizzie, born February 10, 1864, married Albert Ormsbee, and resides in Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Powers are the parents of two sons and two daughters: Leroy K., born in 1881, married Charlotte Sloane; Ruth Madeline, born in 1894, resides at home; Laura Carew, died aged nine years; Roger Milton, at home. The family home is No. 816 Westfield street, West Springfield.

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### **HADLEY, Edward M.,**

#### **Successful Business Man.**

A fine example of the self-made man starting from a small beginning and becoming one of the successful lumber operators of his day, Mr. Hadley's life is an inspiration to the young man who is battling against adverse circumstances. He was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, but at the age of seven years his parents moved to Princeton, Massachusetts, and there he resided and had his business headquarters until about 1900, when he moved to Worcester, his home until his death, November 27, 1910.



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He was educated in Princeton public schools and Wilbraham Academy, beginning his long connections with the lumber business immediately after leaving school. He began in a lowly position, but soon advanced and in time reached the topmost rounds of the ladder of success. He continued a lumber operator until his removal to Worcester in 1900. During many of the later years of his life he was associated with W. C. Davis, the bonds of friendship between these men being strengthened by their business association in the affairs of the Baker Box Company, of Worcester, a corporation of which Mr. Hadley was director and superintendent. He was also interested in the C. N. Chapin Company, a retail provision house on Pleasant street, Worcester. He was a striking example of the straightforward, honorable man of affairs, democratic, genial and unchanging in disposition, modest concerning his own merits, concealing beneath an unassuming exterior a kindliness of heart, a love for his fellow-man and a sense of honor and justice that made men his friends and gained him their respect. With his employees he was on friendly terms, their good will being gained by his fairness and his timely, generous aid when in trouble. His own family never knew the extent of his charities and only since his death are they becoming known. He was a member of the Worcester Board of Trade, and the Automobile Club of Worcester.

Mr. Hadley married, in 1900, Laura E. Urban, of Westminister, Massachusetts, who survives him.

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**BEATTIE, James,**

**Prosperous Dairy Farmer.**

For several generations this ancient Scotch family has been connected with textile industries in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, the family seat being at Gordon's Mills.

They were men of worth and steady habits, strict in their Presbyterianism, upright and honorable. James Beattie, now a resident of South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, is a grandson of John Beattie, and a son of John Beattie, both of whom were associated with the industries mentioned before, living and dying in their native Scotland. John Beattie, the grandsire, was employed at the Grandholm Mills, Woodside, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and after a long and useful life died at Gordon's Mills in the same shire in 1893, at the great age of ninety years. He married Margaret Deans, who died about 1881, aged seventy-five years. Their children, all born at Gordon's Mills, were: John, of further mention; James, died at Gordon's Mills in 1906; Hugh, died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; William, yet living in Aberdeenshire; Margaret, died in Scotland, unmarried.

John (2) Beattie, son of John and Margaret (Deans) Beattie, born 1843, spent his youth and early manhood at Gordon's Mills, engaged in farming. About 1865 he began work in the paper mill of A. Pirie & Sons at Stony Wood, Aberdeenshire, and continued in the paper making business until his death. He married, 1865, Margaret Dann, daughter of John Dann, born in Kincardin, O'Neil, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1844, and is yet residing at Stony Wood in her native land. John and Margaret (Dann) Beattie have ten children: Joan, born in October, 1867, married John Moir, and resides in South Hadley Falls; James, of further mention; William, died in Scotland; Elizabeth, married and lives in Scotland; Alexander, married in Scotland Mary Philipps, came to the United States and resides at Fairview, South Hadley Falls; Margaret, married George Davidson, and resides in Virginia; Mary Ann, married and resides in Buffalo, New York; Wilhelmina, married and resides in Aberdeenshire; George, married and resides in Min-

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neapolis, Minnesota; Hugh, unmarried, resides in Detroit, Michigan.

James Beattie, eldest son of John (2) and Margaret (Dann) Beattie, was born at Woodside, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, November 2, 1868. He attended the common schools until ten years of age, then began working under the Scotch system, one day in school, one day in the mill. After a few years of this, he entered the mill in which his father was working and became an expert worker in his department of the paper making mills of A. Pirie & Son. In 1888 he decided to come to the United States, and engaging passage on the State Line Steamship, "State of Georgia," crossed the ocean, arriving in New York City, September 4, 1888. He had friends in Holyoke, Massachusetts, whom he joined, and obtaining a position in the paper mill, there passed the following twenty years. He made Holyoke his home until March 17, 1899, when he moved to South Hadley Falls. He held his position in the paper mill nine years after that date, retiring in 1908, when he changed his indoor life for an outdoor occupation. He purchased the milk business of Thomas Kirley, of South Hadley Falls, and from the small farm he owns just over the South Hadley Falls line in Chicopee conducts a profitable business, collecting milk from select private dairies and supplying a select family trade with the best and purest dairy products. He keeps no cows of his own, but obtains for his trade the best among the dairy farmers of the section. Mr. Beattie affiliates with the Republican party and has ever been loyal in its support. He is an active member of the Caledonian Club; is a member of St. John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Aberdeen, Scotland; Chicopee Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Beattie married at Holyoke, Massa-

chusetts, August 23, 1892, Alexandrina Imray, born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, November 15, 1870. Children: James, born August 23, 1894, unmarried, resides at home; John, born May 24, 1897, died aged seven years; Douglas, born October 8, 1899; William, born September 11, 1903.

### DECELLES, Ferdinand Magloire,

#### Representative Citizen.

Ferdinand Magloire Decelles, carpenter and real estate owner of Holyoke, is a grandson of Michael Decelles, who died in Canada, in 1912, aged eighty-two years. He was born in Canada, and in early manhood came to the United States, but later returned to his native land and there died. When young he learned the carpenter's trade, but later became a farmer and in that occupation passed most of his years. He married and had children: Hector, Armidore, Demose, Michael, of further mention; Arthur, Clara, a child who died young.

Michael (2) Decelles was born in St. Armours, Province of Quebec, Canada, and is now (1917) living in Canada, aged sixty-seven years. He learned the carpenter's trade under the capable instruction of his father in Canada, and there followed his trade until 1897. He then came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and until his retirement in 1913 worked as a cabinet-maker. In that year he returned to his native Canada, and now is residing at the farm upon which his father lived until his death. Michael (2) Decelles married Valoni Benoit, who died in 1882, leaving children: Ferdinand M., of further mention; Phyllis, Owen, Erwin, Orrin, Raoul.

Ferdinand M. Decelles, eldest son of Michael (2) and Valoni (Benoit) Decelles, was born at St. Armours, Province of Quebec, Canada, May 10, 1875. He attended the public schools until fourteen years of

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age, then spent two years in a Montreal mill, coming thence to the United States, in 1890, and locating in Holyoke. Here he attended night school and was employed in different mills, then was with the Merrick Thread Company, in their mill, finally leaving mill for carpenter work. He became an expert wood worker, and for the past sixteen years has followed his trade in Holyoke, being employed by the leading contractors of the city. He has invested his savings in Holyoke real estate, and is the owner of one twenty-four family apartment house at No. 47-57 Bowers street, also a three tenement house and store. He attends to the renting and upkeep of his property, and has won a competence through the labor of his hands.

Mr. Decelles married, October 26, 1899, Alma Bail, born in Abbottsford, Quebec, Canada, daughter of Pierre and Victoria (Marinier) Bail. Mr. and Mrs. Decelles are the parents of a son, Fernand, born November 28, 1911, and of a daughter, Marguerite, born April 11, 1915.

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### FAFARD, Oscar,

#### Representative Citizen.

The Fafards came from France to Canada and from St. Cuthbert, in the Province of Quebec, to Holyoke, Massachusetts. Oscar Fafard, of Holyoke, is a son of Charles Fafard, and a grandson of Pierre Fafard, the latter dying in Canada, in 1858, aged fifty-four years. He married Marie Manegre, they the parents of eleven children: Pierre, Charles, of whom further: Denis, Felix, Julia, Margaret, Louise, Philomene, Lena, Josephine, Mathilda.

Charles Fafard was born in St. Cuthbert, Quebec, Canada, April 8, 1840, and died April, 1916, in his native province. All his life until 1897 he was a Canadian farmer, but in that year he was persuaded to come to Holyoke. He remained here about

eighteen months, employed in a mill, then returned to his farm in Canada and there resided until his death. He was a successful man, his farm, largely devoted to stock raising, being well cultivated and valuable. He was a Conservative in politics, and a man highly respected in his community. Charles Fafard married Louise Bourgeault, born in St. Cuthbert, Canada, in 1845, now (1917) residing in Holyoke, with her son. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fafard were the parents of: Charles, Damien, Oscar, of whom further; Mary Louise, Annie, Martin, Matilda, Amelie, Amanda, and two children who died young.

Oscar Fafard, son of Charles and Louise (Bourgeault) Fafard, was born in St. Cuthbert, Quebec, Canada, September 27, 1880. He was educated in St. Cuthbert schools, and until seventeen years of age was his father's farm assistant. This was in the year 1897, the year Charles Fafard came to the United States, with his family, but eighteen months later he returned to his farm in Canada. Oscar Fafard, however, did not return to Canada with his father, but for seven years, 1897-1904, continued in the employ of the Springfield Blanket Company at their Holyoke mill. Following that employ, he was for a short time in a silk mill, then formed a connection with the Hampden Glazed Paper & Card Company, which has continued for thirteen years, he now being second hand in the pasting machine department. In 1912 he bought the sixteen family apartment house on Chestnut street, in which he has his own home, and which he cares for as both owner and agent. He takes an interest in public affairs, is a member of the Independent Club of Ward 2, the Artisans Society, and the Order of Foresters.

Mr. Fafard married (first) June 22, 1908, Louise Caideux, who died February 12, 1911; she was the mother of two daughters: Eva, born June 19, 1909, and Aman-

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de, born December 30, 1910. He married (second) May 5, 1913, Anne Durand, born in Lisbon, Province of Quebec, Canada, daughter of Joseph and Noemie (Bourgeault) Durand, the last named being a sister of Louise Bourgeault, wife of Charles Fafard, and mother of Oscar Fafard. By this marriage Mr. Fafard has children: Cecelia, born August 27, 1914; Rachel, August 20, 1915; Blanche, November 4, 1916.

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### **BLACKWOOD, George A.,**

#### **Business Man.**

In the prime of a splendid life of busy activity, George A. Blackwood, of Worcester, Massachusetts, ended his career, April 24, 1916, having barely attained his fiftieth year. By virtue of his native ability and energy, he had risen to a place of prominence in the business world, and at the time of his death and for a number of years previous was secretary and assistant treasurer of the Massachusetts Corset Company, of Worcester. He held the supreme confidence of his business associates, was a popular employer and worked in utmost harmony with his employees. His personality attracted men and his sterling attributes of character held them ever as friends.

George A. Blackwood was born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, March 9, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of Clinton, Massachusetts, and at Hinman's Business College, Worcester, Massachusetts, completing his studies with graduation from the latter institution. He then entered the employ of E. H. Stark & Company, at one time one of the largest and most successful boot and shoe concerns in the country, and served that company in the capacity of bookkeeper for ten years. His next employment was with the Royal Worcester Company, which he served four years as accountant, after which he occupied a re-

sponsible position as chief accountant with the Wright Wire Company, one of the largest wire concerns in the city of Worcester. The Massachusetts Corset Company, of which Mr. Blackwood was secretary and assistant treasurer from its beginning to his death, began its business career, February 13, 1907, by the purchase of the plant, business and good will of the United States Corset Company, located at No. 15 Union street, Worcester. The latter company was formerly known as the Globe Corset Company, and was founded by the late John E. Lancaster, who was its president and active business head until his death. The Massachusetts Corset Company started out under an entirely new management, all of the officers connected with the United States Corset Company having retired from the business with the formation of the new company. The Massachusetts Corset Company was capitalized at \$300,000 and was officered as follows: President, Richard H. Hammond, of the Hammond Reed Company; treasurer, George T. Dewey; vice-president and general manager, Herbert L. Adams; secretary and assistant treasurer, George A. Blackwood; superintendent, Oliver G. Nutting; the directors of the company were the above named officers and A. W. Gifford, Walker Armington and William Woodward. In his capacity of secretary and assistant treasurer, Mr. Blackwood displayed his peculiar talents to the best advantage, having no superior in the systematizing of accounts, credits and balances. Mr. Blackwood took a keen interest in public affairs, was a Republican in politics, active in municipal campaigns as a citizen, not an office seeker. He was a valued member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and Worcester Credit Men's Association, and a member of Central Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Athelstane Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.





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Mr. Blackwood married, June 26, 1889, Edith Persis Carter, who survives him, also a son, Roland F. As a man and as a citizen, Mr. Blackwood displayed a personal worth and an excellence of character that not only commanded the respect of those with whom he associated, but won him the warmest personal admiration and the staunchest friendships. Aside from his business affairs, Mr. Blackwood found time for the championship of many progressive public measures, recognized the opportunities for reform, advancement and improvement, and labored effectively and earnestly for the general good. His death deprived his community of an enterprising, energetic and public-spirited man.

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**GOODYEAR, Austin Bryant,**  
**Civil Engineer.**

On the Goodyear homestead in Holyoke, four generations of the family have resided, and there Austin Bryant Goodyear was born, the birthplace of his father, Austin Goodyear, and the homestead the property of his grandfather and his great-grandfather. His father, Austin Goodyear, was almost the last of an interesting group of men who were born in the locality of Holyoke before that city was even thought of, men whose ancestors scarcely two generations back were pioneer settlers of that region. Homestead avenue, so named in recognition of its past history and character, was the important street of the community known as Ireland Parish, which was the forerunner of Holyoke. It was in this street that Austin Goodyear and his son, Austin Bryant, were born, and in the house now standing the father passed most of his life and the son the greater part of his. It was in this section that Austin Goodyear was employed by his cousin, Charles Goodyear, the inventor of the art of vulcanizing rubber and making it a marketable commodity. Austin

Goodyear was associated with Charles Goodyear in his experiments and inventions and was sent to Central America to investigate the source of the rubber supply and its extent. But Austin Goodyear was during most of his long life engaged in farming, beginning with a small tract he had bought and which he improved and developed.

Austin Bryant is of the eighth generation of the family founded by Stephen Goodyear, deputy governor of New Haven Colony, 1643-58. The line of descent is through Deputy-Governor Goodyear's son, Lieutenant John Goodyear, born in New Haven, in 1650, and his wife, Abigail (Gibbard) Goodyear; their son, Lieutenant Theophilus Goodyear, born 1698, died 1757, and his wife, Esther (Sperry) Goodyear; their son, Theophilus (2) Goodyear, born 1731, a soldier of the Revolution, and his wife, Sarah (Munson) Goodyear; their son, Austin Goodyear, born 1759; moved from Hampden, Connecticut, to West Springfield, Massachusetts, and his wife, Sarah (Pardee) Goodyear; their son, Lyman Goodyear, born September 23, 1792, died January 7, 1874, and his wife, Esther (Humiston) Goodyear; their son, Austin (2) Goodyear, and his wife, Anna Judson (Chapin) Goodyear; their son, Austin Bryant Goodyear, of the eighth generation.

Lyman Goodyear (1792-1874), of the second generation in the West Springfield section, was married, in 1816, to Esther Humiston, daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Bishop) Humiston. They were the parents of three daughters and a son: Sarah, born September 5, 1817, married James R. Boise; Esther, born October 20, 1822, died 1848; Austin, of further mention; Susanna, born November 27, 1832, died December 2, 1883.

Austin Goodyear was born on the farm in what is now Homestead avenue, Holyoke, (bought by his grandfather and owned by his father), March 31, 1828, died

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March 17, 1910. When thirteen years of age he was sent to Suffield Literary Institute, remained there two years, then to Providence, and under the tutoring of Professor James R. Boise, a most scholarly man, he prepared to enter Brown University. But on account of sickness he left college at the close of his sophomore year. He then entered the employ of his cousin, Charles Goodyear, the inventor and creator of the vast rubber industry, remaining for five years, and during that period made a journey to Central America. During that most interesting journey he sailed up the Nicaragua river with Commodore Vanderbilt, visited the Mosquito King, and returned to New York with the Commodore. Soon afterwards he left his cousin's employ and began his connection with agriculture which was continued until he retired. The land he owned was a particular source of pleasure to him, and he took pride in improving the property, adding to its area, and passing it to his sons as he received it from his father, only greater in extent and better improved. During his college years he joined the Baptist church and ever afterward was a member of that church, and for many years was deacon of the First Baptist Church of Elmwood. Austin Goodyear married, in 1855, Anna Judson Chapin, born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, January 9, 1835, died April 4, 1914, surviving her husband four years. She was a daughter of Bryant and Lucinda (Jones) Chapin. Mr. and Mrs. Goodyear were the parents of a daughter and two sons: Sarah Lovira, born July 13, 1859, died December 6, 1892; George Lyman, born January 7, 1862, now residing at the Goodyear homestead; Austin Bryant, of further mention.

Austin Bryant Goodyear was born at the homestead in Holyoke, June 22, 1875. He was educated in the city schools, completing his studies in the high school. For ten years he aided in the cultivation and man-

agement of the farm, then began the study of civil engineering, and in 1905 entered the employ of the Holyoke Water Power Company, and he has been connected with the engineering department of that corporation until the present (1917). He is a member of Mt. Tom Golf and Holyoke Canoe clubs, William Whiting Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of the Baptist church.

Mr. Goodyear married, June 27, 1900, Florida Morse Winchester, of Holyoke, daughter of Samuel B. and Emily Adelle (Morse) Winchester. They are the parents of Adelle Winchester Goodyear, born February 5, 1903.

(The Winchester Line).

The Winchesters are an old English family, and for many generations prior to the seventeenth century were seated in Kent, from whence the American ancestor of the branch herein considered came to New England.

John Winchester, "one of the founders of New England," and who bears the distinction of being the ancestor of all who bear the name claiming early Colonial ancestry on this side of the Atlantic Ocean, sailed from London in the "Elizabeth," in April, 1635, being then nineteen years of age. In 1636 he settled in Hingham, in the Plymouth Colony, with his fellow voyagers, the Bates family. He joined the first church in Boston in 1636, was made freeman in 1637, and admitted a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1638. Soon after 1650 he left Hingham and went to Muddy River, that part of Boston which now is Brookline, where he was surveyor in 1664-9-70, constable in 1672-73, and tythingman in 1680. He seems to have prospered at Muddy River, and at his death, April 25, 1694, left an estate which inventoried three hundred and seven pounds, ten shillings, which was inherited by his sons, John and Josiah. John Win-

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chester married, October 15, 1638, Hannah Sealis, daughter of Deacon Richard Sealis, of Scituate. She died September 18, 1697, leaving four children: John, Mary, Jonathan, and Josiah.

John (2) Winchester, son of John (1) and Hannah (Sealis) Winchester, was baptized in 1644, and died in Brookline, February 1, 1718. He was a prominent figure in the early history of Brookline, and by occupation was a mason and farmer. He was the first representative from Brookline to the Colonial Assembly of Massachusetts Bay, 1709-10, served as constable, commissioner, selectman, and in 1717 was one of the founders of the Brookline church. During King Philip's War he was a soldier and is mentioned as having been stationed at the garrison of Punkapauqua (now Canton), April 24, 1676. He died in 1718, leaving an estate which inventoried one thousand and six pounds, nine shillings. He married (first) Hannah ———; (second) Joanna Stevens, born May 28, 1652. Their children were: Joanna, John, Mary, Benjamin, Ebenezer, Henry, Stephen, Mehitable, Jonathan.

Benjamin Winchester, son of John (2) and Hannah Winchester, bought land in Framingham, in 1727, where his brother Ebenezer had preceded him by about ten years; and afterward lived in Grafton, Massachusetts, mentioned as one of the "alarm soldiers during the French and Indian War."

Joseph Winchester, son of Benjamin Winchester, lived in Grafton, Massachusetts, until about 1772, when he removed with his family to Marlboro, Vermont, where he spent the remainder of his days. He married, April 15, 1755, Lucy Harrington, born in Grafton, May 13, 1740, daughter of Isaac and Miriam Harrington, of Grafton, and their children born in that town were as follows: Anna, Hulda, Ben-

jamin, Asa, Joseph, Joshua, Antipas, Luther.

Luther Winchester, son of Joseph and Lucy (Harrington) Winchester, was born in Marlboro, Vermont, August 17, 1773, and for many years was one of the foremost men of that town. He was a farmer, thrifty and energetic, and through his own efforts accumulated a fortune. He married, December 19, 1793, Elizabeth Warren, who died in Marlboro, October 10, 1853, aged seventy-four years. He died January 30, 1853. Children, all born in Marlboro: Antipas, Clark, Betsey, William Ward, Hannah, Luther, Isaac Harrington, John Quincy Adams.

Antipas Winchester, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Warren) Winchester, was born in Marlboro, Vermont, October 6, 1794, died May 19, 1871. Like his father he was a substantial farmer and a prominent man in the town. He married, January 2, 1822, Lois Kelsey. Children: Williston, Eunice, Reuben, Louis, Betsey, Asa, and a daughter, Anthony, Clark, Polly, Ann, a daughter, Sarah A.

Reuben Winchester, son of Antipas and Lois (Kelsey) Winchester, was born in Marlboro, Vermont, January 7, 1825, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, May 26, 1906. Until the age of twenty he lived at the home farm and gave all his earnings to his father. The principles of honesty and personal integrity instilled into his mind when a boy he never forgot, practicing them to the last day of his life. He started out in life by dealing in cattle, later added produce to his business interests and became one of the most extensive dealers in that part of the State. At various times he owned many yoke of cattle and often said that he had bought and sold more than five hundred yoke of cattle, oxen and steers. He was an intelligent and progressive man, and on questions of local and general interest he was considered a standard authority. He was a man of the

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highest integrity and a firm believer in the "square deal." His business life was rewarded with substantial success and his success was deserved. In politics a strong Democrat, he enjoyed the confidence of the people of his town without distinction of party, and he was elected to the State Legislature with Republican votes. In 1865 Mr. Winchester removed from Marlboro to West Springfield, Massachusetts, and purchased a farm in that town, paying for the same in cash. He married, February 19, 1850, Hannah K. Brown. Children: Samuel B., of further mention; Reuben Clark, born November 10, 1857, married Mary A. Cole, they the parents of Austina Hannan, married Henry C. Wainock; Ralph Cole, died aged fourteen years; William L., born October 23, 1865, died July 14, 1903, married, June 6, 1895, Addie E. Stockwell, they the parents of Miriam Stockwell, born March 31, 1896, and Reuben Stockwell, born February 26, 1902.

Samuel B. Winchester, son of Reuben and Hannah K. (Brown) Winchester, was born in Marlboro, Vermont, October 2, 1852, died February 26, 1906. He located in West Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1865, there remaining four years, then moving to Holyoke. He at once entered high school, whence he was graduated class of 1872, and began business life with Thomas W. Mann, a well known architect and civil engineer. He was also in the employ of Merrick & Company, and a little later moved to Springfield, Massachusetts. From there he went to Three Rivers, in the employ of Ruggles Brothers, photographers, thence to Worcester, where he opened a photograph gallery under his own name. In 1884 he returned to Holyoke and became superintendent of the lighting plant just put in operation by the Holyoke Water Power Company. The new plant was built up to a large and successful condition by Mr. Winchester, and he remained its superintendent until

1902, highly esteemed by his employees and business associates, his sterling integrity and sound, sensible opinions attracting them. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Bay State Club. Mr. Winchester married, July 22, 1875, Emily Adelle Morse, of Springfield, daughter of A. T. Morse. They were the parents of two daughters: Florence E., born June 21, 1876, died in infancy; Florida Morse, born February 17, 1878, married January 27, 1900, Austin Bryant Goodyear.

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### ROCHETTE, Edward Charles, M. D.,

#### Prominent Physician.

Dr. Edward C. Rochette, one of the most successful physicians of Worcester, has considerable natural ability, but is withal a close student and believes thoroughly in the maxim that "there is no excellence without labor." His devotion to the duties of his profession, therefore, combined with a comprehensive understanding of the principles of the science of medicine, has made him a most able practitioner, whose prominence is well deserved.

Dr. Edward C. Rochette was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, October 29, 1879, a son of Joseph and Melvina (Phillips) Rochette, grandson of Charles Rochette, who lived and died at Chambly in the Province of Quebec, Canada, and of David and Eliza Phillips, residents of Chazy, New York. Joseph Rochette was born in Chambly, Province of Quebec, Canada, about the year 1851, and for four decades was a cabinet maker in an organ factory. He came to the United States in company with an elder brother, Edward Rochette, who was also a cabinet maker, and they located in Worcester, Massachusetts, where both were residing in 1916, Edward aged seventy years and Joseph aged sixty-five years. The two brothers worked together for many years, and Edward

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Rochette served in the capacity of head man for the Henry Braman Cabinet Works for thirty-five or forty years. Joseph and Melvina (Phillips) Rochette were the parents of three sons: 1. Edward Charles, of this review. 2. Joseph E., a dentist, with offices in the Slater Building, Worcester; he was graduated from the Worcester Classical High School and was graduated in dentistry in 1900. 3. Arthur P., educated in the public schools of Worcester, Clark University and the State Normal School, and is now principal of Burbank School, Millbury; he is unmarried.

Dr. Edward C. Rochette acquired his preliminary education in the grammar and Worcester Classical High schools, after which he pursued a course of study in Harvard Medical School, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1903. He accepted an appointment at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, where he remained for eighteen months, during which period he added greatly to his store of knowledge on medical subjects, putting to a practical test the theories advanced and adopted during his collegiate career. In March, 1905, Dr. Rochette located for the active practice of his chosen profession in his native city, Worcester, and within a comparatively short time he built up an extensive practice, which has increased considerably during the ensuing years, enabling him not only to make a lucrative livelihood but to repay the capital that he borrowed in order to complete his medical education. He has always been a painstaking and conscientious worker, and despite the demands upon his time and attention has been able to read and study sufficiently to keep abreast of the times in the theories and practice of medicine. He is one of the founders of the French Dispensary of Worcester, which institution has proven of great benefit to many of the residents of that city. He is a member of the Massa-

chusetts Medical Association; the American Medical Association; La Societe De Artizan; Conseil Franche of the Union St. Jean Baptiste; the Society of St. Jean Baptiste; the Pipeineau Society; Improved Order of Red Men; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Order of Buffalo; Rochelle Lodge, Independent Order of Forresters (Ladies); and St. Cecelia's Branch, L. C. B. Association. Dr. Rochette is examining physician for all the societies in which he holds membership, and in addition is associate medical examiner of the Equitable Life Insurance Company. He is a man of magnetic personality, pleasing address, sterling characteristics, and is an inspiring example of one who in a calling which depends upon individual merit, close application, thorough knowledge of the science of medicine, and unflagging perseverance, gained the heights of prominence.

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**CANNEY, George Fremont,**

**Merchant, Public Official.**

From the age of seventeen, Mr. Canney has been associated with the mercantile interests of South Hadley Center, Massachusetts, as clerk, partner and proprietor, and has been no less active in town affairs. Although he is a native son of Massachusetts, his father was born in Maine, and his grandfather in New Hampshire, a descendant of Thomas Canney, who was sent to Dover, New Hampshire, by Captain Mason in 1631 or earlier. Thomas Canney had a lot in Dover in 1634, had land granted him in 1652-1656, was made a freeman in 1653, and was living in 1677. He left sons, two of whom, Thomas and John, are mentioned in the records. From these sons all the Canneys of New England are supposed to have descended. The branch of the family herein recorded settled in Wolfboro township, Carroll county, New Hampshire.

William Canney, grandfather of George

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Fremont Canney, was born near Wolfboro, a summer resort on Lake Winnepesaukee, Carroll county, New Hampshire, and was buried in Exeter, Maine. He was a merchant, trader and general selling agent for his entire section. He took advantage of the conditions in the rural community in which he lived and carried on a large and prosperous business. His principal specialty was hops, handling large quantities each season, and also engaged in that one time important business, incident to the life of the pioneer and lumberman, the gathering and leaching of wool ashes, using the potash thus obtained in the manufacture of soap. He became a man of influence and wealth, owning many farms. His operations were largely confined to the Exeter, Maine, district, he having moved there in 1820. William Canney married (first) a Miss Hill. He married (second) Elizabeth Batchelder Lindell (Hill) Marquis, widow of George Marquis. She was born in Augusta, Maine, September 24, 1816, member of an old and prominent Revolutionary family. She died December 1, 1878. By her first marriage, Mrs. Marquis had a son, George Marquis, who enlisted in the First Regiment, Maine Heavy Artillery, meeting death at the battle of Fredericksburg in 1863, and a daughter Helen Marquis, who married (first) Augustus C. Nevins, who died in 1907, married (second) in 1910, ——— Hamlin, and now resides in Washington, D. C. William and Elizabeth B. L. Canney were the parents of three sons and a daughter, the latter, the youngest, only living three years. The sons are: Frank, born October 6, 1850, died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, about 1898; Fred A., born September 12, 1852, now residing at Croton, New York; Fremont Warren, of further mention. William Canney and his wife were attendants of the Universalist church of Exeter, Mrs. Canney being active in church work. William Canney was a Free

Soil Whig and an abolitionist, supporting Fremont, the first candidate of the Republican party, and aiding in the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He was in sympathy with his wife in her religious work and was a most conscientious, upright man, highly respected. About 1861 his family moved to Bangor, Maine, where William Canney died ten years later.

Fremont Warren Canney, youngest son of William and Elizabeth Batchelder Lindell (Hill-Marquis) Canney, was born in Exeter, Maine, April 5, 1856, and is now a resident of Northampton, Massachusetts. When he was five years of age the family moved to Bangor, Maine, where he attended the grade and high schools. After two years in high school, being then seventeen years of age, he began lumbering operations in the Maine woods, continuing until about 1873, when he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, forming a partnership with his brother-in-law, A. C. Nevins, conducting a saw mill and general mill business on Hampden street. Later he engaged in the lumber and wood business in Brooklyn, New York, but after a few years returned to Holyoke, resuming business relations with Mr. Nevins, previously mentioned. Later he was transferred to the Mt. Tom Mill and is now in charge of the outside division, the Holyoke plant being closed. He is a Republican in politics, and an attendant of the Congregational church.

Fremont W. Canney married, at Holyoke, Massachusetts, Eva Ann Stedman, born at Lee, May 24, 1858, daughter of Lawrence and Ann Sylvina (Kinne) Stedman. Lawrence Stedman was born at Otis, Massachusetts, in June, 1833, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 20, 1893. He enlisted, January 1, 1864, in the First Regiment, Connecticut Heavy Artillery, was sent to Washington and there was taken sick; after recovery he was declared unfit for field duty

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and was detailed as hospital steward, serving until honorably discharged, and mustered out, September 22, 1865. After returning from the army he spent several years in Connecticut, engaged in the wood and lumber business, settling in Holyoke in 1873. Later he was in charge of a number of large buildings and apartment blocks, continuing in that line of activity until his death. He married Ann Sylvina Kinne, born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, November 20, 1835, daughter of Ashbel Kinne, whose life was largely spent in Great Barrington. He was the tenth child of Rev. Aaron Kinne, a chaplain in the Continental Army, who for a time was pastor of the church at Egremont near Great Barrington. Lawrence and Ann Sylvina (Kinne) Stedman were the parents of Eva Ann (Stedman) Canney, of previous mention; Florence May, born May 19, 1861, married Frederick Sears, who died in Holyoke, leaving three children including a son, Philip Sears; Henry Morgan, born November 20, 1863, a farmer of Blandford, Massachusetts, twice married and has eight living children; Robert Byron, born March 10, 1869, married Annie Bogart, of Holyoke, and died, leaving a daughter Elsie; Lily Mabel, born October 4, 1879, married Charles Nobles, and resides at South Hadley Center with two sons. Mrs. Ann Sylvina (Kinne) Stedman is still living, the grandmother of seventeen children and the great-grandmother of eight children. Fremont W. and Eva Ann (Stedman) Canney are the parents of five children, all born in Holyoke, Massachusetts: 1. George Fremont, mentioned below. 2. Byron Henry, born August 23, 1883, married in Columbia, South America, Carola Johnson, and there resides with three children. 3. Florence Elizabeth, born January 7, 1886, married, March 23, 1912, Reginald Sidney Carey, and resides at South Hadley Falls; they are the parents of Reginald Sidney Carey, Jr., born

February 21, 1914; Warren James Carey, September 6, 1915. 4. Edward Lawrence, born January 21, 1888, residing in Northampton, Massachusetts, unmarried. 5. Hazel Stedman, born April 18, 1890, also residing at the Northampton home.

George Fremont Canney, son of Fremont Warren and Eva Ann (Stedman) Canney, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, July 28, 1882, and was educated in the public schools of the city. After three years in high school he was so anxious to become a wage earner that he left school, and until he was seventeen he ran a wagon route, supplying a select trade with vegetables raised in his own garden or purchased from neighbors. At the age of seventeen he became a clerk in the store of Charles A. Gridley, a prominent merchant of South Hadley Center, with whom he remained for three years mastering the details of a large business. He then entered the employ of the American Thread Company, there gaining desired office experience to which he added during another period spent in the office employ of the Farr Alpaca Company. On April 1, 1907, Mr. Canney returned to mercantile life with Mr. Gridley, whose business had been constantly increasing, and was admitted to a partnership. On July 1, 1913, Mr. Gridley retired and since that date Mr. Canney has conducted the business alone, carrying large stocks of general merchandise with special lines attractive to the student trade. In 1915 he purchased the building which he occupies, altered, enlarged and improved it in keeping with the large business he transacts. In addition to his general store he has successfully conducted an automobile business for two years, having organized a company to act as general sales agent in his section for a light weight, popular priced, six cylinder car. He was selectman for five years, clerk of the board for three years, and has long been an active participant in town affairs. He was one of

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the leaders in the movement resulting in the defining of fire districts, putting in a suitable town water supply and installing apparatus for fire fighting purposes. He was the first treasurer of Fire District No. 2, and a member of the Prudential Committee placed in charge of the finances of the district. He was one of the organizers of the South Hadley Driving Park Association (Inc.), and the first secretary-treasurer of the association. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Congregational church, active in its affairs, and under his direction a campaign was inaugurated and continued which resulted in freeing the congregation from debt. He is a member of Mt. Holyoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Perfection, and of Iona Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As an organizer of business and social affairs he displays exceptional ability, and is a most efficient manager. Honorable and upright, he has won the unvarying respect and confidence of his community, and is the centre of a wide circle of intimate friends.

Mr. Canney married, October 24, 1906, Bessie Maria Gridley, born at South Hadley Center, November 11, 1878, daughter of Charles Addison and Martha Pamela (Miller) Gridley. They are the parents of two children: George Gridley, born February 14, 1909, and Marjorie Elizabeth, born February 26, 1912.

Charles Addison Gridley was born in Granby, October 27, 1845, the son of Addison and Sibbel (Ayres) Gridley. He was educated in the public schools of Granby and attended Burnham's Business School at Springfield. He started in business with Elliott Montague at South Hadley in the general store line in 1870, and six years later the store was burned. Mr. Gridley moved to Brattleboro, and two years later,

in 1878, returned to South Hadley, and opened the store of which he was the proprietor up to the time of his retirement, two years prior to his death. In 1903 he took his son, James Leonard Gridley, into partnership with him under the firm name of C. A. Gridley & Son. When the younger Mr. Gridley moved to Chicopee three years later, George S. Canney, son-in-law of Mr. Gridley, joined forces with him. In addition to conducting the general store, Mr. Gridley was for a long term of years a notary public and conducted a general insurance business. He was chairman of the building committee picked by William Gaylord to put through the building of the Gaylord Memorial Library, and Mr. Gridley served as a library trustee up to the time of his death. He served six years as a member of the school board, and for a long term of years served as superintendent of Evergreen Cemetery, and that this cemetery is one of the most beautiful in the valley is due in large measure to Mr. Gridley's personal interest in the welfare of the cemetery association. He was clerk of the association up to the time of his death. He also served on the committees charged with the erection of both the last two churches built at the Center, and he was also the pioneer in the movement to bring public lighting to the Center and looked on the successful accomplishment of that enterprise with particular pride. Mr. Gridley married Martha Pamela Miller, born in Amherst, Massachusetts, daughter of Edward Curtis Miller. She survives her husband and continues her residence at South Hadley Center. Their only son, James Leonard Gridley, born October 4, 1876, is connected with the Gaylord Kendall National Bank, and married Pauline Clark. Charles A. Gridley died at his home at South Hadley Center, October 19, 1916. By his death the town loses one of its most substantial citizens, a

man valuable in the life of any community for his devotion to public affairs, to private business and for an upright home life.

**CAREY, Reginald Sidney,**

**Florist.**

Reginald Sidney Carey, the well known florist of South Hadley, has had a long experience in his chosen line, his first experience being in his native Bristol, England, under his capable father, then in London with a leading florist, and later in the United States as manager of large estates. He is a thorough master both of his art, landscape gardening, and of his business, florist, and since 1912 has been head of a business developed from that of Joseph Beach, South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, which he purchased at that time. He is a son of James Fuller Carey, of Bristol, England, a professional gardener, and a grandson of William Carey, a farmer of Bristol.

William Carey, born in Abbots Leigh, County Somerset, England, followed farming all his life, and died in Bristol, England, in 1886. He married and was the father of a family of seven children, all now deceased.

James Fuller Carey, son of William Carey, was born at Abbots Leigh, County Somerset, England, February 12, 1845, and died in Bristol, England, December 3, 1910. He was educated in the public schools of Bristol, and there spent his life, a professional gardener in care of large estates. He was a member of the Church of England, a man of strong character, highly esteemed. He married Matilda Parks, born in Bristol, England, of Welsh parentage, her three brothers living in Swansea, Wales. She survives her husband, a resident of Bristol, England. Mr. and Mrs. Carey had seven children, all living and married and residing in England save Edith Eliza, who accom-

panied her husband to South Africa, and Reginald Sidney, who came to the United States. The children are: Mary Emma, Annie Elizabeth, Caroline, Esther, Edith Eliza, William Henry, and Reginald Sidney.

Reginald Sidney Carey, son of James Fuller Carey, was born in Bristol, England, June 24, 1886, and was educated in the public schools. As a boy and young man he worked with his father and learned landscape gardening, pursuing his vocation on large private estates at Bristol. Later he went to London in the employ of Veach & Company, the largest floral house in the city, and there learned the business of a florist. With an expert knowledge of the growing of plants and flowers, and of the best methods of their sale and distribution, added to the art of the landscape gardener, he sought a new field of endeavor in the United States, coming in 1907. His first six months in this country were spent as assistant superintendent of the magnificent country estate of Ex-Governor Morton at Rhinecliff, New York. After the termination of his first engagement, he spent some time in Washington, D. C., with one of the leading florists. His next engagement was as manager of the gardens on the estate of William Guggenheim at Long Branch, New Jersey, his duties also including the management of the gardens of Mr. Guggenheim's brother. After leaving the Guggenheims, Mr. Carey came to the estate of Joseph Skinner at South Hadley Falls, where he spent eighteen months in designing the landscape feature and developing the grounds and gardens of that beautiful home. After completing his work for Mr. Skinner, he purchased in 1912 the business of Joseph Beach, florist, and has developed a wonderful trade in cut flowers, shipping to all parts of New England. He has attained both professional and business prominence, and is but in the morning of his ca-

reer. Mr. Carey was president of the Holyoke and Northampton Florists Club, 1915; member of Mt. Holyoke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and George E. Fisher Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, both of South Hadley Falls; Holyoke Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Iona Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Congregational church, and in political faith is strongly Republican.

Mr. Carey married, March 23, 1912, Florence Elizabeth Canney, born January 7, 1886, daughter of Fremont Warren and Eva Ann (Stedman) Canney (see Canney). Mr. and Mrs. Carey have two sons, both born in South Hadley Falls: Reginald Sidney, Jr., born February 21, 1914, and Warren James, born September 6, 1915.

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**COLSON, Charles D.,**

**Business Man, Public Official.**

To Mr. Colson, late of Holyoke, belonged the honor of holding longer than any other citizen in Massachusetts the position of chairman of the Republican City Committee of Holyoke. Throughout his term of thirty-five years he earned and held the esteem and confidence of all his associates and of the people of the city. As a business man his reputation was unsullied, and he retired from active business with the warm regard and friendship of all who were in any way associated with him. Charles D. Colson was born May 10, 1846, in Lowell, Massachusetts, son of Sullivan and Delia (Curtis) Colson. His father went to California during the gold fever days of 1849, and there died.

