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## CHERRY CREEK.

*Some years ago a cherry tree  
Beside a small stream throve,  
And tried 'tis said to rear its head  
O'er others in the grove;  
And when this tree o'ertopped them all  
Surveyors chopped it down  
And in its place a stake was set—  
The center of a town.*

*The tree, the stream that near by ran,  
The name suggested quick,  
'Twas early named and still is famed  
Therefore, as Cherry Creek;  
And like the tree that upward grew  
(But to the town gave place,)  
The little village soon took root  
And thenceforth grew apace.*

*The hills, the vales, the rills, the dells,  
That near this spot are found,  
The pastures green on hillsides seen,  
The well-tilled fields around,  
Make this a garden of the gods—  
A garden of the blessed,  
A place where labor means but joy,  
And illeness is rest.*

*And Enterprise within this town  
Has builded her retreat.  
Here cot and hall, grange and homes all  
Are orderly and neat.  
A place, it is, to catch the eyes  
Of those whose fancies roam;  
And to be envied he who claims  
In Cherry Creek a home.*

*Arthur J. Burdick.*



Chas. J. Shultz

HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
OF  
CHERRY CREEK,  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK.

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With views of Business Places and Residences, together with sketches of  
Prominent Citizens of various professions and occu-  
pations, past and present.

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“He that has much to do, will do something wrong, and of that wrong must suffer the  
consequences; and if it were possible that he should always act rightly, yet  
when such members are to judge of his conduct, the bad will censure  
and obstruct him by malevolence, and the good some-  
times by mistake.”—*Samuel Johnson.*

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CHERRY CREEK IN 1900—A VIEW FROM THE CANNING FACTORY TOWER—LOOKING WEST.

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## BY WAY OF PREFACE.

**I**N presenting to the public "Cherry Creek Illustrated," the publisher desires to return his sincere thanks to all who have so kindly aided him to obtain the information it contains, and who have made it possible to present it in so brief a space of time. We have been pleasurably surprised by the prompt and liberal manner in which our citizens have assisted us, and we trust that our work will meet with entire approval. We have for some time felt that the attractions and advantages of Cherry Creek should be presented to the outside world in a pleasing and substantial form. We have endeavored therefore, to produce a work that will be a credit to our village as well as ourselves. While it is impossible in the space at our disposal to do full justice to the subjects treated, yet we have to the best of our ability, made a fair presentation of Cherry Creek's historical associations, its industries and attractions, its churches, school, residences, business places, and business men, and in general, a description of our charming village, and its attractive advantages as a desirable location for manufacturing enterprises of any nature. Especially do we owe our thanks to the editors of the village paper for the uniform kindness they have evinced in calling public attention to our efforts. Many others have placed us under similar obligations; but as credit has been given in most cases, as well as works from which we have quoted, we omit further special mention here. If errors or omissions, occur we trust they will be pardoned by reason of the difficulties with which we have had to contend. Remember that nothing is perfect, that it is human to err, while it is a sublime prerogative to *forgive*. While thanking our friends and patrons generally for the liberality and cordiality with which our efforts have been seconded, we take this occasion to express the hope that the information found in these pages will not prove devoid of interest and value; and we sincerely trust, also, that it may prove a nucleus and incentive to future writers, who will be better able to do full justice to the subject, and leave our work to receive that favor which earnest endeavor ever wins from a discriminating public.

CHAS. J. SHULTS.



*Yours Truly*  
*C. L. Wheeler*

*Supervisor Cherry Creek, and  
Postmaster New York State Senate.*

## CHERRY CREEK—HOW NAMED.

IT may be entirely superfluous to say to the residents of Cherry Creek that the Village gets its name from the little stream flowing through it. This locality was once famous for the growth of cherry wood. History says, "The center of the township was found to be by survey on a little island in the stream, where there was a small red cherry tree. Joshua Bentley, Jr., cut it down, made a stake of it, drove it down and named the stream Cherry Creek, which gave the name to the town."

Cherry Creek's original name was "Puekrum." But that evidently did not suit the taste of the first citizens and the name was changed. Just why the people who christened the place did not call it KENT-ON, BENTLEY-VILLE, or BLAISDELL or something of that nature is not known. But Cherry Creek it was called, Cherry Creek it is, and there is not a better advertised small town anywhere, for in almost any grocery store on the Continent you will find canned goods from Cherry Creek.

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## DESCRIPTIVE OF THE VILLAGE AND TOWN.