The son attended the public schools of Lowell, graduating from the high school, and immediately entered upon a business career as clerk in the employ of the Hamilton Company, where he continued for a period of nine years. In 1875 he came to Holyoke to fill the position of paymaster at

the Lyman Mills, where he continued six years. In 1881 he was appointed bookkeeper and paymaster of the Whitmore Manufacturing Company, and continued in this position up to January 1, 1916, when he retired from active business, and was succeeded by his son-in-law, Mr. George Webster. Mr. Colson was very active in the social life of Holyoke, as well as in political movements. In Lowell he became affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Oberon Lodge, a member for twenty-eight years, and there filled all the offices of the subordinate lodge, including that of noble grand, and soon after he came to Holyoke he assisted in forming Holyoke Lodge, No. 134, in which he also passed through all the chairs, and of which he was a member until his death, nearly fifty-two years. He was one of the charter members of Tuscarora Encampment of the same order, in Holyoke, in which he held the chief offices, and was one of the oldest members of the order in the city. He held membership in Canton Patriarchs Militant, of Springfield, the highest branch of this order, and was always an enthusiast in promulgating its grand, benevolent and fraternal principles. He held official stations in various fraternal bodies, including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was a charter member; the Improved Order of Red Men, and Knights of Pythias. Besides these organizations he was affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Royal Arcanum, and Knights of Honor. For twenty years Mr. Colson held the office of quartermaster of the Second Regiment of Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, later promoted to lieutenant and later to captain, at which rank he retired. After having filled the position of chairman of the Republican City Committee of Holyoke for thirty-four terms, upon the occasion of his re-election for the thirty-fifth term he declined to ac-

cept, and was very regretfully excused by his associates and co-workers. In that period of time the city had trebled in population, and more than doubled in assessed valuation. Mr. Colson's long continuance in the position of chairman testified to his fairness, his good nature, and his exceptional executive ability. He had no political enemies, and was respected by both his opponents and friends. He was first elected to the Board of Aldermen as a representative of Ward Four, and continued eight years in that body. Subsequently he was a member of the Common Council. For several years he was water commissioner of the city of Holyoke. He was a member of Company D, Veterans' Association, and was always a welcome guest at its gatherings. Through his various activities he acquired a wide acquaintance throughout Western Massachusetts, and frequently participated in visitations to various fraternal bodies. Wherever he went he was popular and esteemed, and he enjoyed during his last years in quiet retirement, the fruit of a long life of industry. For several years Mr. Colson had spent his summers at Stonington, Connecticut, where he erected a comfortable building and where he enjoyed the cooling breezes of Long Island Sound.

Mr. Colson married, in Holyoke, April 2, 1885, Ellen E. Adams, born in Willington, Connecticut, daughter of Asa and Cornelia Adams, of Warren, Massachusetts. Mr. Colson was and Mrs. Colson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Holyoke. They have an adopted child, Nettie Colson, who married George Webster, now paymaster of the Whitmore Manufacturing Company of Holyoke. Mr. Colson passed away in Holyoke, December 2, 1917.

**WALKER, Charles Edward,**  
**Merchant.**

When after a long term of clerical service in other cities, Mr. Walker returned to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and purchased the sporting goods business of M. D. Stebbins, he invested it with his own energetic personality and has attracted to the largest sporting goods store in the city a line of patronage which attests the appreciation of the public he wishes to serve. Mr. Walker is of English parentage, but of American birth, his father, William Walker, coming to the United States in 1860 and settling in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

William Walker was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1834, and there learned the trade of wire weaver, using a hand loom. He remained in England until 1860, then came to the United States, obtaining employment in the paper mills at Middlefield after a prior settlement at Pittsfield. Later he spent some time in the State of Connecticut, then returned to Middlefield, thence about 1891 locating in Holyoke, where for a number of years he has lived retired from active life. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a man of upright life, highly regarded. Mr. Walker married Ruth Scholls, born in Yorkshire, England, daughter of Isaac Scholls. They are the parents of six sons: Elijah, married, has a son Harold Walker, married, and has a daughter, Alta Walker; William, married, and has children, Earl, Robert, Fred and Francis Walker; Frank; George, married, and has children, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Mildred, Lucy, and Ralph Walker; Fred, married, and has children: Ruth, William, Agnes, Esther and Fred (2) Walker; Charles Edward, mentioned below.

Charles Edward Walker was born at

Middlefield, Massachusetts, August 22, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of South Windsor, Connecticut, North Adams and Springfield, Massachusetts. He began his wage earning career in a clerical position with a paper manufacturing mill at Bridgeport, Connecticut, returning to Massachusetts after eighteen months, obtaining a position as clerk in a Huntington store. He spent three years in Huntington, then for a year and a half was a clerk in the H. W. Cooley grocery business in Holyoke. He was next employed in a general store at Chester, Massachusetts, for two years, then returned to Holyoke, filling for a time a clerical position in the J. B. Whitmore General Store. The next eight years were spent as clerk in the Springfield department store of Meekins, Packard & Wheat, which service terminated his clerical career.

These years spent in different cities in varied mercantile lines had invested him with a thorough knowledge of modern merchandising, a clear idea of its pitfalls and with well digested plans for his own future. Believing himself to have arrived at the proper time of life to engage in business for himself, and to have found the proper opening in Holyoke, he purchased the sporting goods business of M. D. Stebins. His keen judgment guided him wisely in making this investment, and the years which have since intervened have brought him prosperity. The business is conducted under the firm name of C. E. Walker & Company; all kinds of sporting goods of superior manufacture are handled, the store is headquarters for that line of goods in the city, in fact outside of the largest cities no larger or better stocked store can be found. In 1904 Mr. Walker bought the business block at No. 396 High street, and occupies its floors as sales and display rooms. Above this store he uses the second floor, covering the space over the stores

of Nos. 394, 396 and 398, taking up the entire block on that floor, and carrying the largest stock of sporting goods in Western Massachusetts.

To his business enterprise, Mr. Walker adds fraternal and social activities, and he is one of the popular men of his city. He is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masters; Springfield Commandery, Knights Templar; Melha Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Bay State Club; Holyoke Canoe Club; and Second Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Walker married (first) May 24, 1893, Emma Galbraith, born in South Roxton, Province of Quebec, Canada, daughter of Major Joseph and Isabelle (Howe) Galbraith. They were the parents of a son, Roy Galbraith, born in Springfield, Massachusetts, May 24, 1895, a graduate of Holyoke High School, now associated in business with his father, and of a daughter, Leah Emma, born July 23, 1897. Mrs. Emma (Galbraith) Walker died January 4, 1900. Mr. Walker married (second) Sarah Squires, of Plattsburg, New York.

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**COLVIN, Lewis A.,**

**Business Man.**

At one time the iron foundry operated by the Colvins was one of the largest in the city of Worcester, and one of the noted plants of the city. There a general foundry business was conducted, many of the factories and mills of Worcester having special work done, some of the mills including the Knowles Loom Works, being supplied with all their castings from the Colvin foundry. The plant was established by James A. Colvin and when his son, Lewis A. Colvin, arrived at a suitable age he joined his father and eventually became head of the business.





*L. A. Colver.*



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Lewis A. Colvin, son of James A. and Amey A. (Johnson) Colvin, was born in Danielson, Connecticut, in 1864, and died in Worcester, Massachusetts, April 8, 1915. He was educated in the public school, and after his years of educational preparation were completed he began his business career in association with his father in the Worcester, Massachusetts, foundry. He continued active and prominent in the business life of Worcester until his death. He was a man of strong character and business ability, successful in his undertakings, and highly respected by his associates in business and social circles. He was absorbed in business, taking little interest in city affairs, but a lover of home and family. Mr. Colvin is survived by his wife, Sara H. Colvin, by a son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Amey L.

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### DICKINSON, Everett Mifflin,

#### **Investment Broker.**

Mr. Dickinson, a descendant of early colonists of New England, came to Holyoke, in 1901, and has since been a prominent figure in commercial and financial circles. He is a native son of New York, and in 1890 returned to the State to which his ancestor, Nathaniel Dickinson, came from Connecticut, in 1659. This founder of the Dickinson family in New England, Nathaniel Dickinson was born in England, and came to this country as early as 1637, making his home in that year at Wethersfield, Connecticut. In 1645 he was town clerk of Wethersfield, and from 1646 to 1656 represented the town in the General Assembly. In 1659 he settled in Hadley, Massachusetts; in 1661 was admitted a freeman of Massachusetts by the General Court; for many years was deacon of the Hadley Church and first recorder of the town. For a few years he lived in Hatfield, but returned to Hadley and there died, June 16,

1676. Children by wife, Anne: Samuel, born July, 1638, Obadiah, April 16, 1641; Nathaniel, August, 1643; Nehemiah, 1645; Hezekiah, February, 1645; Amariah, October 4, 1648; Thomas; Joseph; John; Anna or Hannah, married (first) John Clary, and (second) Enos Kingsley.

In later years Christopher Dickinson, a descendant of Nathaniel Dickinson, founded a branch of the family in Canaan, New York, and from Christopher Dickinson comes Everett Mifflin Dickinson, of Holyoke. Christopher Dickinson, born in Connecticut, in 1740, left his native State after the Revolutionary War, settled with his family at Canaan, Columbia county, New York, where he followed the pursuits of a farmer until his death. One of the family which accompanied him to Canaan was his son James, born in Connecticut, not later than 1774, who in youthful manhood joined the tide flowing westward, but found a satisfactory location at Roseboom, Otsego county, New York. This James Dickinson was one of the true pioneers and from the wilderness wrested a good farm, upon which the greater part of his years, seventy-seven, were spent clearing, improving and cultivating.

In the next generation the spirit of unrest, adventure, ambition or whatever the contrary influence may be called which takes man away from his home and sends him forth to seek fortune in other places claimed Lyman Dickinson, son of James Dickinson and grandson of Christopher Dickinson, and he carried the name to Northern Indiana. Lyman Dickinson was born in Canaan, New York, one of seven sons and daughters of James Dickinson, the first dweller and owner of the Homestead farm in Roseboom, Otsego county. It was on that farm that Lyman Dickinson grew to manhood, but as soon as he came to legal age he left the homestead and engaged for a number of years in farming and mechanical

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work at Henrietta, New York. From there he went to Northern Indiana, there remaining ten years before returning to the old home in Roseboom, New York. There he remained several years, but finally bought a farm in the Tioga Valley, New York, upon which he spent the balance of his years, eighty-eight. He was a man of good standing, a Presbyterian in religious preference, and even after passing to octogenarian honors was quite active.

His first wife, Harriet A. (Webster) Dickinson, a Quakeress, died at the age of twenty-six years, leaving a son, Charles. He married (second) Sarah Sutphen, who died aged eighty, and they were the parents of Orville, yet living; Lyman D., and three others, all now deceased. Harriet A. Webster was born in Canaan, New York, and was a descendant of John Webster, fifth Governor of Connecticut, a founder of Hartford, magistrate, deputy governor, (1656) first magistrate of the colony, led the list of signers agreeing to move to Hadley, Massachusetts, went to Northampton, there became a judge, and died April 5, 1661. From him descended Daniel Webster, the eloquent statesman through Thomas Webster, his third son; and from Robert Webster, the fourth son of Governor Webster, sprang the lexicographer, Noah Webster. The line of descent to Harriet A. Webster is also through William Webster, eighth son of Robert Webster; Samuel Webster, the fifth son of William and Sarah (Nichols) Webster, married Elizabeth —. Their son, Aaron Webster, a favorite scout of General Putnam, who settled in Canaan, New York, then went with the Dickinsons to Roseboom, Otsego county, married Mary Shepard; their son, Aaron (2) Webster, married Amy Bentley, and their sixth child, Harriet A. Webster, married Lyman Dickinson.

Charles Dickinson, only son of Lyman and Harriet A. (Webster) Dickinson, was

born in Henrietta, Monroe county, New York, May 31, 1833, and died April 29, 1913, at the home of his only daughter, Hattie A. Shafer, in Cobleskill, New York. After completing public school and the Academy courses, at Cherry Valley, New York, he began the study of medicine with Dr. James E. Sutphen, of Seward, New York, subsequently completing his studies at Albany Medical College (now the medical department of Union University), Albany, New York, and there received his M. D. in class of 1860. After graduation he at once began practice in Seward, remained here until 1869, then moved to Binghamton, New York, but eighteen months later returned to Seward and there practiced until 1910, when he retired, after being in practice half a century, a record equalled by no other physician of that section. He was a skilled physician, greatly beloved, a capable business man, a wide reader, deep student, and a citizen of highest repute. In his practice he gave himself unreservedly to the demands of a very large clientele during most of his life, but when the years grew heavy and the shadows long, he limited his activities to an office practice. He was a member of the Schoharie County Medical Society, wrote and read many papers of medical value before the society, served as its president, and was often delegate from the society to the annual meetings of the New York State Medical Society, of which he was a member. He continued in practice until 1910, then retired and spent three years in his favorite pursuits at the home of his son-in-law, Clarence H. Shafer, where he met and cheerfully responded to the call of the Great Physician, having nearly attained octogenarian honors.

During the summer of 1896, Dr. Dickinson went abroad, and while absent wrote several travel letters which appeared in the "Cobleskill Index." His study carried him

far beyond medicine into the realm of science and literature, the learned, skillful physician being not more esteemed than the cultured gentlemen, who was an authority on other subjects. He was one of the strong men of the Democratic party in Schoharie county, and for years took an active part in public affairs. He held the office of justice of the peace of the town of Seward. He was state railroad commissioner and held other offices of honor and trust during the years when the physical man could carry the weight of both private and public business. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and during the half century of practice in Seward he was for thirty-four years of that period a teacher in the Sunday school of his church. He was also a member of the Masonic order.

Dr. Charles Dickinson married, in 1859, Celia M. France, who died aged thirty-eight years; she was the daughter of Gilbert France, and a descendant of Sebastian Frantz, the first of his family to come to America. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1732; married Anna Fritz, born in Wurtemberg, 1733, and soon afterward came with other German Lutherans to this country, landing in New York, in November, 1753. He located in what is now the town of Seward, New York. He was a man of great piety and zeal. From the fatherland he brought with him his Bible, which has been preserved and is now in the possession of his descendants. Children of Sebastian and Anna Frantz: Anna, Ernest, Christopher, Eva, Elizabeth, Jacob, Margaretta, John, Catherine, Henry, Lena, Lawrence and David.

At the outbreak of the Revolution the two elder sons, Christopher and Jacob Frantz, enlisted in the American army. Sebastian was occupied in the government service and away from home when his home was entered by an Indian Chief in the employ of the British; two of his sons, John and Hen-

ry, were taken as prisoners; his barn and other buildings destroyed by fire. Sebastian's wife made her escape with the other children and for three days was in hiding on Gravel Mountain, not daring to make a fire for fear of revealing her hiding place. The son John was killed and scalped, but the son Henry escaped on the day he was taken. The young woman who was engaged to be married to Christopher was slain. Sebastian Frantz died in 1805 and his widow in 1816. Henry Frantz, son of Sebastian Frantz, married Maria Horn. They had fifteen children, all of whom with one exception lived to maturity and thirteen had children.

Gilbert G. France, the youngest son of Henry Frantz, was born December 25, 1816, and was the last survivor of the family. When a young man he took up government land in Wisconsin and the "grant" of the land, signed by President Polk, is in possession of his descendants. He cleared the land and lived for many years in what is now the town of Sharon, but eventually returned to New York State and located at Seward. He was an active, useful and prominent citizen; one of the promoters of the railroad which connects Cherry Valley with Cobleskill, and he was railroad commissioner for fifteen years. He married, in 1840, Angeline Ottman, daughter of Christian Ottman. They were the parents of Celia M., who married Dr. Charles Dickinson, Augusta, Anna, Helen, Millard Filmore, Ida, and Frank H. France.

Dr. Charles and Celia M. (France) Dickinson were the parents of sons: Everett Mifflin and Melville Day Dickinson, and a daughter, Hattie Angeline, a graduate of the Cobleskill High School. She married Clarence H. Shafer, a jeweler of Cobleskill, New York. Melville Day Dickinson was a graduate of Cobleskill High School, attended Cornell University for two years, studied medicine under his father's direc-

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tion, then entered Albany Medical College; (also his father's *Alma Mater*) and there was graduated M. D. with the class of 1890. He at once began practice at Troy, New York, and is now senior surgeon at the Troy City Hospital and attending physician to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, deputy health officer and medical inspector of schools of Troy, New York. He married Emma G. Cole. They have one son, Melville Day Dickinson, Jr.

Everett Mifflin Dickinson, eldest son of Dr. Charles and Celia M. (France) Dickinson, was born in Seward, Schoharie county, New York, May 16, 1864. He was educated in Seward grade and Cobleskill High Schools. He served an apprenticeship at watchmaking at Clayville, New York, and for seven years was with one of the Albany, New York, leading jewelers. In 1890 he established in the jewelry business under his own name in North Adams, Massachusetts, there continued in business for eleven years. In 1901 he closed out his North Adams interests and located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, that city ever since has been his home and scene of his business activity. From 1901 until 1908 he conducted a stationery and art store of high class. He then retired from mercantile life to become an investment broker, and by close attention to business has built up a very substantial clientele, for high grade securities. Mr. Dickinson, in his sixteen years' residence in Holyoke, has closely identified himself with other than business interests of the city. He was one of the organizers of the Religious Educational Association of Holyoke and vicinity. He was chosen its first president. He was head of the Hampden District Sunday School Association, a member of the First Congregational Church, a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school. His masonic memberships are: Temple Lodge, No. 14, Free and Accepted Masons, Albany, New York; Composit Chapter, Royal Arch

Masons, North Adams, Massachusetts; Springfield Commandery, Knights Templar; and Melba Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Springfield, Massachusetts, also a member of Mount Tom Golf Club. His sympathies are broad, and while his own life is ordered strictly according to the rules he has found the best, he gives to every man the same rights he demands for himself and questions no man's decision on matters purely personal.

Mr. Dickinson married (first) October 19, 1885, Laura C. Mann, of Cobleskill, New York, who died April 1, 1894, at North Adams, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Peter S. and Ellen E. (Gurley) Mann. He married (second) October 29, 1895, Mrs. Louise (Tower) Wallace, daughter of John W. and Elizabeth E. (Peavey) Tower. By her first marriage Mrs. Dickinson has a daughter, Gertrude L. Wallace, who attended Simmons College, and married, November 25, 1916, Philip Foster Shutler, a graduate of Union College, class of 1910; A. B. and B. E.; a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and Sigma Xi. Everett M. and Laura C. (Mann) Dickinson are the parents of: 1. Angie Celia, born August 21, 1887; she attended Simmons College, and married, June 30, 1915, Arthur Edmund French, of Holyoke, a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1912, a member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity, son of Arthur M. and Millicent (Rideout) French, and they are the parents of Arthur Edmund French, born June 12, 1916; he is of the eleventh generation of the family founded in New England by Governor John Webster, of Connecticut, through his great-great-grandmother, Harriet A. (Webster) Dickinson, the wife of Lyman Dickinson. 2. Everett Mann, born November 25, 1889; a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as C. E., class of 1913, a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, now manager of the advertising de-





*Joseph Laframboise*



partment of the John P. Squire & Company, of Cambridge, Massachusetts; he married, September 16, 1914, Helen Prentice Newman, daughter of William Page and Emma (Taylor) Newman, of Albany, New York. They have one daughter, Helen Prentice Dickinson, born November 5, 1917. They reside at Arlington, Massachusetts.

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**LAFRAMBOISE, Joseph Albert,**

**Coal Operator.**

Thirteen years ago Mr. Laframboise came to Holyoke and began his association with the business interests of the city, and by diligent and persistent effort has risen to his present position as president of the Prew Coal Company. He is a great-grandson of Devagnon Laframboise, who came from France to Canada, there being a tradition in the family that he had at one time held the rank of general in the French Army. In Canada he followed the peaceful pursuit of agriculture and tilled his own acres. He had sons: Francois, Felix, Henry and Joseph.

Joseph Laframboise, son of the French founder of the family in Canada, was born at St. Scholastique, Province of Quebec, and there died in 1862. He, like his father, was a farmer. He married (first) Emily Charon, who died in 1891, aged seventy-two years. Their children were: Joseph, Vaniste, Felix, of further mention; Moses, Olin, Matilda, Edwin, Victoria, married Louis Z. Dragon, whose life story is also told in this work; Honoria, married Joseph Graton.

Felix Laframboise was born in St. Scholastique, Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1846, and died in Northampton, Massachusetts, in July, 1909. He learned the blacksmith's trade in Canada, came to the United States in 1866, located in Northampton, Massachusetts, and there resided

until his death. He worked as a journeyman until 1875, when the firm of Laframboise & Dragon was formed to conduct a general smithy, horseshoeing and wheelwright shop. In later years he abandoned his trade and business, devoting himself to the real estate activity. Mr. Laframboise was one of the old members of the Northampton Volunteer Fire Department, and for thirty-three years was assistant chief of departments. It is not saying too much to add that no better fireman ever donned a helmet than he. When he finally retired from the department he was presented with a loving cup commemorative of his record. He was a charter member of the Society of St. Jean Baptiste, of Northampton, and a man of unblemished character. He married Mary Tisdale, born in Granby, Quebec, in 1849, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in February, 1915, daughter of Thomas and Mary Tisdale. They were the parents of seven children: Victoria, married Alexander Dragon; Joseph Albert, of further mention; Emma, married O. J. Adams, of New Haven, Connecticut; Cora, Sister Ursula, a Sister of Charity in a Convent at Bristol, Connecticut; Louis; Antoinette, married Frank A. Hamel; George, Brother Pierre, teaching in a Christian School at Baltimore.

Joseph Albert Laframboise was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, April 17, 1877. He was educated in the public schools of Northampton, then pursued a course at Child's Business College, Springfield, finishing in 1894. He began business life as a clerk in the freight office of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at Northampton, there remaining for ten years. In 1904 he located in Holyoke, and as a silent partner became connected with the affairs of Prew & Company, coal dealers. In 1908, with Chester W. French as a partner, he bought the Prew interest in the business, but conducted it under the

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same name until 1912, then incorporated as the Prew Coal Company, Joseph A. Laframboise, president and general manager; Albert E. Addis, of Northampton, treasurer. Mr. Laframboise is a Republican in politics, and in Northampton served as councilman. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, taking an interest in the work and welfare of each.

He married, September 26, 1900, Ida M. Savoy, of Watervliet, New York, daughter of George and Philomena (Bouchard) Savoy. Children: Felix George, born November 3, 1901; Irene, born May 9, 1903; Albert, born April 25, 1907; William, born January 29, 1909, died March 1, 1909; Leon, born March 29, 1910; Alice, born January 9, 1915.

### **CHARON, David,**

#### **Real Estate Operator.**

From his early boyhood, David Charon has assiduously and unremittingly exercised himself in honest, upright work, and now he is recognized as one of the successful men dealing in real estate in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

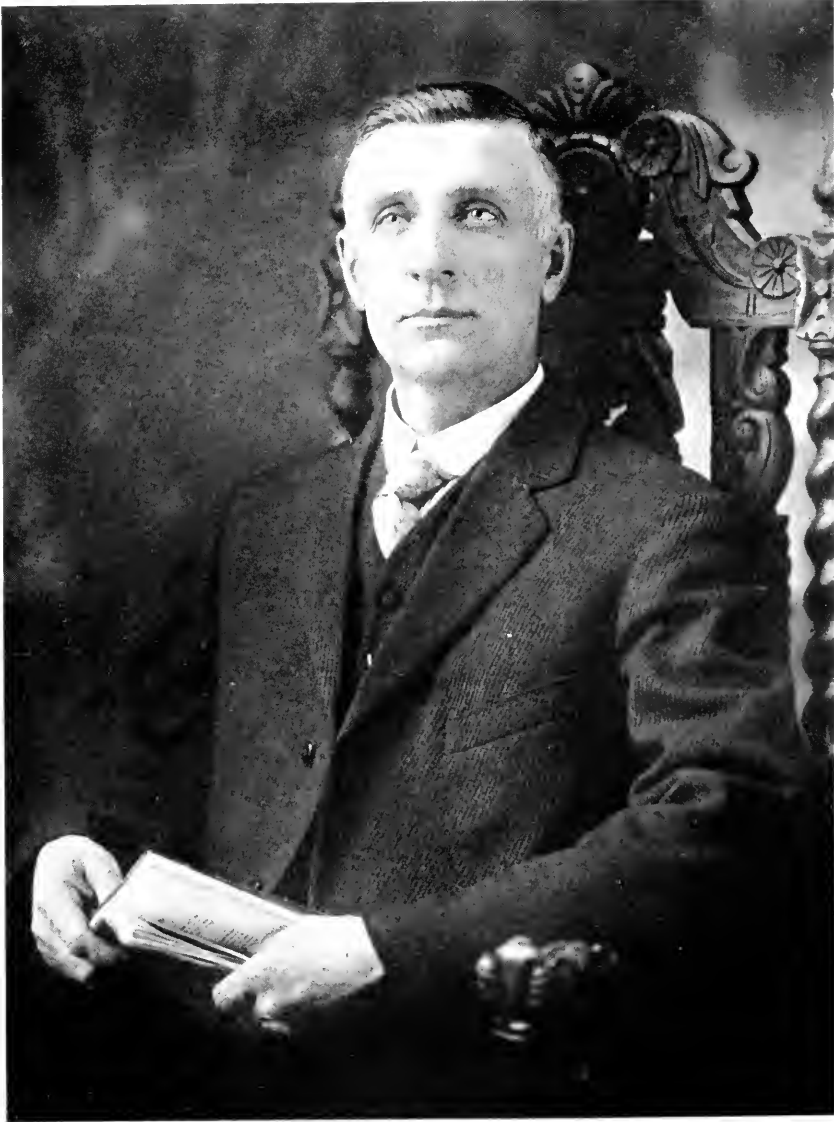
His family is traced back to his great-grandfather, St. Luke Charon, who was a French Canadian, and was a farmer, lived in the Province of Quebec, where he died in 1856. He was the father of five children: Norbert, St. Luke, Catherine, Sophia and Joseph. The latter was born in the Province of Quebec, where he also followed farming. He died in 1872. He married Margaret Mahue, who was born in 1825, and died in 1911, at the age of eighty-six years. Their children were: Baptiste; Maxime, deceased; Hormidos; Olivine; Philomena, deceased; Azilda; and Joseph, of further mention.

Joseph (2) Charon, son of Joseph (1) and Margaret (Mahue) Charon, was born

January 4, 1848, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, and is now (1917) living in Holyoke, Massachusetts. In Canada he was a farmer by occupation. In 1891 he went West and located in Michigan and later in Wisconsin, where he lived until coming to Holyoke, Massachusetts, in June, 1895, where he has lived since, following his trade of carpenter, in which he is still actively engaged. On October 15, 1867, he married Julia Charrette, who was born in St. Martins, Province of Quebec, Canada, February 2, 1846. Their children were: Albert, deceased; Phillis; Alphonse; Bazelise, who married Julius Gagnon, of Easthampton; and David, of further mention.

David Charon, son of Joseph (2) and Julia (Charrette) Charon, was born March 2, 1876, in Buckingham, Province of Ontario, near Ottawa, Canada. He attended the schools in the town of his birthplace, and as a boy began work in the phosphate plant of that town. He went with his parents to Michigan, where he worked in the shingle and lath mill, and later to Wisconsin to the town of Marinette. In 1895 the family moved to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and there David attended night school and was employed in the Springfield Blanket Mill for one and one-half years. Following this he devoted his work in the day time to learning the barber business, and followed that up to 1911, in which year he entered the field of real estate to the exclusion of every thing else and in that he has been enviably successful. He has built and sold several large apartment houses. He owned the "Albert" at the corner of Sargent and Elm streets, and the "Norman" at the corner of Elm and New Hampshire streets. He built and lives in the "Charon," a fine apartment house of sixty tenants on Jackson street. He is a member of the Landlords Protective Association; president of the Laurier Realty and Trust Company of Holyoke; and a member of Shields Court, Catholic Order

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of Foresters. Mr. Charon is also interested in politics, but is neither a holder nor seeker of any political office.

On December 21, 1899, Mr. Charon was married to Julia Bergeron, daughter of Octave and Adeline (Cote) Bergeron, of Holyoke. They are the parents of five children: Albert, Irene, Lionel, Randolph and Norman.

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**CHARON, Felix,**

**Agriculturist.**

Felix Charon has always shown a willingness and eagerness to undertake work requiring energy, promptness, and arduous endeavor. He is known in the community in which he lives as an expert dairyman and stock-raiser.

Felix Charon was born October 5, 1880, in Canada, the son of Joseph Charon, whose history appears in the preceding sketch of David Charon, and Julia (Charrette) Charon. In the year 1890 he came to the United States with his parents, where in Wisconsin and Michigan his father followed the occupation of farming. Five years later the family removed to Holyoke, Massachusetts. After several intervening years, Felix Charon bought the farm which he still owns at South Hadley. This was during his twenty-third year. The farm formerly belonged to Henry Strong. Mr. Charon makes a specialty of dairying, in which pursuit he has had occasion to have as high as thirty-nine head of grade Holstein cows. He intends to include hogs in the young stock raised on his farm. He also does some market gardening, mostly in heavy crops, such as corn and potatoes. He belongs to the Holyoke Milk Producers Association. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Charon married, in 1905, Elizabeth Strong, of Holyoke, daughter of Alexander Strong, formerly of New York State, now a skilled foundryman in Aldenville, Massa-

chusetts. To them have been born three children: Raymond Carl, born March 23, 1907; Isabelle Bertha, born July 28, 1910; and Gertrude Catherine, born October 14, 1912.

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**CHRETIEN, Lucien,**

**Contractor, Builder.**

For a quarter of a century Mr. Chretien has been a resident of Holyoke and Springfield, Massachusetts, his New England residence only having been broken by a year's sojourn in his native Canada. His labors in both cities have been mainly in connection with the building trades, his particular branch being mason work. Some of the finest apartment houses of the city have been erected by Mr. Chretien, his principal building in late years being in that line of construction. The "Lotus," in which he resides, was erected in 1912, the "Cambria" in 1915, the "Colonial" in 1916, the "Commodore" in 1917. He is a grandson of Louis Chretien, of St. Johns, Quebec, Canada, a farmer and brickmaker, and son of Evangelis Chretien, also a farmer and brickmaker of Quebec. Louis Chretien had sons: Telesphore, Denis, Alphonse, Archadius, Joseph, Evangelis, Arcuille, all of whom lived in the Province of Quebec, and followed their father's trade, brickmaking.

Evangelis Chretien was born in St. Johns, Quebec, Canada, in 1850, and there followed farming and brickmaking from his youth until his death in 1883. He married Sophia Chateaufneuf, born in Canada, in 1845, now living in Holyoke, Massachusetts, aged seventy-two years, daughter of Ovid and Philomene (Martel) Chateaufneuf. Children: Jane, deceased; Leudde, deceased; Lucien; Leda, living in Holyoke, married John B. Croisetiere, now deceased; Alvina, living in Holyoke, married Peileas Duclous; Lucina, married Al-

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phonse Simon; three died in infancy, all in Holyoke.

Lucien Chretien was born in St. Johns, Province of Quebec, Canada, June 7, 1874, and there attended the parochial schools. After leaving school he began working with his uncle at the brick yard, so continuing until his seventeenth year. In 1891 he came to Massachusetts, locating in Holyoke, and there for two years engaged in mill work at the Lyman & Farr Alpaca Mills. In 1893 he returned to Canada, spending a year in the lumber woods, but in 1894 came again to Massachusetts, locating in Springfield. There he served an apprenticeship of three years at the trade of mason, after which he again came to Holyoke, which city has ever since been his home. For ten years he was engaged in contracting mason work of all kinds, bricklaying, plastering and foundations of stone, concrete or brick. He is still actively engaged in this class of building operation, but in later years has bought lots and erected buildings for the market. In this way he has added to the residence property of the city, and has completed several fine apartment houses including in addition to those heretofore named the "Strathmore," two in the Elmwood section, and one on South Bridge street. He has won high reputation, and residences of his building find ready sale.

Mr. Chretien married, July 3, 1899, Maria Mojeau, born in St. Esprite, Canada, daughter of Leon and Alvina (Riopal) Mojeau. Mr. and Mrs. Chretien are the parents of: Aldea, Lucienne, Bertha, Lena, and Alfred.

Mr. Chretien is eminently a self-made man in the fullest sense of the word. He has even acted as his own foreman and bookkeeper, all his buildings have been built on the very highest plans possible and are among the finest in the city; they stand as monuments to the skill and thoroughness of Mr. Chretien.

**BRYER, Arthur Everett,**

**Contractor and Builder.**

Richard Bryer, the first of the family in this country, settled first at Newbury, Massachusetts. His name is spelled Bryant in some records and it is presumed that Brier or Bryer is the same surname as Bryan and Bryant. He married, December 21, 1665, and had a son Richard, born August 19, 1667, married, according to the latest researches, Mary Cutts, daughter of Robert and Mary (Hoel) Cutts. It is believed that all the Bryer families of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts are descended from the first Richard.

(II) William Bryer, son of Richard Bryer, was born at Kittery, Maine, or vicinity, about 1670, and died at Kittery in 1718. He married there, in 1702, Sarah Eastman, and was appointed administrator of her father, Robert Eastman, January 6, 1712-13. Mrs. Bryer married (second) October 1, 1722, Benjamin Hammond, of Kittery. Children, born at Kittery: William, mentioned below; Mary, born January 9, 1705; Rebecca, January 9, 1708; Sarah, January 12, 1709-10; Ada, July 4, 1712; Elizabeth; Richard, and perhaps Margaret.

(III) William (2) Bryer, son of William (1) Bryer, was born at Kittery, Maine, December 20, 1702. He married there, May 11, 1728, Elizabeth Weeks, a daughter of Nicholas and Priscilla (Gunnison) Weeks. She was born May 20, 1708, in Kittery. Children, born at Kittery: William, born June 6, 1734, died in the army, 1758; Nicholas, July 31, 1736; Richard, July 13, 1740; Samuel, mentioned below; Elisha, December 9, 1746; Robert, October 21, 1750.

(IV) Samuel Bryer, son of William (2) Bryer, was born at Kittery, Maine, March, 14, 1743, and died at Boothbay, Maine, January 24, 1824, aged eighty-one years. He settled in Boothbay about 1767 and made his home on the Back Narrows north of

Thomas Boyd's. He was a soldier in the Revolution in Captain Benjamin Plumer's company, Colonel William Jones's regiment, July 6 to September 24, 1779, serving at Majorbagaduce, Maine. (See p. 740, Vol. II, Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution). He married (first) at Kittery, Huldah ———, who died June 15, 1813; (second) in 1814, Hannah Booker, who died June 2, 1846, aged ninety-seven years. Children: Samuel, mentioned below; William, born April 17, 1767; John, March 23, 1769; Elizabeth, March 31, 1771; Jeremiah, February 27, 1773; Elihu, February 23, 1775; Huldah, May 13, 1777; Robert, February 19, 1780; Joseph, October 8, 1781.

(V) Samuel (2) Bryer, son of Samuel (1) Bryer, was born at Kittery, Maine, July 10, 1765, and died August 5, 1848. He married at Boothbay, in 1793, Betsey, daughter of William McCobb. She died August 5, 1849. They lived on a farm adjoining his father's homestead. Children, born in Boothbay: Samuel, born April 1, 1794, married Huldah Bryer; Mary, May 13, 1796; Betsey, January 5, 1798; Rachel, September 23, 1799; John, mentioned below.

(VI) John Bryer, son of Samuel (2) Bryer, was born at Boothbay, Maine, August 13, 1803, and died there in his eighty-sixth year. He resided at Pleasant Cove on the farm originally settled by his grandfather and still owned by the Bryer family. He married, in 1828, Elizabeth Giles, and they had children: Caroline, John, Hattie, Susan, Charles, and Samuel G., mentioned below.

(VII) Samuel G. Bryer, son of John Bryer, was born about 1836 in Boothbay, and lived in that town and in Lynn and Saugus, Massachusetts. He followed the trade of quarryman in Lynn. He served in the United States navy for three years in the Civil War, enlisting at Boston. He mar-

ried Susan G. Goldsmith, daughter of Benjamin Goldsmith. Her father served in Company F, commanded by Captain Edwin Knell, of Wiscasset, Maine, in the Twenty-eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil War, and took part in the battle of Cairo Station, West Virginia. Her maternal grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812, and her maternal grandmother and sister both lived to the age of one hundred and one years. Her mother lived to the age of more than eighty years. Children of Samuel G. and Susan G. Bryer: Arthur E., mentioned below; Joseph G., an attorney, chairman of the school committee at Cliftondale, Massachusetts.

(VIII) Arthur E. Bryer, son of Samuel G. Bryer, was born in Saugus, Maine, May 21, 1868. He attended the public schools of his native town, and soon after he graduated from the grammar school, went with his parents to Boothbay, Maine, where he lived until he came of age, assisting his father in conducting the old homestead farm. Then he removed to Lynn, where he was employed for a year as driver of a horse car plying between Lynn and Swampscott, the distance being covered in a period of forty-five minutes. He was afterward associated with his father in the quarrying business for two years. Since that time he has been in business on his own account in Lynn, a general contractor. From a small beginning he has built up a large and flourishing business, making a specialty of contracts for excavating, and for the construction of roads and sewers. Mr. Bryer is a man of public spirit and keenly interested in municipal affairs. In politics he is a Republican, but independent of party dictation. His formula for success in life is briefly and bluntly stated: "Do an honest job and pay your debts." His reputation in business circles shows that he lives up to his creed. He is a member of Bayside Lodge, Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, and Palestine Encampment of the same order. The family attends the North Congregational Church of Lynn.

Mr. Bryer married, June 27, 1895, Annie Trask, daughter of Addison Trask, of Edgecomb, Maine. Children: Amos, died at the age of fourteen years; Frank, born 1898; Everett, born 1900; Walter, born 1901; Susie, born 1904.

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**WALKER, Harold Elijah,**

**Representative Citizen.**

Three generations of this family have been connected with paper manufacture in Holyoke, William Walker, the grandfather, who came from England, in 1863; Elijah C. Walker, his son, also born in England; and Harold E. Walker, born in Middlefield, Massachusetts, where the family first found a home in the United States. William Walker was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1834, and is now living in Holyoke, Massachusetts, long since retired from active part in the industrial world. In Derbyshire he learned the trade of wire weaver, using a hand loom, and remained in his native land until 1860, when he came to the United States, settling first at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where five years were spent in the woolen mills, then moving to Middlefield, Massachusetts, where he found employment in the paper mills. Two years were next spent in a paper mill at Bancroft, Massachusetts, after which he was employed in a paper mill at South Windsor, Connecticut. Later he again located at Middlefield, his home until about 1891, when he moved to Holyoke, continuing active in business there until his retirement about 1907. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a man of integrity and blameless character. He married Ruth Scholis, born in Yorkshire, England, daughter of Isaac Scholis, they the parents of six sons: Elijah C., of further mention; William, a paper mak-

er of East Hartford, Connecticut, married and has children: Earl, Robert, Fred, Frances; Frank, of Holyoke; George, who is employed with the Irving Paper Company of Orange, Massachusetts, married and has children: Dorothy, Elizabeth, Mildred, Lucy, Ralph; Frederick Isaac, of Boston, married and has children: Ruth, William, Agnes, Esther, Frederick; Charles Edward, a merchant of Holyoke.

Elijah C. Walker was born in Glossop, Derbyshire, England, September 19, 1861, now a resident of Holyoke, sales manager of the Collins Manufacturing Company. He was two years of age when brought to the United States by his parents, and in the public schools of the different towns in which they lived, he obtained a good education, finishing with graduation from high school in 1878. He then began learning paper making, became thoroughly familiar with the different branches of manufacturing and selling, securing his knowledge and experience in paper mills in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and Illinois. In 1893 he first located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and for a year was with the Chemical Paper Mill, then spent a year in Goshen, New York, in charge of a paper mill, then for eight years was in Burnside, Connecticut, as overseer of the three mills operated by F. R. Walker & Son. Leaving Burnside, he became a partner in the Hartford Board Company of Hartford, Connecticut, and successfully engaged in manufacturing there until the company's mill was destroyed by fire. He then re-entered the employ of the Chemical Paper Company of Holyoke, and for eight years was general manager of their Holyoke plant. Two years thereafter were spent as sales manager of the Eastern Manufacturing Company, of Bangor, Maine, after which he again returned to Holyoke, which has ever since been his home. Until the spring of 1917, he was connected with the sales department of the



American Writing Paper Company. He then transferred his allegiance to the Collins Manufacturing Company of which S. R. Whiting is the head, and as sales manager serves that corporation. He is a member of Orient Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Hartford, Connecticut, of which he is a past master; his clubs, Mt. Tom Golf and Holyoke Canoe; his church, the Second Congregational of Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Elijah C. Walker married, November 21, 1880, Frances May Elder, born in Jamaica, Long Island, daughter of David and ——— (Whittier) Elder, her father born in Scotland, coming to the United States when a boy with his father, John Elder. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of a son, Harold Elijah, their only other child dying in infancy.

Harold Elijah Walker was born in Middlefield, Massachusetts, January 21, 1883, and was educated in the public schools of Burnside and East Hartford, Connecticut, and at Riverview Military Academy at Poughkeepsie, New York, attending the last named institution three years, 1898-1901. His education completed, he learned the family trade in the Burnside, Connecticut, Mill, coming thence to Holyoke, Massachusetts, with the Chemical Paper Company. Later he went to Ohio, there having charge of a paper mill for two and a half years. From Ohio he went to Bangor, Maine, as assistant superintendent of the Eastern Manufacturing Company, remaining one year there, going thence to Bellows Falls, Vermont, where he was in charge of the John T. Moore & Sons paper mill until February 1, 1917, when he again came to Holyoke, and took a position as superintendent of the Norman Mill of the American Writing Paper Company, where he still continues. Like his father and grandfather, he is master of his business in all its detail, and is one of the men whose skill and

ability have brought them honored position in their chosen field of labor. He is a member of King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Bellows Falls, Vermont; of Abenauqui Chapter, No. 19, Royal Arch Masons, of Bellows Falls, Vermont; Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Holy Cross Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, of Bellows Falls, Vermont. In religious preference he is a Congregationalist, attending the Congregational church, of Holyoke.

Mr. Walker married, June 15, 1912, Marion Frank Pierce, of Bellows Falls, Vermont, daughter of Frank G. and Alta (Robbe) Pierce, and granddaughter of Edward A. and Martha J. (Davis) Robbe, and of Joseph B. and Lucinda J. (White) Pierce. Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Walker are the parents of a daughter, Alta Frances, born April 2, 1913.

Mrs. Walker is a descendant of Thomas Pierce, born in England, who came to Massachusetts, in 1633 or 34, accompanied by his wife and several children. He settled in Charlestown, Massachusetts, where both he and his wife were members of the church, and he died October 7, 1666. The line of descent to Mrs. Walker is through Thomas (2) Pierce, born in England, in 1618, resided in Woburn, and is frequently referred to in the record as "Sergeant Pierce." His son, Stephen Pierce, settled in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and there his son, Stephen (2) Pierce, was born in 1679, and died September 9, 1749. His fifth child, Stephen (3) Pierce, born about 1715, was the father of Stephen (4) Pierce, born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, in 1738, and there died in 1819. Among his ten children was Stephen (5) Pierce, who married Hannah Gordon, they the parents of Joseph B. Pierce, born March 11, 1811, who married Lucinda Johnston, they the parents of Frank G. Pierce, born in Petersboro, New Hampshire, May 4, 1854,

married, November 19, 1876, Alta Robbe, born November 5, 1856. Their daughter, Marion Frank Pierce, of the tenth American generation, married Harold E. Walker, of previous mention.

**LANGELIER, Victor,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

When a lad of fifteen years, Victor Langelier came to the United States, with his parents, and after spending two years in Connecticut, came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, his home until the present, 1918, his residence dating from 1887. From the latter year until 1911, the Victor Langeliers, father and son, conducted a harness shop on Main street, the father dying in 1900, the son continuing the business until 1911. Their shop was long a well known feature of Main street, and their harness making and harness repairing was an important and profitable business, the shop is known by about every horse owner in or living near the city. Victor (2) Langelier is a son of Victor (1) Langelier, and a grandson of Francois Langelier, a farmer of St. Barnabé, Canada. Francois Langelier had children: Francois, Pierre, Victor, of further mention, Louis.

Victor Langelier was born at St. Barnabé, Canada, in 1844, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in January, 1900. He learned harness making in Canada, and at St. Cesaire established and conducted a large shop until his coming to the United States in 1885. He first located in Connecticut, but in 1887 permanently settled in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and established the shop on Main street, which he personally conducted until his death in 1900. He was an excellent workman, and a good business manager, his harnesses and his character being both of the highest quality. In Canada he was a Liberal in politics, and held many town offices. He married Philo-

mene Coderre, born in Beloeil, Quebec, who survives him, and now (1918) is residing in Canada, daughter of John Baptiste and Pauline (Bousquite) Coderre.

Mrs. Victor Langelier is a descendant of Pierre Coderre and his wife, Mary Louise (Ferron) Coderre, who came to Canada from France. Their son, Alexander Coderre, was born in France, and came to Canada with his parents. He married Margaret Ladeaux. Their son, Andre Coderre, was born in the Province of Quebec, and married Gertrude Lemondes. John Baptiste Coderre, son of Andre and Gertrude Coderre, was born in Beleoil, Canada, February 12, 1803, died in St. Cesaire, Canada, in January, 1881. He married Pauline Bousquite. Their daughter Philomene, of the fifth generation of her family in Canada, married Victor Langelier. They were the parents of: Delios, married Alexander Charlebois; Roselina, married Zoel Dupont; Alphonse; Victor (2), of further mention; Arthur; Henry D.; Alexena, married F. Pelland; Marie; Anne, and others who died young.

Victor (2) Langelier was born May 15, 1870, at St. Cesaire, a banking village of Rouville county, Quebec, Canada, on the Yamaska river, thirty-three miles north of Montreal. There he attended college preparatory school until fifteen years of age, then came to the United States with his parents, the family settling first at Versailles, Connecticut, where Victor (2) worked in the textile mills of the village. In 1887 settlement was made in Holyoke, Massachusetts, that city still being the family home. Victor (2) Langelier was employed in a Holyoke woolen mill for three years, then began an apprenticeship under his father, who thoroughly taught his son the harness maker's trade. Together father and son worked until the death of the father in 1900, Victor (2) then succeeding to the sole control. He continued the Main street har-

ness shop alone until 1911, then sold out and has since devoted himself to the real estate business. He has been very successful in all his business enterprises, and has built up a very large business in real estate. He owns and has personal charge of forty-three apartments, four stores and several garages, and gives to his business his entire time. He is a member of the Monument Nationale Association of Holyoke; the Artizan Society of Montreal; member of St. Jean Baptiste Society; and of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Mr. Langelier married, February 29, 1900, Febriana Grise, born in St. Cesaire, Canada, daughter of Charles and Eliza (Broncetti) Grise. They are the parents of five children: Henry, born December 24, 1904; Victor (3), born October 2, 1909; and Antoine, Luna and Paul, the last three dying young.

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**RHEAUM, Charles,**

**Business Man.**

It was not until May, 1886, that Charles Rheaum took up his residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts, permanently, he then being an experienced man of business, trained in the merchandising methods of Canadian and American merchants. Since 1896 he has been proprietor of his own business, meats, groceries and provisions, occupying the same stand, and also is the owner of the entire block of nine apartments in which he opened his store as a tenant. He is a son of Alexander (2) Rheaum, and a grandson of Alexander (1) Rheaum, the latter a farmer of Quebec, Canada, where he died at the age of eighty-nine. He was the father of the following children: Charles, Alexander (2), Narcisse, Sophia, and Henrietta.

Alexander (2) Rheaum was born at Chateau Richer, a post village of Montmorency county, Province of Quebec, Canada, located about fifteen miles from the city of

Quebec. Here he spent his short life of forty-two years, engaged in farming with his father. He married Loie Cauchon, of the same village, who died in 1863. Their children: Marie, married a Mr. Beauregard, they the parents of fifteen sons and daughters; Charles, of further mention; Julie, married Joseph Rheaum, they the parents of thirteen sons and daughters; Josephine, married Napoleon Taillon; Henrietta; and another child who died in infancy.

Charles Rheaum was born at Chateau Richer, Quebec, Canada, May 14, 1857, and there attended school until fourteen years of age. From fourteen until nineteen he was employed on a farm, then journeyed to the neighboring city of Quebec, and obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store. Four years he remained in that position, then in 1880 he came to the United States, and made a brief stay in Holyoke. From Holyoke he went to Chicago, Illinois, there remaining one year, then returned to Canada and spent four years more as a grocer's clerk. In May, 1886, he again came to Holyoke, and here for ten years he was a mercantile clerk, having but two employers during that period, Mr. Roullard and Louis Cloutier. In 1896 he began business under his own name at No. 557 Summer street, and has there conducted a successful meat, grocery and provision business until the present, 1918. He has purchased the entire block in which he began business, and has prospered in his undertakings. He is a member of the Artisans Order of Protection, and a man highly respected.

Mr. Rheaum married, September 25, 1881, Zeba Coulombe, born in the City of Quebec, daughter of Fabian and Natalie (Roy) Coulombe. Their children are: Minnie, who married P. J. Lawrence, and has Erline and Charles; Blanche, now deceased, who married Ernest Parades, and they had two daughters: Juliette and Aurore;

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Alice; Albert, who married Alida Beauchamp, and their children are: Vincent, Charles, and Theresa; Arthur, married Regina Cloutier; Romeo, now a student at the Grand Seminary at Montreal, preparing for the priesthood; and Edgar.

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### LeCLAIR, Azarde,

#### Representative Citizen.

Until attaining legal age Azarde LeClair, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, resided in his native St. Valier, a post village of Bellechasse county, Province of Quebec, Canada, thirty-six miles below the city of Quebec, on the St. Lawrence river. His father's mill, in which he worked, was destroyed by fire, that being the cause of the family emigration. Azarde LeClair is a grandson of Clement LeClair, a farmer of Sainte Emelie, a post village of Lotbiniere county, Quebec, Canada, thirty-nine miles from St. Romuald. He died in 1846, aged forty-two. His children were: Pierre, Marie, Lucie, three other daughters, and a son, Anaclet.

Anaclet LeClair was born in Sainte Emelie, Quebec, in 1837, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, December 16, 1912. His father died when the boy was but nine years of age, and until he was eighteen he was under the care of an uncle. He spent the early years of his manhood in the lumber woods and on the river as a log driver, three years being spent on the rivers, the remaining years in the lumber camps. He prospered, and in 1875 built a grist mill at St. Valier, to grind for the farmers thereabout. Later he added a saw mill and a shingle mill, operating all for a number of years, then sold to a party who could not complete his part of the contract, which caused the mill to return to its original owner, who ran it very profitably until its destruction by fire, March 19, 1888. Mr. LeClair did not rebuild, but the same year came to the United States, going to Thomp-

sonville, Connecticut, there remaining from May until August of that year, moving to Holyoke in the last named month, that city becoming his permanent home. He was employed as a carpenter for five years, then began the manufacture of washing machines, having his shop at No. 25 Cabot street, and continued in that line until his death in 1912. He married Adelaide Hebert, born in St. Gregoire, Nicolet county, Quebec, Canada, in 1836, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, October 28, 1911, daughter of John and Sophie (Richards) Hebert. Mr. and Mrs. LeClair were the parents of: Azarde, of further mention; Beatrice, deceased; Marie; Annie, deceased.

Azarde LeClair, only son of Anaclet and Adelaide (Hebert) LeClair, was born at St. Valier, Bellechasse county, Quebec, Canada, August 26, 1867. He attended school in St. Valier, and was employed in his father's mill there until its destruction by fire in 1888, when he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts. He learned the carpenter's trade in Holyoke, and was employed four years more as a journeyman by John St. John. He then began contracting, but two years later returned to the employ of Mr. St. John, as a foreman, remaining with him seventeen years and four months, at the end of which time he was again in business for himself as a contractor, continuing for two years, when he gave it up, and for the next nine years was employed by Mr. LaLiberte. In April, 1917, he entered the employ of P. J. Kennedy, contractor and builder of Holyoke, and so continues. During the years in business for himself he built a number of blocks and residences in Holyoke, and in 1913 erected the "Hampshire," a beautiful twenty apartment house, which he owns, and in which he has his own home. He is a member of the Church of Perpetual Help, and in his political faith a Republican.

Mr. LeClair married, November 5, 1892,

Rosanna Gobielle, of Ange Gardien, Rowville county, Quebec, Canada, daughter of Louis and Margaret (Valier) Gobielle. Children: 1. Henry Osias, born August 1, 1893, now serving in the United States Army, enlisting December 13, 1917, and now on duty at Jacksonville, Florida, as store keeper. 2. Donat Theodore, born January 1, 1896, a druggist. 3. Antole Romeo, born September 22, 1898, a mercantile clerk. 4. Ulric H., born November 20, 1899, now paymaster at the Dean Steam Pump Works. 5. Louis Leonard, born January 22, 1900, died July 22, 1900. 6. George Azarde, born September 26, 1901. 7. Rose Lina, January 21, 1903. 8. Novellé Anna, December 25, 1904. 9. Leonard, July 10, 1907, died November 29, 1908. 10. Felix Rene, born December 1, 1909. 11. Blanche Margaret, July 28, 1912.

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**LAPLANTE, Joseph,**

**Business Man.**

Like many other French families of Holyoke, the Laplantes came from St. Hyacinthe, the capital of St. Hyacinthe county, Province of Quebec, Canada, a city rich in Catholic churches and institutions, and a busy manufacturing point, forty-five miles from Montreal. There Antoine Laplante, a farmer, who cultivated his own farm consisting of sixty acres, lived all his life, and died at the age of seventy-six. He married Angelique Rhodier, who died in 1901, centenarian, having lived to be ninety-eight years of age. They were the parents of a son, Antoine (2), and a daughter, Lucy, who became the wife of Peter Fountain.

Antoine (2) Laplante, only son of Antoine (1) and Angelique (Rhodier) Laplante, was born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, in 1832, and died there in April, 1903. He

was a substantial farmer, owning one hundred and sixty acres of well improved, fertile land, which he cultivated until late in life, when he retired from active pursuits. He married Lucia Laporte, born in St. Hyacinthe, in 1833, died in 1909, daughter of John and Margaret (Grow) Laporte. Children: 1. Antoine, born in Saskatchewan. 2. Lucia, born in Canada, married (first) Jack Gounard, two children; married (second) John Chawette, four children. 3. John, born in Canada. 4. Margaret, became the wife of Joseph Pratt; children: Delma, became the wife of Joseph Marrisette, one son, Ernest; Emma, of Fall River, became the wife of Alphonse Clement, eight children: Eliza, became the wife of Joseph Pelliter; Joseph, of Fall River. 5. Rose A., became the wife of Albert La-Croix. 6. Lila B. 7. Frank, born in Alberta, Canada. 8. Rosanna, became the wife of Frank Gauvin, and they have one child, Marcella. 9. Joseph, of this review.

Joseph Laplante, youngest son of Antoine (2) and Lucia (Laporte) Laplante, was born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, February 8, 1873. He attended the schools of his native place. The years of his minority were spent as his father's farm assistant, but upon arriving at legal age he came to the United States, going to Northern New York, where he purchased a farm, which he cultivated for fifteen years. In 1910 he sold his farm and came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, in which city he has since made his home. He purchased the Arlington block of sixteen apartments, one of the best in the city, soon after coming to Holyoke, has other interests, and is also employed as a carpenter. Mr. Laplante married, April 2, 1894, Ellen Dupre, of Black Brook, Clinton county, New York, daughter of Charles and Mary (Jarvis) Dupre.

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### **WIESS, Herman,**

#### **Musician.**

Herman Wiess was born in Lichte Bywallendorf, Germany, about 1848, and died in Desbach, Germany, in 1874. He was a man of good education, and became an artist, possessing much skill, and was also a good musician. As an artist he was highly rated and successful, receiving a substantial financial reward, and incidentally he gained considerable income from his music. He was a member of an Evangelical church, under state control, open to all who wished to attend, regardless of their personal faith. He married, in Desbach, Germany, about 1868, Christine Louise Ida Girbardt, who was born in Teesbach, Germany, about 1850, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1904. She was well educated, coming from a fine family, her father a chemist and druggist, conducting a successful business in Desbach, and ranking among the leading citizens. Her mother was a superior woman, very kind to the poor, and a leader in Red Cross work. Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Girbardt) Weiss were the parents of three children: Rosa, who died young in Germany; Alma Wilhelmina, of whom further; Clara, who died young in Germany.

Alma Wilhelmina Wiess was born in Desbach, Germany, September 6, 1871. She was well educated in the private schools of Poessneck, Thuringen, Germany, and at the age of nineteen years came to the United States, with her mother and stepfather, landing in New York City, May 15, 1891, going immediately to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where she has since made her home. For fifteen years she was engaged in one of the large silk mills of the city, then availing herself of her savings and business inheritance she embarked in the real estate business on her own account. She prospered and from her savings purchased a twenty family apartment house on Cabot

and Newton streets, which she still retains interest in. During the same time she also conducted a grocery and a millinery business, both successful enterprises. In 1915 she retired from business on account of ill health, and has since spent her time looking after her private property. She married Frederick P. Giehler, born in Saxony, Germany, August 8, 1864, son of Fritz Giehler, of that place. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Giehler, two dying in infancy. The living ones are: 1. William Bruno, born June 20, 1895, in Holyoke, now a business man of the city; he married Alma Senft, of Brooklyn, New York, and has a son, William. 2. Otto Rudolph, born June 16, 1903, in Holyoke, now living at home and attending school. Mrs. Giehler resides in the winter at her home, No. 125 Cabot street, Holyoke, and in the summer at her residence at Wendell, Massachusetts. She is a member and was at one time president of Thusnelda Lodge, Sons of Herman, and was the first delegate sent from that lodge to the Massachusetts State Convention of that order. She was a leading member of the Dramatic Club of the Holyoke Turn Verein, having taken the leading part in many of their plays. She has traveled extensively in this country and in Europe. She is a member of the Second Congregational Church of Holyoke.

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### **BLAIS, Wilfred,**

#### **Business Man.**

The family of which Wilfred Blais is representative was founded in Holyoke, Massachusetts, by Antoine Blais in 1880. Antoine Blais was born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, and died in Holyoke, November 9, 1907. After coming to Holyoke he learned the carpenter's trade, and for twenty-two years was in the employ of one man, John Prew. He married Julia Cote, who died December 12, 1916. They were the

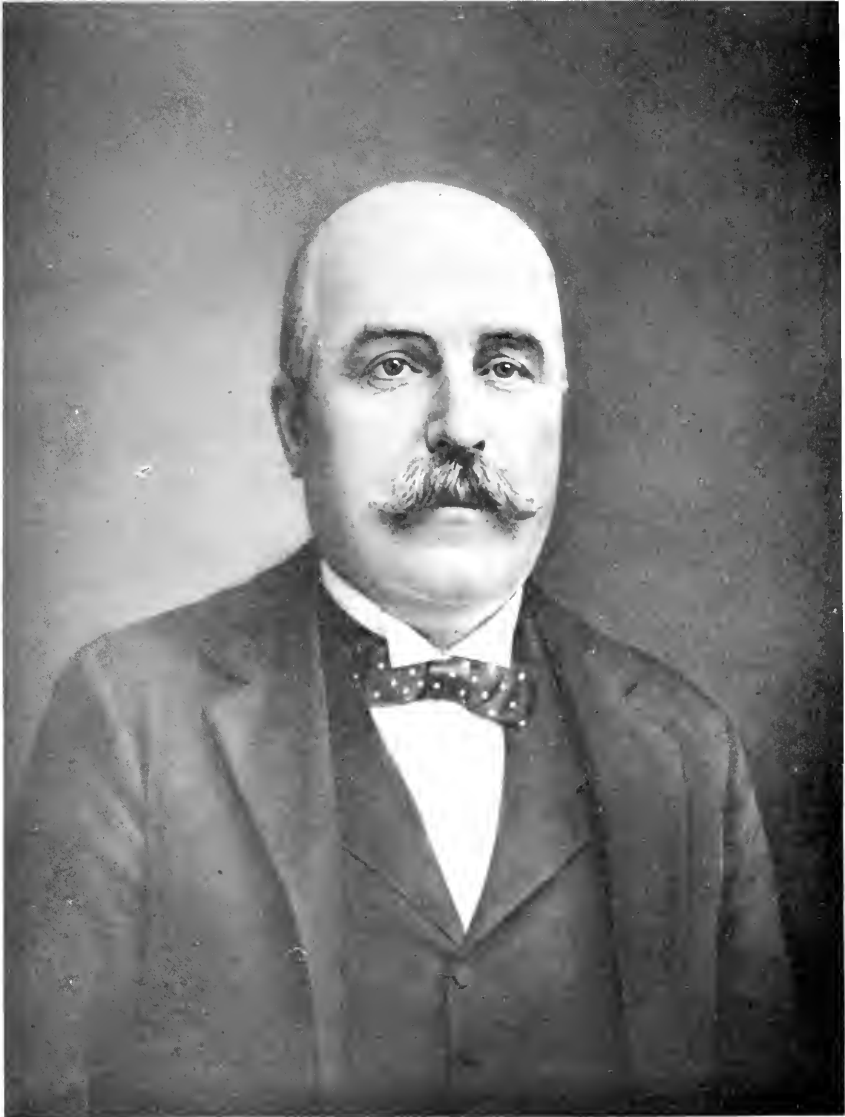


*Alma W. Giebler*









*Louis Baulme*

parents of eight children: George; Octamiae, deceased, married Amidos Tourue; Regina, married Archie Turgeon; Rosanna, married Alfred Gaumont (see sketch elsewhere); Albert; Wilfred, of further mention; Philiis; Celia.

Wilfred Blais, son of Antoine and Julia (Cote) Blais, was born February 1, 1873, at St. Hyacinthe, a city and port of entry, capital of the county of St. Hyacinthe, on the river Yamaska. There the first seven years of his life were passed, his education being largely obtained in the public schools of Holyoke, Massachusetts, after the coming of the family in 1880. On arriving at a suitable age he learned the carpenter's trade, and has followed that and jobbing, and is well known along these lines. He is one of the successful young men of his business, and highly regarded as a building contractor. He is a member of the Church of the Precious Blood.

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**BAULNE, Adalbert George,**

**Representative Citizen.**

Adalbert George Baulne, whose great-great-grandfather came from Scotland to the New World and settled in Canada, has proved himself worthy of his resolute, venturesome ancestor. While he has not been identified with any pioneer movements, he has on the other hand watched with great determination for the opportunities close at hand, and since first starting into business in a small way he has developed additional interests in which his loyalty and diligence have played no small part in advancing not only his financial standing, but also his place amid a growing, respecting circle of friends.

The grandfather of Adalbert George Baulne was Lois Baulne, who earned an honorable livelihood farming, in Canada. He married Zeperim Dean and to them were born these children: Louis, of whom fur-

ther; Entime; and Valitine, who married Pierre Constantine. The son, Louis Baulne, was born in St. Scholastique, Canada, January 24, 1844. He spent his earlier years farming in Canada. When twenty-one years of age he removed to the United States, where he lived in the towns of Hatfield, South Deerfield and Greenfield, Massachusetts. At these different places he lived and worked for others, farming and tobacco raising. In the year 1878 he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he was first employed at the Bone Cutlery Shop, making handles for knives. He remained at this work for eight years. He later secured a position as watchman with the Hadley Mills Company, in which position he engaged for a period of two years, at the end of which time he retired from active business, several years prior to his death, which occurred in Holyoke, August 1, 1916. During his earlier years in Holyoke, Mr. Baulne purchased several properties there, as a result of which he devoted the latter part of his life to their care and upkeep. He became an owner of extensive real estate before his death.

He married, April 23, 1871, Henriette Galarneau, daughter of Isdore and Marguerite (St. Germaine) Galarneau, of St. Mitchel, Canada. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Emily, born January 13, 1872, married Adolph Seney, and to them were born the following children: Sylvia, Leo, George, Alfred, Eugene and Louis. 2. Arthur, born July 17, 1874, and died April 15, 1915, married Ida Talbot, leaving a son, Leo. 3. Delia, born July 6, 1876, married Ferman Dugas, died February, 1913, and they had children: Sylvia, Leon and Armand. 4. Wilfred, a sketch of whom follows. 5. Adalbert G., of whom further. 6. Adelina, born June 11, 1889, married Omer Germain, and they have children: Anita, Irene, Armand and Lena.

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Adalbert George Baulne, son of Louis and Henriette (Galarneau) Baulne, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, September 21, 1887. He received his education in the parochial, grammar and high schools of that city. Upon finishing school he learned the trades of painting and paper hanging, which made it possible for him to eventually go into business for himself. He continued in such work up until about two years before the present time (1918), when he took up work with the Westinghouse Company of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, in the manufacture of fire arms. In addition to this Mr. Baulne has, like his father, kept an increasing interest in real estate property and at the present time is owner of a large block including twenty apartments in South Holyoke, and he is today one of the city's large tax payers. He is a member of the Holyoke Turn Verein.

Mr. Baulne married, July 2, 1910, Agnes Fraser, daughter of Gordon Fraser, who was born in Scotland, and Bridget (Duffy) Fraser, of Holyoke. To Mr. and Mrs. Baulne one child has been born, Henriette.

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### **BAULNE, Wilfred,**

#### **Business Man.**

Wilfred Baulne, a staunch, earnest and loyal citizen of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and of Scotch descent, has established himself successfully in business and general reputation after the manner, though wholly independent, of those previous members of the family whose records are indicative of success and achievement.

Wilfred Baulne was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, August 3, 1878, the son of Louis and Henriette (Galarneau) Baulne. In pursuit of an education he attended the parochial and the public schools of his native town, until upon reaching the age of nineteen years he left his studies and sought employment. He first began work in the

mills of the Farr Alpaca Company, where he remained but a short time. He then left this company to become associated with the Merrick Thread Company, now the American Thread Company, with whom he continued to be identified for some seven or eight years. Later, in order to break away from being dependent upon a set wage for a livelihood, he occupied himself learning the trades of painting and paper-hanging, which he has since followed in Holyoke for a number of years. None of his family, it seems, has ever been satisfied to have but one "iron in the fire," and to this tradition Mr. Wilfred Baulne has proved to be no exception. As soon as he was able to accumulate enough money beyond that necessary for every day expenditure, he immediately began to invest in real estate. He now owns a large apartment house, of which he makes it his duty to care for and run in addition to the regular duties of his other business interests. He is a member of Loyal Order of Moose of Holyoke.

Mr. Baulne married, February 11, 1907, Gertie Beauchamp, of the State of Michigan. She is the daughter of Ferdinand and Lena Beauchamp. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Baulne have been born two children: Gilbert David, and Lester Harvey.

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### **GAUMOND, Alfred,**

#### **Honored Employee.**

The parents of Alfred Gaumond, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, were Abraham and Louise (Coutier) Gaumond, who lived and died in their native Canada, he a farmer, born in St. Hyacinthe, in 1804, and died in 1872, she born in 1833 in St. Hyacinthe, and died in 1911. Abraham and Louise Gaumond were the parents of a daughter, Arzele, deceased, and a son, Alfred, with whom this review deals.

Alfred Gaumond, born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, August 9, 1865, was there edu-

cated. At the age of nineteen, he left Canada, and came to Hookset, New Hampshire, where for one summer he was employed in a brickyard then, following a common custom along the border, returned to Canada. He came permanently to Holyoke, Massachusetts, April 15, 1886, and has ever since been a resident of that city. For six years he was in the employ of the Newton Paper Company; for the following nine years was connected with the freight department of the Boston & Maine Railroad; three years were then spent in the freight department of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and seven years, until 1917, with the Holyoke Department of Streets. Since 1917 he has been in the employ of the B. F. Perkins Company of Holyoke. Mr. Gaumond is a good citizen and the kind that helps to make up a strong Nation. He is thrifty, works hard and saves, and one can see the result of his labor in large real estate holdings, he being one of the large tax payers of Holyoke. In 1913 he purchased the large apartment house in which he resides. He is a home loving man and believes first in the care of his family and home.

Mr. Gaumond married, September 10, 1888, Rosanna Blais, born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, daughter of Antoine and Julie (Cote) Blais. Children: Fabiola, born September 29, 1889; Grace, born October 23, 1894; William, born 1897, died aged one year; and Lillian, born April 10, 1903.

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#### UNTERDOERFEL, Henry,

**Honored Employee.**

It was with Casper Ranger, now the firm of Casper Ranger Sons, whose sketch also appears in this work, that Henry Unterdoerfel passed the first years of his American residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts, he having been a machinist trained in his native Saxony. He is a grandson of Karl

and a son of Karl Unterdoerfel, the latter born in Weischlitz, about 1813, and there died July 8, 1886. Karl (2) Unterdoerfel married Fredericka Pastor, they the parents of Frederick, Christian, Karl (3), Fredericka, Wilhelmina, and Henry, mentioned further.

Henry Unterdoerfel was born in Weischlitz, Saxony, Germany, December 24, 1840, and there grew up at the farm, obtaining a public school education in the country district in which he lived. When school years were ended he began learning the machinist's trade, and to that added mill wrighting, being employed at these trades in his native land until 1890, when he came to the United States, locating at Dalton, Massachusetts. He was there two months, then came to Holyoke, which has since been his home. He received employment with Casper Ranger upon first coming to the city, and finding his duties both pleasant and remunerative remained with Mr. Ranger several years. He became an expert wood worker during those years, and upon leaving his first employer then became employed with the Germania Mills, where he was made head carpenter and millwright. In this position he is in charge of all repairs and still continuing (1918). He is a member of the Sons of Herman, and an attendant of the German Lutheran church.

Mr. Unterdoerfel married, November 26, 1873, in Saxony, Harriet Hupper, born in Germany, September 30, 1853, daughter of Ludwig and Paulina (Maumeister) Hupper. The family residence in Saxony was at Reichenbach, eleven miles from Plauen. There all the children of Henry and Harriet Unterdoerfel were born except Elsie, the youngest, who was born in Holyoke. The children all came to the United States with their parents in 1890, and all are now living: 1. Otto, a United States mail carrier in Hoboken, New Jersey; married and has children: William H. and Ingard.

2. Richard Hugo, whose sketch follows. 3. Paul, a United States mail clerk in Hoboken, New Jersey; married and has daughters: Helen, Emily and Caroline. 4. Oscar, now connected with the Department of Public Works, Holyoke; married and has children: Della and Lester C. 5. Elsie, born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, December 10, 1897.

**UNTERDOERFEL, Richard Hugo,**

**Skilled Artisan.**

Eleven years prior to the coming of the Unterdoerfel family from Saxony, Richard H., son of Henry and Harriet (Hupper) Unterdoerfel, was born in his native place, Reichenbach, a town of Saxony, eleven miles northeast of Plauen, his natal day, December 6, 1879. From the year of his admission to the state school in Reichenbach until the departure for the United States in 1890, he attended school, and after his arrival in Holyoke, the same year, he became a pupil in the public schools of that city. Finally school days ended, and he went out to make his own way in the world. He began with the National Blank Book Company of Holyoke, and during the nearly eight years that he was in the service of that company became skilled in the methods of that book and stationery manufacturing corporation, a most excellent school of instruction for the young man. From the National, he went to White & Wyckoff, of Holyoke, and is yet connected with that company, his present position being foreman of the paper ruling department. A thoroughly skilled artisan, Mr. Unterdoerfel also possesses a talent for music. His talent has been developed along instrumental lines, and for fifteen years he has been a teacher of the violin, saxophone and piano. He is the accomplished director of the Elks Orchestra of Holyoke, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fel-

lows, the Manchester Unity, Holyoke Turn Verein, Sons of Herman, Musicians Union, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Second Baptist Church.

Mr. Unterdoerfel married, November 16, 1904, Ella Richter, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, daughter of Julius Richter. They are the parents of two daughters: Alice, born October 28, 1905; Jean, April 22, 1913.

**COUTURE, Joseph,**

**Enterprising Citizen.**

Joseph Couture, of an exceedingly industrious and zealous nature since his early boyhood, has, by these very characteristics together with a steadfastness and integrity of spirit in all business affairs of whatever moment, arrived at a position of well-earned ease and respect among his fellow citizens of Holyoke, Massachusetts.

His father, David Couture, was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, about 1825. He learned the trade of a blacksmith in Canada, and was in business for himself there for a number of years prior to his departure from the Dominion to the States. It was in 1882 that he came from his native country to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where, immediately upon his arrival, he entered the employ of the Springfield Blanket Company. He worked in the mills of this company until two years previous to his death, which occurred in Holyoke, in 1894. He married, before coming to the United States, Scholastique Goulet, of Canada. To them were born twelve children: David, Marie, Octave, Joseph, of whom further; John Baptiste, whose sketch follows; Alphonse, Eulie, Emma, Exdras, Edmund, Napoleon, and Delina.

Joseph Couture, son of David and Scholastique (Goulet) Couture, was born in St. Claire, Province of Quebec, Canada, May 12, 1862. He began his education in the town of his birth, but at the early age

of nine years left school and began work on a farm near that place. During the winter time he found employment in the woods of Canada. In 1880 he came from there to New Hampshire, where for a short time he worked in the woods and saw mills of Whitefield. He then removed to Concord, New Hampshire, engaging in employment for the city. In 1882 he returned to Canada and in that same year came again to the States, this time bringing with him his parents. They settled in Holyoke, Massachusetts, the son, Joseph Couture, taking up work in the box shop of the Hampden Glazed Paper & Card Company, with which organization he has continued to be identified ever since. Aside from his regular work here, Mr. Couture has developed rather extensive interests in real estate. At the present time he owns a large and well equipped apartment house, where he now resides. He is a member of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, and he and his family attend the Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church of Holyoke.

Mr. Couture married in Holyoke, Massachusetts, July 26, 1884, Julia Hebert, born June 12, 1864, in St. Rosalie, Province of Quebec, Canada. She is the daughter of Xavier and Felecite (Guerten) Hebert, and one of nine children born to them, of whom the other eight are: Xavier, Jr., Joseph, Horace, Exilda, Clafose, Alphonse, Francis, and Rosanna. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Couture have been born these children: Rosanna, born September 20, 1886, in Holyoke, Massachusetts; Flordia, April 3, 1888, in Holyoke; Emma, April 12, 1890, in Holyoke; Angelina, January 18, 1892, in Holyoke; Joseph, December 18, 1896, in Holyoke; Eugene, November 24, 1897, in Brownnton, Canada; Delina, February 28, 1901, in Holyoke; Napoleon, July 6, 1904, in Holyoke; Anna, September 1, 1906, in Holyoke.

**COUTURE, John Baptiste,**

**Trusted Employee.**

John Baptiste Couture, a vigorous, active man of affairs, spent a boyhood and early youth that held experiences which tried and proved a character of enviable qualities, thereby being developed a most worthy type of manliness and energy.

John B. Couture was born November 12, 1864, in St. Claire, Province of Quebec, Canada, son of David and Scholastique (Goulet) Couture. He attended the common school of his native town until he was ten years of age, when he gave up his studies in order to go to work on a farm. Later he became employed in construction work for the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company, with which he remained for a period of two years. In the year 1882 he came with the rest of the family to Holyoke, Massachusetts. He, however, at first secured employment at Granby, Massachusetts, where he worked for about one and one-half years. Eventually he entered the mills of the Springfield Blanket Company of Holyoke, and with this organization he has been associated for many years. For the past two decades he has been foreman of the finishing department of that plant, and still holds that position, serving with efficiency. In addition to his mill work he occupies himself with other interests, chief among which is the large twenty-five apartment house which he owns and takes care of himself.

Mr. Couture married, June 28, 1886, Amanda Turgeon, daughter of Jerome and Mary (Goulet) Turgeon, of St. Jervis, Canada. To them these children have been born: Alphonse, born June 6, 1887; John, who died at the age of two and one-half years; Alfred, born October 12, 1890, married Laura Robedeaux; Annie, born July 23, 1892, married William Sawyer; Delina,

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born October 16, 1893; Napoleon, born February 9, 1895; Rosario, born June 1, 1898; Amedee, born August 5, 1899; Alma and Eugene, twins, born March 8, 1901; the latter died in infancy; Rose, born March 13, 1909; Annette, who died in childhood; Freeman and Raymond, twins, who also died in infancy.

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### CHAGNON, Charles Hiram,

#### Representative Citizen.

In 1858, at the age of twenty years, Charles H. Chagnon came to the United States, settling in St. Albans, Vermont. Nine years later Holyoke became his home, and there he has resided for half a century. He is now nearing his eightieth year, and though active, has practically retired from his trade. He is a grandson of Thomas Chagnon, who sailed from Bordeaux, France, with his father, making settlement at St. Hyacinthe, a city and port of entry of Quebec, Canada. There Thomas Chagnon became a farmer, and there lived to a good old age. He left sons: Joseph, of further mention, Augustine and James.

Joseph Chagnon was born at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada, about 1800, and there lived to nearly one hundred years, dying in September, 1899, lacking only five months of attaining the honors of a centenarian. He was educated in the St. Hyacinthe schools, became a successful farmer, owning two hundred acres, well cultivated, and there his almost century of life was passed. He conducted extensive dairying operations, keeping large herds, and manufacturing their product into butter and cheese. He continued active until eight years prior to his death, then and then only he laid down the reins of management and retired. He was a Liberal in politics, and a man of considerable influence. He married Mary Madeline Bamour, of St. Hyacinthe, born 1802, died in 1857. Their

children were: Augustus, Charles Hiram, of further mention, Edward, Emore, Aurile, Rosalie and Julia.

Charles Hiram Chagnon, son of Joseph and Mary Madeline (Bamour) Chagnon, was born in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada, July 17, 1838, and there attended the town school during two winter terms only. He was his father's farm assistant until eighteen years of age, then began learning the millwright's trade, and two years later, in 1858, came to the United States, settling at St. Albans, Vermont, there remaining five years, going thence to New Britain, Connecticut, there remaining four years, engaged in millwrighting and carpentering. In 1867 he settled in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and there yet resides, having been actively engaged in mill work, employed by different manufacturing plants of the city up to within a few years. He is still hale and hearty, giving little evidence of his years, and bids fair to attain the great age to which his father lived. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Church of the Precious Blood.

Mr. Chagnon married, October 1, 1861, Armine Lapointe, born in Canada, lived in St. Albans, Vermont, and died in Holyoke in 1901, daughter of Thomas and Mary Lapointe. Mr. and Mrs. Chagnon were the parents of sixteen sons and daughters, six of whom are now living: Harriet, married Albert Mero; Mary, married Wilfred Marcetta; Josephine, married Eugene Griffin; Philip, of Holyoke; Fauste; Victor.

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### GROGAN, John,

#### Representative Citizen.

John Grogan, who for the past six years has been shipping clerk with the Eureka Blank Book Company of Holyoke, is the son of James Grogan, who was born in 1828 in the city of Quebec, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, April 19, 1901. From his



sixteenth year James Grogan worked at blacksmithing in different sections of the United States and Canada, being an expert worker in metals. He came to Holyoke in 1896 and this city was his home until his death. He was a man of intelligence, well read and well posted on all public questions. He married Margaret Shehan, born in Nova Scotia, and now (1918) living in Toronto, Canada, aged eighty-one years, daughter of Thomas and Mary Shehan. James and Margaret Grogan were the parents of: Amelia, deceased; Thomas, living in North Dakota; William, a member of the Northwest Mounted Police of Vancouver, British Columbia; James; Annie, married Charles Dunn, of Ottawa, Canada; Kate, married John Le Roque; Peter; John, of further mention.

John Grogan was born in Chelsea, Ottawa, Canada, June 6, 1874, and was there educated. His first work was in the lumber woods, where he had a wide and varied experience in every department of the woodman's life, not only in driving the logs to market, but in saw mills, in manufacturing the logs into lumber. In 1897 he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, obtaining employment in the Germania Mills, where he remained eighteen months, and then went to the Farr Alpaca Company, remaining here a short time. For the next six years he was with the Beebe-Holbrook Paper Mills; then for two years with the Riverside Paper Company, and still later was with the Hampshire Paper Company and the Highland Manufacturing Company. In 1911 he took his present position as shipping clerk with the Eureka Blank Book Company, and here he has since remained.

Mr. Grogan married, April 29, 1912, Mary Sullivan, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, daughter of John and Mary (Brennan) Sullivan, and granddaughter of Michael and Ellen (Driscoll) Sullivan. Michael Sullivan came to the United States in 1849,

and here spent the remainder of his life, dying in Holyoke. John Sullivan was born in County Kerry, Ireland, December 25, 1832, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, September 27, 1900. He came to the United States with his parents in 1849, and for many years was employed in the dye house at the Germania Mills. His wife, Mary (Brennan) Sullivan, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and died in Holyoke in 1896. Their children were: Cornelius, Michael, John, Annie, Patrick, William, James, Mary, wife of John Grogan, of Holyoke; and Margaret.