*"He builded better than he knew."*

SO did the little band of hardy pioneers who laid the foundation of the present beautiful and prosperous town and village of Cherry Creek, "the biggest little town" in Chautauqua County, New York. Nearly one hundred years ago they made their way into the trackless wilderness to build up homes and a profitable business for themselves and their children. And their energy and perseverance were joined to a far-seeing good judgment, to whose wisdom the results give testimony. Doubtless they may sometimes have indulged in dreams, or even ardent hopes of the possible future greatness of their colony, but in those days of trials and discouragement, their imagination could hardly have reached to the expectation of what is the present prosperous condition of the town with its still greater prospects for the future. The visitor to Cherry Creek now enters a growing incorporated village of about 900 inhabitants, beautiful in location with broad and smooth streets, many of them well shaded, adorned with good residences and business places, and filled with active and enterprising business interests, including a newspaper, a bank, canning factory, mills, and stores in every department of trade, providing all the necessaries, comforts and luxuries of life, fully equipped with good hotels, churches, a Union

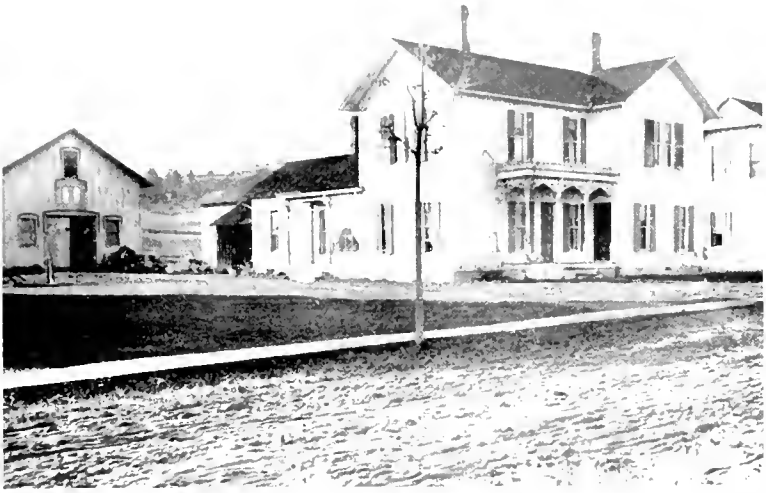


RESIDENCE OF F. J. SHATTUCK.



RESIDENCE OF A. H. CURTISS.





RESIDENCE OF C. L. WHEELER.



RESIDENCE OF DR. C. A. SHEPARD.

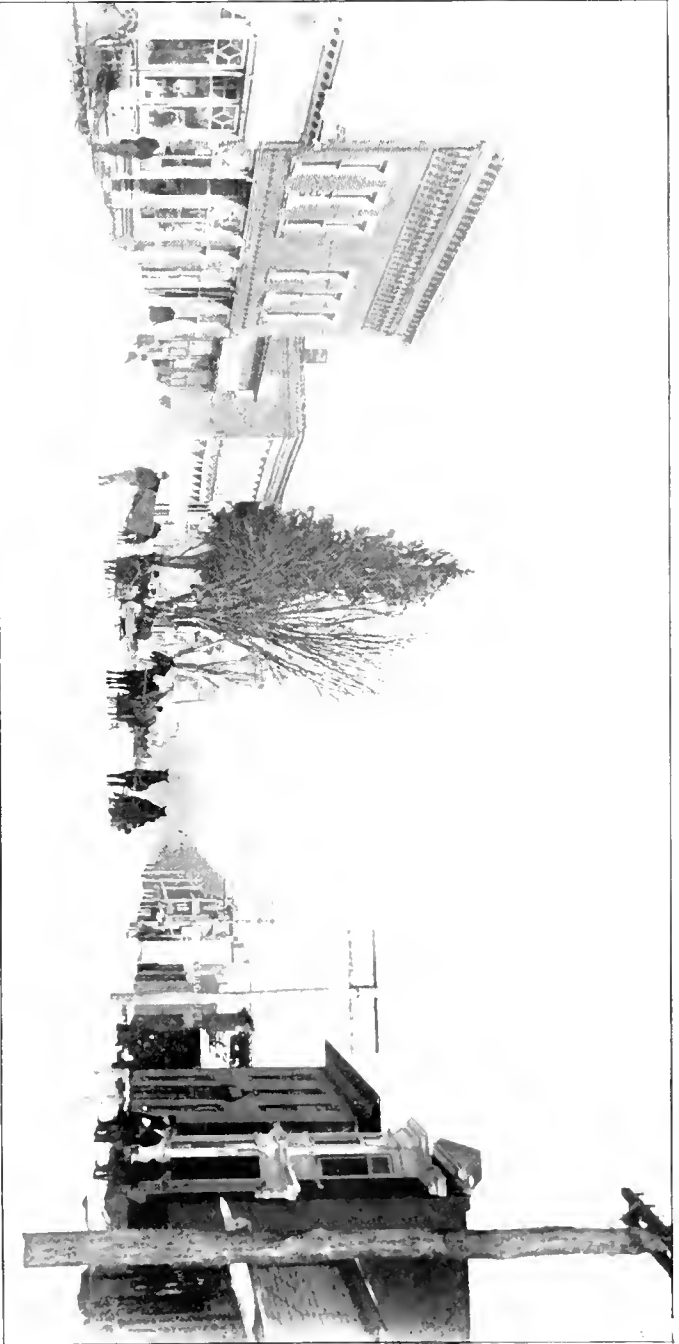


MAIN STREET, CHERRY CREEK IN 1870.

*Taken From a Stereopticon View.*

Free School and other agencies to stimulate and strengthen all that goes to make up the general intelligence of people and the highest for most civilization. It is the "hub" of several surrounding towns and villages, which pay more or less tribute, and gathers to itself the traffic of the great fertile farming districts around it. Situated on the B. & S. W. R. R., 48 miles from Buffalo and 22 miles from Jamestown so that we are not "too far nor yet too near" from either of the big and little "hubs" of Western New York.

From here is shipped the products of the canning factory and mills which go to all parts of the world. So, little by little, from the day of small things, has the wide awake village of Cherry Creek increased steadily in all that has contributed to its present prosperity. The early settlers are still represented by many resident families of their descendants, who give a tone of integrity, stability and refinement to the whole community. The educational advantages have been steadily increasing and are never at a stand-still. Its population has always included many eminent professional men, in the church, law and medicine. Besides its railroad facilities, it possesses a great natural advantage in the way of water-power. But many a place has failed to become useful for the want of brains, brawn, and bravery, which fortunately were not lacking in the first settlers of Cherry Creek. There are three places of religious worship, including a Methodist, Baptist and Free Baptist Church. Cherry Creek's educational work is most successfully carried on in an elegant new school building fully equipped with all the modern improvements and appliances to do the best work and promote the highest grade of scholarship. It is one of the healthiest villages in the State. The water is of the best, pure, cool and invigorating. Underlying the village is a vein of water and when tapped means a fine flowing well every time. There is something like 60 of these wells flowing a continuous stream of water from a depth of 30 to 210 feet below the surface. This is one natural advantage over which any place might properly rejoice. But all these features of Cherry Creek, so briefly alluded to, deserve a detailed description, which will be given further on.



MAIN STREET, CHERRY CREEK, IN 1900—LOOKING NORTH.

## SCENIC ATTRACTIONS.

**A** LEISURELY walk through Cherry Creek's streets cannot fail to give pleasure to the visitor, whether passing by the well kept and well supplied business places or the comfortable homes with beautiful grounds. Delightful drives extending far in every direction, furnish a variety of pleasing scenery. Not the least of these points of interest and beauty in Nichols' Gulf. A mile northwest of the village is an extensive plateau about 1000 feet above the valley; on this plateau are



A HISTORICAL SPOT—VIEW ON CHERRY CREEK.

*From an amateur photograph by F. H. Lapham*

many of the good farms of the town. When this locality was first settled, a short cut road ran straight up the side of the hill, then known by the old settlers as "Powers' Hill" and plainly visible from Randolph, about fifteen miles distant. This was so steep that it was practically impossible for heavy loads. One starting in the morning at the foot of the hill felt fortunate if he made the top in time to return; and if being especially favored by Providence, he did reach the top, in coming down he was obliged to lean back so far to keep his balance, that the tails of his short coat were in great danger

of being caught by the rough stones of the road or the roots of stumps. But some one in the neighborhood, a civil engineer in embryo, saw that a road might be made to the top of the hill, through a gulf or ravine and thus get a more gradual grade by going only a short distance further. The change was accordingly made in the road, as might be expected, following the natural gully, like a cow path, does not take a bee line for the top of the hill but repeatedly strays from the straight, but never from the narrow way. One of the visitors taken there by a proud native is reported to have said, "I can't understand why you people here are so fond of that old joke about our railroads in the mountains out west, where as your story goes, the roads are so crooked those in the hind cars can visit with their engineer as he sits in his cab; for as we were riding up through that gulf, I happened to look around and saw one of the horses that were drawing us, eating some apples out of the back part of our wagon box. We surely haven't any thing out west that can equal that."

About half way up the ravine is an old watering trough made from a log hollowed out. This has been in use so many years that the outside is decayed and crumbling. Every one who has walked up as far as that is ready to take a drink of this water, coming from a spring in the side of the ravine just back of the trough. If any visitor hears one speak of the old watering trough he may know at once that this is the one meant. As the ravine leads for its whole length through woods, the drive is a noted favorite for that deluded class, commonly and charitably called lovers, for they know that except for pleasure seekers, the road is not extensively traveled. Built into the west side of the hill at the foot of the ravine is the most picturesque home of the country that of the man from whom the gulf is named.

We regret that we cannot show to better advantage than in engravings here presented the beauty of our scenery and residence streets. Great pride is taken by the house owners in the care of their grounds, many of which are prettily adorned.

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IN early days wolves were abundant in the forests about Cherry Creek, and occasionally bear was killed. Tradition says that the last bear (?) seen was in September, 1899, when there was a great bear hunt, engaged in by many of our citizens.