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**ANDREWS, Morris Henry,**

**Building Contractor.**

Mr. Andrews' ancestors have lived for several generations in New England, and were of English origin, Ex-Governor Andrew being of the same lineage. There were no less than five immigrants among the pioneers of New England bearing this name, all of whom left a numerous progeny. Persons bearing the name have achieved distinction and wealth, and many have occupied worthy stations in life, in many states and communities.

Robert Andrews, a native of Boxford, England, settled in Boxford, Massachusetts, in 1656, locating on a one hundred acre farm which he purchased from John Lambert, of Rowley. Subsequently he purchased other lands, and died May 29, 1668. He brought with him from England six children. His widow, Grace Andrews, died December 25, 1700, and both are buried in Topsfield, Massachusetts. Their second son, John Andrews, born 1648, resided in Boxford, was made a freeman in October, 1690, was a farmer in Boxford, and in 1714 purchased land "in ye Chestnut country or nutfield" now known as Chester, New Hampshire. He married, April 18, 1684, Sarah Dickinson, of Rowley. Their sec-

ond child, Robert (2) Andrews, was born in Boxford, where he was a farmer, and died May 14, 1751. He married, March 10, 1720, Deborah Frye, of Andover, Massachusetts, born February 26, 1691, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Aslett) Frye, who survived him.

Their eldest child, Lieutenant James Andrews, was born March 19, 1721, in Boxford, where he was a farmer, and received land by his father's will, located in New Hampshire, in 1751. He married, February 18, 1747, Ruth Wood, baptized September 29, 1717, died April 7, 1764, eldest child of John and Ruth (Peabody) Wood. Their youngest child, Amasa Andrews, was born May 13, 1758, in Boxford. Amasa Andrews appears with his wife, Achsah, in Claremont, New Hampshire. Four of the children by his wife Achsah are recorded in that town, namely: Luman, born January 22, 1781; Amos, December 29, 1782; Irene, November 21, 1784; Amos Butler, September 13, 1788. There were, no doubt, others, among whom may be reckoned Elisha Andrews.

Elisha Andrews was born in the year 1794. He lived for a time in Claremont, New Hampshire, with his wife Elizabeth, after which they removed to Claremont Hill, Province of Quebec, Canada, settled by families from Claremont, New Hampshire, where they both died. A search of the vital records of New Hampshire gives no information concerning them.

Donald Andrews, son of Elisha and Elizabeth Andrews, born early in the nineteenth century, lived in Claremont, and was a carpenter by trade. He married Lucretia or Lucetta Forsyth, daughter of Linus and Sarah Stevens, the former said to have been a native of Warner, New Hampshire, and the latter of Barre, Massachusetts. The New Hampshire records give these places with a question mark, indicating an uncertainty.

In 1861 the family moved from Claremont to the Province of Quebec, Canada.

Morris Henry Andrews was born May 22, 1861, in Warwick, Province of Quebec, and was educated in the common schools of Ryegate and East Haven, Vermont, where his parents lived for a time. Under the instructions of his father, he acquired the trade of carpenter and builder, and from 1888 to 1903, excepting one year, was engaged in this line in Manchester, New Hampshire. In 1899 he was engaged at Worcester, Massachusetts, in construction of a thirty-three thousand dollar residence for Irvin E. Conant. In 1903 he removed to Lynn, Massachusetts, where he has since been actively engaged in the building line, mostly of houses costing from six to seven thousand dollars, and also tenement blocks. Mr. Andrews is an intelligent and industrious business man, active in promoting the development of good morals, a regular attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a steadfast Republican in political principle. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and endeavors to inculcate by precept and example the principles of upright living and fraternal interest in human welfare. He married, December 9, 1883, in Manchester, New Hampshire, Roxanna, daughter of Peter O'Malley. They have two sons, William Donald, born March 16, 1888, and Benjamin Morris, May 15, 1891. The senior son is associated with his father in building operations, and the junior is a salesman with the Hutchinson Hardware Company of Lynn.

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**CELCE, Dr. Frank F.,**

**Physician and Surgeon.**

The career of Dr. Frank F. Celce in Holyoke has been one calculated to confer credit upon himself and benefit to the community-at-large. In the practice of his pro-



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fession he has been ably seconded by his talented wife, who is fully as competent as himself in medical labors. His father, Frederick Celce, was born in the Rhine province of Germany, where he was reared and educated, and came to the United States on attaining his majority. In his native land he had served an apprenticeship at the cutlery business, and after coming to New York took a position with the Seymour Cutlery Company, with which he continued and later removed with this concern to Holyoke in 1877. Here he was made superintendent of the factory, and this position he continued to hold until his retirement in 1894. He has been active in the social life of the community, especially in Masonic affairs, having passed through all the York Rite bodies, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Masters; Knights Templar Commandery, and Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He married Rose Meyer, who like himself was a native of Germany, and the only child born to them is the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Frank Frederick Celce, only child of Frederick and Rose (Meyer) Celce, was born September 24, 1867, in the Rhine province of Germany, and was seventeen years of age when he came to America. He received an excellent education under the magnificent German system, attending the public and high schools. Shortly after coming to the United States, Dr. Celce entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1893. Desiring to make further preparation for the practice of medicine, he went to Europe, where he took a post-graduate course in the hospitals and universities at Vienna, Heidelberg and Munich, spending nearly two years in this special preparation for his life work. Returning to Holyoke, he settled there January 1, 1895, and at once took up the general practice of medi-

cine, in which he has continued with ever increasing popularity and success. At the present time there are but two physicians in the city who antedate him in service, and he is the only physician in the city of German birth. Dr. Celce is a man of broad sympathies and great kindness of heart, and his noble work has brought to many relief from suffering and sorrow. He is a master of his profession, and takes high rank among his contemporaries. He is a member of the Holyoke Medical Society, Hampden County Medical Society, Academy of Medicine, Eastern Hampden Medical Association, and American Medical Association. He has given generous service to the public on both the medical and surgical staffs of the Holyoke City Hospital, and is still active on the medical staff, this service now covering nearly a quarter of a century. Dr. Celce is a member of the Holyoke Club, Mount Tom Golf Club, Holyoke Canoe Club; was formerly a member of the Bay State Club, and is a member of the German Turn-Verein and Sons of Herman, and also Holyoke Chamber of Commerce. Like his father, he has been active in promoting the fraternal and benevolent work of the Masonic order, affiliating with the Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter, Commandery and Shrine. He is also a member of the D. Hayes Agnew Surgical Society of Philadelphia, and in most of the associations with which he is affiliated he has served in various official and committee capacities.

Dr. Celce was married, in 1892, to Jean Henrietta Hose, a native of Johnstown, New York, where she received her preliminary education. Entering the Women's Medical College at Philadelphia, she was graduated with the degree of M. D. in June, 1892. Following this she became an interne and resident physician at the Pennsylvania Lying-in Hospital, having charge of the lying-in department, and at the same

time taking special courses in post-graduate work. After one year of this she went abroad, and studied in the universities of Vienna and Heidelberg, where she pursued post-graduate work in hospital practice. Returning to the United States she located in Holyoke, where, like her husband, she has been actively engaged to the present time in the practice of medicine. She has attained a high reputation and ranks as one of the leading women physicians of Western Massachusetts. She is also on the medical and surgical staff of the Holyoke City Hospital, is a member of the Holyoke City and Hampden County Medical associations, and the American Medical Association. Dr. and Mrs. Celce are the parents of a daughter and a son, Rosamond E., a graduate of Smith College, class of 1917, and Frederick William, now a student at Dartmouth College in the class of 1919. In the spring of 1917 he left college to volunteer for service in the United States Army, attaching himself to the Medical Corps of the One Hundred and Fourth Infantry, leaving for France, October, 1917. Since then he has been transferred from the One Hundred and Fourth Infantry to Medical Headquarters of the Twenty-sixth Division in the office of the Chief Surgeon. The entire family are attendants and contributors to the support of the Second Congregational Church of Holyoke, and bear their full share in promoting the social and moral interests of their home city. Dr. Celce is a man of impressive personality, strong mentality and settled purpose. He is in active sympathy with every movement in the community which makes for progress. He is a wise counsellor, a man of commanding influence, not only within the circle of his profession, but also in the community-at-large. He is liberal in his judgment of men, but exacts the most open sincerity. His personal endowments command attention, and he enjoys widespread esteem, attention

and respect. Of similar character is his noble wife, and together they are carrying forward works of humanity entitling them to universal esteem.

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**MORRISON, William,**

**Representative Citizen.**

Scotland, the "Land of the Thistle and Heather," from whence have come so many of our representative citizens, men who have been willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary for the honor of their adopted country, was the birthplace of William Morrison, of this review, a man whose life has been both active and useful, and whose industry and perseverance has been the means of securing for him a lucrative livelihood and a competence for his declining years.

Thomas Morrison, grandfather of William Morrison, was a native of Scotland, lived and died there. In his youth he was impressed in the English navy, in which he served for a number of years. During the greater part of his active career he followed his trade as a cotton spinner, the details of which he was thoroughly familiar with. He married (first) ——— and they were the parents of one child, Agnes, who became the wife of Arthur Gilfillan. He married (second) Miss McLaughlin, who bore him two children: Thomas, of whom further, and Maria. He married (third) Miss Marquis, who bore him one child, Dougal.

Thomas Morrison, Jr., father of William Morrison, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and died in Middleboro, England, whither he removed during his manhood. He followed the same occupation as his father, cotton spinning, was equally expert in his trade, and in his later years was employed in English mills. He was a man of industrious habits, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He married Margaret Stratton, born in Ayrshire, died in Glasgow, Scotland, who bore him four chil-

dren, as follows: Thomas, resides with his brother, William Morrison; William, of whom further; Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Curry, a machinist of Springfield, Massachusetts; and Catherine, who became the wife of Charles Allardyce, of Hartford, Connecticut, a boiler maker.

William Morrison was born at Glasgow, Scotland, August 25, 1842. He attended the excellent public schools of his native city, and in early youth accompanied his parents to Carlisle, England, where he completed his schooling in the night schools. He followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, becoming a cotton spinner, and worked in the cotton mills of Carlisle from the completion of his studies until the year 1870, when, having decided the opportunities for advancement and bettering his condition were greater in the New World than in the Old World, he emigrated to this country, accompanied by his wife and one child. He located in Easthampton, Massachusetts, and during the first seven years of his residence in this country was employed at his trade in the cotton mills of that city. He then removed to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he has since resided, and for the long period of thirty-five years was employed in the Merrick Thread Company of Holyoke, in which for many years he held positions of responsibility and trust. From 1912 to the present time (1916) he has devoted his attention exclusively to looking after his beautiful apartment house known as "The Oxford" and a number of other pieces of property which he owns in Holyoke. He is a director of the Citizens Coal Company of Holyoke, having served for a number of years as its treasurer, and was one of the organizers of the company.

Mr. Morrison has devoted considerable of his time to religious work and has attended many religious gatherings in different parts of the country as a delegate from his

church, and he has ever used his best efforts to advance the cause of religion. During his residence in Easthampton he was for some years a teacher in the Sunday School of the Second Congregational Church there. Upon his removal to Holyoke he joined the Second Congregational Church, and later became one of the organizers and builders of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is an earnest and zealous member, serves on the board of elders, was a member of the building committee upon the erection of the present church edifice in 1889, and has been a teacher in the Sunday school connected therewith, and assistant superintendent since the erection of the church. He is a member of Clan McClellan, Caledonian Society; of Holyoke Lodge, No. 134, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a director of the Young Men's Christian Association for several years. He was made an Odd Fellow in England, passed all the chairs of the lodge there, and has kept up his membership since coming to this country. He casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party, to which organization he has given his allegiance since becoming a citizen of this great Republic.

Mr. Morrison married (first) in 1860, Ann Morley, a native of England, and her death occurred in Holyoke, February 7, 1900. He married (second) June 5, 1901, Agnes McCulloch, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, born April 2, 1869, daughter of William and Mary (Bunton) McCulloch. Child of first wife: Thomas, died at the age of twenty-five, was a ball player. Children of second wife: William, born October 22, 1903; Thomas, born November 28, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are worthy Christian people, and are held in high esteem by all who know them, performing well their part in the community where they reside.

**TETRAULT, Philias Joseph,****Public Official.**

Charles Tetrault, from whom Philias Joseph Tetrault, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, traces descent, died at St. Jean Baptiste, de Rouville, a post village of Rouville county, province of Quebec, at one hundred and six years of age. Here he was a substantial farmer of the higher class. He is believed to have come from France to Canada, and to have been the first of his family to settle in the Dominion. He was succeeded by a son, Dominique Tetrault, born in St. Jean Baptiste, de Rouville, in 1799, and died in St. Cesaire, a banking village of the same county, in 1841. He settled on a farm of ninety acres at St. Cesaire, in the midst of a wilderness, only eighteen acres being cleared. It was a peculiarly shaped tract, lying near the Yamaska river, a parallelogram thirty acres in length, and three acres wide. He was one of the early settlers at St. Cesaire, and selected his farm about where he pleased. He married Charlotte Luscies, born in 1803, died in 1897, in St. Cesaire, and is buried in Abbotsford, Canada. She survived her husband fifty-six years, living to the great age of ninety-four. Their children were: Dominique, Theodore, Francis, Mary Louise, Priscilla, Adele and Joseph.

Joseph Tetrault, youngest son of Dominique and Charlotte (Luscies) Tetrault, was born at the farm in St. Cesaire, Rouville county, Canada, six months after the death of his father in 1841. There he has spent his life, owns two farms, and is yet actively engaged in their management, devoting his land to general crops and live stock raising. His home is in the town of Abbotsford, Rouville county, and there he has held the office of mayor and served as councilman. He is a liberal supporter in politics, and one of the substantial men of his community. He married (first) Saphrina Roberts, who

died May 30, 1880, aged thirty-seven years, daughter of Clovis and Mary (La Porte) Roberts. He married (second) in 1889, Adeline Wenard. Children: Philias Joseph, of further mention; Napoleon J.; Mary Louise, married Pierre Coutiere; Claudia, married Adelare Berre, their children: Albert J. and Arthur J. Berre; Rizidia, married Philias Roberts; Antoinette, married Albert Lajoie.

Philias Joseph Tetrault, eldest son of Joseph Tetrault and his first wife, Saphrina (Roberts) Tetrault, was born at St. Cesaire, Rouville county, Canada, March 26, 1866. St. Cesaire boasts of its excellent educational institutions, and in his native town he secured a college education. After he completed his studies he obtained a position in a grocery store in Montreal, that city but thirty miles south of St. Cesaire. Upon attaining his majority, in March, 1887, the young man came to the United States, locating in Holyoke, which has ever since been his home. Mr. Tetrault began his business life in Holyoke as a grocer, opening a store on Cabot street, there conducting a successful business for six years, until 1894. The following year was spent in the employ of the Springfield Provision Company as foreman, then in 1896, in partnership with a brother, he established a bakery in Holyoke, continuing in that business until 1905, when he accepted the appointment as city sealer of weights and measures, a position he held until July 20, 1907, when he was appointed State Inspector of Weights and Measures with main offices in Boston, Massachusetts, and a local office in Holyoke. That position he yet holds, and to the duties of his office devotes his entire time. Even before attaining citizenship Mr. Tetrault took an unusual interest in political affairs, allied himself with the Republican party, and is one of the leaders of the party, his influence with his countrymen being particularly strong. He is a







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member of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Society of St. Jean Baptiste, the Artisans Order of Protection, the Union Federal League, of Boston, the State Employee's Association, Utica Commercial Travelers Association, and of the Church of Perpetual Help.

Mr. Tetrault married, April 20, 1890, Leonie M. Labonty, born in Richmond, Canada, daughter of Theophile and Mary (Boucher) Labonty.

**CORBETT, Cornelius W.,**

**Business Man, Public Official.**

A native son of Worcester, Massachusetts, educated in the public schools of the city and trained in the business methods in her shops and mercantile houses, Mr. Corbett knows the everyday needs of the city as few do, a fact which has contributed largely to his usefulness as common councilman and alderman. His business career has been one of progress from its beginning, his faithful performance of each duty assigned him bringing him the greater confidence of his employer, and advancement to better position. As a legislator he has been the champion of all measures he believed were for the good of the entire city and has opposed all that were intended only for special benefit of a few at the expense of all. He was an ardent supporter of the plan of street illumination which has given Worcester its splendid system of street lighting, and as ardently opposed placing of cables in the Millbrook sewer by the American Steel and Wire Company, basing his objection on the fact that it was a menace to the safety of the workers. No plan of street improvement or for beautifying the city has lacked his support, and as the active leader in many such he has gained public commendation. He is a virile, wholesome American, a daily worker, a trusted official and an ardent devotee of

out-of-door sports, a good ball player and a strong upholder of its value not only as a sport or recreation, but as a means of mental and physical development. He plays as hard as he works and points with a good deal of satisfaction to the record of the City Council Base Ball Team which for two years did not lose a game. At the annual outing of the Worcester Police Department, in July, 1916, he was a close second in one of the running races. He turns from "grave to gay" and the reverse, as occasion demands, and throws himself with all his heart into whatever duty is assigned him. He was a member of the literary and civic committees in preparing for the great preparedness and patriotic display held in Worcester, July 4, 1916, and strove earnestly to make that a successful event, then plunged heartily into the later events of the police carnival. It is this all around interest in all that pertains to civic life which has won him unusual popularity and a host of warm friends.

Alderman Corbett is a son of John Corbett, who came from his native city of Cork, Ireland, when but a boy, in company with another lad of about his own age. He became a worker on the railroad extensions in Worcester, then entered the employ of George Crompton, with whom he remained in almost confidential capacity for thirty-six years. The cannon donated by Mr. Crompton, now decorating the Worcester common; was placed in position under Mr. Corbett's direction. He died in Worcester, August 17, 1907, aged sixty-three years. He married, in Worcester, Helen Shea, who survives her husband, a resident of Worcester, residing at No. 18 Bradley street, that also being the home of her son Cornelius W. Mr. and Mrs. John Corbett were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living: Patrick, unmarried, an employe of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company; John J., shipping clerk for the

Warren Leather Goods Company; Cornelius W., of further mention; Joseph E., unmarried, in the employ of George F. Hewitt; Christopher J., a stitcher in the employ of the Warren Leather Goods Company, married Margaret McQuaide and has a son George and a daughter Florence Helen; Elizabeth, a graduate nurse of Boston, Massachusetts; Ellen T., a bookkeeper in the employ of the New York Clothing Store.

Cornelius W. Corbett was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, September 4, 1879. He was educated in parochial and public schools, finishing with high school, and is a graduate of the Evening High School, class of 1901. He began business life as a machinist's apprentice with the F.E. Reed Company, later spent one year in the George Crompton Machine Shops, in the loom setting-up department; from there he went to the wholesale house of E. T. Smith on Summer street, there spending four years; he went thence to the wholesale house of Johnson & Kettell, where as salesman and shipping clerk he spent eleven years; after leaving that firm he spent about one year with the Warren Leather Goods Company; then became a partner in a plumbers' supplies house and continued there three years; since his retirement from this he has devoted his time to the affairs of the city in the different offices which he has held.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Corbett has from early manhood taken active interest and part in public affairs, gaining recognition as one of the strong young men of his party faith in his ward, the Fifth. He served as a private in the ranks and sought no private honor, only yielding to the wishes of his friends to become a candidate for Common Council. He was elected and served with such value to the city during 1913 and 1914, that he was re-elected, served one year of his second term, then re-

signed to accept election to the Board of Aldermen, a body in which he is now (1916) serving with equal honor. During his councilmanic term he served on the committees on claims, charity, water ordinances and finance. Although serving but his first year as alderman he is a member of the commission on revision of the building code and a member of the committees of the boards on finance, claims, water, fire, and public health, and chairman also of the enrollment committee. He has been closely identified with the march of improvement in the city government, championed the erection of a new and adequate police station, the new and vastly superior system of street illumination, the installation of larger water pipes for better fire protection, the extension of Madison street from its junction with Gold, Washington and Bradley streets, filing the petition with councils and showing clearly and forcibly its necessity as a means of relieving the congested traffic along other streets; the installation of an automobile service for Belmont Hospital; the widening of Madison and Washington streets, and the building of the Lake Quinsigamond bridge. In fact he is the friend of progress and civic improvement both as an official of the city and as a public-spirited citizen. His political career has but begun.

Mr. Corbett is a member of several clubs, political and social organizations. He is a devotee of the manly sports, is himself an athlete and very popular. He is a communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church and interested in several of the societies of that church. His greatest enjoyment, perhaps, outside of the sterner duties of his life is his large aviary of homing pigeons at his home, No. 18 Bradley street, where he devotes a great deal of his leisure time to their care and training. Mr. Corbett is unmarried.

**McELWAIN FAMILY.**

James McElwain, immigrant ancestor, with his two sons, James and Timothy, came over previous to 1727. In 1728 he bought of Lamb & Company one hundred acres of land at the junction of Ware and Swift rivers, in what was known as the "Elbow Tract." This he sold in 1729 to Green & Walker, merchants of Boston. At this time he called himself of New Marlborough, and in 1733 his widow, Elenor, quit-claimed her right of dower in the same land, dating it "New Marlborough, or Kingsfield." In 1729 he received pay from the town for a journey to Boston, to present a petition to the General Court in regard to the titles to the land bought of this company. He was collector of rates for the town, clerk of the church and on a committee to provide a site for the meeting house. His farm was in that part of the "Elbow Tract" which was set off as the town of Western (now Warren), Massachusetts. He died in 1730. Children: James, sold his land and returned to Ireland, never married; Timothy, mentioned below.

(II) Timothy McElwain, son of James McElwain, was born in 1709, and died September 7, 1790. He came to New England with his father and was granted a hundred acre lot near his father's. In 1733 he served on a committee to lay out highways, also on a committee to select a site for the meeting house. He was constable in 1774, and was a taxpayer of Palmer in 1786. He married (first) August 24, 1738, Anna Spear, who died April 28, 1746. He married (second) August 10, 1750, Susannah Thomson. Children: 1. Sarah, born August 24, 1739; married, December 1, 1761, Timothy Ferrell. 2. Betty, born March 24, 1741; married, May 19, 1764, John King. 3. John Allen, born March 12, 1743. 4. Timothy, mentioned below. 5. Samuel, born June 18, 1751; married, June 2, 1776,

Sarah Ferrell. 6. Anna, born February 27, 1753; married, July 9, 1778, Adonijah Jones. 7. Elizabeth, born January 31, 1755; married Israel Jones. 8. Elenor, born June 29, 1757. 9. Roger, born August 23, 1759; married, November 29, 1790, Delina Hill.

(III) Captain Timothy (2) McElwain, son of Timothy (1) McElwain, was born April 17, 1746, and died November 6, 1830, aged eighty-four. He lived in Middlefield, Massachusetts. The house which he built in 1797 on his farm on the hill-top still stands, a fine example of simple old Colonial architecture, and of a size to meet the needs of his good old fashioned family of twelve children. The place has come down in regular succession in the family, being now occupied by his great-grandson, Edwin Smith McElwain. He served in the Revolutionary War, and was a prominent military figure in his day. He married in Somers, Connecticut, January 9, 1772, Jane Brown, who died January 2, 1832, aged eighty-one. Children: 1. Timothy, born October 21, 1772. 2. Anne, born June 12, 1774. 3. Jane, born September 24, 1776, died January 7, 1787. 4. Alexander, born November 9, 1778. 5. James, born February 22, 1781. 6. George Washington, born May 4, 1783. 7. Betsey, born August 18, 1785. 8. Sarah, born March 30, 1787. 9. David, born April 19, 1789. 10. Jennet, born March 31, 1791. 11. Jonathan, mentioned below. 12. Laney, born June 21, 1795.

(IV) Jonathan, son of Captain Timothy (2) McElwain, was born at Middlefield, June 11, 1793, and died February 23, 1866. He lived all his life on the McElwain place. A broad-minded man, he was thoroughly devoted to the town and its interests, at one time representing his district in the Legislature. His breadth of view is well illustrated by the fact that when Mary Lyon went through that section soliciting money for the founding of Mt. Holyoke, an institution for the education of women, he con-

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tributed one hundred dollars, no small sum for the New England farmer of that day, and this in spite of the fact that he himself had five sons and no daughters to educate. Only two other men in the town subscribed to the fund. He married, October 15, 1818, Lucy Smith, of Middlefield. Children: 1. Jonathan, born July 14, 1819, died January 23, 1899; he succeeded his father on the farm and was also prominent in town affairs, holding the office of town clerk for nearly thirty years, and that of secretary of the Highland Agricultural Society for many years; he married (first) May 20, 1847, Clarissa Lyman, of Chester; (second) December, 1852, Mary Smith, of Salisbury, Connecticut; children: i. Albert, born November, 1853, died in 1855. ii. Edwin Smith, born April 20, 1855; succeeded his father on the old place; married, February 13, 1876, Lucy Maria Graves, of Middlefield; children: a. Bessie Lillian, born April 18, 1879, married, July 18, 1898, Walter S. Newell; b. Jessie Bell, born July 10, 1880, died April 15, 1917, married, October 18, 1904, Reuben Franklin McElwain, of West Springfield; c. George Edwin, born December 16, 1885, engaged in the paper manufacturing business at Holyoke. iii. Mary Jane, born June 5, 1858; married (first) June 12, 1885, Fitzhugh Babson, of Gloucester; (second) Clark B. Wright, of Middlefield, Massachusetts. iv. Lura Verona, born April 20, 1862; married, November 19, 1891, Arthur D. Pease, of Middlefield.

2. Oliver, mentioned below. 3. Timothy Dwight, born August 10, 1825, died September 3, 1841. 4. John Smith, born March 17, 1828, who became one of the leading citizens of Holyoke, being closely identified with all civic interests, prominent in the paper manufacturing business; he married (first) in West Springfield, in 1858, Esther M. Ely, daughter of Homer Ely; he had one son by this marriage, Henry Ely, who engaged in mining interests in Colorado

subsequent to the forming of the American Writing Paper Combination, and who married Isabel Hazen, of Hartford, Vermont. John S. McElwain married (second) in 1863, Celia S. Ely, a sister of his first wife. 5. Edwin, born November 5, 1833, died October 19, 1911; on leaving the firm of McElwain Brothers, he entered the firm of Kibbe Brothers & Company, of Springfield, confectionery manufacturers, and on the death of the Kibbe Brothers he, with S. D. Porter, acquired the business. Later his son Charles C. entered the same firm; married, December, 1863, Caroline Church, of Middlefield; children: i. Charles Church, born May 14, 1872, married, November 8, 1899, Greta Parks, of Springfield; one son, Edwin (2nd), born December 17, 1908; ii. Arthur Edwin, born February 8, 1879, died July 14, 1880.

(V) Oliver McElwain, second son of Jonathan and Lucy (Smith) McElwain, was born in Middlefield, Massachusetts, August 24, 1821, and died in West Springfield, Massachusetts, December 17, 1907. After completing his education in the public schools of Middlefield and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, he became a millwright and went into the lumber manufacturing business in Becket, Massachusetts, with his uncle, Reuben Smith. In 1881 he removed to his brother's stock farm in West Springfield, remaining in business there until 1901, when he retired from the farm, but made his home in West Springfield up to the time of his death. He married, in Becket, February 10, 1853, Paulina Doane Witherell, of South Wellfleet; children born in Becket: 1. Lucy Hannah, born December 6, 1854, married, June 16, 1881, Clifton A. Crocker, of Springfield. 2. Laney Smith, born April 14, 1857, married January 4, 1888, Arthur E. Ford, formerly of Chicago, now of Springfield. 3. Harriet Aurelia, born February 12, 1859, unmar-

ried, was graduated at Mt. Holyoke College and became a teacher; she was for nineteen years head of the department for women, at The Pennsylvania State College; she now lives at West Springfield. 4. Oliver Dwight, of whom further. 5. Reuben Franklin, of whom further. 6. Carrie Mabel, born February 20, 1870, married, February 20, 1896, Edward Pontany Butts, of Springfield. The parents of these children were members of the Second Congregational Church.

(VI) Oliver Dwight McElwain, eldest son of Oliver and Paulina Doane (Witherell) McElwain, was born in Becket, Massachusetts, February 10, 1862. His preliminary education was obtained in the grammar schools of his native town, and was supplemented by a course of study at Claffin Academy. His first employment was at wood turning in a shop at Becket for a period of about three years, where he became thoroughly familiar with that line of work. He then went to Clifton Springs, New York, where he was employed on the farm of a Mr. Johnson, with whom he remained until the fall of 1881, then returned to his native State, and secured employment on the J. S. McElwain Stock Farm in West Springfield, of which his father had charge, and which was the property of his uncle, John S. McElwain. For nineteen years he faithfully performed the duties assigned to him, meriting the approbation and approval of his superiors by the interest he manifested in his work, and by his close attention to every detail, and at the expiration of that period of time he retired from active pursuits, since which time he has made his home with his sister, Harriet Aurlia McElwain, on the old homestead in West Springfield. He is a man of congenial nature, is public-spirited, and he can be depended upon to contribute and cooperate in any movement tending to advance the

general interests or promote the material welfare of the community-at-large.

(VI) Reuben Franklin McElwain, youngest son of Oliver and Paulina Doane (Witherell) McElwain, was born at Becket, March 30, 1865; educated in the public schools of Becket and Holyoke. In 1881 he entered the Valley Paper Company of Holyoke, remaining in the office for two years, when he entered the manufacturing department where he remained for another two years. He then went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, taking a position in a wholesale paper house where he remained until 1887, when he returned to Holyoke, entering the employment of the Parsons Paper Company. Later he became assistant treasurer of the Valley Paper Company, which position he held until 1889. He then became connected with the Crocker Manufacturing Company as secretary. In 1899 this company was merged into the combination known as The American Writing Paper Company. Mr. McElwain was made secretary, and later manager of manufacturing. He resigned from this position in 1903, in which year he became associated in business with his brother-in-law, C. A. Crocker. They purchased a mill and site on Cabot street, Holyoke, which they equipped with machinery for the manufacture of writing paper. Since 1905 the plant has been operated under the firm name, "Crocker-McElwain Company," Mr. McElwain holding the position of vice-president and manager of manufacturing. In 1913 the Crocker-McElwain management took over the Chemical Paper Company, of which Mr. McElwain also became vice-president. Mr. McElwain is a director in The Hadley Falls Trust Company, and a member of the following clubs: Nyasset of Springfield; the Holyoke, the Bay State, the Mt. Tom Golf, and the Holyoke Canoe Club. The family attend the First Congregational Church.

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Mr. McElwain married, October 18, 1904, Jessie B., daughter of Edwin S. McElwain, of Middlefield. They have two children, Paulina Witherell, born March 8, 1906, and Rachel Doane, born October 16, 1910. The mother of these children died April 15, 1917.

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### **LAFRANCE, Louis A.,**

#### **Builder.**

There are many reasons why the coming of Louis A. Lafrance to the City of Holyoke may be regarded as an important event, and many others why Mr. Lafrance may regard his coming to Holyoke as the most momentous event in his life history, although he was but three years of age at the time. The city needed this natural leader among the French speaking people of the city, needed his influence among his countrymen, his energy, his mechanical skill as a builder, his initiative and public spirit, while he needed such a city as Holyoke to broaden and expand his powers and furnish an outlet for his active, vigorous, virile personality, and to-day Mr. Lafrance is the largest builder in the city, and everywhere may be seen large buildings which are tributes to his skill as a builder. He was the first man in Holyoke to develop the modern apartment house plan of housing, and it is due to him that in Holyoke this plan has been so developed that comfortable homes are possible even in the crowded districts of the city. He has won an unusual success and is highly regarded in the city where he has risen from apprentice boy to leadership in the building field.

His family is an ancient one in Canada, the early members bearing the name Lafrance Déragondit Lafrance, and coming from France to Canada. Chambly, in the Province of Quebec, was long the family seat, and there Julien Lafrance was born about 1784, and lived until his death in

1834, a farmer. He married Ursule Graveline, who died about 1831, they the parents of Moses, Joseph, Francis, William, of further mention; Ursule, Clemence, Esther, Elsie, the last named now living in Holyoke, aged eighty-eight years (1917), widow of Joseph Daignault.

William Lafrance, son of Julien Lafrance, was born in Chambly, Canada, and there resided until 1869, when he came with his wife and children to Holyoke, Massachusetts. In Holyoke he was for a time in the employ of the Lyman Mills, but after the death of his wife, in 1880, he returned to his native Chambly, resumed farming, and there ended a useful life in 1895, aged sixty-eight. He married Philomene Durocher, born in Canada, in 1835, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1880, daughter of Solomon Durocher. They were the parents of: Zilda, who was burned to death at the burning of the French Church in Holyoke; William (2), whose sketch follows; Eudessa, married Emery Perreault, and resides in Trenton, New Jersey; Albert, of Holyoke; Aglée, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Maria, married Tancrède Burger; Louis A., of further mention; Josephine, married James E. Allen, of Holyoke; Joseph, of Newark, New Jersey; Rosanna, married Alfred Thomas, of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts.

Louis A. Lafrance, son of William and Philomene (Durocher) Lafrance, was born in Chambly, Quebec, Canada, March 17, 1866. In 1869 his parents moved to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and until 1880 he resided at home and attended public school. In the latter year his mother died and soon afterward his father returned to Canada, leaving the boy Louis A. to the care of a countryman, Gilbert Potvin, a pioneer among the French Canadians, and then one of the leading contracting builders of Holyoke. Louis A. completed his studies in the public school, attending Appleton street





*Louis H. Lafreniere*

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school, then under the principleship of H. B. Lawrence. He first began business life as a clerk in the Holyoke Dry Goods Store, operated by E. A. Dickinson, but later took a clerkship in the A. L. Shumway store. From there he went to the firm, Ferguson & Logan, then the leading dry goods store, there becoming head clerk and buyer. For several years he bore the reputation of drawing the largest salary of any clerk in Holyoke. But he was ambitious, and when the promise of partnership interest failed to materialize, he resigned, and in 1889 became a partner with Gilbert Potvin, his life-long friend and childhood benefactor. Together they conducted building operations until 1892, when Mr. Potvin retired. Then Mr. Lafrance formed the partnership with his father-in-law, Mr. Octave A. LaRiviere, of Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, as Lafrance & LaRiviere, and this continued for several years after, and since then Mr. Lafrance has conducted his large building operations alone, and today he is one of the largest builders of the city.

He was in advance of his time in building ideas, but Holyoke quickly responded to his apartment house idea, and in all he has erected more than one hundred and fifty apartment blocks, these containing over three thousand apartments and fifty stores. The first large tenement apartment structure built by him and the first in the city was erected at the corner of Mosher and Bowers streets, a modern building, which furnished under its ample roof many comfortable homes for those compelled to reside in the thickly populated section of the city. The apartment idea spread rapidly, and soon "The Robinson" appeared, the first modern apartment house in the "Uptown" District. This building is yet ranked as one of the best in the city, but at the time of its erection it was the talk of New England. The "Rutland" on Elm street,

the "Carleton" on Chestnut street, most of the large apartment houses on lower Elm street, the eight-story Lafrance Hotel on High street, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the Polish Church at Chicopee Falls, the Jewish Synagogue, many school houses, and countless other large buildings have arisen under his masterly direction and often ownership, his fame as a builder extending over a large portion of the New England States. In the year 1917 his contracts for buildings to be erected in the town of Springfield, Vermont, alone totaled \$150,000.00, including apartment houses and cottages. He gives employment to a large force of mechanics of all kinds and to many laborers and teams. For ten years he has been rated the highest individual taxpayer in the city of Holyoke, Massachusetts, his fortune being invested largely in real estate.

While he knows no interest superior to his business of building and caring for his real estate, he is both broad-minded and generous, contributing liberally to all Holyoke's charities and philanthropies. He is a Republican in politics, was a member of the Holyoke Playground Commission, having been appointed by Mayor Avery as a member of the original commission. His public spirit can always be depended upon, and his aid for any good cause may always be had for the asking.

Mr. Lafrance married, June 21, 1893, Eugenie LaRiviere, of Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, daughter of Octave A. and Edesse (Goyette) LaRiviere, and granddaughter of Honore and Flavia Brouillard LaRiviere, of French ancestry and Canadian birth. Mr. and Mrs. Lafrance are the parents of: Beatrice, Estelle, Annette and Paul. The family is one of the most prominent in the social life of Holyoke. The family home is at No. 240 Linden street, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

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### **LAFRANCE, William,**

#### **Hotel Manager.**

William (2) Lafrance, eldest son of William (1) and Philomene (Durocher) Lafrance, was born at Chambly Basin, Quebec, Canada, December 19, 1856, and there spent the first twelve years of his boyhood. He attended school until brought to Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1869, here beginning work in the Lyman Mills, his father also securing employment there. He continued in that employ for several years, then worked in various positions, including twenty years as foreman with his brother, Louis A. In April, 1917, he became manager of the Lafrance Hotel in Holyoke, and to this devotes his entire time.

Mr. Lafrance married, in September, 1879, Matilda Leveault, born in Chambly Basin, Quebec, Canada, daughter of Abraham and Julia (Lamoraux) Leveault. They are the parents of: 1. Abraham, died in infancy. 2. Almouzel Louis, born November 19, 1891, married Hazel Hanby, and their children are: David Louis and Jean; this family resides in Milford, Connecticut. 3. Emil, died in infancy. 4. Lionel, died in infancy.

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### **WINKLER, Frederick Adam,**

#### **Contractor.**

The founder of this family in Holyoke was George Winkler, born in Hesse, Germany, in 1829, who died in Rockville, Connecticut, in 1902. In Germany he was a manufacturer of cloth, in business for himself until 1861, when he came to the United States, locating then for a time in Connecticut. Later he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where for many years he was employed in the Germania Mills. Eventually he returned to Connecticut, living in Rockville until his death. He married Elizabeth Snyder, who like himself was born in Hesse,

and who died at the age of seventy-seven years. Their children were: Catherine, married (first) Jacob Fellen; (second) Jacob Schanz; Henry, of further mention.

Henry Winkler was born in Niederingelheim, a town of Hesse, Germany, July 5, 1849. He attended school there until the coming of the family to the United States in 1861, and in the public school of Rockville, Connecticut, he completed his studies. He worked in the woolen mills until gaining a good knowledge of that business, then began learning the machinist's trade. In 1869 he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and was for a time employed in the Germania Mills, and later in the Holyoke Machine Works. One of the mills of Springfield at this time was the New York Woolen Mills, owned by Alexander T. Stewart, the New York merchant prince, and of that mill Mr. Winkler was in charge for several years. In 1868 he entered the employ of the city of Holyoke in charge of all out-door work on highways, sidewalks and sewers, street watering, etc. Since that year he has continuously been in the city's employ and is yet the active head of the department of public works. He built the reservoirs as a part of the city water system; was identified with the fire department for five years; served five years in Common Council; four years on the Board of Aldermen; and six years on the School Board. He is a member of the Germania Benevolent Society, Holyoke Gymnastic Club, Harrigari Lodge, and the Lutheran Church.

Henry Winkler married, July 16, 1868, Elizabeth Leining, born in Scalten, Germany, daughter of Henry and Katherina Leining. Children: Frederick Adam, of further mention; Henry (2), married Jennie Fletcher, and has a son, Allen; Amelia, married Cornelius Hurley, and has children: Evelyn, Lillie and Cornelia Hurley; Minnie, married Jeremiah Hurley; Lillie,

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married William Friedrich, and has a daughter, Elizabeth; Raymond C.

Frederick Adam Winkler, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Leining) Winkler, was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, April 25, 1870, and was educated in the public schools of the city. When through school he entered city employ in the street cleaning department, holding a foreman's position for three years, and for two years was foreman of concrete construction on the Holyoke Dam. For several years he has been in business for himself as a contractor of cement and concrete construction, sidewalk building and foundation work being his special lines. In earlier life he was interested in sports, and at one time owned the Holyoke Baseball Club, holding a franchise in the Old Connecticut League. He is a member of the Holyoke Turn Verein; German Benevolent Society; Springfield Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; William Whiting Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Holyoke Council, Royal and Select Masters; Holyoke Pequot Club, and in politics he is an Independent.

Mr. Winkler married, October 7, 1896, Martha Ellen Walker, born in Manchester, England, daughter of William and Henrietta (Yates) Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Winkler are the parents of two daughters: Ada Elizabeth and Edna Louise.