Fred. Shattuck and Clint. Mount are authority that it was not captured.



OLD WATERING TROUGH IN NICHOL'S GULF.

*From an amateur photograph by E. W. Curtis.*

## CURIOUS ROCKS.\*

UNTIL a photograph and short account of them appeared in the "Buffalo Illustrated Express" of May 14, 1899, comparatively few people knew of the rocks on the farm of Truman B. Carr; and even now few people outside of the immediate neighborhood have seen what is in a way, the greatest natural curiosity of the town.

There are sixteen rocks placed along the bottom and sides of a small gully in Mr. Carr's pasture about half a mile from the highway. Many of the rocks are sunk in the ground so as to be visible only at the top while others are almost wholly above ground. The one apparently the largest of the group is on the west side of the depression so that one side is level with the ground and the east side is six or eight feet high. The rock is about 20 feet long and ten feet wide, of irregular shape. It has been split through its whole width by a tree growing in what was probably at first only a small crevice; this rock is gradually rising. Though probably not so large as the one just mentioned, the "big rock" so called by those who have been acquainted with it for years, is the most interesting of the group as it is at the bottom of the gully and for many years was wholly on top of the ground. The west side is straight, almost perpendicular and about 12 feet high; the length of its greatest diameter is eighteen feet. Twenty-five years ago the south side was nearly perpendicular, with the strata of the rock horizontal, but the whole rock of late years has been tipping towards the north and the strata are now at an angle of 40 degrees; one corner sinking and the south-west corner being raised bodily from the ground, showing that the bottom is flat. A large shelf protruding from the north side, broke off from its own weight several years ago and has since disintegrated. All the rocks are of the same formation, small rounded white stones conglomerated. A piece broke off and exposed to the weather soon crumbles leaving only the white pebbles. People interested in oil have always noted that these rocks are the same as those so abundant in the oil regions of southern Cattaraugus County and northwestern Pennsylvania; and many think that oil could be found near them.

The question every visitor has asked himself and others, is, "How came they here?" As glaciers have a reputation of having done such work, that is about the only solution thus far ever advanced. But why did the glacier select this particular spot and deposit all its baggage in this part of Mr. Carr's farm and not leave anything in other parts of the same farm or any

\* From an article condensed from the *Illustrated Buffalo Express*, written by E. W. Curtis.

adjoining farms or even anywhere in the locality? These rocks are located in a narrow strip ten rods wide and sixty rods long. Outside of this strip there are none.

The person with or without scientific knowledge who will come to the neighborhood and tell who brought those rocks there, when he did it, and explain why that particular spot was chosen, will not be without honor among those who have thought and dreamed of the question all their lives.

ARTESIAN Wells, instead of being expensive luxuries, are cheaper than pumps. Cherry Creek is probably the best watered portion of the earth's surface. So easy is water obtainable that a person may have artesian wells all over his property and at almost any spot on his premises he pleases at a very small expense. Of such wells there are sixty in the village and the supply of water is abundant.

THE ready wit of the Rev. Alva Wilder was well known to many of his time. One day a citizen stopped in front of the parson's boarding place, and observed the divine heaping brush on a roaring fire. "I suppose you wish all the sinners were in that fire, Elder?" said the citizen. "No," was the reply, "I have been preaching all these years to keep them out of it."

SETH GROVER, Cherry Creek's first merchant, who opened his place of business in 1831, was a man of uncommon ability, Yankee enterprise and shrewdness. It is said that when he came here he was a Whig, but soon changed his politics for the sake of being postmaster. He was a man of liberality, popular and well-liked.



CURIOUS ROCKS ON FARM OF T. B. CARR.

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*From an amateur photograph by F. W. Curtis.*



## HISTORICAL

**C**HERRY CREEK was formed from Ellington, May 4, 1829, and comprises township four, range ten, of the Holland Companies surveys. The first settlement in the town was made by Joseph M. Kent on Lot 9 (which now includes parts of the farms occupied by Adelbert Bentley, Albertus Shattuck et al) in the spring of 1815. He was a native of Royalton, Vt., and after having resided respectively in



GEO. H. FROST,

*Cherry Creek's First Postmaster and First Inn-keeper. See Article, "Pioneer Residents."*

Herkimer and Onondaga Counties, removed to Gerry (now Cherry Creek). He came with a wife and seven children. He reared his bark covered log house in the spring. He then returned to his family and sent his wife on horseback eight miles through the woods, with one child in her arms and

*\*We are indebted to Wm. S. Blaisdell for most of the data and information in this article.*



another behind her, with nothing but marked trees to guide her to the new house. She arrived safely, with flint and "spunk" previously provided, started a fire, and passed the night undisturbed, except by the howling of the wolves in the adjacent Conewango swamp.