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**SHELDON, Charles Lucius,**

**Engineer, Superintendent.**

As superintendent of the power plants of the Holyoke Street Railway Company at Holyoke, Northampton and Amherst. Mr. Sheldon is demonstrating his ability to superintend and direct large operations and to manage men. He came to Holyoke in 1905, and for ten years was known as an efficient engineer in steam, his advance to managerial position coming in 1915. He is

a native son of Kent, Connecticut, a town in which his father, Charles Franklin Sheldon, was born and passed his years, seventy-nine. Charles F. Sheldon was a son of Amos Sheldon, born in Kent, Connecticut, in 1809, died in New Britain, Connecticut, 1893, aged eighty-four years. Amos Sheldon passed most of his life in Warren, Connecticut, a carpenter. Charles F. was his oldest son, his other children being: Minerva, married Jerome Smalley; Frank; Sperry; Lorraine, married Arthur Reynolds; Jeanette, married Joseph Jones; Gay; Cora, married Edward Main.

Charles Franklin Sheldon, eldest son and second child of Amos Sheldon, was born in Kent, Connecticut, August 17, 1838, and died there in May, 1917. After completing a high school education, he taught school for several terms. In 1862, with his two brothers, Frank and Sperry Sheldon, he enlisted for three years in the First Regiment, Connecticut Heavy Artillery. He was engaged with his battery at Gettysburg and other hard battles of the war until a severe illness, the result of his service and exposure, confined him within hospital walls, where he was compelled to remain for nine months of his term of service. He was discharged from the service of the government in 1865. He then returned to his vocation of teaching, and following this he engaged in manufacturing, one of his first operations being the taking of a contract from the National Thread Company to furnish them with wooden spools. He erected a mill in Mansfield Hollow, and there for nine years engaged in the manufacture of spools. He was then appointed superintendent of the Old Ladies Home at New Britain, Connecticut, a post he filled until his death, Mrs. Sheldon being matron during the entire period he held the superintendency, nearly twenty years. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Ancient Order of United Work-

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men, and for many years a deacon of the church. He married Mary Emmeline Richards, of Ashford, Connecticut, daughter of Lucius B. and Emmeline (Sibley) Richards. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon were the parents of: Charles Lucius, of further mention; Marian Augusta, a teacher of New Britain, Connecticut; Bertha Emmeline, married Arthur R. Tuttle, of New Britain, and has a son, Kenneth Tuttle.

Charles Lucius Sheldon, eldest child of Charles Franklin and Mary Emmeline (Richards) Sheldon, was born in Ashford, Connecticut, July 27, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of the town, attending regularly until sixteen years of age. He then became a worker in the spool factory, there spending three years. At the age of nineteen he went to New Britain, was employed for a time in a hardware shop, his next work being in a New Britain foundry, where he spent two years. From the foundry he went to the New Britain Electric Light plant, there remaining twelve years, beginning at the very bottom as oiler, and passing through every grade of service until receiving a first class engineer's license, thoroughly equipped for any position as an engineer in steam. From New Britain Mr. Sheldon went to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, there holding the position of chief engineer in the plant of the Berkshire Street Railway. With his experience at New Britain and Pittsfield to recommend him, he located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1905, securing the position of engineer of the George R. Dickinson division of the American Writing Paper Company, there remaining four and a half years, then going in the same capacity to the boiler plant of the same corporation. On July 19, 1915, he entered the employ of the Holyoke Street Railway Company as superintendent of the power houses at Holyoke, Northampton and Amherst. This position he most efficiently fills at the present time (1918).

Mr. Sheldon is a member of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Holyoke Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; National Association of Stationary Engineers; the Protestant Episcopal Church; and in politics is a Republican.

He married, September 12, 1891, Alice A. Sweet, born at West Hill, Connecticut, daughter of William and Emily (Tuttle) Sweet. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon are the parents of a son, Burdette Richards, born in New Britain, Connecticut, August, 1892; he is a graduate of Holyoke High School; he began business life as shipping clerk with the Holyoke Machine Company, and is now in charge of the Westfield Manufacturing Company at Westfield, Massachusetts; he married Amelia Engel, of Holyoke, they the parents of a daughter, Marion Dorothy, born in 1914.

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### GALLAGHER, Frank Joseph,

#### **Business Man.**

In 1870, Patrick Frank Gallagher came with his family to the United States, and after two years service as an engineer on East river ferry boats, New York, settled in Holyoke, where his son, Frank J. Gallagher, worthily represents this ancient Scotch family. The coming in 1870 was not Patrick Gallagher's first visit to the United States, for in 1862 he enlisted in the United States Navy, leaving his own ship at Halifax, and coming across the border to do so. For three years he was a first class fireman in our Navy, seeing service on the Red and Rio Grande rivers, and on the Gulf. Nor was that his first lesson in war, for when a boy he joined the English Army as a drummer, and was marched away to the Crimea. His life was one of adventure on land and sea, but after settling in Holyoke, in 1872, he remained in the employ of the mills of Holyoke as fireman or engineer until his retirement several



years before his death. Frank J., the son, inherited the father's adventurous disposition, and during his twenty years service on the Holyoke police force evidenced the same devotion to duty and fearlessness of disposition which distinguished the father.

Frank J. Gallagher is a grandson of Frank Gallagher, born, lived and died in Glasgow, Scotland, a dyer by trade. His wife died young, leaving an only son, Patrick Frank Gallagher, the father of Frank Joseph Gallagher. Patrick Frank Gallagher was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1842, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in February, 1916. He attended all available schools during his boyhood, but early began learning the steam fitter's trade. The Crimean War then came on, and as a drummer boy he took the Queen's Shilling and served until that war was over. Upon his return he was employed as cabin boy on a steamer plying the Irish sea between Glasgow and Belfast. Later he went to the engine room as fireman, and was so employed for several years. Becoming an expert, he enlisted as a first class fireman in the English Navy. He traveled on English ships to many ports, and in 1862 was in Halifax, Nova Scotia. With others he came to the United States, and enlisted in the Navy for a term of three years, receiving an honorable discharge at the end of his term. After his discharge from the United States Navy he returned to Glasgow, and was there employed as a stationary engineer in the Tremont Chemical Works, the largest plant of its kind in Scotland. In 1870 he came to the United States, settled in Brooklyn, New York, and for two years was an engineer on the ferry boats of the Fulton Ferry Company, plying the East river between the cities of New York and Brooklyn. In 1872 he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and that city was his home until his death in 1916. He continued as fireman or engineer in the Holyoke plants until 1908, then re-

tired. He built a six apartment house at No. 411 Maple street in 1890, and was for many years in prosperous circumstances. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, but was a most quiet, unassuming man, fond of his home and taking little part in outside affairs, his early life of adventure and excitement having satisfied his cravings for the strenuous life.

Mr. Gallagher married Jane McNaught, daughter of Frank McNaught, of Glasgow, who survived her husband and is still a resident of Holyoke, Massachusetts (1918). Their children were: Frank Joseph, of further mention; Jennie and Catherine, died in infancy; Margaret.

Frank Joseph Gallagher was born in Glasgow, Scotland, October 3, 1862, and there spent the first seven years of his life. He came to the United States with his mother in 1869, a year before the father's coming, and in Glasgow, Scotland, Brooklyn, New York, and Holyoke, Massachusetts, his education was\*acquired. After schooldays were ended he was variously employed, finally becoming a capable stationary engineer. In 1890 he was appointed to the Holyoke police force, and for twenty years, ending February, 1910, he was one of the capable men of the force. In February, 1910, he resigned his position, and since that time has been engaged in business, conducting a tobacco and confectionery store. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and of Holy Cross Church.

Mr. Gallagher married (first) in 1885, Margaret Murphy, born in Killarney, Ireland, daughter of Owen and —— (Brennan) Murphy, their two children both dying in infancy. He married (second) in 1896, Nora Delaney, born in Ireland, daughter of Maurice and —— (Fitzgerald) Delaney. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher are the parents of a daughter, Jennie, born in March, 1898, and of a son, Frank, born August 13, 1900.

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### **LeBLANC, Joseph A.,**

#### **Respected Citizen.**

The LeBlanc family was founded in Canada by Arthur LeBlanc who, with his two brothers, came from France and settled at St. Jacques, where he married, and engaged in farming, assisted by his only son, Charles LeBlanc, father of Charles (2) LeBlanc, and grandfather of Joseph A. LeBlanc, of Holyoke. Charles LeBlanc, a farmer, and wife Margaret, were the parents of: Joseph, Charles (2), of further mention, Edward, Margaret, Celia and Philomene, all deceased.

Charles (2) LeBlanc was born in St. Jacques, Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1838, died there in 1871. He was a harness maker by trade, and for many years conducted his own shop at St. Jacques. He married Odele Burque, born in the Province of Quebec, in 1838, and died there in 1894. Children: Joseph A., of further mention; Edward A., a priest of the Roman Catholic church in Canada; Margaret, deceased; Albina; Mary Louise; Elizabeth, deceased.

Joseph A. LeBlanc was born in St. Jacques, Quebec, Canada, December 25, 1862, and there attended town schools until fifteen years of age. He then began learning the harness maker's trade, and in May, 1883, came to the United States and found employment at Richboro. He then spent a year in Hartford, Connecticut, and in these towns found work at his trade, becoming an expert at all kinds of harness work. From Hartford he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, which city has ever since been his home. For a time he was in the employ of the Norman Paper Company, of Holyoke, then for fifteen years was with the Victor Sporting Goods Company, of Chicopee Falls, and later Springfield, Massachusetts, following that service by three years' work in the gun shop at Chicopee Falls. For a

short time he was with an automobile manufacturing concern, then for two seasons was in charge of all the parks in Holyoke as park keeper. In 1910 he built the "Norman," a twenty-five apartment house in Holyoke, and since that year has devoted his time to its management and care. He is a member of the Church of Perpetual Help (Roman Catholic).

Mr. LeBlanc married, September 21, 1887, Athemise St. Pierre, born at Brompton Falls, Canada, daughter of Joseph and Philomine (Grosslin) St. Pierre. Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc are the parents of two sons, 1. George, born June 14, 1890, died in July, 1916; he was one of the rising business men of Holyoke at the time of his death; he married Eva Raymond, and left a son, Lester, born September 1, 1912. 2. Lionel, born August 28, 1896, is now (1918) with the American expeditionary forces in France.

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### **MERRICK, Judson Leonard,**

#### **Assistant Superintendent of Merrick Lumber Company.**

Nine generations of Merricks have inhabited New England since the first settlement, and until the removal of "Esquire" John Merrick, of the third generation, Springfield, Massachusetts, was the family seat. Thomas Merrick, the founder, was one of the early settlers of that city. He was a man of considerable influence and standing in that settlement, which was at the time a new one. Esquire John Merrick became equally prominent in Willington, Connecticut, that being the family seat until the return of the thread manufacturing branch of the family to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and the founding there of the Merrick Thread Company, which through the universal use of that commodity has made the city famous throughout the world. The founder of the Merrick Thread Com-

pany was Timothy Merrick, son of Colonel Joseph Merrick, brother of Rev. Samuel Dunton Merrick, and uncle of Joseph Stuart Merrick, (who was long associated with the company, and other important business interests). Joseph Stuart Merrick, the father of Judson Leonard Merrick, of the ninth American generation, settled in Holyoke, something over a half a century ago, having returned the year before from two years service in the Union army. He chose the lumber business as his activity, and in its own sphere the Merrick Lumber Company did a great deal toward the upbuilding of a great commercial city. Holyoke has vastly profited through the energy and public spirit of Merricks, not only in a business sense but from the encouragement and support given to civil affairs, philanthropy and religion. Judson Leonard Merrick, a twentieth century representative, of the ninth generation, has been a resident of Holyoke since his fifth year and from youth has been identified with the Merrick Lumber Company, of which he is now assistant superintendent.

Thomas Merrick, the founder of this branch of the Merrick family, was born about 1620, and came to New England about the year 1636. He was at Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1638, and on July 14, 1639, married (first) Sarah Stebbins, daughter of Rowland Stebbins, of Springfield. He married (second) August 2, 1653, Elizabeth Tilley, the line of descent being through their eldest son, Captain John Merrick, who like his father was a man of means and influence in the city they aided to found and build. Captain John Merrick was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 9, 1658, died April 10, 1748. He served eight terms as selectman; was captain of the military company and a man of consequence in his community. He married Mary Day, and they were the parents of thirteen sons and daughters.

Esquire John Merrick, son of Captain John Merrick, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, September 27, 1692, died January, 1778. He married, January 23, 1717, Sarah Parsons, of Springfield, who died December, 1776. They moved to Willington, Connecticut, where he became interested in banking, he being the first man in Willington to hold bank official position. He was treasurer of the town for several years; served as selectman and was one of the town's useful, progressive citizens. The line of descent is through his son, Joseph Merrick, born at Willington, Connecticut, in October, 1733, died in April, 1787. He married, in January, 1755, Ann Holt, who died in 1806. They were the parents of five sons, all of whom studied medicine, but all did not practice.

Timothy Merrick, of the fifth generation, son of Joseph and Ann (Holt) Merrick, was born at Tolland, Connecticut, in August, 1760, but lived at Willington, where he died at the homestead farm in West Willington in January, 1810. He studied medicine and was qualified to practice but never did so, being an agriculturist all his life. He built the homestead at West Willington, in 1790, and all the lumber used in its construction grew upon his own farm. It was a very fine dwelling for that period, the interior finish being in hard woods. He was a private of the Twenty-second Regiment, Massachusetts militia. He married, in November, 1787, Mehetabel Atwood, who died in July, 1855, aged ninety years.

Colonel Joseph Merrick, son of Timothy and Mehetabel (Atwood) Merrick, is of greater interest to the present generation in Holyoke, as he was the father of Timothy Merrick, founder of the Merrick Thread Company; of Rev. Samuel Dunton Merrick, the Baptist minister; and of Lovina Merrick, who married Joseph G. Rider; and was the grandfather of Joseph Stuart Merrick, one of the founders of the

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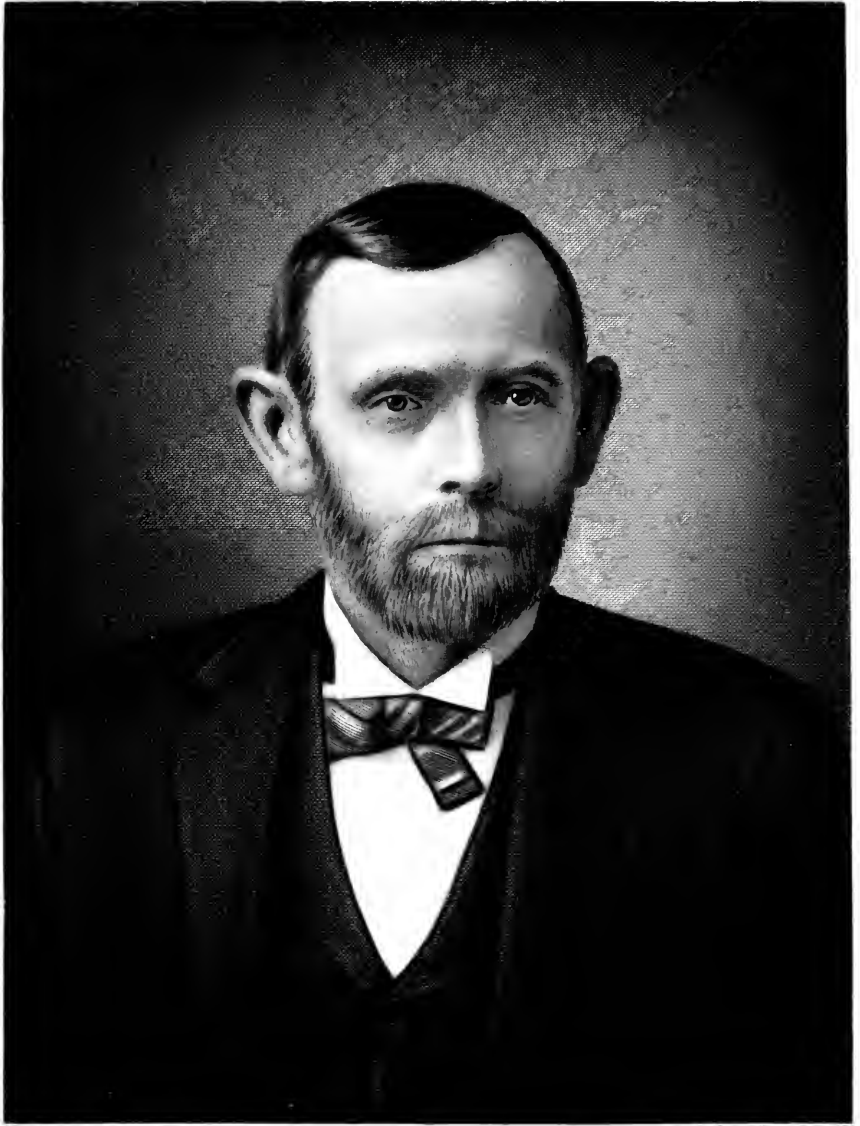
Merrick Lumber Company; and great-grandfather of Judson Leonard Merrick, all of whom live or did live in Holyoke and were well known citizens. Colonel Joseph Merrick was born at Willington, July 2, 1789, died January 5, 1854. He married, April 10, 1814, Lodicea Dunton, born April 24, 1794, died September 1, 1857. They were both deeply religious, and in the rearing of their children spared nothing that would add to the proper development of their minds and bodies, with due weight being given to the care of their spiritual being. Precept and example was often reinforced by more worldly methods, but the family was a noted one and from that Willington farmhouse, where all labored, there went out sons who carried the message taught by godly parents into the pulpit and into great business enterprises. Colonel Joseph Merrick inherited the old Willington farm, and in its cultivation and in pursuit of his trade he lived a busy life. He was a good singer, as was also his wife; taught a singing school; led the choir of their church; and was a pillar of the church. The Merricks were Congregationalists, but Lodicea Dunton was a Baptist, and after her marriage to Colonel Joseph Merrick his religious views underwent a change and the children were reared in the Baptist faith.

Rev. Samuel Dunton Merrick, son of Colonel Joseph and Lodicea (Dunton) Merrick, was born at Willington, Connecticut, April 29, 1815, died in Addison, New York. He obtained a public school education, and until twenty-one years of age remained at the home farm as his father's assistant. He followed farming in connection with preparation for the ministry, for he felt that was a call he could not disregard. He was licensed to preach in 1859, and was regularly ordained a minister of the Baptist church, in 1861, and for thirty-one years followed his holy calling most acceptably to the con-

gregations he served. He was at various times stationed as pastor of Baptist churches at Ontario, Webster, Caton, and Addison, all in New York State, and for twelve years was pastor of the church at Tioga, Pennsylvania. He married, March 14, 1839, at Eastford, Connecticut, Evalina Jones Lyon, daughter of Francis Lyon.

Joseph Stuart Merrick, son of Rev. Samuel Dunton and Evalina Jones (Lyon) Merrick, was born in Willington, Connecticut, May 17, 1842, died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, January 9, 1908. He was educated in public schools, and for a time after leaving school was employed in New York State. On August 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Ninth Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery, and served creditably until honorably discharged in January, 1864. A year later he came to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and later, with his brothers, Timothy, John, and A. Judson Merrick, purchased the well established lumber business of Wiggin & Flagg and for several years the brothers conducted a prosperous business, as a firm partnership. They then organized as an incorporation, The Merrick Lumber Company, of which Timothy Merrick was president. Joseph S. Merrick continued actively associated with the business and corporation until his death, contributing his full share to its development. The Merrick Lumber Company, in its field, is as great a commercial success as is the Merrick Thread Company in its field, and both have contributed largely to Holyoke's greatness. The brothers who founded and long controlled the business have departed, only A. Judson Merrick remaining of the original four.

Joseph Stuart Merrick married, at Woodstock, Connecticut, Florence Deane, daughter of Charles R. and Olive (Leonard) Deane. Their only daughter, Josie E., died in 1893, their only son, Judson Leonard, is of further mention. Mr. Merrick was a man of ex-



*Joseph S. Merriell*

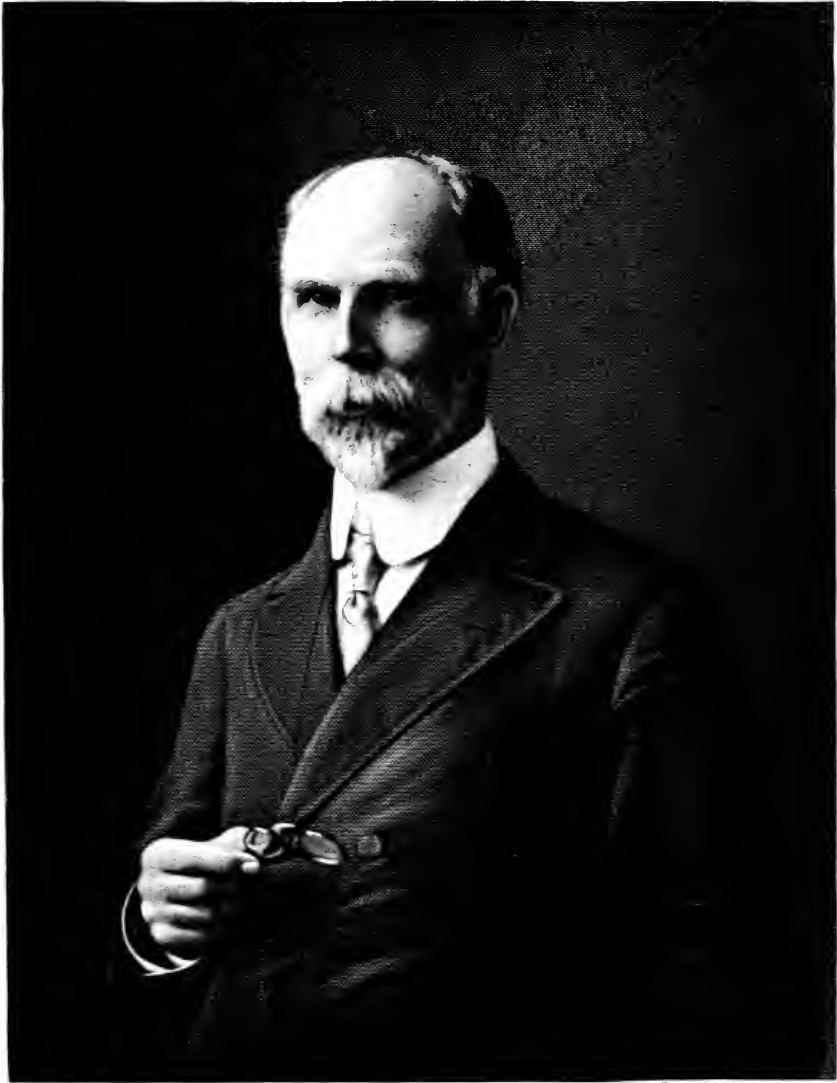
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*Joshua C. Crane*



celebrated business ability, was an exemplary citizen and highly esteemed as friend and neighbor. He took a deep interest in the Grand Army of the Republic, and for several years was a member of Kilpatrick Post, of Holyoke. He was a regular attendant at the services of the Second Congregational Church, and a generous contributor to all good causes.

Judson Leonard Merrick, only son of Joseph Stuart and Florence (Deane) Merrick, was born in Mansfield, Connecticut, December 23, 1870, and in 1875 was brought to Holyoke by his parents, which city is yet his home. He completed a full course of public school study with graduation from high school, class of 1890. For a time he was a student at Worcester School of Technology, but before finishing the course entered the employ of the Merrick Lumber Company, in an humble position, from which he has risen through various promotions to his present post, assistant superintendent. He is a man of sound judgment and executive ability, possesses those sterling attributes of character which make for success, and is highly esteemed by his business associates and many friends. He is a member of the Corporation of the Mechanics Savings Bank, of Mt. Tom Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the Second Congregational Church, the Holyoke Canoe Club, and other organizations, social, political, fraternal and commercial.

Mr. Merrick married, May 6, 1903, Mary Caroline Fay, of Windsor, Vermont, daughter of Colomore T. and Caroline (Watkins) Fay. They are the parents of a son and daughter, who are of the tenth American generation of the family founded by Thomas Merrick, of Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1636; Joseph Leonard, born January 25, 1904; Florence Fay, born October 25, 1909.

**CRANE, Joshua Eddy,**

**Educator, Librarian.**

From the best information at hand it appears that between the years 1635 and 1640, John, Samuel and Jasper Crane came to Massachusetts, John making a home in that part of Boston now Brookline, Samuel in Dorchester, and Jasper removing about 1639 to New Haven, Connecticut; whether they were brothers or not is yet an open question. John Crane was in Boston as early as January 8, 1637.

(II) John Crane was succeeded by Henry Crane, born about 1621, probably in England. He married (first) Tabitha, daughter of Stephen Kinsley; settled in Braintree, and left a large line of descendants. Without evidence to the contrary it may be reasonably supposed that Samuel was the father of this Henry. Samuel Crane is mentioned in the Braintree records, 1640, as one of several elected to administer town affairs, among them Stephen Kinsley, this the first association in these records of the names Kinsley and Crane. In 1654 Stephen Kinsley (who was at Mount Wollaston, Massachusetts, in 1639) and his sons-in-law, Anthony Gulliver and Henry Crane, were settled on adjacent farms in that part of Dorchester which was later incorporated as Milton. Henry Crane was in main a husbandman. He was one of the selectmen of Milton in 1679, 1680 and 1681, and was one of the trustees of the first meeting house built in the town. His wife Tabitha died shortly after 1681, and he married (second) about 1683, Elizabeth, surname unknown, who survived him. His children were: Benjamin, mentioned below; John, mentioned below; Stephen, married (first) Mary Denison, (second) Comfort, widow of Samuel Belcher, of Braintree; Henry; Elizabeth, born 1663, married (first) Eleazer Gilbert, of Taunton,

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(second) George Townsend, of that same town; Ebenezer, born 1665, married Mary Tolman; Mary, born 1666, married Samuel Hackett, of Taunton; Mercy, 1668; Samuel, 1669; Anna C., 1687, who removed to Taunton. Henry Crane died in Milton, March 21, 1709.

It should have been stated ere this that according to Mr. Ellery Bicknell Crane, the Cranes of England are classed among the families belonging to the county of Suffolk. Though numerous families bearing the name have been found residents of other counties in Great Britain, it is among the records of Suffolk county that we find delineated the long roll of aristocratic landholders in a line of succession from father to son covering a period of time marked by hundreds of years. Here their estates are to be found recorded for nearly three hundred years. It will be observed that some of the immediate posterity of Henry Crane located in Taunton, and the towns of Dighton, Berkley and Norton also became the places of residence of their descendants.

(III) Benjamin Crane, son of Henry Crane, born about 1656, was a member of Captain Johnson's company in King Philip's War and was severely wounded in the battle of Narragansett Swamp, December 19, 1675. His death occurred October 13, 1721. Many of the Crane family of Berkley were his descendants.

(III) John (2) Crane, son of Henry Crane, born November 30, 1658, in Dorchester, married, December 13, 1686, Hannah, daughter of James and Hannah Leonard, of Taunton, and there became a settler, but in 1698 had sold his place in Taunton and with his brother Benjamin in that year bought of the heirs of Jonathan Briggs a farm of three hundred acres in the South Purchase of Taunton, now Berkley, which in a few years was divided in two portions by the two brothers. John Crane died Au-

gust 5, 1716, and his wife died October 24, 1760. Children: Henry, Gershom, Zipporah, Tabitha, John.

(IV) Gershom Crane, son of John (2) and Hannah (Leonard) Crane, born September 3, 1692, married, February 27, 1716, Susanna Whitmarsh, daughter of Samuel Whitmarsh, then of Dighton. It was at his house that the first meeting of the town of Berkley was held and of which he was the moderator in 1735. He died June 23, 1787. His wife, Susanna, died September 11, 1770. Their children were: Abiah, born 1716; Abel, 1718; Ebenezer, 1720; Hannah, 1722; Elisha, mentioned below; Gershom, 1728, died 1732; John, 1731, married Rachel Terry and was a resident of Norton, and his son, Rev. John Crane, D. D., born 1756, was the minister of Northbridge and died in 1836; Gershom, 1735; Jonathan, 1737, was graduated at Harvard College in 1762, married Mary, daughter of Colonel Josiah Edson, 1770, and practiced his profession of medicine in Bridgewater; his son, Daniel Crane, was graduated at Brown University in 1796.

(V) Elisha Crane, son of Gershom and Susanna (Whitmarsh) Crane, born December 25, 1724, married Thankful Axtell, daughter of Daniel Axtell, of Berkley, January 15, 1774, and lived at the home of Daniel Axtell, which was established in 1710 in the town of Dighton, now Berkley. Their children were: Betsey, born 1775, married Benjamin Hathaway, 1801; Susannah, 1776, married, 1802, Christopher Paull; Daniel, 1777, died 1805; Polly, 1779, married, in 1806, Burt Dean; Barzillai, mentioned below. Elisha Crane died November 20, 1807. Thankful (Axtell) Crane died January 22, 1832.

(VI) Barzillai Crane, son of Elisha and Thankful (Axtell) Crane, born February 24, 1783, married (first) January 22, 1810, Lydia Eddy, daughter of Captain Joshua Eddy and his wife, Lydia (Pad-

dock) Eddy, of Middleboro, and lived in Berkley. Children: Charlotte Maria, born 1811, died 1818; Susanna W., 1815, married Samuel Breck; Elisha, 1817, died 1843, a physician, unmarried; Charlotte M., 1820, died 1841; Joshua Eddy, mentioned below; Irene Lazell, 1826, married Dr. Thomas Nichols; Lydia, 1829, died 1833; Morton Eddy, 1831, died 1857, unmarried. Lydia (Eddy) Crane died February 10, 1842. Barzillai Crane married (second) in 1844, Eliza Tobey, daughter of Apollos and Hannah (Crane) Tobey, of Berkley. He died June 15, 1851. Eliza (Tobey) Crane, born October 29, 1801, died December 9, 1882.

Mrs. Lydia (Eddy) Crane, wife of Barzillai Crane, was born December 23, 1787, daughter of Captain Joshua and Lydia (Paddock) Eddy, Joshua Eddy being a direct descendant of Samuel Eddy, who was the son of William Eddy, A. M., vicar of St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, County Kent, England, and his wife, Mary (Foster) Eddy. Samuel Eddy came from Boxted, County Suffolk, England, to America in the ship "Handmaid," in 1630, settling in Plymouth, where he purchased property in 1631. From this Samuel Eddy and his wife Elizabeth the descent of Lydia Eddy is through Obadiah and his wife Bennet, Samuel (2) and his wife Melatiah (Pratt), Zechariah and his wife Mercy (Morton), and Captain Joshua Eddy and his wife Lydia (Paddock).

Captain Joshua Eddy saw much hard service in the Revolution. He entered the service, enlisting in 1775, in Captain Benson's company, Colonel Cotton's regiment; was at Roxbury, Massachusetts, during the siege of Boston, and at the battle of Breed's (Bunker) Hill. In 1776 he was lieutenant in Colonel Marshall's regiment and went to Castle Island. He was in the retreat from Ticonderoga and was at Saratoga at the surrender of General Burgoyne. He then went to New Jersey, was in winter quarters

with General Washington, and was at the battle of Monmouth. After the close of the war he was extensively engaged in various kinds of business. He was a man of unusual energy. For many years he was a deacon in the church of his community. He died in 1833.

(VII) Joshua Eddy Crane, son of Barzillai and Lydia (Eddy) Crane, was born July 9, 1823, in the town of Berkley, Massachusetts, and acquired his education in both the public and private schools of his native town. Desiring to enter business he, at sixteen years of age, began preparation for it in the office of a commission merchant in New York City. Later, in 1844, he was at Bridgewater with his uncle, Morton Eddy, who retired from the firm in 1848. Thereafter while in active business the concern was conducted by Mr. Crane. A man of ability, good judgment, one successful in the management of his own business affairs, Mr. Crane was soon found by his fellow citizens to possess the qualities required in the same, and as a conservative public man was often sought and long continued in public official service. He cast his first vote in 1844 for the candidates of the Liberty party, having been present at the organization of that party at Boston. He soon became active politically in local affairs. He was a delegate to the Worcester convention, at which Judge Charles Allen presided, and at which was organized the Republican party in Massachusetts. For many years he was chairman of the Republican town committee of Bridgewater, and also a member of the State Republican Committee. In 1857 he was a representative for the town in the General Court. On the breaking out of the Civil War, in 1861, when party lines were almost obliterated, he was chosen senator from the South Plymouth district, and in the following year was almost unanimously again elected to that body, the Democrats making no nomination against him. While

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in the Senate he had the honor of taking part in the election of Hon. Charles Sumner to the United States Senate from Massachusetts. In the Senate he served on the committees on claims and on mercantile affairs and insurance. He was town clerk of Bridgewater for several years, from 1855 to 1858 inclusive, and in 1873 and 1874. For more than thirty years he was in various capacities connected with the Plymouth County Agricultural Society, and for a number of years was treasurer and member of the board of trustees of that society. On the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary, September 30, 1869, he delivered the historical address. For a dozen and more years he served as chairman of the board of trustees of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, and for twenty and more years was a trustee of the Bridgewater Academy, and was active in the erection of the present school building. For upward of twenty-five years Mr. Crane was a correspondent for the newspapers of the vicinity, writing many sketches of interest to those of antiquarian tastes. He prepared the sketch of the town of Bridgewater contained in the "History of Plymouth County," published in 1884. His religious faith was that of the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater, of which he was a member, and he was chairman of the building committee at the time of the erection of the present church edifice.

On January 9, 1849, Mr. Crane married Lucy Ann Reed, born September 25, 1825, daughter of the late Quincy and Lucy (Loud) Reed, of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and their children were: Joshua Eddy, mentioned below; Charles Reed, born 1852; Lucy Reed, 1854, died 1856; Morton Eddy, 1857, of Washington, D. C.; Henry Lovell, January 31, 1860, died March 16, 1905; Anna Howe, 1862, married Charles A. Drew, M. D.; Edward

Appleton, 1865, died 1887. Joshua E. Crane died in Bridgewater, August 5, 1888; Lucy Ann (Reed) Crane died September 24, 1898.

Quincy Reed, the father of Mrs. Crane, descended from William Reade, who settled in Weymouth in 1635, from whom his descent is through Thomas Reed and his wife Sarah (Bicknell); John Reed and his wife Sarah (Whitmarsh); John Reed (2) and his wife Mary (Bate) and Ezra Reed and his wife Mary (Lovell).

(VIII) Joshua Eddy (2) Crane, son of Joshua Eddy (1) and Lucy Ann (Reed) Crane, was born October 1, 1850, in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and there educated in the public schools of the place and at the Bridgewater Academy, then under the instruction of Mr. Horace M. Willard. He furthered his studies at Brown University, from which he was graduated in 1872. Mr. Crane was preceptor of Bridgewater Academy, 1873-75; principal of the English preparatory department of the Syrian Protestant College, Beirut, Syria, 1876-79; subsequently was employed as private tutor; and was in charge of the Latin classes of Albany Academy, Albany, New York, until 1884, when he became librarian of the Young Men's Association of Albany. In 1887 he accepted the position of associate principal of the Portland Latin School at Portland, Maine, and in 1890 resumed his former position at the library, from which he withdrew in 1892. He became librarian of the Public Library of Taunton in 1895. He is an officer of the Old Colony Historical Society, and of the Old Bridgewater Historical Society.

Mr. Crane married, January 1, 1884, Katharine Perkins, daughter of Henry and Amelia Bartlett (Sherman) Perkins, of Bridgewater (see Perkins VIII). Their daughter is Clara Whitney Crane (Radcliffe, 1914).

(The Perkins Line).

(I) Abraham Perkins, one of the first settlers of Hampton, New Hampshire, was made a freeman, May 13, 1640. He was a man of good education, was much employed in the service of the town, and died August 31, 1683, at the age of seventy-two. His widow Mary died May 29, 1706, at the age of eighty-eight. The will of Abraham Perkins, dated August 22, 1683, and probated September 18, 1683, contains the names of his wife and sons Jonathan, Humphrey, James, Luke and David. To the last two were given five shillings each, as they had already received their share. The names of the children of Abraham Perkins were: Mary; Abraham; Luke; Humphrey, died young; James, died young; Timothy, died young; James, Jonathan, David, Abigail, Timothy, Sarah and Humphrey.

(II) David Perkins, son of Abraham and Mary Perkins, born February 28, 1653, settled in Beverly about 1675, and in 1688 became a resident of Bridgewater, in that part of the town which became the South Precinct. In 1694 he built the first mill at the site of the iron works of Messrs. Lazell, Perkins & Company, known afterwards as the Bridgewater Iron Company, and was engaged in the occupation of blacksmith. He was the first representative of the town in the General Court at Boston after the union of the colonies of Plymouth and Massachusetts, in 1692, and also served in this capacity in 1694, and from 1704 to 1707, inclusive. His death occurred October 1, 1736. He married, in 1676, Elizabeth Brown, born October 17, 1654, died July 14, 1735, daughter of Francis Brown, of Beverly. In his will of June 17, 1736, he names his sons: David; Abraham; Thomas, sole executor, and Nathan, deceased, and grandchildren: David and Jonathan, children of his son David, and Nathan, Timothy, James, Solomon, Martha and Silence,

children of Nathan. His children were: Mary, David, Nathan and Thomas, who resided in Bridgewater; and Abraham, who became a settler in Kingston, Rhode Island, and died in 1746.

(III) Thomas Perkins, son of David and Elizabeth (Brown) Perkins, born May 8, 1688, in Bridgewater, lived near the site of the present iron works, and died June 5, 1761. He married, February 20, 1717, Mary Washburn, supposed to be the daughter of James and Mary (Bowden) Washburn, of Bridgewater, died April 23, 1750. Children: Mary, born 1718, married, 1742, Josiah Hayward; Hepzibah, 1720, married, 1746, Elezer Carver; Thomas, 1722, married, 1748, Mary Pratt; Charles, 1724, died 1726; Ebenezer, mentioned below; Francis, 1729, married, 1762, Susanna Waterman.

(IV) Ebenezer Perkins, son of Thomas and Mary (Washburn) Perkins, born April 20, 1727, died May 31, 1770. He married, February 28, 1751, Experience Holmes. Children: Ebenezer, mentioned below; Mary, born 1753; Holmes, 1757; Hepzibah, 1759; Susanna, 1764; Nancy, 1769, married Rufus Leach.

(V) Ebenezer (2) Perkins, eldest child of Ebenezer (1) and Experience (Holmes) Perkins, born 1752, died 1823, was a patriot in the War of the Revolution. The records of Massachusetts give the following:

Ebenezer Perkins, of Bridgewater, private, Capt. James Allen's company, Col. Simeon Cary's regiment, pay abstract for mileage dated, "Camp near New York, Aug. 9, 1776," mileage for 251 miles allowed the said Perkins, private; also Capt. Nathaniel Packard's company, Col. Thomas Carpenter's regiment, entered service July 25, 1778, discharged Sept. 9, 1778—service one month and sixteen days, at Rhode Island. Roll sworn to at Plymouth. Was also among the descriptive list of men raised in Plymouth county in 1779 to serve in the Continental army, aged twenty-seven years, stature six feet, complexion dark. Engaged for town of Bridgewater; reported delivered to Capt.

L. Bailey. Was also private, Capt. L. Bailey's company, Colonel Bailey's (2) regiment; entered service July 25, 1779, discharged April 25, 1780, term nine months. Was also among a descriptive list of men raised to reinforce the Continental army for the term of six months, agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780; returned as received of Justin Ely, commissioner, by Brig. Gen. John Glover, at Springfield, Aug. 2, 1780, aged twenty-eight years, stature six feet, complexion dark, engaged for town of Bridgewater, arrived at Springfield July 31, 1780, marched to camp August 2, 1780, under command of Lieut. Benjamin Pike. Was also among the list of men raised for the six months' service and returned by Brigadier General Paterson as having passed muster in a return dated October 25, 1780; was commissioned corporal. Pay roll for six months' men raised by the town of Bridgewater for service in the Continental army at West Point during 1780, marched July 12, 1780, discharged January 13, 1781, service six months and thirteen days, including travel (240 miles) home.

Ebenezer Perkins married, in 1782, Mary Pratt, daughter of Solomon and Mary (Keith) Pratt, died in 1849. Children: Ebenezer, born 1783, died 1784; Mary K., 1784, died 1786; Daniel, 1786; Thomas, 1788; Solomon, mentioned below; Aaron, 1792; Ornan, 1794; Minerva, 1796; Ebenezer, 1798; Simeon, 1801; Mary K., 1802; Ozias, 1804.