Mr. Kent, his son George, Nancy, his eldest daughter, and John P. Kent, a nephew, cleared the first land in the town, and raised from it the first crop of potatoes the same year. The next spring, destitute of provisions and money, he felled a pine tree, and made from the trunk a canoe sixty feet in length, launched it in Conewango Creek, put into it 1500 pounds of maple sugar and some black salts, and ran it down to Pittsburg. He there exchanged his cargo for flour, pork, salt, and with the help of his son, George, pushed his vessel with pike poles back to Cherry Creek, having been absent three weeks. The family during his absence subsisted chiefly on sugar and milk.

Joshua Bentley, Jr., was the second settler and he settled on lot 15, what is now known as the Deeker farm on September 1, 1815. He had located in Ellery about 1808. He was one of the surveyors that ran the lines in this part of the county prior to its settlement. Cherry Creek's first road was cut out by John Kent, brother of Joseph M., one of the first purchasers of land in Villenova. In the spring of 1810, he built his house on the old Indian camping grounds, at the head waters of the Conewango. He also built the first saw-mill and grist mill in the Eastern part of the county. The Indian trail from the Cattaraugus Reservation to the Alleghany passed down the Conewango Valley its entire length through Villenova, Cherry Creek, Ellington, Poland, Pine Grove and North Warren, Pa.; where this trail crossed the farm now owned by Wm. S. Blaisdell, there were two large springs where the Indians had a camp with a stone fire place. This camp was almost constantly occupied by parties of Indians, who stopped to fish and hunt as they passed, as they journeyed either north or south.

John P. Kent, a son, and John Dighton, in the summer of 1812, cut out the first road through the heavy forest from Kent's Mill in Villenova, sixteen miles through Cherry Creek to Kennedyville, for which they received from the Holland Land Company \$10 per mile. This road followed the line of the Conewango Valley on the Indian trail running on the west side of the village. Mrs. E. E. Robertson's residence and G. Frank Lapham's residence stand squarely on the old track; thence southeasterly nearly across the Ira Bassett place. The present north and south road is on higher land. This road crosses the old road near Kilbourn's Mill, intersecting it again at the Bassett place. Three years later they cut out another road across the town to Sinclairville, branching off from the old road on Lot 16 in Cherry Creek, taking a southwesterly line, passing the homes of Gardiner Crandall, and Isaac Curtis on lot 23. At that time they were the only residents in town on this road. Mr. Kent desired straight roads if they did run across lots, hence this road was cut out over the highest hill and deepest valleys, from near where George B. Tanner settled in 1824 over the highest hill in town to the John D. Mount farm and the Myron Field farm into Charlotte, then down the hill to Sinclairville, here intersecting a road leading to Charlotte

Center. This has been known as the old Kent road and is now called Kent Street by Sinclairville people. Gardiner Crandall and Isaac Curtis had each purchased 100 acres on lot 23, and Mr. Crandall built a log house 26x20, and in the spring of 1816, both families moved into it and lived there until Mr. Curtis could build. Mr. Crandall lived many years in Cherry Creek, and became the father of 22 children by two wives. Isaac Curtis and his family are all gone except a distant relative, who now owns the farm. Stephen Curtis, a brother of Isaac, settled on adjoining land, and left two sons, Henry L. and John H. Curtis. James Marks the next purchaser of land in Cherry Creek, (his deed calling for 160 acres in the south part of lot 20, bearing date October 20, 1815), built his modest 18x18 log house on the site now occupied by G. Frank Lapham's residence, covered with bark and without any floor, and moved in his furniture, consisting of an ax, a gun, and a "baking kittle." This was the first house built in the now incorporated village of Cherry Creek. His house soon after became unoccupied and remained so until about 1824; it was then fitted up for a school-house for the first school taught in the village. Its teacher, Angeline Pickering, became the wife of John Babcock and settled in Busti. In May, 1816, Barber Babcock on lot 19, Ely D. Pendleton on lot 20, and Reuben Cheeney on lot 18, became settlers of Cherry Creek, lived here many years, raised families, cleared up farms and made homes. In June, 1817, Elam Edson, William Weaver, on lot 18, Rufus Hitchcock and Hiram Hill on lot 49, John Smith lot 17, Henry Babcock lot 20, Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr., lot 11, Eliphalet W. Wilcox lot 17, Robert Page lot 28, were settlers. Daniel Hadley from Vermont came with his family to this county November 9, 1817. Three of his sons settled in Cherry Creek, Niles and Alvah on parts of lot 41, John P. on lot 27, near the village. He married the daughter of Robert James, also an early settler. He took an active part in laying out



STEPHEN BLAISDELL,

*See Article on Pioneer Residents*

and cutting out early roads in Cherry Creek, and in getting the town set off from Ellington in 1829. He also frequently served in town offices, and was town clerk at the time of his death. He held the militia offices from corporal to major. One son survives him, George, a resident of this village.

In the southwest part of the town lived Alvah Hadley, whose son Ozro A. was for a time acting governor of Arkansas, and Niles Hadley, who lived and died on his early purchased home. Also settled here Mr. Ward and his son, William, On, and Ai; Hudson Smith, John Howard, Nathaniel Dunham, Arthur Hines, Addison Phillips, John Luce, Reuben A. Bullock, Myron Field, Horatio Hill. Joseph Price on lot 42 had three sons;

John, Lawrence, and David. Abraham T. Andrus settled where the late John D. Mount lived. In the northwest part were: John Bartlett, Ira B. Tanner, Alvah Bannister, Elkanah Steward, Oliver Carpenter, Anson Newton, Wilbur Bardick, John Essex, J. Richardson, Eben Abbey, Putnam Farrington, a general of the war of 1812. Ora Parks, who settled in 1824 on lot 37, three miles in the woods from neighbors, cleared his farm and raised a large family. Enoch A. Bronson came from Connecticut and settled on lot 56 near the northline in 1825, where he died in 1858. His sons were William, Horace, Allen L., and Monson M.



\*JAMES CARR,  
*Cherry Creek's First Supervisor.*

In a little settlement at Shattuck's Schoolhouse was made the first attempt at a village in the town in the spring of 1820, on lot 34. Here settled Robert James, Montgomery Evans, Norton Still, David Myres, Horatio Hill, Demas Stone, Robert James, Jr., and Randall Spencer, who held the first Methodist class meetings in his house for a number of years. A burying ground was soon laid out. Pliny Shattuck opened a blacksmith shop here in 1831. The hopes of having a village at this point were soon blasted.

George H. Frost, from Rensselaer County, came in 1823, and built the second house in what is now the Village of Cherry Creek, on the south part of lot 20, where C. D. Leonard's cheese factory once stood (land taken up by James Marks in 1815). Mr. Frost became the first settler with a family in the village, kept the first tavern, and was the first Postmaster; he afterward kept a store, later lived on a farm, but returned to the village where he died in 1873. He had been for several years Supervisor.

William Green, Almeron Bly, Elam Edson, Ira Bassett, John Bovee, Rollins Kilburn, Harvey James, Aaron Bartlett, John P. Hadley, Thos. Berry, Cyrus Thatcher and Alfred Goodrich were early settlers in the village. In the vicinity of the village were Michael Page, Eddy Weatherly, Jotham Godfrey, Stephen Blaisdell, Julius Gibbs, Henry Babcock, Wm. Kilburn and Thos. Carter, who established a tannery with a shoe shop. In the central part, Robert James settled in 1820, on lot 36, where he died. Of his sons Robert J., was supervisor in 1831, and 1832, Jonathan was a physician. Thos. Mount brought a wife and fourteen children from New Jersey. His sons were Ezekiel, John, Hezekiah, Furman and Samuel. Anthony Morian settled on lot 44, in 1835, and raised a family of ten children.

In the southeast part Wanton King settled on lot 9, in 1820. His sons were Thomas Ward and Obidiah. On lot 18, Josiah Crumb settled. Eason

\*See Article, "Pioneer Residents."



\*LYDIA (KENT) GREEN.

*First Child Born in Cherry Creek.*

Matteson located on lot 18, in 1820. His son James now resides in the village, Almanson in Chicago, and John is dead. In the south part the early settlers were: Daniel Waggoner, Isaac C. Brown, Wm. S. Bullock, Moses Ells, Clark Losee, Geo. W. Hitchcock. Job Eddy settled on lot 23, in the northeast part in 1820. Thos. Wilcox from Hanover was an early settler, first on lot 17, in 1819, on lot 21, in 1824, and on lot 24 in 1829, where he died. He was noted for his industry and for clearing much land. His sons were Daniel, Erastus, Alfred and Harlow. James Carr settled in 1823 on lot 15, land bought of Joshua Bentley, Jr., and afterwards kept store in the village. He was supervisor of Ellington in 1828-29, and the first supervisor of Cherry Creek. He had one son Andrew

J. William G. Carr came in October, 1829, with wife and two children and settled on lot 15. Jarius Nash from Stephentown, an early school teacher, settled on lot 23. His son, William, resides on the homestead. Jared Ingalls located on all of lot 22, in 1825, and built a saw-mill. Daniel B. Parsons, from Madison County, settled in 1850, on lot 23, where he died. Both he and his son, Reuben W., have been supervisors. William Weaver, in 1817, settled on lot 18; a few years after on lot 14, where he died. On Powers Hill George Sheffield settled on lot 29. His sons were Aaron, Hiram, Alanson and Judson. Daniel Powers, a son-in-law, from whom the hill takes its name, settled on the same lot 29.