(VI) Solomon Perkins, son of Ebenezer (2) and Mary (Pratt) Perkins, born May 16, 1790, lived in Bridgewater, and died there, February 26, 1880. He was long engaged as a foundryman in the works of Messrs. Lazell, Perkins & Company. He married, in Bridgewater, February 14, 1813. Clarissa Robinson, daughter of Dyer and Abigail (Stetson) Robinson, died October 12, 1859. Children: Henry, mentioned below; Charles Robinson, born 1816; William Franklin, 1818; George Sproat, 1820; Ebenezer, 1826; Mary K. and Martha H. (twins), 1828; Alfred Holmes, 1830.

(VII) Henry Perkins, eldest child of Solomon and Clarissa (Robinson) Perkins, was born April 25, 1814, in Bridgewater,

and died March 24, 1901. In the maternal line of descent he was grandson of Dyer Robinson, of Bridgewater, a forgerman in the iron works of Messrs. Lazell, Perkins & Company, and was a nephew of Increase, Dyer, Gad and Jacob Robinson, long associated with the iron works in Bridgewater, and of Charles and Enoch Robinson, of the Old Colony Iron Works of Taunton. Mr. Perkins received his early training in the public schools of his native place and at Bridgewater Academy, and at an early age entered upon the occupation of an iron worker and foundryman with employment at Bridgewater, Swanzey and in the Hudson Valley. In 1847, about the time of his marriage, Mr. Perkins established an iron foundry in Bridgewater near the site of the cotton gin factory of Messrs. Bates, Hyde & Company, now the Continental Gin Company factory, and soon after the period of the Civil War erected a spacious foundry and machine shop on the line of the Old Colony railroad, now the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, which has ever held an important place in the manufacturing establishments of the town. Mr. Perkins possessed a profound knowledge of the history and development of the iron industry and with the eye of an expert gave attention to every requirement of his office and to the operations and products of his foundry. For many years the large annual production of pianoforte frames, the inventions of the Chickering and other manufacturers, included much of the workmanship of this foundry and established its reputation for the production of work of the best quality of American iron and illustrative of the perfection of the art of casting. For many years also Mr. Perkins was interested in the prosperity of the Eagle Cotton Gin Company of Bridgewater, which gave employment to a large number of men, and for a long period held the position of president of the company. Interested in

public affairs, he did not seek nor hold political office, but devoted himself to the demands of his occupation, and remained in active business life for more than sixty years. As a man of untiring energy and honorable business methods, he was enabled to achieve success in his undertakings and was respected and esteemed by those who were in his employ, and by the members of the community of which he was a benefactor. He will long be remembered for his spirit of benevolence and for the qualities of heart which endeared him to his family and associates.

Mr. Perkins married, July 16, 1848, Amelia Bartlett Sherman, daughter of Aaron Simmons and Lydia (Whitney) Sherman, of Bridgewater. Children: Ralph, born March 26, 1849; Katharine, mentioned below; Henry, November 24, 1853, died December 12, 1854; Annie, January 24, 1855, died July 2, 1858; Clara, May 11, 1856, died May 24, 1888; Ebenezer, March 27, 1859; Charles, March 24, 1862; Amelia, June 16, 1864; Enoch, October 24, 1866; Harry K., August 11, 1868; Saba, September 7, 1869.

(VIII) Katharine Perkins, daughter of Henry and Amelia Bartlett (Sherman) Perkins, born October 6, 1851, married, January 1, 1884, Joshua Eddy (2) Crane, of Bridgewater and Taunton (see Crane VIII). They have a daughter, Clara Whitney Crane (Radcliffe, 1914).

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**SACKETT, George I.,**

**Representative Citizen.**

George I. Sackett, the well known yard master of the Boston & Maine Railroad, located at Holyoke, comes of an old English family, being traced back in that country to the year 1066, when their ancestor came from Normandy with William the Conqueror. The names Sackett and Sackville are borne by the descendants of this Nor-

man Knight, and in the Sackville line there is a record of Thomas Sackville, Earl of Dorset, born in 1636.

(I) Simon Sackett, the first of this present line, accompanied by his brother John and a nephew John, came to New England, in the company with Roger Williams, in the ship, "Lion," which sailed December 1, 1630, from Bristol, England. Simon Sackett was also accompanied by his wife Isabel and their infant son, Simon, Jr. They landed after an unusually stormy voyage, at Boston, February 5, 1631. Simon Sackett settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his home was on the north side of what is now Winthrop street in the center of the block between Brighton and Dunster streets. He lived but a short time after coming to America, his death occurring in October, 1635. On November 3, 1635, his widow, Isabel Sackett, was granted leave to administer on his estate. The Widow Sackett and her two sons were among the company of Roger Williams which made the hard journey to form the settlement at Hartford, Connecticut. She there became the wife of William Bloomfield.

(II) John Sackett, son of Simon and Isabel Sackett, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1632, and is supposed to have been the first white child born there. In 1653 he became a resident of Springfield, and was granted land there. Shortly after his first marriage he sold his house and land at Springfield and removed to property he had purchased at Northampton. He resided there until 1665, when he again sold his property and removed to a farm purchased of one Chapin, near Westfield, on what are now Sackett's Meadows. He was one of the first settlers at Westfield. He built a house and barn, both of which were burned October 27, 1675, by the Indians, who at the same time destroyed a large amount of other property and drove off his cattle. He rebuilt his house and barn, and

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erected a saw mill on a creek which ran into the Westfield river. John Sackett was selectman in Westfield in 1672 and at various times afterward, as late as 1693. He married (first) November 23, 1659, Abigail Hannum, born 1640, died October 9, 1690, daughter of William and Honor (Capen) Hannum. He married (second) Sarah, daughter of John Stiles and widow of John Stewart, of Springfield. His will, dated May 10, 1718, was proved May 20, 1719. He gave all his real estate away prior to his death.

(III) John (2) Sackett, son of John (1) and Abigail (Hannum) Sackett, was born in Westfield, November 4, 1660, and died December 20, 1745. He married (first) December 1, 1686, Deborah, daughter of William and Margaret Filley, of Windsor, Connecticut. He married (second) May 17, 1702, Mehitable, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Swift) Banks, and widow of John Harris.

(IV) Eliakim Sackett, son of John (2) and Mehitable (Banks-Harris) Sackett, was born March 12, 1712, and died in 1764. His will was dated July 5, 1764. He married, July 5, 1738, Bethesda Fowler, born 1717, daughter of Samuel and Maria (Root) Fowler.

(V) Ezra Sackett, son of Eliakim and Bethesda (Fowler) Sackett, was born November 15, 1750, and died in 1834. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and served three months from October 20, 1777, under Captain Daniel Sackett, in the Department of the North. He married, February 14, 1779, Lydia Lovering, of Ipswich, born 1751.

(VI) Charles Sackett, son of Ezra and Lydia (Lovering) Sackett, was born at Westfield, December 6, 1783. He married Abigail Otis, and among their children was Abner, of whom further.

(VII) Abner Sackett, son of Charles and Abigail (Otis) Sackett, was born in Westfield, Massachusetts. He early learned the

trade of blacksmith, following this in Springfield, and conducted a shop in partnership with a Mr. Ely. Later he went to Rowe, Massachusetts, where he conducted a shop from 1849 to 1859, then went to Shelburne Falls and was employed by George Ennis and continued so until his death at the age of sixty-five years. A feature of his shop work was the shoeing of oxen, a practice as common in that day as the shoeing of horses is now. Mr. Sackett married Electa Dewey, who died December 3, 1866, aged forty-six years. They were the parents of five children, among whom were Henry, who is in the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, Massachusetts; Mary, became the wife of Ezra F. Smith, and resides in Springfield; and George I., of whom further.

(VIII) George I. Sackett, son of Abner and Electa (Dewey) Sackett, was born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, February 16, 1847, and is now living in Holyoke, one of the oldest railroad employees in the United States in point of service. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, learned the trade of cutlery maker at Shelburne Falls, and during the Civil War period held an important position with the firm of Lamson, Goodnow & Company, the well known cutlery firm, but only remained a short time. He then went West and was employed on the Illinois Central Railroad, and upon his return East was employed for a short time in railroad work in Connecticut. He then entered the yard of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at Springfield, Massachusetts, and for three years performed general work, finally being promoted to the position of conducting a yard crew. In 1887 he became an employee of the Connecticut River Railroad, accepting the position of yard master in Springfield and so remained from February 15 to May 15, 1887, and then came to Holyoke, where he has remained



up to the present time (1918). On February 16, 1917, he was presented by the employees under him with a most beautiful gold watch and chain and Knight Templar charm, thus demonstrating their high appreciation of his kindness to them during his many years of service. For almost half a century Mr. Sackett has been a member of De Soto Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he also holds all the degrees of York Rite Masonry, belonging to Mt. Tom Lodge, Holyoke Chapter, Springfield Commandery, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Sackett married (first) Sarah Harvey, of Scotch descent, her father a pioneer farmer of St. Lawrence, Canada, where he cleared a tract of land, erected a house, and reared a family of ten children. Later he removed to Lomas, Plymouth county, Iowa, taking a tract of prairie land and bringing it up to a high state of cultivation, residing there until his adventurous life ended at the great age of ninety-six years. Sarah (Harvey) Sackett died June 16, 1906, leaving an only child, Dr. Harry R. Sackett. Mr. Sackett married (second) in 1908, Clara Whitney, daughter of Edwin Whitney (see Whitney XXIII).

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## WHITNEY.

The parish from which the Whitneys take their name is in County Hereford, England, and the name is derived from the Saxon, meaning white water. The coat-of-arms is described: Azure, a cross chequy or and gules. Crest: A bull's head couped sable, armed argent, the points gules. The English ancestry, as traced by Henry Melville, is given below:

(I) Turstin "The Fleming," otherwise, Turstin de Wigmore, and probably also as Turstin, son of Rolf, and Turstin the White, was a follower of William the Con-

queror. He was mentioned in the Domesday Book as an extensive landholder in Herefordshire, and the Marches of Wales. He married Agnes, daughter of Alured de Merleberge, a Norman Baron who settled in Wales.

(II) Eustace, son of Turstin, was a benefactor of the monastery of St. Peter in Gloucester. He or his immediate descendants took the title de Whitney from the village of Whitney, where his principal castle was located. His estate comprised 2,000 acres. The castle is said to have been buried by the changing of the course of the River Wye.

(III) Sir Robert de Whitney, a direct descendant of Eustace, was living in Whitney in 1248.

(IV-V) Sir Eustace de Whitney, son or grandson of Sir Robert, deeded the monastery of St. Peter in 1280, confirming a deed made by his ancestors. He was Lord of Bencombe, Little Cown and Whitney in 1281; was granted Free Warren by Edward I in 1284; was summoned to the war beyond the seas in 1297; tenet of part of the Manor of Huntington in 1299; served in the Scotch war in 1301.

Sir Eustace de Whitney, son of Sir Robert, was knighted by Edward I in 1306; was member of Parliament for Herefordshire in 1313 and later.

(VI) Sir Robert de Whitney, son of Sir Eustace, was one of the 200 gentlemen who went to Milan in the retinue of the Duke of Clarence in 1368; was member of Parliament in 1377, 1379 and 1380; sheriff in 1377.

(VII) Sir Robert Whitney, son of Sir Robert, was sent abroad to negotiate a treaty with the Court of Flanders in 1388; was a member of Parliament for Herefordshire in 1391; was sent to France to deliver the castle and town of Cherbourg to the King of Navarre in 1393; was knight marshal in the court of Richard II; sent on the

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king's business to Ireland in 1394; was killed with his brother and others of his family at the Battle of Billeth in 1402.

(VIII) Sir Robert Whitney, son of Sir Robert, was granted the Castle of Clifford and Lordships of Clifford and Glasbury by Henry IV in 1404 on account of the service of his father. He was sheriff of Herefordshire in 1413, 1428, 1433 and 1437; member of Parliament in 1416 and 1422; fought in the French War under Henry V and was captain of the castle and town of Vire in 1420; died March 12, 1441.

(IX) Sir Eustace de Whitney, son of Robert, was born in 1411; was head of a Commission sent to Wales by Henry VI in 1455; member of Parliament in 1468; married (1) Jennet Russell; (2) Jane Clifford.

(X) Robert Whitney, son of Sir Eustace, was probably a knight; took an active part in the War of the Roses and was attainted as a Yorkist in 1459; probably took part in the Battle of Mortimer's Cross in 1461. He was the subject of a poem by Lewis Cothi on the occasion of his marriage to the great granddaughter of Sir David Gam. He married (1) Alice, daughter of Thomas Vaughn; (2) Constance Touchett, mother of his sons, a descendant of William the Conqueror through Edward I.

(XI) James Whitney, son of Robert, was appointed receiver of the confiscated estate of the Duke of Buckingham in 1522; married Blanche Kilbourne, daughter of Simon.

(XII) Robert Whitney, son of James, was of Icomb and in charge of other confiscated estates; sheriff of Gloucestershire in 1527-28-29-30; nominated knight of the Bath by Henry VII at the coronation of Anne Boleyn in 1531; granted part of a monastery at Brewer in 1535 furnished 40 men to put down a Rebellion in 1536; was named to attend on the king's person; died

1541 and his will was proved June 11, 1541; married Margaret Wye.

(XIII) Sir Robert Whitney, son of Robert (XII), was knighted the day Queen Mary of Scotland was executed, Oct., 1563; was summoned before the Privy Council in 1555 and 1559; member of Parliament for Herefordshire, 1559; died August 5, 1567; married Sybil Baskerville, descendant of William the Conqueror. (See her ancestry).

(XIV) Robert Whitney, son of Sir Robert (XIII), was mentioned in the will of his father and also in an inquisition taken after his father's death. He married Elizabeth daughter of Morgan Quillims.

(XV) Thomas Whitney, son of Robert (XIV), was of Westminster, buried at St. Margaret's, April 14, 1637; married Mary, daughter of John Bray of Westminster; she was buried at St. Margaret's, September 25, 1629. Children: John, baptized July 20, 1592, mentioned below; Nicholas, William, Richard, Margaret and Anne.

(XVI) John Whitney, American immigrant, son of Thomas, was born in England about 1592 and baptized July 20, 1592. He was educated in the Westminster School, now St. Peter's College, and was apprenticed February 22, 1610, at the age of eighteen to William Pring of the Old Bailey, London, and became a freeman of the Merchant Tailors' Company. This was the most famous and prosperous of the trade guilds and numbered in its membership many distinguished men of various trades, many nobles and even the Prince of Wales. At the age of twenty-two years, March 17, 1614, Whitney became a full-fledged member. His younger brother Robert was apprenticed to him later. He lived in Insworth and London (on Bow Lane). In September, 1631, he placed his son John, Jr., in the Merchant Tailors School. Early in April, 1635, he and his wife Elinor and seven children registered to sail in the ship

Elizabeth and Ann. He settled in Watertown, and bought the homestead of John Strickland at what is now Waltham, at the corner of Belmont and East Common streets. He was admitted a freeman, March 3, 1635-36; was a constable in 1641; selectman, 1638 to 1656; town clerk in 1655. His wife Elinor died May 11, 1669, and he married, second, September 29, 1669, Judith Clement. He died June 1, 1673. Children: 1. Mary, baptized in Isleworth, May 23, 1619. 2. John, baptized September 14, 1621. 3. Edward, baptized January 6, 1623-24. 4. Richard, mentioned below. 5. Nathan, baptized 1627. 6. Thomas, born 1629. 7. Jonathan, born in Watertown, July 6, 1635. 8. Joshua, born at Watertown, July 6, 1635. 9. Caleb, born July 12, 1640. 10. Benjamin, born June 6, 1642.

(XVII) Richard Whitney, son of John, was born in England about 1626; married, March 19, 1650, Martha Coldham, and he was admitted a freeman May 7, 165-. He was a proprietor of Stow, June 3, 1680. He was released from training by the court, April 7, 1697, being then seventy years old. Children, born at Watertown: Sarah, born March 17, 1652; Moses, mentioned below; Johanah, January 16, 1656; Deborah, October 12, 1658; Rebecca, December 15, 1659, died young; Richard, January 13, 1660; Elisha, August 26, 1672; Ebenezer, June 30, 1674.

(XVIII) Moses Whitney, son of Richard, was born at Watertown, August 1, 1655; married, September 30, 1686, Sarah Knight, of Stow. He was a soldier in King Philip's War in 1676. He was granted land at Stow, April 8, 1681. He bought land in Sudbury of Richard Burke in 1708 and lived in that town for a time. His wife died March 23, 1755. Children: Sarah, born July 2, 1687; Moses, 1690; Abraham, May 29, 1692; Jonas, mentioned below; Jason, 1704; Lemuel, August 1, 1714; John; Ephraim.

(XIX) Jonas Whitney, son of Moses, was born in Stow, February 1, 1699; married, January 19, 1723, Dorcas Wood, who died February 22, 1725; married, second, March 12, 1726, Margaret Stratton. He died September 18, 1770. He lived at Stow and Harvard, Massachusetts. Children: Jonathan; Dorcas, died 1725; Jonas, mentioned below; Ephraim, born September 19, 1728; Timothy, February 1, 1729; Margaret, October 22, 1732; Moses, October 17, 1733; Ruth, September 8, 1736; Aaron, July 2, 1740.

(XX) Jonas Whitney, son of Jonas, was born in Harvard, July 2, 1727; married, September 13, 1750, Zebudah Davis, who was born in Harvard, April 11, 1728, died 1806. He was elected selectman in 1751. His will was proved in 1791 and his wife's November 3, 1806. He died December 23, 179-. Children, born at Harvard: Merriam, born August 8, 1752; Ephraim, April 2, 1754; Jonas, March 3, 1765; Lydia, October 17, 1757; Solomon, mentioned below; Joel, October 15, 1762; Israel, January 16, 1767; Peter, August 17, 1772; Levi, June 13, 1751; Lucy. Not in order of birth.

(XXI) Lieutenant Salmon Whitney, son of Jonas (XX) was born in Harvard, February 16, 1760; married Hepsibah Raymond, who was born in 1761, died December 6, 1850. He was a farmer in Harvard and a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting July 10, 1776, for eight months in Captain Sawyer's company from Lancaster; also in 1777 he was in Captain Joseph Sargent's company of Princeton, Colonel Stearns' regiment in the Rhode Island campaign; in 1780 he was lieutenant in Captain William Scott's company. The record shows he was twenty years old; five feet seven inches in height. He died in 1844. Children, born in Harvard: Salmon, born January 31, 1788; Ephraim, June 12, 1791; Nathan, mentioned below; Persis, August 12, 1796;

Justin, July 24, 1801; John, September 1, 1803.

(XXII) Nathan Whitney, son of Lieutenant Salmon, was born in Harvard, August 1, 1793; married, May 23, 1816, Nancy Farwell, born 1793, died 1855. He died in 1871. He removed from Harvard to Chicopee, Massachusetts. Children: Nathan, born November 3, 1816; Nancy Lavinia, August 23, 181-; Newton, July 26, 1820; Angelina, April 15, 1822; Julianna, November 13, 1824; Edwin, mentioned below; Melissa A., March 10, 1829; Mary Farwell, January 4, 1832; Serena A., August 22, 1834.

(XXIII) Edwin Whitney, son of Nathan, was born August 22, 1826, married Rhoda Waite. Their daughter Clara married, first, ——— Williams; second, George I. Sackett. (See Sackett). By her first marriage she had a daughter, Ethel Williams.

**READ, Charles French,**

**Historian, Antiquarian.**

Charles French Read, clerk and treasurer of the Bostonian Society since 1899, is a son of William Read and his wife, Sarah Fuller (McLellan) Read; he was born in Boston, Massachusetts, September 17, 1853. He is a descendant in the seventh generation from Thomas Read, of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, the lineage being Thomas, William, Robert, William, Robert, William, and Charles.

Neither the birthplace nor the parent of Thomas Read has yet been authoritatively ascertained; but certain depositions by him on file in early court records place the date of his birth about the year 1656. This fact is sufficient to prove that he was not a son of Obadiah Read, of Boston, for the latter did not marry until 1664. Unfortun-

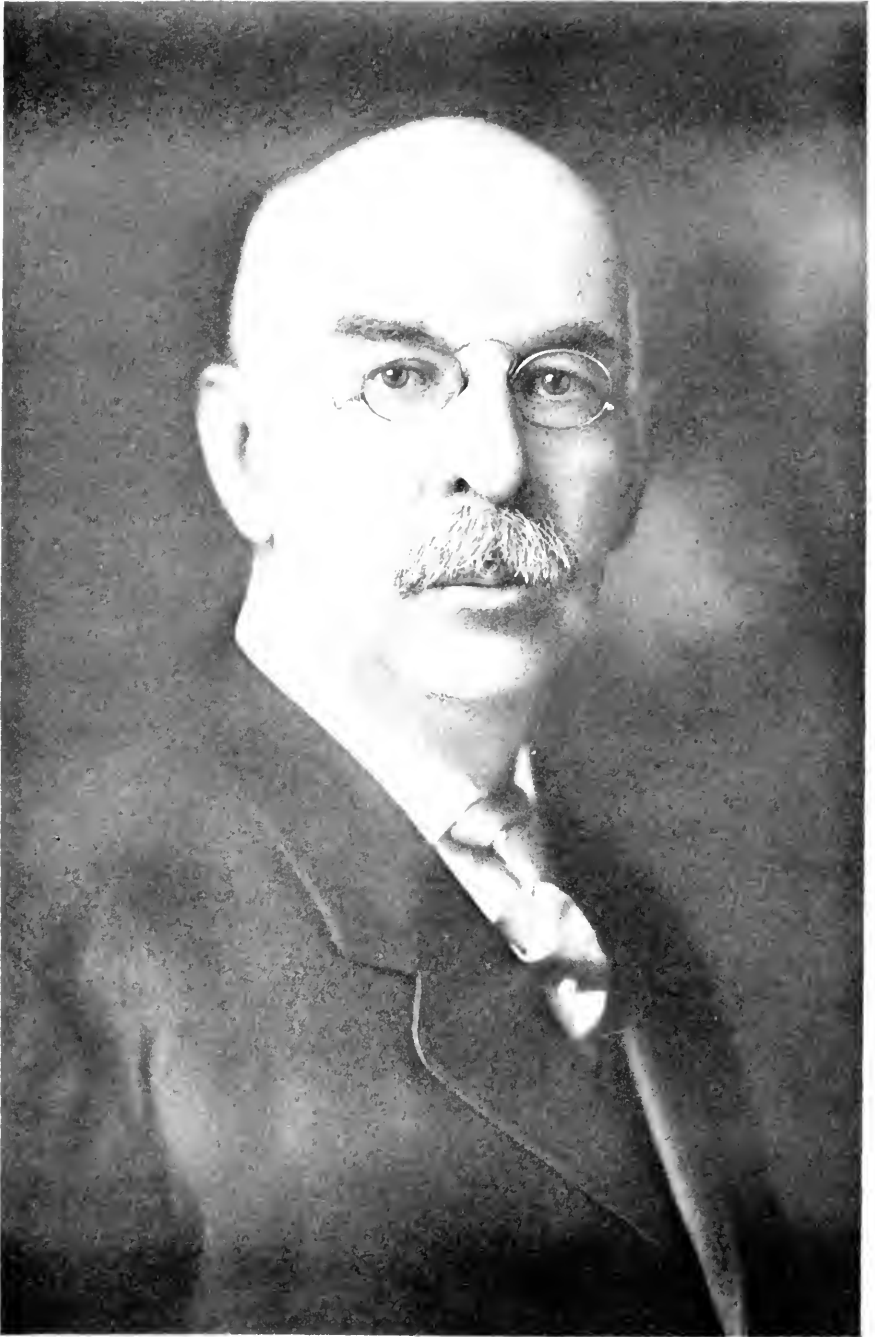
ately, this erroneous statement of Thomas Read's parentage has obtained wide circulation and has been published in several local histories. He was a tailor by trade, and served when a young man in King Philip's War. He was in the force commanded by Major Thomas Savage, of Boston. He was taken prisoner at Hadley, Massachusetts, remaining in confinement for about one month; he received a grant of land for his military service.

(II) William Read, son of Thomas Read, born in Chelmsford, married Hannah Bates, of that town. In 1734 he sold his "message" to his brother Thomas and removed to Litchfield, New Hampshire, which was then in the Province of Massachusetts.

(III) Robert Read, son of William Read, born December 25, 1720, removed with his father to Litchfield and later to Amherst, New Hampshire. He was moderator in 1768, selectman 1761-68, on committee to build a meeting house in 1770, and keeper of the jail in Amherst for many years. He was lieutenant-colonel of the Sixth Regiment of New Hampshire Militia in 1775, but resigned his commission because of dissensions in the regiment, and did not participate in the Revolution as he had desired. He died in Amherst, September 11, 1803. On May 11, 1743, he married Mary, daughter of Ephraim Abbott, of Andover, Massachusetts.

(IV) William (2) Read, son of Robert Read, born in Amherst, August 14, 1754, was a corporal in the Amherst company attached to the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment, and which was afterwards united with Colonel John Stark's command and shared in the defense of Bunker Hill.

(V) Robert (2) Read, son of William (2) Read, born in Amherst, October 18, 1785, died in Nashua, New Hampshire, March 10, 1857. He married, December



*Charles F. Read.*



16, 1818, Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin French, of Dunstable. She died October 18, 1836.

Prominent among his fellow-townsmen, he served three terms in the New Hampshire Legislature as representative for Amherst, and was aide-de-camp to Governor Bell with the rank of colonel, by which title he was generally known. Removing to Nashua, he represented that municipality in the New Hampshire Legislature. He also resided in Manchester, New Hampshire, for some time. He was prominent in business circles, being agent for the Nashua Manufacturing Company, general manager of the Land & Water Power Company of Manchester, and president of the Nashua & Lowell railroad. While connected with the Land & Water Power Company he was active in the laying out of Manchester.

(VI) William (3) Read, son of Robert (2) Read, was born in Amherst, January 29, 1820, and died in Boston, May 6, 1889. He was a physician for more than fifty years, being a graduate of Dartmouth College in the class of 1839, and of the Harvard Medical School in 1842. He resided five years in Lynn, Massachusetts, where he began practice and, afterward in Boston, where he was city physician for several years. As a member of the Boston School Committee he did much to establish the teaching of vocal music in the public schools. He represented Ward Ten of Boston in the Legislature of 1850. He married on June 22, 1843, Sarah Fuller, daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Hull) McLellan. She was born September 18, 1820, and died May 20, 1905. Mrs. Read was a descendant of Hugh McLellan, a Scotch-Irishman who was one of the first settlers of Gorham, Maine, and an elder of the Gorham church. He was a sergeant in the First Massachusetts Regiment under command of Sir William Pepperell in the expedition against Louisburg in 1745. He died in Gorham, January 2,

1787. His son, Alexander McLellan, was captain of the Gorham company in the Revolution, and died on October 4, 1779, of hardships endured by him in the illfated Penobscot expedition of 1779. Isaac McLellan, son of Alexander, was born in Gorham, September 15, 1769, and died in Boston, September 13, 1849. He was a Boston merchant for many years. He married, on March 13, 1805, Eliza, daughter of William and Eliza (Fuller) Hull, of Newton, Massachusetts. William Hull was a lieutenant-colonel in the Revolution, serving during the entire war. He was assistant inspector-general under Baron Steuben, and refused the post of aide-de-camp to Washington, preferring more active service. In the War of 1812 he, as major-general, was commander of the American forces when they surrendered to the British at Detroit, Michigan, on August 16, 1812. This act, which brought on him much undeserved obloquy, has been proven justifiable. The chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution in Newton, Massachusetts, is named the Sarah Hull Chapter, after the wife of the general, and the chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Derby, Connecticut, the birthplace of William Hull, is named the Elizabeth Clark Hull Chapter after his mother, a resident of Brookline, Massachusetts.

(VII) Charles French Read, was educated in the Boston public schools and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; he has been secretary and treasurer of the Class Association of 1874, M. I. T., for many years. He had been in business for many years when in 1899 he was elected clerk and treasurer of the Bostonian Society, which offices he still holds. This society, which has its home in the historic Old State House, was incorporated in 1881 to promote the study of the history of Boston and the preservation of its antiquities; it has now almost twelve hundred members.

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On October 24, 1887, Mr. Read married Mary Bickerstaff, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bickerstaff) Comer. They have two children, both living: A son Harold Comer Read, born in Boston, December 2, 1888; married May 8, 1915, Margaret Frances, daughter of Charles Marshall and Effie (Richardson) Scudder. They have a son, Robert Scudder Read, born March 31, 1917. Their daughter is Edith Bickerstaff Read, born in Brookline, April 23, 1898.

Mr. Read is a member of the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Massachusetts Society of 1812, the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, the Bunker Hill Monument Association, the Bostonian Society, the Brookline Historical Society, the Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society, the Reade Society and the Old School Boys of Boston.

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### **WOODS, John Henry,**

**Ex-Mayor of Holyoke.**

John Henry Woods, the well known real estate broker, newspaper owner and editor and ex-Mayor of Holyoke, son of James and Ellen Woods, both natives of Ireland and later residents in the United States, was born in Mechanicsville, New York, in 1868. His childhood was spent in that city, but while he was still very young his parents moved to Troy, New York, where he spent his youth, and received a good education there in the public schools. Almost immediately after leaving school he entered a real estate and insurance office, but he considered himself too young and inexperienced to start in this line independently. His experience in the office, however, gave him his first insight into business and business principles. Photography interested him greatly and he soon took it up as a study preparatory to doing independent pro-

fessional work. This work became very interesting and his careful study and natural ability made him successful. He discontinued photography to enter the newspaper field and eventually became the owner of the Holyoke "Free Press," which now has the distinction of being the oldest weekly newspaper in Western Massachusetts. In politics Mr. Woods is a Democrat and is a most earnest advocate of the principles and ideals of that party. Besides conducting the activities of his newspaper, Mr. Woods is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, having offices in Holyoke and Springfield, Massachusetts. As mayor of Holyoke for two terms he gave his fellow citizens a good clean government and his term of service was especially noted for its many progressive features.

In October, 1897, Mr. Woods married Agnes Hans, of Baltimore, Maryland, and they have eight children: Florence, Frances, Agnes, Viola, Ruth, John Henry, Jr., Louise and Edmond G. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woods are popular socially. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Holyoke Club, Holyoke Country Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is active in their circles.

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### **STREETER, Philander Alphonso,**

**Master Mechanic.**

Philander Alphonso Streeter, the well known master mechanic, for many years connected with the American Writing Paper Company of Holyoke, is of the eighth generation of the family founded in America by Stephen and Ursula Streeter, of Gloucester, Massachusetts, the line of descent being through their son, Stephen (2) Streeter, his son, John Streeter, his son, James Streeter, his son, James (2) Streeter, his son, Paul Streeter, his son, Benjamin Arnold Streeter, his son, Philander Alphonso Streeter.





*Philander A. Streeter*

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Philander Alphonso Streeter was born in Vernon, Vermont, September 15, 1840, son of Benjamin Arnold Streeter, and a maternal grandson of Uriah B. Green, a colonel in the War of 1812. He was educated in Vernon schools, and for a time was employed on the farm. Later he went to Brattleboro, Vermont, to learn the carriage builder's trade, but when war broke out between the North and South he responded to President Lincoln's call, although much against his employer's wish and strenuous argument; he enlisted in June, 1861, in Company C, Second Regiment, Vermont Volunteer Infantry, his regiment following the Sixth Massachusetts in their tumultuous passage through Baltimore, and being the second regiment to arrive in Washington from the North. He saw hard service with the Sixth under two enlistments, but nearly came to grief in his first battle, through an act of mercy to a wounded comrade which reflects great credit upon him. At the first battle of Bull Run, in a pause of his retirement to aid a wounded comrade, he was taken prisoner by a party of cavalry, whom he and four of his companions thought were Union troopers, but who proved to be Confederates. With many others captured in the same battle, they were sent by rail to Richmond. When disembarked from the freight cars and formed into line, Philander Alphonso Streeter, the young man above referred to, was placed in the van, and at the head of the line entered "Libby Prison," the first Union prisoner of war to enter that converted tobacco warehouse, which was to prove a place of such suffering and woe. He was exchanged at the end of five months, but the change that had taken place in this time was most terrible, and the man of one hundred and sixty-five pounds, on entering, was the skeleton of less than one hundred pounds on leaving. He was sent North and once again recovered his health to such a degree that he

again went to the front and fought until the end. Among his battles were Second Bull Run, the Wilderness, and the battles around Richmond. In addition to being slightly wounded in the furious fighting at the "Bloody Angle," at Spottsylvania, he had several narrow escapes having a number of bullets pass through his clothing, but he returned bronzed and scarred, and had the pleasure of entering Richmond a second time a victor, and not a prisoner.

After the war, Mr. Streeter for a time conducted a carriage repair shop in Vernon, but later went to Poughkeepsie, New York, where until 1871 he was engaged as a carpenter. In 1871 he located in Holyoke, where he was employed by Beebe & Holbrook, paper manufacturers, assisting in building their mill, and continuing in their employ for twelve years. He sustained an injury that for a time caused him to retire from mill work, and he engaged in light farming until entering the Mt. Tom Paper Mill as master mechanic. When that mill was absorbed and became the Parson's division of the American Writing Paper Company, Mr. Streeter continued as master mechanic and served continuously for thirty years, retiring in 1913 from the active performance of his duties. He is a charter member and past commander of Kilpatrick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in political faith is a Republican.

Mr. Streeter married, December 5, 1866, Nettie M. Tracey, born in Delhi, New York, February 2, 1845, daughter of Frederick M. and Susanna (Wood) Tracey. Mrs. Streeter descends from ancient Colonial family, her paternal line Tracey, her maternal line Wood. Through her mother she traces to a great-great-grandfather, Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Her father, Frederick M. Tracey, was of Delaware county, New York, both his ancestors and descend-

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ants being prominent in New York City and State. Three of his sons, Christopher C., Dewitt C., and William W. Tracey, now reside in Brooklyn, and one, Clarence H. Tracey, in Hartford, Connecticut. His four daughters, Mrs. Streeter, Mrs. C. C. Hastings, Mrs. J. A. Dakin, and Miss Maria Tracey, all reside in Holyoke.

While Mr. Streeter was in service, his patriotic wife to be was doing her "bit at home," and in after years Mrs. Streeter, the moving spirit of the Woman's Relief Corps, received every honor the organization could confer. She has held all the offices of the Woman's Relief Corps, and was long the moving spirit in the work as an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic and the mainspring of its successful existence. She has also received honors from the state organization of the Woman's Relief Corps and all during the years of their Holyoke residence both Mr. and Mrs. Streeter have been active in work of these patriotic societies. Mrs. Streeter has for many years been a delegate to the National Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, in various cities of the United States, including Atlantic City, Saratoga Springs, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Buffalo, Springfield, and two conventions in Boston. Among the gifts which came to them on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, there was one from the past department commander of the Woman's Relief Corps and George B. McClellan Camp, Sons of Veterans, and from Kilpatrick Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Streeter have three sons, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, and there is a picture extant showing Mr. Philander A. Streeter, his son, Herbert E. Streeter, his son, Harold Snell Streeter, and his son, Russell Kline Streeter, four living male generations of Streeters. The eldest son, Herbert Ellsworth, born January 7, 1869, see sketch following under separate heading. The second son, Austin Taylor,

born June 28, 1870, see sketch following under separate heading. The youngest son, Oscar Alonzo, was born January 15, 1875, died March 22, 1905; he was a veteran of the United States Regular Army, serving at the time of the Spanish-American War; he married Carrie Meryhoff, and left children: Philip Alonzo, Herbert Edward Irene Nettie. These children and grandchildren are of the ninth and tenth generation of Streeter in New England, the great-grandson, Russell Kline Streeter, of the eleventh in direct male line.

On December 5, 1916, this aged, patriotic couple, in whose beings courses the blood of Colonial patriots and heroes, celebrated their golden wedding day in a way and manner peculiarly appropriate in view of the past war service of both, and in consideration that a dark war cloud was again hovering over their loved land. The decorations of the house included a generous display of "Old Glory" in every room, and in entertaining their guests the patriotic idea predominated, proudly the Civil War relics were displayed; the rings and trinkets carved from meat bones while a prisoner in Libby; the coat cartridge box and blouse he wore in the war; the canteen, still coated with Virginia mud, which he carried, and from which the last drink was taken by a badly wounded Confederate who expressed wonder that an enemy could be so kind. It was a wonderful day, enjoyed not alone by family and intimates, but many members of the patriotic orders of the city with which both host and hostess had been identified since their organization. Many were the beautiful remembrances of the day received by the aged couple, but they gave more than they received, and each guest carried away that intangible something that causes the eye to glisten and the heart to beat faster, and the lesson in patriotism was an inspiration that bore fruit in abundance.

**STREETER, Herbert Ellsworth,****Representative Citizen.**

Herbert Ellsworth Streeter, of Springfield, Massachusetts, general manager of The Swedish Gage Company, Incorporated, with offices in Montreal, Canada, is a son of Philander Alphonso and Nettie M. (Tracey) Streeter, and was born in Lagrange, Dutchess county, New York, January 7, 1869. He was but three years old when his parents took up their residence in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and there he received his education in the public schools. He then entered the Holyoke Machine Company, to learn the machinist's trade, continuing there for a time, and later entered the Dean Steam Pump Works. In 1895 he went to Utica, New York, where he followed his trade for a period of sixteen years, proving his proficiency to such a degree that he was advanced from time to time, ultimately being given charge of one of the important manufacturing plants of that city. In 1906 he removed to Springfield, Massachusetts, and for two years held a position in the United States Armory, and for eleven years afterward was connected with the Smith & Wesson Arms Company.

In 1908, Mr. Streeter became associated with the Package Machinery Company, taking a position as traveling salesman, and continuing with them for three years, up to 1911. His next position was with The International Tool Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, whom he represented for the following two years. His twenty-five years' association with the machinist trade, rising from the position of that of the average machinist to that of superintendent of a large plant, and his subsequent positions in representing large builders of machinery in different sections of the country, had placed him among the best known experts in the world of machinery; thus it was that in

1913 he attained to the position of general manager of the Canadian business of The Swedish Gage Company, Incorporated, with offices at Montreal, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world, selling agents of precision tools, more especially the world renowned "Johansson Gages," which are the only gages measuring one one-thousandth, one ten-thousandth and one one hundred-thousandth of an inch. Mr. Streeter has charge of the entire business of the Canadian branch of this Company, his territory extending from Halifax to Winnipeg, and in addition to his position as manager, he is one of the directors of this corporation, and he has exercised a potent influence in its affairs. Besides holding these positions, he has personally placed the goods of his concern with many of the largest concerns in the Canadian Province. Mr. Streeter is a member of the Engineers' Club of Montreal, and of the Commercial Travelers' Club.

Mr. Streeter married, March 11, 1891, Hannah Lang, daughter of John and Sarah (Simmons) Lang, of Lambertville, New Jersey. Children: 1. Harold Snell, born February 28, 1892; with Barney & Berry Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts; married Myrtle Kline, of Springfield; one child, Russell Kline, born December 13, 1914. 2. Maud Lang, born July 1, 1894. 3. Chester Allen, born September 22, 1897. 4. Eleanor Ruth, died in infancy. 5. Dorothy Beatrice, born July 8, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Streeter and family are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and while Mr. Streeter's business interests are in Canada, he maintains his home in Springfield, Massachusetts, and never for a moment loses interest in the United States and the principles embodied in the Stars and Stripes.

**STREETER, Austin Taylor,**  
**Engineer.**

A well known and highly esteemed man in his home town of West Springfield is Austin Taylor Streeter, engineer on the Boston & Albany Railroad, whose name heads this article. He has been for a number of years a resident of West Springfield, where he is interested in the promotion of the community.