The first birth in town was that of Lydia, daughter of Joesph M. and Patty Kent, in 1816. She married the Hon. Chas. B. Green of Ellington. The first marriage was James Battles to Rachael, daughter of Daniel Hadley, June 6, 1819. The first death was that of Rufus Hitchcock in 1820; he fell from the roof of his house just as he had completed it, and fractured his skull. The first school was taught by Reuben Cheeney in the south part of the town. The first merehant in Cherry Creek was Seth Grover, who started in trade in 1831, in a building on the site where F. R. Pope's establishment now is. He had in connection with his store an ashery and a pearling oven. Later Cyrus Thatcher and George H. Frost were in trade. The first resident physician, Horace Morgan, came in 1829. He was followed by Oliver B. Main, Edwin G. Bly, T. G. Walker et al. Among the early tailors were Jonathan Greenman and Russell Bartlett. The first saw mill was built by Wm. Kilbourn in 1824, on Cherry creek near the village; he attached, the next year, a shop for making spinning wheels, chairs, etc., to his mill. The second saw mill was built by Robert James and Wm. Green in 1833. The first grist mill was built by Hull Nickerson in 1828, near the

sight of Price's saw mill. It had one run of stones and was used only for corn. It was known for years as the old "pepper" mill. In 1848 Joseph Kent built a grist mill with all modern appliances with three runs of stones for grinding all kinds of grain. This mill was burned in 1869, and rebuilt in 1870 by Silas Vinton. Immediately under the grocery store of A. R. Smith a large spring bubbles up. In the early days of settlement this was much larger than now and overflowed quite an area of land. The deer found some attractive quality in the water not present in any other spring, and resorted there often in numbers. This gave it the name of "the deer lick" by which it was long known.

## REMINISCENSES.

Cherry Creek's pioneers like all others lived in log cabins without door and windows for a long period. Few incidents of much importance disturbed the quietness of the settlement's existence, except the loss of Joshua Bentley's child and what was called the "Injun War."

A four-year-old daughter of Joshua Bentley, a highly respected member of the community, strayed off into the woods one day in April, 1822, and was never seen again dead or alive. "Mrs. Bentley with two of the older-children started out to pick some cowslips, leaving her husband asleep on the floor and the little girl at play in the doorway. She was not missed until Mrs. Bentley's return, about an hour afterwards. A search was commenced and continued by the inhabitants of the surrounding country, but without discovering the least trace of the child. That she was taken by the Indians, or that she had wandered away into the woods and had been devoured by wild beasts was among the conjectures concerning her fate." Joshua Bentley here referred to was the grandfather of our townsman Edwin C. Bentley.

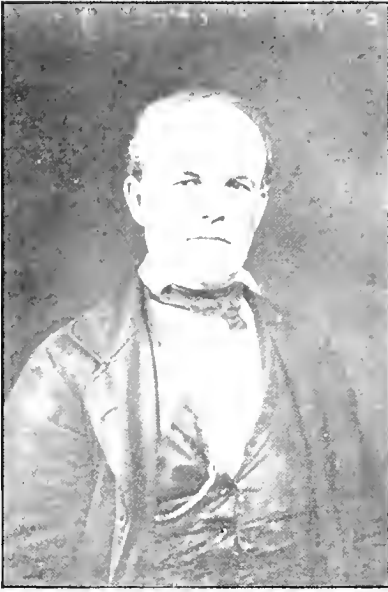


\*ALEX. BENTLEY.

*First Male Child Born in Cherry Creek.*

*\*See Article, "Historical Condensations,"*

Mrs. Amy A. Shuttuck tells us that the early settlers here had but little money. What few groceries they had were obtained by exchange of black salts and maple sugar. Black salts were made by burning trees to ashes, the ashes put into large leaches, which were wet down then boiled into what was called "Black Salts." This was drawn by ox-teams to the lake and exchanged for flour. Later, Seth Grover, Cherry Creek's first merchant, took the salts in exchange for provisions.



**SETH GROVER,**

*Cherry Creek's First Merchant.*

From the early records of School District No. 6 (Shattuck District) we glean the following. We quote verbatim:

“At a meeting of the freeholders and the inhabitants of school district No. 6 in the town of Cherry Creek held on the eighth day of April, 1832. 1st. Voted that Robert James serve as moderator. Voted that we raise \$21 to build a log school house 20x26. 2nd. Voted that David Hollister finish the house after the logs and material is on the ground for the sum of \$5. 3rd. Voted that we raise fifty cents to compensate Mr. Tanner for going to Mayville to see Mr. Peacock about title to land. Voted that every man who works on the house shall have fifty cents per day for his and his ox team's work. Voted that we raise \$1.50 for raising the house. Voted that our summer school begin the second Monday in May next—three weeks from today.

Voted that the site be on the North Road not to exceed 20 rods and on the west side of the road and on the rise of ground.” Lebus Whitney, Mod. Randall Spencer, Clerk.

It is further recorded:

“At a meeting held on the sixth day of February, 1833, this business was transacted: Voted that we choose our officers by the uplifted hand. Voted that Randall Spencer serve as District Clerk. Voted that Robert James serve as moderator. Voted that David Myres and Pliny Shattuck and Ira B. Tanner serve as trustees. Voted that David Hollister serve as collector. Voted that we have a summer school kept for three months. Voted that said school be kept by a woman teacher.”