Austin Taylor Streeter is the son of Philander Alphonso and Nettie M. (Tracey) Streeter, was born June 28, 1870, in LAGRANGE, Dutchess county, New York. He was a child when his parents moved to Holyoke, Massachusetts. His education was received in the public schools of that place, and when the time came for him to choose an occupation he became an electrician. For a time Mr. Streeter was in business for himself in Northampton, Massachusetts, but eventually decided to become a locomotive engineer. Accordingly, on June 15, 1899, he became a fireman on the Boston & Albany Railroad, and at the end of three years was promoted to the position of engineer. He began as the engineer of a freight train, but was advanced step by step, until he reached the highest point in that service, that of engineer of a passenger train, which position he has since held. The political principles of Mr. Streeter are those advocated by the Republican party, but he has never had either time or inclination for office-seeking or office-holding. His only fraternal association is with the Brotherhood of Firemen and Locomotive Engineers. He and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Streeter married, March 3, 1894, in Holyoke, Martha Henrietta Voigt, and they are the parents of four sons: 1. Edwin William, born April 9, 1895; now enlisted in the hospital corps of the Second Regiment, Massachusetts National

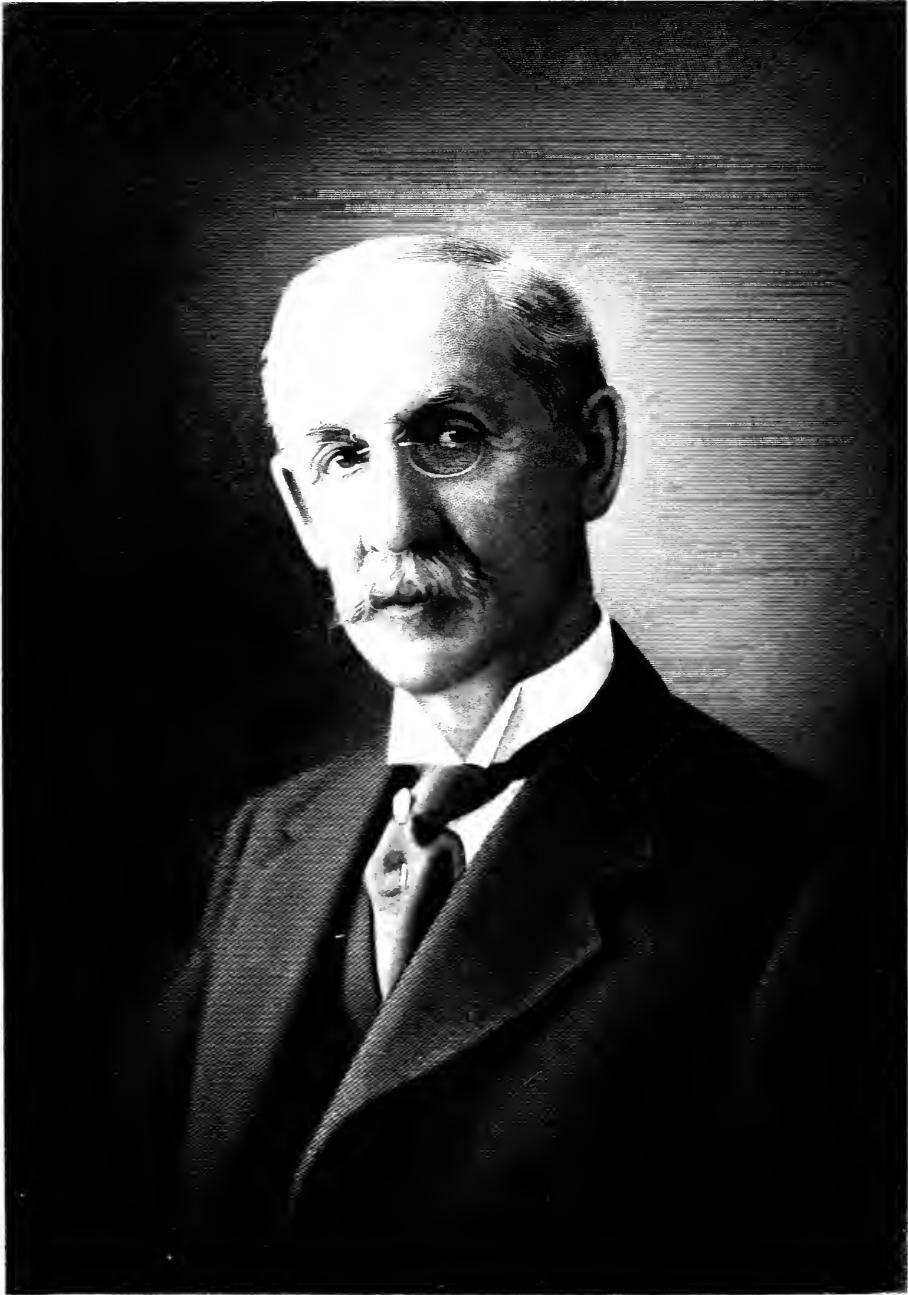
Guard; sailed for France, September 25, 1917. 2. Henry Philip, born March 13, 1899; now in the Third National Bank of Springfield. 3. Albert Austin, born August 24, 1902; now attending the West Springfield High School. 4. Kenneth Voigt, born July 8, 1906. The first and second of these sons were born in Holyoke and the third and fourth in West Springfield. Three of them are still (1917) at home with their parents. Mr. Streeter is a man devoted to the ties of family and friendship. He and his wife, who has ever been, in all senses of the word, a true helpmeet, are the centre of a circle of warmly attached friends.

Christian Adolph Voigt, father of Mrs. Martha Henrietta (Voigt) Streeter, was born October 18, 1837, in Querfurt, Germany, and in 1862 emigrated to the United States. His business was that of a jeweller and watchmaker, and he was a resident of Boston, later of Holyoke, where he carried on business for thirty years, until his death, August 12, 1910, at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. Voigt married, January 1, 1866, in Boston, Johanna Henrietta Regestein, who was born May 18, 1838, in the city of Weisenfels, Germany, and their children were: Augustus Adolph, born October 26, 1866, died September 27, 1867; Emma Wilhelmina, born November 2, 1867, wife of Franklin A. Snyder, of Holyoke, Massachusetts; Martha Henrietta, born May 25, 1869, in Boston, became the wife of Austin Taylor Streeter, as stated above; and Frank William, born May 20, 1875, now living in New York City. The widow of Mr. Voigt resides in West Springfield, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Streeter.

**METCALF FAMILY.**

Among the men of Holyoke whose memory will ever be held in reverence should be mentioned Joseph Metcalf, who gave many years of his life to the found-

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TILDEN FOUNDATION



Joseph Metcalf



ing and development of the Farr Alpaca Company, now the giant textile company of that city. Plans for the founding were first laid in 1874 by Joseph Metcalf, and his brother-in-law, Herbert M. Farr, who was then owner of a small woolen mill in Hespeler, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Metcalf had just resigned the treasurership of the Great Western Railway Company, and the two men proposed to locate a new industry at Bellows Falls, Vermont, their plans comprehending the line of manufacture which is followed by the Farr Alpaca Company, greatest of the manufacturing institutions of Holyoke. Inducements were offered to locate the new plant at Holyoke; officials of the Holyoke Water Company, and Daniel H. Newton and his brother, John C. Newton, then large contractors, all joined in the effort to bring the company to Holyoke, the Newton brothers erecting the company's first mill. The Farr Alpaca Company started very modestly, the first meeting being held to perfect an organization, November 3, 1873, at the old Holyoke House, the officers then elected being: Jared Beebe, president; Herbert M. Farr, treasurer; Jared Beebe, J. C. Parsons, Herbert M. Farr, Anderson Allyn, Joseph Metcalf, George Randall and Timothy Merrick, directors.

The capital stock was placed at \$350,000, which was disposed of with difficulty, those who bought it, however, reaping a rich reward. Its present capitalization is \$7,200,000. Three thousand operatives are employed; seven thousand three hundred and eighty-eight horse power turns three thousand four hundred looms and runs the plant; the company's annual payroll is over \$2,000,000; fifty-one miles of cloth are woven daily, and six million pounds of wool are used annually. A profit sharing plan of eight per cent. on the profits of the company is annually

paid to each of the three thousand operatives who have been throughout more than one year in their employ; this amount for the past few years has been about \$150,000. Holyoke would not be Holyoke without the Farr Alpaca Company. The financial genius of the company was Joseph Metcalf, who soon after its organization became treasurer, while Herbert M. Farr became the manufacturing head. It was Mr. Metcalf's management and foresight which made the company great, and it is a worthy monument to his ability and public spirit. When he was called to his reward, his mantle fell upon his son, who is now the able financial head of the company.

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#### **METCALF, Joseph,**

##### **Organizer, Manufacturer.**

Joseph Metcalf was a descendant of Adam de Mefikalf, who resided in Yorkshire, England, in 1278, that ancient worthy claiming descent from Arkefrith, the Dane, who came to England, in 1016, with King Canute. Tradition says that the early men of the family were noted for their great size and strength. Whitaker in his "History of Craven," says the name is from the old Saxon "Mechalgh," signifying "Men of Mec's Land."

Joseph Metcalf was born in Hunslet, Yorkshire, England, March 24, 1841, and died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, November 16, 1916. When very young his father met with an accident which destroyed his eyesight, and with an aunt and his elder brother he came to America, locating in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where he attended school until fifteen years of age. He then entered the office service of the Great Western Railway Company, and so rapid was his rise that at the age of twenty-six, in 1867, eleven years after his beginning his service, he was chosen

treasurer of the company, an honor never before held by anyone outside of England, where the stock was entirely held. This promotion came purely on the merits of his ability, and for seven years he served in this capacity, then resigned, and with his brother-in-law, Herbert M. Farr, who was the owner of a small woolen mill in Hestter, Ontario, came to Holyoke and formed the Farr Alpaca Company. From the year 1874 until his death, in 1916, he was the guiding genius of that company, and to him Holyoke owes a wonderful institution and potent factor in her growth. The great business grew at his command and has brought prosperity in its wake, stockholders and operatives sharing liberally in the gain which has arisen. The profit sharing plan with the employees was designed and developed by him, and it is a model of fairness and generosity. Mr. Metcalf was also a director of the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of the National Woolen Manufacturers' Association, of the Holyoke City Hospital, and of the Public Library; vice-president of the Home Market Club; member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Holyoke Canoe Club. He took a deep interest in the philanthropies of the city and gave liberally to all. The Joseph Metcalf public school was named in appreciation of his liberal giving, and the splendid collection of pictures in the school, costing over \$3,000, are from his generous hand.

Mr. Metcalf married, in January, 1868, at Hamilton, Canada, Clara Wheeler Farr, daughter of Marshall H. Farr, a leading railroad contractor, who built much of the Grand Trunk Railroad. Mrs. Metcalf survives her husband with children: Frank H., of further mention; Howard Farr, of further mention; Gertrude, born January 20, 1876, became the wife of Addison L. Green, and has chil-

dren: Clarissa, Gertrude and Marshall Green. Mr. Metcalf is buried in Forestdale Cemetery.

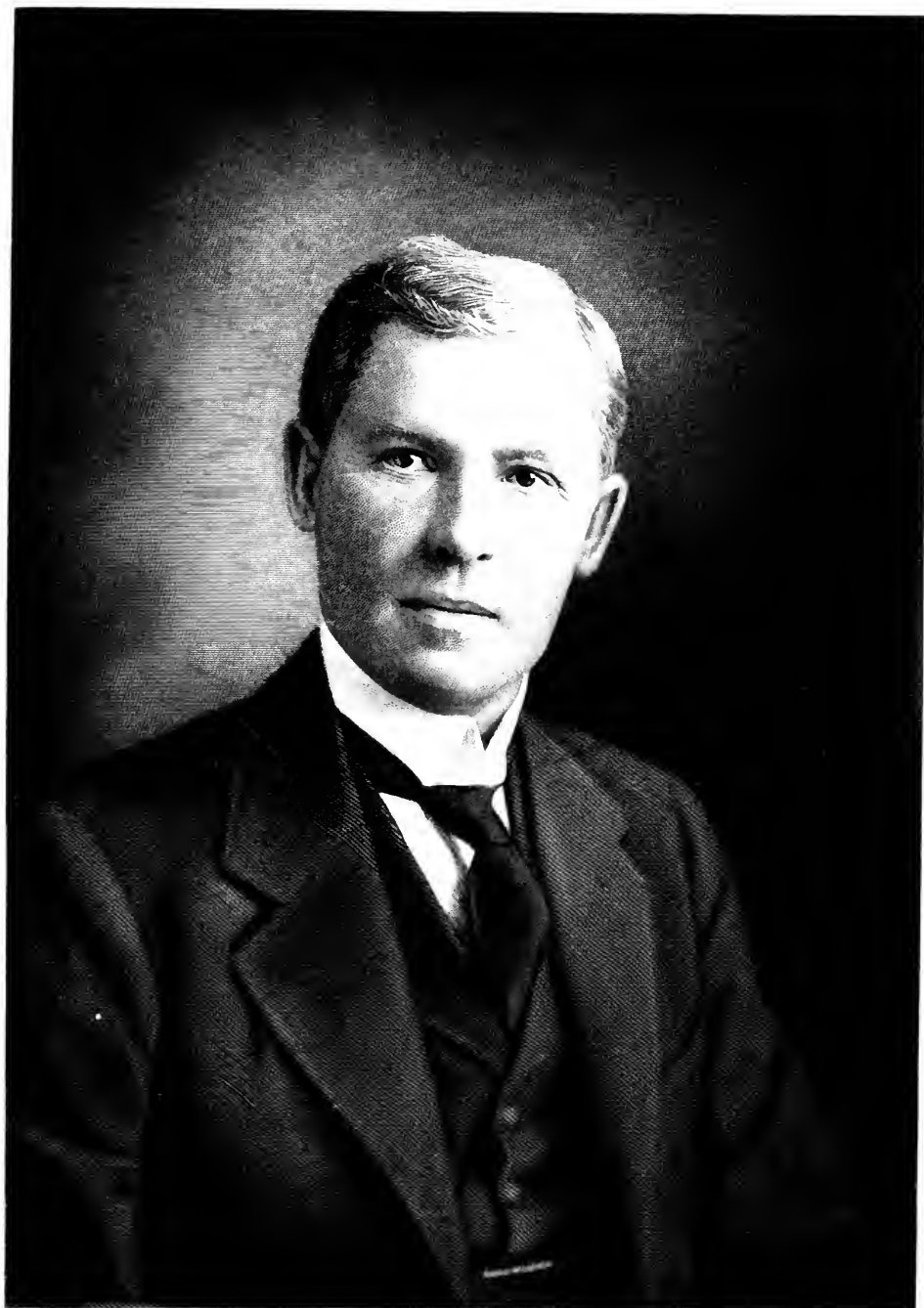
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### **METCALF, Frank H.,**

**Treasurer of Farr Alpaca Company.**

Frank H. Metcalf, eldest son of Joseph and Clara Wheeler (Farr) Metcalf, was born October 9, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of Holyoke, and after leaving High School he entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, but a severe illness interrupted his course, and after recovery he did not return to the Institute. Instead, he entered the employ of the Farr Alpaca Company, founded by his father and uncle, and at the very bottom of the ladder began his long connection with the company. He began as a wool sorter, then entered the machine shop as repair man, becoming familiar with these departments before entering upon office work. He rose through various promotions to the position of assistant agent, then as assistant treasurer became his father's close business associate. He continued in the latter office until the death of his father in 1916, then was chosen to succeed him as treasurer. He is also president of the Holyoke Valve and Hydrant Company; director of the Hadley Falls National Bank, of the Holyoke Savings Bank, the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Springfield, the Morris Plan Bank of Holyoke, National Association of Wool Manufacturers, Public Library, Holyoke City Hospital, and the Clarke School of Northampton. His standing in the business world is among the leaders, and there has been no honor come to him undeserved.

Although a man of large business interests, Mr. Metcalf has his favored recreations and pleasures, chief of which is the oversight of his finely stocked farm at



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South Hadley. Holsteins are his favorites and on the farm are many costly specimens of this noted breed of cattle. He has delved deep into the history of the Connecticut Valley, and is an authority on its Indian lore, tradition and early history. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Society for the Advancement of Science, Home Market Club of Boston. He is a member of the various bodies of Masonry; is a noble of the Mystic Shrine; member of the Knights of Pythias; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; American Protective Tariff League; Children's Aid Association, of which he is president, director and chairman, and of Holyoke District Nurses' Association, and is interested and takes part in all charitable works.

Mr. Metcalf married, May 23, 1894, Mabel A. Warner, born in Northampton, Massachusetts, April 27, 1869, daughter of Lewis and Lusanna (Pratt) Warner. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Lewis, born February 10, 1895, married, April 23, 1916, Edward Lyman Allen, of Burlington, Vermont, and they are the parents of a daughter, Juliette, born June 20, 1917. Mrs. Metcalf is the regent of Mercy Warner Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Springfield; member of the Woman's City Club of Boston; member of Robert Morris Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots; Humboldt Lodge, Pythian Sisters; vice-chairman of the Holyoke Red Cross, and actively interested in all kinds of woman's work in her city. Mrs. Metcalf is a descendant of Ebenezer and Mary (Gerrald) Warner, the line of descent being through their son, John Warner, and his wife, Margaret (Sykes) Warner; their son, John (2) Warner, born in Springfield,

Massachusetts, about 1756, died December 24, 1807, a minute-man of the Revolution, registered in the Springfield Company under Major Andrew Colton; he married Mary Ward. The line continues through their son, Thomas Warner, and his wife, Sarah (Hartong) Warner; their son, Lewis Warner, and his wife, Lusanna (Pratt) Warner, they the parents of Mabel A. Warner, wife of Frank H. Metcalf. Lusanna (Pratt) Warner was a descendant of Matthew Pratt, of further mention on another page.

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**METCALF, Howard Farr, Ph.B.,**

**Agent of Farr Alpaca Company.**

Howard Farr Metcalf, the second son of Joseph Metcalf, is also associated with the great business founded by his father, The Farr Alpaca Company, of Holyoke, having been appointed agent of this great corporation February, 1918. He came to his present position after years of training, beginning as a chemist, for which branch he had made special preparation by a complete college course. He soon passed to the superintendent's office, and there and as assistant-agent gained the experience and expert knowledge of the business which particularly fitted him for promotion to the important post he now fills.

Howard Farr Metcalf, second son of Joseph and Clara Wheeler (Farr) Metcalf, was born at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, June 18, 1873, and when a child came to Massachusetts. After public school courses were completed he attended St. Paul's School at Concord and Phillips Exeter School, going thence to the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, at New Haven, Connecticut. At Sheffield he pursued courses in mechanical engineering, and later specialized in chemistry, returning for a post-graduate

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course, and receiving his degree Ph.B., class of 1896. Another year was spent in New York City in the study of chemistry with particular regard to its relation to textile manufacturing. In 1899, Mr. Metcalf entered the service of the Farr Alpaca Company, of Holyoke, as chemist, later becoming superintendent of the plant at Holyoke, holding that position until 1917. He was then made assistant to the agent, and a year later was appointed agent. His other important business connections are with the Holyoke National Bank, in 1905; and also the Chapin National Bank of Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1906, both of which he has since served as a director. He is also a member of the Society of Chemical Industry, an English organization of especial interest to men engaged in the textile industry. In his recreations, Mr. Metcalf strongly favors yachting and golf, although all out-of-door pastimes appeal to him. He was one of the organizers of the Mt. Tom Golf Club, and is at present a member of the board of managers; is a member of the Holyoke Country, Holyoke Canoe, Oxford Country, Springfield Country, and Boston Yacht clubs; Boston Athletic Association and the Yale Club of New York City. In religious preference he is an Episcopalian, and in political faith a Republican.

Mr. Metcalf married, June 18, 1902, Rose B. Heywood, of Holyoke, Massachusetts. She was a graduate of Vassar College in 1897. She is a daughter of Charles Harvey Heywood, and a descendant of John Heywood, of London, England, who settled in Concord, Massachusetts, where he was admitted a freeman in 1670, died January 11, 1707. The line of descent is through the founder's son; Deacon John Heywood, of Concord; his son, Deacon Samuel Heywood, of Concord; his son, Captain Amos Heywood, born in 1719,

who settled at Holden, Massachusetts, Ensign and Captain of Militia, 1763-71, married Mary Buttrick, of Concord, of the same family as Major Buttrick, who commanded the Americans at the Concord fight; their eldest son, Daniel Heywood, born July 2, 1744; his son, Alpheus Heywood; his son, Charles Harvey Heywood, married Caroline Ellen Marsh; their daughter, Rose B. Heywood, married Howard Farr Metcalf. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf are the parents of a son, Joseph Metcalf, born August 3, 1903.

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### PRATT FAMILY.

Matthew Pratt, ancestor of many of the name is referred to by Cotton Mather in his *Magnalia* as a very religious man. The name Pratt appears more frequently upon the records of Weymouth, Massachusetts, than any other and at the present date there are many Pratt residents there. They are descendants of the original Matthew Pratt, the first of the name to settle there, his name being upon the first recorded list. Matthew Pratt may have been a near relative of Phineas Pratt, a member of the Weston Colony of 1622, but there is no connection shown from any record nor with Aaron Pratt, of Cohasset, except by marriage, nor with any of the Pratts who were among the early New England settlers. Like many other families of Old Weymouth, a town whose permanent settlement by the Gorges Company dates about August 1, 1623, next after Plymouth, in the Massachusetts Bay territory, its origin is lost with the records of the company. Matthew Pratt died August 29, 1672. His wife is believed to have been Elizabeth Bate. They were the parents of: Thomas, Matthew, John, Samuel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary.

Samuel Pratt, son of Matthew Pratt,



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the founder, died in Weymouth, Massachusetts, in 1678, having been like his brothers prominent in town affairs and a land owner of frequent mention in the records. He married, July 19, 1660, Hannah Rogers. Children: Judith, John, Hannah, Mary, Samuel (2), of further mention; Experience, Ebenezer.

Samuel (2) Pratt, son of Samuel (1) and Hannah (Rogers) Pratt, was born in Weymouth, November 15, 1670, died August 11, 1728. Shortly after the birth of his eldest child, he moved to Taunton, Massachusetts, having land in that part of the town known as Norton. He was a man of prominence, owned a large estate and seems to have had a share in all divisions up to 1714. He married Patience Chard, born in 1675, died January 8, 1735. They had children: Judith, Samuel, Josiah, Jonathan, Benjamin, of further mention; Peter, Paul, Hannah, Patience.

Captain Benjamin Pratt, son of Samuel (2) and Patience (Chard) Pratt, was born in Norton, Massachusetts, in 1705, died in Mansfield, June 29, 1785. He was a soldier and was always known as "Captain," but there is no record of his having actually having held that rank. He married, January 22, 1729, Mary Turner. Children: Wealthy, Mary, Katherine, Sarah, Solomon, of further mention; Jebel.

Solomon Pratt, son of Captain Benjamin and Mary (Turner) Pratt, was a resident of Mansfield, Massachusetts, and died November 6, 1776. He married, May 13, 1767, Hannah White or Hues, who survived him. They were the parents of: Benjamin, Solomon, Jonathan, of further mention; Hannah.

Jonathan Pratt, son of Solomon and Hannah (White or Hues) Pratt, was born in Mansfield, Massachusetts, May 13, 1773, died at Pelham, Massachusetts, April 16, 1846. He married, March 19,

1794, Abigail Phillips, born May 5, 1776, died October 16, 1861, daughter of John and Priscilla Phillips. Children: Solomon, born at Attleboro, November 8, 1797; Benjamin, February 1, 1800, died May 8, 1852; John, born September 3, 1802, died September 8, 1850; Luke, of further mention; Betsey Bishop, born August 29, 1807, died February 8, 1880; Polly, born February 11, 1810, died September 19, 1830; William Foster, born September 14, 1812, died September 9, 1882; Olney Paine, born October 5, 1815; Hannah, died young; Aseaneth, died young. All but the two first children were born in Mendon.

Luke Pratt, son of Jonathan and Abigail (Phillips) Pratt, was born in Mendon, April 6, 1805, died in Springfield, Massachusetts, January 3, 1885. He married, September 15, 1829, Eliza, daughter of Russell and Betsey (Pratt) Sage, of Saybrook, Connecticut. Children: Sophia Amelia, born June 29, 1830, died November 29, 1849; Sarah Frances, born May 13, 1832, married Frederick S. Strong, of Coventry, Connecticut; Benjamin Olney, born June 24, 1834; Harriet Eliza, born October 13, 1837, married James M. Bly, of Chicopee Falls; Charles Foster, born December 28, 1839, died October 28, 1849; Lusanna Phillips, of further mention.

Lusanna Phillips Pratt, youngest child of Luke and Eliza (Sage) Pratt, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 6, 1842. She married, November 22, 1866, Lewis Warner; they the parents of Mabel A. Warner, wife of Frank H. Metcalf.

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### DICKINSON, Marquis Fayette, Prominent Lawyer. <sup>J</sup>

Marquis Fayette Dickinson, Jr., was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, January

16, 1840, the oldest son of Marquis F. and Hannah (Williams) Dickinson.

His education was obtained in the schools and academy of Amherst, also in the academy at Monson, and Williston Seminary at Easthampton, graduating there in 1858. That fall he entered Amherst College, and studied so diligently that he was graduated in 1862 with one of the three highest commencement honors. From 1862 to 1865 he taught classics at Williston Seminary; the next two years he studied law at Springfield and the Harvard Law School, and later with George S. Hillard. He took a high stand from the first, and was Assistant United States Attorney from 1869 to 1871. He then became a member of the law firm of Hillard, Hyde & Dickinson, afterward well and honorably known as Hyde, Dickinson & Howe, and later Dickinson & Dickinson. He was counsel for the West End Street Railway, and director and counsel for the Metropolitan Steamship Company and other corporations. In 1871 Mr. Dickinson became a member of the Boston Common Council, and the next year was president of that body. Since 1872 he has been a trustee of Williston Seminary, and one of the overseers of the charity fund of Amherst College since 1877. He has also been a trustee of the Boston Public Library, the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and lecturer on law as applied to rural affairs, in the Massachusetts Agricultural College; and trustee of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital. Mr. Dickinson is the author of "Legislation on the Hours of Labor" (1871), and "Amherst Centennial Address" (1876). His strength is mainly devoted to the engrossing duties of his law business, a large part of his time during the months when the courts are in session being spent in the trial of causes. He is a director of the American

Congregational Association, member of the American Bar Association (vice-president and member of executive committee), International Law Association, Phi Beta Kappa, and of the following clubs: Amherst, Algonquin, University, Boston Art, Rural, Brookline, Thursday.

On November 23, 1864, Mr. Dickinson married Cecelia R., adopted daughter of Samuel and Emily (Graves) Williston. Of their three children Charles alone survives. The deceased were Williston and Florence. Mr. Dickinson has also adopted as his own the daughter of a deceased sister.

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**BATES, John Lewis,**

**Lawyer.**

John Lewis Bates was born at North Easton, Massachusetts, September 18, 1859, son of Lewis Benton and Louisa Dary (Field) Bates. His father, a native of Easton, Massachusetts, is a prominent Methodist clergyman of Boston; his mother was a daughter of Leonard and Lemira B. Field. By both lines, he is of New England colonial stock, being directly descended from Clement Bates, who settled at Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1635, and from Rev. John Rogers, a martyr of Queen Mary's time. He was educated in the schools of Millville, New Bedford, Taunton, Chelsea and Boston, where his father was successively settled as pastor, and was graduated at Boston University in 1882. His professional studies were made in the law school of the university, and during this period, as well as a part of his college course, he taught in evening schools. Also for a year after his graduation, he taught a school at Jamestown, New York. He completed the three years' course of law in two years, and being admitted to the bar in 1885, he entered upon a successful law

practice, which, with his constant activity in politics, made him favorably prominent in his city and state. For two terms (1891-92) he served in the Boston common council, and for six years (1894-99) was a member of the lower house of the state legislature. He was speaker during the last three years; a member of committees on insurance and corporation laws (1894-95), chairman of insurance in 1895, and on metropolitan affairs, and in 1896 chairman on committee on bills in third reading and on metropolitan affairs. In the speakership, an office to which he was three times unanimously elected, he greatly distinguished himself as a master of parliamentary procedure and for his exceptional ability in maintaining order and dispatching business. He also added to his reputation as an able orator and keen debater. In the autumn of 1899 he was elected lieutenant-governor on the Republican ticket, headed by Hon. W. Murray Crane, and was formally sworn into office on January 4, 1900. He served as lieutenant-governor until 1902; was governor of Massachusetts, 1903-04. Throughout his career Mr. Bates has been deeply active in all movements for the benefit of the masses and the enactment of more equitable laws, and in 1893-94 was president of the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity; the Odd Fellows; the United Order of the Pilgrim Fathers, of which he was for three years (1892-95) supreme governor, and several other fraternal and benevolent organizations. Among positions of trust and honor held by him may be mentioned a directorship in the Columbia Trust Company; a trusteeship in the Wildey Savings Bank and in the Boston University.

On July 12, 1887, Mr. Bates was married to Clara Elizabeth, daughter of Sam-

uel C. and Julia Smith, of Jamestown, New York. Of their three children, John Harold and Dorothy are living.

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**BATES, Katherine Lee,**

**Author and Educator.**

Katherine Lee Bates was born at Falmouth, Massachusetts, August 12, 1859, daughter of William and Diantha (Lee) Bates. Her father was a Congregational minister, the son of Rev. Joshua Bates, D. D., the erudite president of Middlebury College, Vermont. She was educated at the primary and grammar schools of Falmouth, where her eagerness to learn made her an apt pupil. In her thirteenth year she accompanied her mother to Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, and entered the high school of Wellesley, taking a diploma there in 1874. The family subsequently making their home at Newtonville, Miss Bates studied in the high school of that place as well, and from there entered Wellesley College, when her literary work began. She was class poet, and also received two prizes for poems, the first a Latin boat-song and the other some English verses. Her stories and sketches written during this period were published in the Springfield "Republican" as well as in local publications. One of her poems was printed during her junior year in the "Atlantic Monthly." After her graduation, in 1880, she taught mathematics, classics and English in the Natick high school for one year, and from 1881 until 1885 taught classics in Dana Hall Preparatory School, in Wellesley. In the latter year she was appointed instructor in English literature at Wellesley College, and two years later became associate professor. In 1889 she went to Europe and spent fifteen months in foreign study, after which she returned to Wellesley College to fill the chair of

professor of English literature. Throughout a busy career Miss Bates has necessarily made her literary work subordinate to her other employment, but has never entirely resisted her natural impulse to write. She has been a frequent contributor of verse and prose to the "Century," "Independent," "New England Magazine," "Youths Companion," "Wide Awake" and other magazines. In 1889 she won a prize of \$30 for a quatrain contributed to the "Magazine of Poetry," and in the same year was awarded a \$700 prize for a juvenile story entitled "Rose and Thorn," which, in the next year, was followed by a second book of the same description, "Hermit Island." In 1887 and 1890 respectively the Wellesley alumni published privately, for the benefit of a college fund, "The College Beautiful and Other Poems" and "Sunshine and Other Verses for Children"; the poem from which the second volume takes its title having also been awarded a prize in a competition. Her other independent works are: "The English Religious Drama," a series of college lectures (1893) and "American Literature" (1897); "Mabie's Norse Stories," 1901; "Keats' The Eve of St. Agnes and other Poems," 1902; "English History as Told by English Poets" (with Katharine Coman), 1902; Lenox Edition of "Hawthorne's Romances," 1902; Ruskin's "King of the Golden River," 1903; "Early Poems of Alice and Phoebe Cary," 1903; Tennyson's "Princess," 1904; "Selections from Tennyson's Idylls of the King," 1905; Hawthorne's "Our Old Home," 1906; Sophie Jewett's "The Heart of a Boy," 1912; Sophie Jewett's "Folksong of Southern Europe," 1913; Heywood's "A Woman Killed with Kindness," and "The Fair Maid of the West" (Belles Lettres Series), 1915. Translator (with Cornelia Frances Bates) "Becquer's Ro-

mantic Legends of Spain," 1909. Besides these writings, Miss Bates has prepared a number of works in connection with her educational labors. She edited Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" (1888); "A Ballad Book," (1890); "The Merchant of Venice" (1894); "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (1895); and "As You Like It," (1896), and compiled "A Wedding Day Book" (1880). She has earned a reputation as one of the most scholarly of American woman writers.

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**BLAKE, Henry Nichols,**

**Civil War Soldier, Jurist.**

Henry Nichols Blake was born in Boston, Massachusetts, June 5, 1838, son of James Howe and Mary (Nichols) Blake, and a descendant of William Blake, who emigrated from England to Massachusetts in 1630, and became one of the prominent factors in the early history of Dorchester.

He was educated in the Dorchester high school, and in 1858 was graduated from the law school at Harvard College with the degree of LL.B. He then began the practice of his profession in Boston, but when the first call for volunteers was made in April, 1861, he enlisted in the Eleventh Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, and served for three years, attaining the rank of captain. He participated in twenty of the battles in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged, was slightly wounded at the first battle of Bull Run, and was so severely wounded in the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864, that his injuries unfitted him for further service. In 1866 he removed to Virginia City, Montana, and entered upon the practice of law. He was editor of the "Montana Post" from August, 1866, to January, 1867, and about the same time published "Three Years in

the Army." On April 22, 1869, he was appointed United States Attorney for Montana Territory, but resigned this position in March, 1871, in order to accept that of attorney for the First Judicial District of the Territory, tendered him by the governor. In 1871 he was elected by the people to succeed himself, and being appointed reporter of the Supreme Court decrees, January 9, 1872, prepared the first volume of Montana Report, and assisted in the preparation of volumes two and three. In 1874 he was elected a member of the Montana Legislative Assembly, but resigned from that body on being appointed August 10, 1875, Associate Justice of the Territorial Supreme Court, an office he held until March 2, 1880. He was again a member of the Legislature in 1880, 1882, and 1886; was appointed Chief Justice of the Territory, March, 1889; and being elected to the same position at the first State election in October following, remained on the Supreme bench until January, 1893. He was president of the Montana Bar Association, 1888. In religion a Unitarian, in politics a Republican.

Justice Blake was married, January 27, 1870, to Clara J., daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary (Choate) Clark, of Massachusetts.

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**CHEEVER, David Williams,**

**Surgeon, Professional Instructor.**

David Williams Cheever was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, November 30, 1831, son of Charles Augustus and Adeline (Haven) Cheever. He is a descendant in the seventh generation of Ezekiel Cheever. His grandfather, Abijah Cheever, was a graduate of Harvard College (1779), and one of the first surgeons in the American navy: his father

was also a Harvard graduate (1813), and a successful physician in New Hampshire.

David W. Cheever was graduated at Harvard College in 1852, and at the Harvard Medical School in 1858. After about three years of practice at Boston he received appointment as Demonstrator of Anatomy for his *alma mater*, and held the position for six years. He was then appointed Assistant Professor of Anatomy; in 1868 became Adjunct Professor of Clinical Surgery; in 1875, Professor of Clinical Surgery, and in 1882, Professor of Surgery. He held the latter position until 1893, when he retired with the title of Professor Emeritus. Dr. Cheever has been an overseer of Harvard University since 1902; was senior surgeon of the Boston City Hospital, and Emeritus Surgeon since 1913, and an ex-president of the Massachusetts Medical Society. Dr. Cheever is senior fellow of the American Surgical Association, a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and his clubs are: St. Botolph and Athletic. He was at one time editor of the "Boston Medical and Surgical Journal," and is author of "Medical and Surgical Reports of City Hospital" (5 vols.), "Lectures on Surgery," and of a number of articles and monographs. His wife was Annie C. Nichols, of Boston, Massachusetts.

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**PIDGIN, Charles Felton,**

**Statistician, Inventor and Author.**

Charles Felton Pidgin was born at Roxbury, Massachusetts, November 11, 1844, son of Benjamin Gorham and Mary Elizabeth (Felton) Pidgin. His father was an undertaker by profession; his mother was the daughter of Joshua and Hepzibeth (Skinner) Felton. He was educated in the Boston public schools, and upon being graduated at the Quincy Grammar

School and at the English High School he secured the Franklin medal on both occasions. In 1864 he became a book-keeper for a manufacturing firm, and after two other employments in 1873 he was appointed secretary of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and three years later chief clerk of the bureau, a position he was holding in 1901. He prepared the schedules and superintended the tabulations of the Massachusetts state censuses for 1875, 1885 and 1895, and in this line of effort has invented many new methods and machines, among them self-counting tally sheets (1875); and adding machine (1882); the electrical adding and multiplying machine (1883), which has been in constant use since that time; a special machine for the tabulation of punched cards (1885); the chip system (1886) by means of which 144 columns of figures can be added at a time; and the electrical typewriter tabulator (1900), with a capacity for registering 540 different points at each handling of the schedules. He published, in 1888, "Practical Statistics, or, The Statistician at Work," a hand-book for statisticians, and later was engaged in preparing a new and revised edition for the press. He also delivered numerous lectures upon statistical subjects before the Boston Scientific Society, the Parker Memorial Society, the New England Chautauquan Association and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Pidgin has always shown literary talent, and has contributed many poems and prose articles to the press. He has been connected editorially with the Boston "Daily Times" and "Daily News," and as a writer with the New York "Arcadian," the Philadelphia "Sunday Mirror," and other papers. Besides several plays, he has written the following novels, "Quincy Adams Sawyer" (1900); "Blennerhassett; or, The De-

crees of Fate" (1901), "Miss Frou-Frou" (1902), "Stephen Holton," 1902; "The Climax," 1902; "The Letter H," 1904; "A Nation's Idol," 1904; "Little Burr," 1905; "Sarah Bernhardt Brown," 1905; "The Corsican Lovers," 1905; "The Hidden Man," 1906; "The Toymakers," 1907; "Theodosia, The First Gentlewoman of Her Time," 1907; "Labor, or, The Money-God," 1908; "The Further Adventures of Quincy Adams Sawyer," 1909; "Chronicles of Quincy Adams Sawyer, Detective" (with J. M. Taylor), 1912; "The House of Shame," 1912; "The Courtin'," comic opera, 1913, while his musical publications are numerous, prominent among them being "Mercedes"; "Cambyses; or, The Pearl of Persia"; "The Adventure Club"; "Sunflowers and Lilies"; "The Electric Spark", a comic opera produced more than three thousand times in the United States and England, and the musical comedy, "Peck's Bad Boy," which has been rendered continuously for seventeen years. He established the Coupon Musical Publishing Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, in 1890, embracing wholesale, retail and publishing departments, but retired from the firm in 1894. Mr. Pidgin is a member of the Quincy School Association, of which he has been president; the English High School Association; the Sons and Daughters of Nantucket; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the American Statistical Association; the Bibliophile Society, and other organizations.

He was married, July 3, 1867, to Lizzie Abbot, daughter of Joseph Moore and Ann (Kershaw) Dane, who died in July of the following year. On November 27, 1873, he was married, the second time, to Lucy Sturtevant, daughter of Samuel B. Gardner, of Nantucket, Massachusetts. She became a physician, and practiced in Cambridge, Massachusetts, until her

death in June, 1896, and his third wife was Frances Fern, daughter of Edward Foster and Cerethe (Rhyno) Douglass, of Nova Scotia.

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**PUTNAM, Herbert,**

**Librarian.**

Herbert Putnam was born in New York City, September 20, 1861, son of George Palmer and Victorine (Haven) Putnam. His father was a noted publisher and founder of the firm now known by the style of G. P. Putnam's Sons. He was educated in the private school of James H. Morse in his native city, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1883. Then, after a year at the Columbia Law School, he became librarian of the Minneapolis Athenaeum, which owned a collection of some 12,000 volumes, and continued in this position about five years. In 1885 he was admitted to the bar of Minnesota. Meantime, in the winter of 1885, he had been active in promoting the organization of a free public library for the city, which was incorporated in the following year with a board of trustees, having power, by special amendment of the city charter, to maintain also art collections and museums. Land was purchased, and a building begun in 1888, and Mr. Putnam was designated by the trustees to prepare a purchase list of books. He went abroad in 1888, and during that and the following year expended nearly \$30,000 in behalf of the library. In 1889 he was appointed acting librarian; in November, 1890, was elected regular librarian, and was re-elected to the same position in January, 1891. The building, which in course of erection had cost \$335,000, was opened to the public on December 16, 1890. Under Mr. Putnam's organization and management the Minneapolis public library became

one of the most useful and progressive in the country. It contained in 1899 over 100,000 volumes, with a total circulation (home and reference use) of nearly 1,000,000. It is supported from the public funds, and including the interest on its original endowment, has a total income well over \$60,000, being rated fourth in this respect among American libraries. The building contains also extensive art galleries and a museum, of which the librarian has general supervision. His successful record with this institution so enhanced his reputation throughout the country, that in February, 1895, he was elected librarian of the Boston public library, a position which had been vacant for two years, since the resignation of Mellon Chamberlain, in 1890, and of Theodore F. Dwight, in 1893. At that time, the main library had moved into its new building on Copley square, but had neither been reorganized nor opened to the public. He reorganized the old departments and established several new ones, such as the newspaper room, fine arts, children's printing and statistics departments; improved the business methods of the library, and extended and perfected the outlaying system. During the four years of his administration, the original income of the library increased from \$190,000 to \$262,000, the total of employes, from 193 to 345, and the circulation of books for home use alone, from 800,000 to 1,200,000 volumes per year. The central library building was improved in arrangement and equipment by the expenditure of \$125,000. The outlaying departments (branches and delivery stations) were increased to twenty-eight. This work accomplished forms a noble monument to his perseverance and executive ability. The library now contains over 700,000 volumes and has an annual income of \$263,000. On

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March 13, 1899, he was nominated by President McKinley to succeed the late John Russell Young as head of the congressional library, Washington, District of Columbia, and the wisdom of the choice was recognized throughout the Union. Few men have so completely the skill and experience required in the complicated duties of this position, nor the ability more adequate to discharge its responsibilities. Mr. Putnam has for many years been an active member of the American Library Association, and during part of the term of 1897-98 was its president. All his relations with the association have been of direct service in advancing the cause of scientific library economy. In December, 1891, Mr. Putnam had resigned his position in Minneapolis, and taken up the practice of law in Boston. It was while at Suffolk bar that he was offered the librarianship of the Boston Public Library. He was an overseer of Harvard, 1902-06. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has published numerous articles in reviews and professional journals. Mr. Putnam was married in October, 1886, to Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of Charles W. Munroe, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and has two children, Shirley and Brenda Putnam.

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### **HALL, Granville Stanley,**

#### **Educator and Author.**

Granville Stanley Hall was born at Ashfield, Massachusetts, February 1, 1846; son of Granville Bascom and Abigail (Beals) Hall; grandson of Thomas and Rachel (Howes) Hall and of Robert and Abby (Vining) Beals; and a descendant of John Hall, who emigrated from Coventry, England, to Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1630, also of John Alden, William Brewster and five other "Mayflower" immigrants. He

prepared for college at Sanderson academy, Ashfield, and Williston seminary, and was graduated from Williams A. B., 1867, A. M., 1870. He attended Union theological seminary, 1867-68, studied in Europe, 1869-70, and was graduated at Union theological seminary in 1871. He was professor of philosophy at Antioch college, 1872-76; instructor in English at Harvard, 1876-77, and received from Harvard the degree of Ph.D. in 1878; again studied in Europe, 1878-80; was lecturer at Harvard, 1880-83; lecturer on the history of philosophy at Williams, 1881-84; professor of psychology and pedagogy, John Hopkins, 1881-88; visited Europe again, and became president of Clark university and professor of psychology, Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1889. He founded and became editor of the American Journal of Psychology in 1887, the Pedagogical Seminary, in 1893, American Journal of Religious Psychology and Education, 1904, and Journal of Race Development, 1910. He was married first, in 1880, to Cornelia M. Fisher of Cincinnati, who died in 1890; and secondly, in 1899, to Florence E. Smith of Newton, Massachusetts. His son, Robert Granville, was born in 1881. Dr. Hall is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, member of the American Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, and first president of the American Psychological Association, organized at his house. He received the degree of LL.D. from the University of Michigan in 1887. He is translator of: Rosenkron's "Hegel as the National Philosopher of Germany" (1874); "Aspects of German Culture" (1881); "Methods of Teaching History" (1883); "Hints toward a Select and Descriptive Bibliography of Education" (with John M. Mansfield, (1886)); "How to Teach Reading and What to Read"



(1890); "Adolescence" (2 vols.), 1904; "Youth—Its Education, Regimen and Hygiene," 1907; "Educational Problems" (2 vols.), 1911; "Founders of Modern Psychology," 1912, and many pamphlets, addresses and contributions to periodical literature.

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**HARRIS, George,**

**Clergyman and Educator.**

George Harris was born at East Machias, Washington county, Maine, April 1, 1844, son of George Harris, a native of that town and a lumber manufacturer, and Mary Ann (Palmer) Harris, a native of South Berwick, Maine. One of his ancestors, Weld Noble, was a paymaster in the Revolutionary army. His grandfather, Robinson Palmer, was a state senator of Maine, and served in the governor's council, besides holding various local offices. He prepared for college at Washington Academy, East Machias, was graduated at Amherst in 1866, and then entered Andover Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in 1869. He was pastor of the High Street Congregational Church, Auburn, Maine, in 1869-72, and of the Central Congregational Church, Providence, Rhode Island, in 1872-83. In the latter year he was appointed Abbot professor of Christian theology in Andover Seminary. In 1884 Dr. Harris, with four of his colleagues, became editors of the "Andover Review," which was published until 1894. In 1886 the editors were put on trial for heterodoxy, and after several years of litigation, were acquitted in 1892. In 1887 he edited "Hymns of the Faith," for the use of congregations. In 1896 Dr. Harris published "Moral Evolution," in 1897 "Inequality and Progress," "A Century's Change in Religion," 1914. In 1896 he was appointed president of the faculty. In 1894-99 he was on the staff of preach-

ers at Dartmouth College, and in 1897-99 at Harvard University. In 1899 he was elected president of Amherst College, and was inaugurated in October. He received the honorary degree of D. D. from Amherst College in 1883, and from Harvard University in 1899; and the degree of LL.D. from Dartmouth College in 1899. He is a member of the University Club of Boston. Dr. Harris was married in Providence, Rhode Island, December 24, 1873, to Jane Anthony, daughter of William and Mary Brayton (Anthony) Viall.

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**JOHNSON, Clifton,**

**Author and Illustrator.**

Clifton Johnson was born at Hadley, Hampshire county, Massachusetts, January 25, 1865, son of Chester L. and Jeanette (Reynolds) Johnson. As a boy he worked on his father's farm, and attended the Hadley grammar school and academy. At the age of fifteen he became a clerk in the book store of Bridgman & Childs, Northampton, where he remained for five years, returning then to the farm. The familiarity with books thus gained gave a literary bent to his mind, and in the intervals of farm work and school teaching he constantly employed himself in writing and drawing, occasionally going to New York City in the winter time to study in the art schools there. His work, both with pen and pencil, meeting with encouragement in that city and in Boston, he published his first book in 1892, "The New England Country," a realistic study in text and pictures of Yankee farm folk and their surroundings, that was immediately successful. For several years he has spent his summers abroad, gathering much material in pictures and notes for works on old world country life. Besides the volume already mentioned, he is the author and illustrator of "The Country School"

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(1893); "The Farmer's Boy" (1894); "What They Say in New England" (1896); "Among English Hedge Rows" (1899), and "Along French Byways" (1900), besides frequent articles published in leading magazines. He has also illustrated the following for holiday editions: White's "Natural History of Selborne" (1895); Burrough's "Year in the Fields" (1896); Barrie's "Window in Thrums" (1896); Maclaren's "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" (1896), and "In the Days of Auld Lang Syne" (1896); Jane Barlow's "Irish Idyls" (1897); Charles Dudley Warner's "Being a Boy" (1897); Dickens' "Child's History of England" (1898); Blackmore's "Lorna Doone" (1900), and Sally Pratt McLean's "Vesty of the Basins" (1900); other of his writings are: "The Isle of the Shamrock," 1901; "New England and Its Neighbors," 1902; "The Land of Heather," 1903; "Old-Time Schools and School-Books," 1904; "Highways and Byways of the South," 1904; "Highways and Byways of the Mississippi Valley," 1906; "Highways and Byways of the Pacific Coast," 1908; "The Picturesque Hudson," 1909; "The Picturesque St. Lawrence," 1910; "Highways and Byways of the Rocky Mountains," 1910; "Highways and Byways of the Great Lakes," 1911; "Highways and Byways from the St. Lawrence to Virginia," 1913; "Highways and Byways of New England," 1915; "Battleground Adventures in the Civil War," 1915. He has edited and illustrated a number of juvenile and other works. Mr. Johnson was married, May 25, 1896, to Anna Tweed, daughter of John McQuestion, of Hadley, Massachusetts, where they reside. They have two children: Margaret and Arthur Johnson.

**KNOWLTON, Marcus Perrin,**

**Jurist.**

Marcus Perrin Knowlton was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, February 3, 1839, son of Merrick and Fatima (Perrin) Knowlton, grandson of Amasa and Margaret (Topliff) Knowlton, and seventh in descent from William Knowlton, who, with his mother and brothers, John and Thomas, settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1632.

His boyhood was spent on a farm in Monson, Massachusetts, whither his parents had moved when he was five years old. He was educated in the common schools, at the Monson Academy, and at Yale College, where he was graduated in 1860. Previous to entering upon his college course he had engaged in teaching a district school in the winter months, and while at Yale he served as instructor in the Westfield (Massachusetts) Academy, and in Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven. In 1861 he became principal of the Union School at Norwalk, Connecticut. He began the study of law early in 1861, reading first with James G. Allen, of Palmer, and later with John Wells and Augustus L. Soule, of Springfield, both of whom were afterward on the Supreme bench. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar the latter part of 1862. Eight years later he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1872 and 1873 he was president of the common council of Springfield; in 1878 was a representative in the lower house of the Legislature, where he served on important committees on the judiciary, the liquor law, State defective force, and constitutional amendments; and in 1880 and 1881 he represented the first Hampden District in the Massachu-

setts Senate. At this time also he was a director of the Springfield & New London Railroad Company; director of the City National Bank of Springfield; and trustee and treasurer of the Springfield City Hospital. He was appointed a justice of the Superior Court in August, 1881, was promoted to the Supreme Judicial Court in 1887, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Gardner, and in December, 1902, became Chief Justice, which position he filled until September, 1911, when he resigned. He was chairman of a board of five trustees appointed by the Federal Court in 1914 to take over, hold and dispose of a majority of the capital stock of the B. & M. R. R. in the interest of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on him by Yale University in 1895, and by Harvard in 1900.

Judge Knowlton was married, July 18, 1867, to Sophia, daughter of William and Saba A. (Cushman) Ritchie, who died in 1886. On May 21, 1891, he was married to Rose Mary, daughter of Cyrus K., and Susan Ladd, of Portland, Maine.

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**BANCROFT, William Amos,**

**Lawyer, Soldier, Street Railway Manager.**

William Amos Bancroft, lawyer, soldier and street railway manager, was born Groton, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, April 26, 1855, son of Charles and Lydia Emeline (Spaulding) Bancroft. His ancestors on both sides settled in Massachusetts about 1640. He was educated in the public schools and at the Lawrence Academy, in his native town. He was graduated at Phillips Exeter Academy in 1874 and at Harvard College in 1878. He studied at the Harvard Law School, and was admitted to the Suffolk bar in 1881, and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Joining the militia when

a college freshman, he passed through the various grades, becoming captain of his company (B) in 1879, and colonel of his regiment (the Fifth) in 1882. He became the senior colonel of the Massachusetts militia, and as such commanded the 2d brigade at the mobilization of the state troops in Boston in 1895. In July, 1897, he was unanimously elected brigadier-general of the 2d brigade, and in May, 1898, he was appointed by President McKinley brigadier-general of United States volunteers, and was assigned to the command of the 2d brigade of the 2d division of the 7th army corps, with which he remained until the cessation of hostilities, when he resigned and was honorably discharged the last of August. In 1885, he left the practice of law to become superintendent of the Cambridge Street Railway Company, and afterwards was general roadmaster of the West End Street Railway Company, with its 240 miles of track. While superintendent of the Cambridge railroad, not only was his management financially successful, but in 1887, when all but thirty of the 650 employees went out on strike, such was his firmness, energy and organizing ability that in a short time all the company's twenty-two lines were in full operation. In spite of his determined conduct, the strikers admitted his fairness, and accorded him their respect. General Bancroft left the street railway business in 1890, and returned to the practice of law, in which he has since been engaged. In 1882, he was elected to the common council of Cambridge. In the fall of that year he was elected a representative to the legislature, and was twice re-elected, serving during the years 1883, 1884 and 1885. In 1890 he was elected to the board of aldermen, and re-elected the following year, being made president of the board for both terms. In 1893 he was

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elected mayor of Cambridge, and was three times re-elected. His administration was characterized by economy and progress. General Bancroft is a Republican in politics, though national party lines are not recognized in Cambridge municipal elections, and at this time the city was Democratic by a large majority. He presided at the state convention of his party in 1893. In the same year he was chosen by the alumni of Harvard College a member of the board of overseers, and in 1894 he was elected president of the New England Alumni, of the Phillips Exeter Academy. He was a trustee of Norwich University, 1904-05; president of two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, Groton, 1905; trustee of Lawrence Academy, Groton, 1908; chief marshal of Harvard Alumni and of Hooker Monument Parade, Boston. He was president of the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts, Cambridge Club, member of the Order of the Cincinnati, Order of Foreign Wars, Order of Spanish Wars, and his clubs are: Union, Commercial (president three years), Exchange, Harvard, Colonial (Cambridge), Traffic. General Bancroft is a forcible speaker, and possesses great executive ability. He was married, in 1879, to Mary Shaw, of Peabody, and has two sons and one daughter.

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### **WALCOTT. Henry Pickering,**

#### **Physician.**

Henry Pickering Walcott, physician, was born at Hopkinton, Massachusetts, December 23, 1838, son of Samuel Baker and Martha (Pickman) Walcott, and a descendant of William Walcott, who came from Lincolnshire, England, prior to 1634 and settled in Salem, Massachusetts. His father was a lawyer, noted for his learning and high character. The son was prepared at the Salem Latin

School and was graduated at Harvard College in 1858. In 1861 he received his medical degree at Bowdoin College, and afterward spent two years in study abroad. In 1862 he began the practice of his profession in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he has since resided. Dr. Walcott has been a member of the state board of health since 1881, and its chairman since 1886. He is a member of the Massachusetts board of commissioners of metropolitan water and sewerage, and has written various public reports upon the water supply and drainage of the state, beside portions of the reports of the state health board since 1882. In 1900-05 he was acting president of Harvard University, of which he has been one of the overseers; he is also a member of the university board of president and fellows. He was president of the American Public Health Association in 1886, succeeding Dr. James E. Reeves; was president of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and in 1904 was president of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, is chairman of the trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital, trustee of Carnegie Institution of Washington; president XV International Congress on Hygiene and Demography, Washington, 1912; and is a member of the Thursday Evening and Union clubs of Boston, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Dr. Walcott was married, May 31, 1865, to Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of Reuben Richards of Boston. They have two sons, George and Robert Walcott.

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### **RICHARDS, Robert Hallowell,**

#### **Metallurgist.**

Robert Hallowell Richards was born at Gardiner, Maine, August 26, 1844,

son of Francis and Anne Hallowell (Gardiner) Richards. He was graduated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1868 and immediately became an assistant professor of chemistry, remaining until 1871 when he was elected to the chair of mineralogy. He has been for a number of years professor of mining and metallurgy and under his direction the laboratory for mining engineering and metallurgy was developed. His professional work has been devoted mainly to the introduction of laboratory methods into the teaching of mining and metallurgy. As an inventor he has perfected a jet aspirator for use in chemical and physical laboratories, 1874, an ore separator for the Lake Superior copper reduction mills, 1881, and a prism for stadia surveying in 1890. In 1886 he was president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. He is also a member of several other scientific societies. He has paid much attention to the improvement of ore dressing processes, particularly those employed in the concentration of copper, in which he is a recognized authority. His papers on chemistry which were his early publications, appeared in the "American Journal of Science," those on metallurgical subjects have been published in "The Transactions of the American Institute of Mining Engineers," and he published "Ore Dressing," Vols. I and II, 1903. Vols. III and IV, 1909; Ore Dressing (text-book) 1909. Prof. Richards was married in Boston, June 6, 1875, to Ellen Henrietta, daughter of Prof. Peter Swallow, of Worcester.

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**ROBINSON, Benjamin Lincoln,**

**Botanist and Educator.**

Benjamin Lincoln Robinson, botanist and educator, was born at Bloomington, Illinois, November 8, 1864, son of James

Harvey and Latricia Maria (Drake) Robinson, and a descendant of Rev. John Robinson, who led the Pilgrims to Leyden, and whose son, Isaac, settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1630. From the latter and his wife, Margaret Hanford, the line of descent runs through John and his wife, Elizabeth Weeks; Isaac and his wife, Hannah Harper; Peter and his wife, Martha Greene; Elihu and his wife, Sarah Sanford, and Benjamin and his wife, Ruhama Wood, who were Prof. Robinson's grandparents. His father was president of a bank. The son attended the Illinois State Normal School and Williams College before entering Harvard, where he was graduated in 1887. Going abroad he was a student at Strasburg and Bonn universities, and received the degree of Ph.D. from the former in 1889. In 1890 he was appointed assistant in the Gray Herbarium, Harvard University, of which he has been curator since 1892. In 1900 he became Asa Gray professor of systematic botany in Harvard University, which position he has occupied since that time. In the summer of 1894 he engaged in a botanical exploration of the unsettled interior of the island of Newfoundland. Prof. Robinson is the editor of "Synoptical Flora of North America," and of "Rhodora," the journal of the New England Botanical Club, and is the author of "Flora of the Galapagos Islands," beside many scientific papers upon the classification of the higher plants of North America and Mexico. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science; nonresident member of the Washington Academy of Science; member of the New England Botanical Club (president 1906-08); member of the Botanical Society of America, of which he was president in 1900; of the Vermont Botanical Club, Washington Academy of

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Sciences, Boston Society Natural History, and the American Folklore Society, and a corresponding member of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Horticultural Societies, Botanischer Verein der Provinz Brandenburg, Deutsche Botanische Gesellschaft. He was married, at Hennepin, Putnam county, Illinois, June 29, 1887, to Margaret Louise, daughter of William Henry Casson, of that place.

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### **PILLSBURY, Albert Enoch,**

**Lawyer.**

Albert Enoch Pillsbury was born at Milford, New Hampshire, August 19, 1849, son of Josiah Webster and Elizabeth (Dinsmoor) Pillsbury, and a descendant of William Pillsbury, who came from Derbyshire and settled in Newbury (now Newburyport), Massachusetts, in 1641. His great-grandfather, Parker Pillsbury, was a soldier of the Revolution, and Parker Pillsbury, distinguished as an anti-slavery orator, was his uncle. He attended the high school in his native town, Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and Lawrence Academy, Groton, Massachusetts, where he was graduated, and entered Harvard in 1867, but did not finish the course. He read law with James Dinsmoor, his uncle, at Sterling, Illinois, and was admitted to the bar in 1870. Returning to the East, he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1871 and began practicing in Boston. He was a member of the state legislature in 1876, 1877 and 1878. From the beginning he took his place among the leaders. He was elected to the senate in 1884, and twice re-elected, being president of the senate in 1885 and again in 1886. In 1891-93 he was attorney-general of the commonwealth. Mr. Pillsbury is in extensive practice as counsel for several corporations; is vice-president and a director of the United States Trust Company,

and a trustee of the Franklin Savings Bank, Lawrence Academy and World Peace Foundation. Since 1896 he has been lecturer on constitutional law in the Law School of Boston University, and he is a member of the commission to revise the charter of the city of Boston. He is a member of the Algonquin, Art and University clubs; of the Massachusetts, Middlesex, and other political clubs; vice-president of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, New Hampshire Historical Society, American Humane Educational Society, International Law Association, and various other scientific, charitable and literary societies. He was given an honorary degree by Harvard in 1891. He is the author of "Daniel Webster the Orator," 1903; "Lincoln and Slavery," 1913, also addresses and contributions to reviews and magazines on legal, historical and political subjects.

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### **PICKERING, William Henry,**

**Astronomer.**

William Henry Pickering was born in Boston, Massachusetts, February 15, 1858. He is a great-grandson of Timothy Pickering, adjutant-general on the staff of General Washington, and a member of his cabinet, who was himself a great-grandson of John Pickering, the first American ancestor, who settled in Salem, Massachusetts, 1630. William Henry was educated in Boston, and was graduated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1879, and for one year experimented upon marine electrical devices at home. From 1880 to 1886, he was instructor of physics in that institution. In 1878 he observed his first total eclipse of the sun in Denver, Colorado, and ascended the Half Dome in Yosemite Valley. In 1882 he ascended sev-

eral of the Alps in Switzerland. In 1886 he went to the West Indies with his family, in order to observe the total eclipse of the sun. In 1887 he was appointed assistant at Harvard College Observatory, and placed in charge of the newly established Boyden department. Later in the same year he visited Colorado in search of a suitable site for an observatory, to be used in connection with that at Cambridge. In the winter of 1888-89 he went to California and observed the total eclipse of the sun in the northern part of that state. Later he visited the southern portion of the state, and selected as a site for an observatory, Mount Wilson, near Los Angeles. This station was occupied for over a year and several thousand photographs of the heavens were secured from it. In December, 1890, he was made assistant professor of astronomy, and that year established in Peru, South America, Harvard's Southern Observatory near the city of Arequipa. From this station many thousand photographs have been obtained, and numerous visual observations have been made upon the moon and the planets, especially Mars. He established a meteorological station upon Mount Chachocmani, at an altitude of 16,650 feet, and an ascent of Mt. El Mistè, 19,400 feet, was successfully accomplished. He also made a survey of the Andes in Bolivia, and obtained the altitude of some twenty of the highest points upon the American continent. In 1893 he returned to the United States, by way of the Straits of Magellan and Europe, incidentally observing a total eclipse of the sun in Chili, and making a redetermination of the altitude of Mount Aconcagua. In the spring of 1894 he established the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona, the work at this point having been chiefly upon Mars and the satellites of Jupiter. In 1899 he discovered Phoebe, the ninth satellite of Saturn, and showed later why it revolved in a direction opposite to all the others; also

discovered Themis, the tenth satellite; visited Hawaii, 1905, the Azores in 1907, in order to compare their crater formations with those in the moon.

Among his more important published works are, "Walking Guide to the Mount Washington Range" (1882); "Investigations in Astronomical Photography" (Vol. XXXII, Part 1, Annals), 1895; "Visual Observations of the Moon" (Vol. LI, Annals), 1903; "The Moon," 1903; "Miscellaneous Papers" (Vol. LIII Annals), 1905; "Lunar and Hawaiian Physical Features Compared," 1906; "Researches of the Boyden Department" (Vol. LXI, Part 1, Annals), 1908; "A Search for a Planet Beyond Neptune" (Vol. LXI, Part 11, Annals), 1909; "A Statistical Investigation of Cometary Orbits" (Vol. LXI, Part 111, Annals), 1911. He began a series of "Reports on Mars," in "Popular Astronomy," 1914. Contributor to astronomical journals.

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**TOWNSEND, Luther Tracy,**  
**Clergyman and Educator.**

Luther Tracy Townsend was born at Orono, Penobscot county, Maine, September 27, 1838, son of Luther K. and Mary True (Call) Townsend, the former a native of Hill, New Hampshire, and the latter of Franklin, New Hampshire. His boyhood, after his father's death, was passed in central New Hampshire. When twelve years of age he began work on the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad, now a part of the Boston and Maine system, not long afterwards determining to become a locomotive engineer. While employed as a fireman, he felt an overmastering desire to obtain an education and devoted his spare moments to the study of English branches and Latin. Leaving the railroad for a year, though intending to return, he studied at the New Hampshire

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Conference Seminary, Tilton, and in 1855 entered Dartmouth College. During his course he taught winter schools and during his summer vacations worked with his step-father at the carpenter's trade. He was graduated in 1859, and at Andover Theological Seminary, in 1862 (honorary degree A. M., Wesleyan, 1866; D. D., Dartmouth, 1871). In 1862 he enlisted in the Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. Not long after he was promoted to the adjutancy of the regiment and served under that commission in the Nineteenth Army Corps until the muster out of the regiment nine months later. He performed other duties while under arms, serving as ordnance officer, surgeon, commissary, nurse and chaplain. Prior to the return of the regiment, he was urged by the chief staff officer of General Banks to take the colonelcy of one of the regiments then recruiting; but feeling that the war was nearly over and that he ought to return to his professional work, he declined the honor. He entered the Methodist Episcopal ministry in 1864. In 1868 he was chosen to fill the chair of Hebrew, Chaldee and New Testament Greek in Boston University; but in 1870, at his own request, was transferred to the chair of historical theology, and in 1872 to the chair of practical theology and sacred rhetoric. His professorship continued until 1893, when he resigned to give his time exclusively to literary work, though he is still catalogued by that institution as professor emeritus. He was appointed delegate to the ecumenical council in London in 1881, was delegate to the congress of all religions at Chicago, 1893, and was dean of the Chautauquan School of Theology, in 1882-85. As a preacher and lecturer, Dr. Townsend has taken a high rank, having filled, during his professorship in Boston, some of the leading Congregational pulpits in New England and some of the best Methodist appoint-

ments in the northern and the middle southern states. He is now (1917) associate editor of the "Bible Champion," New York.

He has been a voluminous writer, publishing twenty volumes and being editorially connected with several newspapers and magazines. Among his most popular works are: "Credo" (1869); "Sword and Garment" (1871); "God-Man" (1872); "Lost Forever" (1873); "Arena and Throne" (1874); "Supernatural Factor in Revivals" (1877); "Intermediate World" (1878); "Fate of Republics" (1880); "Art of Speech," two volumes, (1880-81); "Bible Theology and Modern Thought" (1883); "Faith-Work, 'Christian Science' and Other Cures" (1885); "The Bible and Other Ancient Literature" (1885); "History of the Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers" (1896); "Story of Jonah in the Light of Higher Criticism" (1897); twelve discourses of the Credo series (1898); "Evolution of Creation" (1899); and "Anastasis" (1900); "Satan and Demons," 1902; "God's Goodness and Severity, or Endless Punishment," 1903; "Adam and Eve—History or Myth?" 1904; "Collapse of Evolution," 1905; "God and the Nation," 1905; "New Theologies—Only Bubbles," 1906; "The Deluge—History or Myth?" 1907; "Doctrine of the Trinity," 1910; "Is there a God Such as the Bible Describes?" 1913; "End of the World; Biblical and Scientific Points of View," 1913; "Bible Studies, Rules of Interpretation and Current Difficulties and Objections," 1913; "The Stars Are Not Inhabited," 1914. "Is There A Place of Punishment Called Hell?" 1914; "God and War," 1915. The merits of "Evolution of Creation" secured for him an election to membership in the Victoria Institute, of London. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Dr. Townsend's places of residence since 1892 have been Baltimore, Maryland, and Wash-



ington, D. C. He was married at Watertown, Massachusetts, September 27, 1865, to Laura C., daughter of David T. and Sarah F. (White) Huckins. Three daughters were born to them, only one of whom is living.

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**NOBLE, Edmund,**

**Journalist and Author.**

Edmund Noble was born in Glasgow, Scotland, January 8, 1853, son of John and Eliza Noble. His parents were natives of England. After the death of his father, in 1868, his mother and other members of the family came to the United States in 1872, and located in Boston, Massachusetts. He was educated under the instruction of his grandfather, the Rev. William George Nevatt, and in the public schools of St. Helen's, Lancashire, England. Upon completing his studies he entered the journalistic field. He began newspaper work on St. Helen's "Newspaper and Advertiser;" reporter and editor of St. Helen's "Standard," 1872-73; reporter, 1873-80, editorial writer, 1880-82, Liverpool "Courier;" editor and proprietor of Liverpool "City News," 1882; in Russia as correspondent of London "Daily News," London "Daily Globe," Manchester "Guardian," Glasgow "Herald," 1882-84; foreign editorial writer of New York "Herald," 1887. Being deeply interested in the social and political conditions of Russia, he twice visited that country, in 1882-84. Upon his return from Russia he began the historical and philosophical studies in which he is still engaged (1904). He is the author of "The Russian Revolt" (1885); "Russia and the Russians" (1900); and (in collaboration with Lydia L. Pimenoff), of "Before the Dawn," a story of Russian life; "The White Cross a Story of the World's Last War," Boston "Herald," 1900; also of philosophical

and general articles in "Appleton's Popular Science Monthly," "North American Review," "Atlantic Monthly," and the "International Journal of Ethics." In 1892-94 he edited the American edition of "Free Russia." It is the organ of the Society of American Friends of Russian Freedom, organized in 1891, of which he was secretary until 1904. In 1904 he issued his prospectus of "The Relational Philosophy," under the general title of "The World of Power and Intelligence," with these subdivisions: 1. "The Two Worlds; or Knowledge in Its Absolute and Relative Aspects;" 2. "The Interpretation of Nature—Its History and Principles;" 3. "The Teleology of the Inorganic;" 4. "The Teleology of the Organic;" 5. "The Conditions of Organic Development;" 6. "The Development of Mind."

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**RICE, Alexander Hamilton,**

**Former Governor of Massachusetts.**

Alexander Hamilton Rice, twenty-sixth governor of Massachusetts, was born at Newton, Massachusetts, August 30, 1818, where his father owned a paper mill. Alexander obtained a fair education in the public schools, and at fourteen years of age went into business in the wholesale linen house of Fales & Dana, Boston. After a few months, however, he left them for the wholesale paper establishment of J. H. Wilkins and R. B. Carter of the same city. In 1840 he gave up business for a time and entered Union College, Schenectady, New York, where he was graduated with distinction four years later. Then his old employers, Wilkins & Carter, offered him a partnership in their business, which he accepted. Mr. Carter dying some years later, the two remaining partners continued the wholesale paper and publication business, new members being eventually added to the firm. Mr. Rice was of a retiring disposi-

tion, but took a philosophical interest in public questions, and did not decline office when it was pressed upon him as a duty. In 1851 he became, at the urgent solicitation of his friends, a member of the Boston school committee and board of public institutions. In 1853 he was elected a member of the city council, and one year later was chosen to preside over the deliberations of the board. In 1855 he consented to accept the nomination for mayor of Boston, tendered by the leaders of a citizens' movement irrespective of party, and was elected by a majority of 2,000. In this position he made so fine a record that he was renominated and re-elected in 1856, his majority being increased to 6,000. In 1858 he was again recalled from his retirement, to enter congress from the fourth Massachusetts district. During this term he served on the committee on the District of Columbia. In 1860 he was re-elected, and again in 1862. He served on the committee of naval affairs during both congresses, and was chairman of the committee the last two years. He was elected for a fourth time in 1864, and continued his service as chairman of the naval committee. He was a delegate to the Philadelphia "loyalists' convention" of 1866, and to the Chicago convention of 1868, and in 1875 was named by the republicans for governor of Massachusetts. He was elected by a large majority, and was twice re-elected, serving during the years 1876, 1877 and 1878. In the course of his administration the affairs of the state were put on a more prosperous basis than ever. The state board of charities having unearthed a system of irregularities practiced at the state almshouse, reforms were at once inaugurated in all the eleemosynary institutions of the state. It was the era of centennial celebrations, and Governor Rice presided with grace and dignity at many of the most important of these, including attendance at the great centennial

exhibition of Philadelphia. During his second term of office, he vetoed the local option liquor bill, which had passed both houses, and the next year he signed the savings bank bill, which has proved of so much advantage to depositors throughout the state. In 1878 he retired definitely from politics, and could not be induced to enter the senatorial race in 1880, although his name was frequently mentioned in that connection.

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**MORTON, Marcus, Jr.,**

**Lawyer, Jurist.**

Marcus Morton was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, April 8, 1819, the son of Marcus Morton, fourteenth governor of Massachusetts. After obtaining his preliminary education, he was sent to Brown University, where he was graduated in 1838. He studied two years at the Harvard Law School, was admitted to the bar in 1841, and practiced in Boston until 1850, when he removed to Andover. In 1853 he was sent as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, as was his father, and in 1858 both father and son were in the Legislature. The same year the son received the appointment of justice of the Superior Court of Suffolk county, and in 1859 he became a judge of the Superior Court of the State. At the end of ten years he was made Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and Chief Justice in 1872. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Princeton University in 1870, and by Harvard University in 1882.

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**ESTABROOK, Alvin E.,**

**Business Man, Civil War Veteran.**

A veteran of the Civil War, a veteran in years and in business experience, Mr. Estabrook honorably bore a name founded in Massachusetts two centuries before his birth, a family of which he was of the sev-



*A. E. Estabrook*







Arthur J. Brunelle

enth American generation. He was a son of Cyrus M. Estabrook, of Westminster and Princeton, Massachusetts, farmer and land owner.

Alvin E. Estabrook was born near the old Estabrook homestead at Westminster, Massachusetts, August 29, 1841, and died in Leominster, Massachusetts, June 27, 1916. His parents moved to Princeton, Massachusetts, in 1845, and there and at Leominster his after life, a period of seventy-one years, was spent. He attended the district school nearest the farm, and at times assisted his father in work at the farm. At Princeton, when the State of Massachusetts was enlisting nine months men, he enlisted in the Fifty-third Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and saw service at the front. At the age of twenty-three in 1864, he moved to Leominster, Massachusetts, there entering the employ of F. A. Whitney, a manufacturer of baby carriages. He remained with Mr. Whitney many years, became foreman of the wheel room, and so continued for twenty years. Close attention to the confining details of factory work as foreman broke his health and he was compelled to abandon his trade. He then engaged in the real estate business very successfully, promoting and carrying through some important transactions in lands and improved property. He also dealt in lumber and kept actively in the harness until his death. Too busy ever to accept office, he yet took a deep interest in public affairs and consistently supported the candidates of the Republican party. Both he and his wife were active members of the Congregational church. At their attractive home in Leominster they entertained their many friends with a generous hospitality.

Mr. Estabrook married, April 3, 1866, Harriet A. Roper, daughter of John Roper, a prominent citizen of Princeton, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook were the parents of two children, Harriet I., born

June 17, 1867, died July 23, 1871; Alvin C., born February 18, 1874, died July 23, 1884. Mrs. Estabrook survives her husband, a resident of Leominster, Massachusetts.

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**BRUNELLE, Arthur Joseph,**

**Business Man.**

Arthur Joseph Brunelle, since beginning work at a very early age, has had experiences in many occupations, and these have served him well in preparation for the profession of his ultimate decision, that of undertaking. His contact with many people during these years was very profitable to him in forming a nucleus to the more difficult work which he was to take up later and which required the qualities of a rare understanding of people and an alert and keen ability to organize and carry out plans.

Louis Brunelle, grandfather of Arthur Joseph Brunelle, was a farmer who lived practically his entire life at Egypt, Canada. His children were: Louis, Jr., Mitchell and Jean Baptiste.

Mitchell Brunelle, father of Arthur Joseph Brunelle, was born in Egypt, Canada, in 1851. His early years were spent in farming in that dominion, but in 1890 he came to the United States and located in Northampton, Massachusetts, where he was first employed by the Street Railway Company. He later was a motorman for that company and continued as such until the year 1915, when he became associated with the Westinghouse Company, of Chicopee Falls, where he remained one year. He is now (1917) contemplating returning to farming. He is a member of the Street Railway Union. He was married to Siviline Bashand, daughter of Paschal Bashand, of St. Damase, Canada. They have had eleven children, of whom eight are deceased, and among those living are: Charles Emile, who is a stationary engineer, living in Peeks-

kill, New York, and Arthur Joseph, of further mention.

Arthur Joseph Brunelle was born in St. Damase, Province of Quebec, Canada, January 15, 1884. He attended school there but a short time when his parents moved to Northampton, Massachusetts, where his education was received in the parochial and public schools. After leaving school he began what has proven a varied career. At fourteen years of age he began work in a brick yard in Northampton and later was employed in a shoe store. Following this he became interested in the restaurant business and for a time was manager of the railroad restaurant in the station at Greenfield, Massachusetts. From there he went to New York City, where during a period of two years he was employed on the street railway, first as motorman and later as conductor. He then returned to Northampton, where he spent about five years on the street railway. In April, 1906, he became associated with Mr. Edwards, of Northampton, for the purpose of learning the undertaking business, and remained two years. In 1908 he attended the Massachusetts College of Embalming, from which he received a diploma, and then became associated with Mr. Ahern in the same business in Northampton, where he remained for five years. In the meantime he began undertaking on his own account in that city. In 1915 Mr. Brunelle moved from Northampton to Holyoke, Massachusetts, starting an undertaking establishment of his own, which he has since been maintaining most successfully. He is a member of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Holyoke, and a member of the Quoit Club.

On May 25, 1909, Mr. Brunelle married Angelina Contois, daughter of Clement and Rosette Contois, of Juliette, Canada. Their children are: Irene, Laona, Arthur, Jr., and Paledore, deceased.

**DYER, Ebenezer Alden, M. D.,**

**Physician.**

The founder of the Dyer family, represented in the present generation by Dr. Ebenezer A. Dyer, of Whitman, was William Dyer, an early settler of Sheepscott, Maine, his name appearing on a list of those who took the oath of allegiance, in 1665, also that of his son, Christopher Dyer, both of whom were massacred by the Indians during King Philip's War. The line of descent is carried through the above-mentioned son, Christopher Dyer, who married twice, and among the children of the first wife was William Dyer, through whom the line is traced. He was one of the earliest settlers of that part of Bridgewater since known as Abington and Whitman, in 1699. He married twice, and his child by his first wife was Christopher Dyer, the next in line of succession. He was the first white child born in the town of Abington, his birth occurring in 1701, and he died in the same town, August 11, 1786. He married Hannah Nash, and among their children was Christopher Dyer, who was born and resided all his life in Abington. He married and among his children was Christopher Dyer, born in Abington, December 23, 1764, resided in that part now known as Whitman, and died May 9, 1853. He married Deborah Reed, and among their children was Christopher Dyer, born in the south part of Abington, October 15, 1786, and died September 24, 1868. He was an artistic penman, a teacher of penmanship, also a sign painter. He married Betsey Porter, and among their children was Edward Loring Dyer, born on the homestead, May 16, 1828, and died February 12, 1864. He engaged in the express business in early life, later formed a partnership with his brother, Francis Elihu Dyer, and they conducted a general store until the outbreak of the Civil



War. He then enlisted his services in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company C, Thirty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, at South Abington, his term of service three years, but before his term of enlistment expired he was taken ill and returned home, his death occurring shortly afterward. He married, October 22, 1850, Lavinia Crosby Gannett, born June 28, 1831, died October 28, 1899, daughter of Seth Gannett, of Hanson, Massachusetts. They were the parents of two children: Edward Oscar, born January 14, 1853, and Ebenezer Alden, of whom further.

Dr. Ebenezer Alden Dyer was born in what was then South Abington (now Whitman), Massachusetts, July 17, 1857. He supplemented his public school education by attendance at Phillips (Andover) Academy, from which he graduated in the class of 1878, and at Amherst College. Having decided to devote his active career to the profession of medicine, he matriculated at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1882. He began the practice of medicine at Northampton, Massachusetts, where he remained one year, and then moved to Southampton, where he practiced for six and a half years. In 1890 he located in his native town, South Abington, and for the following eight years was one of the successful and skillful physicians of the community. At that time gold was discovered in Alaska, and Dr. Dyer, being fond of travel and adventure, started for the new El Dorado, and for five years engaged in prospecting, and also for a time followed his profession at Cape Nome. Upon his return from Alaska, in 1903, he again took up his residence in Whitman, in the old Dyer homestead, one of the oldest in that section, and has since devoted his attention to the practice of his profession. He is also interested in public affairs, serving for a number of years as a member of the Re-

publican town committee, its chairman in 1907; was elected in 1905 as a member of the General Court for the towns of Abington and Whitman, and there served on the public lighting committee, and was monitor of the second division in the House; in 1906 was again elected, and during the session of 1907 served as a member and chairman of the committee on public charitable institutions. He is a member of the Whitman Board of Trade.

Dr. Dyer takes a deep interest in his native town, and is always foremost in its public gatherings. He is a fine public speaker, and is often called upon to deliver addresses at public meetings. When the centennial of the First Congregational Church of Whitman was celebrated, June 10, 1907, he was selected to deliver an address on the history of the town. At the dedication of the new town hall, December 10, 1907, he was chosen to make the address, and when the tablet to the soldiers of the Revolution was unveiled in the town hall the same year he was again called upon and on that occasion read an original poem, entitled, "Tribute to the Flag." At the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the town of Old Bridgewater, June 13, 1906, Dr. Dyer delivered an address in response to the toast, "Medicine: Our surgeons and physicians have proved an honor to their profession and a blessing to the afflicted." On this occasion Dr. Dyer also read an original poem, entitled, "America." On April 7, 1908, Dr. Dyer delivered the oration upon the occasion of the unveiling of the tablet to the memory of the Revolutionary soldiers of Abington by Captain John Pulling Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Whitman.

Dr. Dyer is a member of the Plymouth District Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and for several years of the American Medical Association; the

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Hatherly Medical Club; the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health; life member of the Old Bridgewater Historical Society; member of the Plymouth County Club; for several years of the Republican Club of Massachusetts; Puritan Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Whitman, of which he is a past master; of Pilgrim Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; of Old Colony Commandery, Knights Templar, of

Abington; of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; of the Knights of Constantine and Alabama, and of George A. Custer Camp, No. 28, Sons of Veterans, of Whitman. He is past district deputy grand master of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District, and is past president of the Worshipful Masters' Association of the same district.



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Smith, page 196, Harper should be Hopper all through the sketch; page 197, first column, line 42, Lou should be Mary; second column, line 20, Prentiss should be Perkins; page 198, first column, line 31, Whitney should be Whiting.

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