“At a meeting held May 13, 1833. Voted that we accept the house and pay for it and raise money to finish the same. Voted that we have three-eight light windows for the house. Voted that we mud the house make the benches and reciting bench and put in windows and wooden latch for door. Voted that every man present his account to the trustees on the 24th day of June at five o'clock in the afternoon.”

“At a meeting held December 13, 1833, the following business was attended: Voted that we accept the site where the school house now stands and pay for the site. Voted that we have a winter school three months by a man teacher. Voted that every man get a half cord of wood to a scholar drawn to the school house and corded and measured by the teacher and

*\*See Article, Pioneer Residents.”*

corded and fit for the fire or have no pay for same. Voted that every man gets half of his wood in two weeks and the other half by the thirteenth of January sure. Voted that the delinquent wood be got by David Myres for fifty cents per cord. Voted that we have no other wood but beach and maple and birch green. Voted that we have a cross legged table, a pail and a cup and sliche and a chair. Voted that every taxable inhabitant get one pane of glass for the school house. Voted that every man sends one week shall get one half cord of wood for a scholar. Voted that nails and boards to repair the house be added to the winter school. Robert James, Mod. Randall Spencer, Clerk."

"Trustees report Oct. 13, 1834: We have had \$11.38 of public money and \$18.62 1-2 of the whole amount of money and paid out for the winter school was \$30. Pliny Shattuck, Ira B. Tanner and David Hollister."

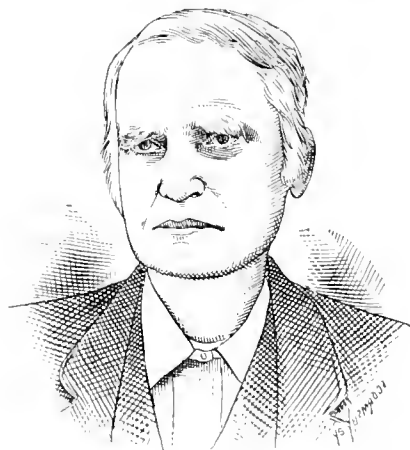
G. S. Kent has the records of this district from the early commencement up to August, 1888, and they are all well preserved.

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The Indian war originated in this way as was once related to us by the late Charles B. Green:

West of the village lived a man whose name is now forgotten. He had bought a red flannel shirt, and unknown to his sister, put it on and went out to work in the woods. Although it was on the 6th of January it was quite warm and pleasant, and about mid-day he laid down on the leaves and went to sleep. Two Indians had been seen prowling around that morning, but as Indians were a familiar sight, nothing was thought of their presence.

The sister went in search of her brother to carry him some dinner, and came upon him stretched upon the ground, bathed in blood as she supposed. Not stopping to investigate and connecting the red skins of the morning with the supposed murder, she ran to the nearest neighbor with the news that her brother had been murdered by savages. The news spread and taken up by John Hall, a most reliable member of the locality, and he sprang upon his horse and galloped along the road shouting that 500 Canadian Indians were moving along the Chautanqua Road, killing and burning as they came. This was enough. Women screamed, men shouted, and children cried. Almost everybody hastily gathered what few valuables they could carry and fled in the most expeditious manner possible towards the North, spreading the news as they went. The narrow roads were choked with flying crowds and consternation was increased by everyone exaggerating the most trifling sight or sound. As the people ran screaming and praying along the



\*HON. CHAS. B. GREEN.

\*See Article, "Pioneer Residents."

streets in the village, an old fellow named Edson Matteson, who doubted the tale of blood, came out and cried to the skurrying crowd: "Run, run, all of ye, and Christians too, *I'm a Universaler*. You kill yourselves running long before the Indians will catch you." Many thought him in league with the Indians, and one young woman, named Lucretia Abbey, shook her fist in his face and called him a traitor. He continued to laugh however and laughed until he died, many years later, over the ludicrous affair.

Ward King, whose sick wife could not be removed, bravely melted his pewter tea-pot into bullets and prepared to sell his life as dearly as possible. Many barricaded their houses, dozens were seen hastily staggering along under a load of household goods, enough to have loaded a horse. Some women were so scared that they could not travel.

Mrs. Charlotte Kent was one. She and a friend sat down by the roadside and waited to be tomahawked and scalped. Mrs. Kent avowed that she was so scared that she could neither see nor hear clearly and it wouldn't hurt her a bit to have been killed then.

Her mother and family of little children were running through the woods and the youngest Dewitt C. Green, innocently asked: "If they would be allowed in Heaven if the Indians killed them." Another man mounted his horse, and with his wife behind him, started for the big lake. When he had gone a little ways his wife thought that she had left a big fire roaring in a fire-place, and that it might burn the house, so she slipped off the horse and went back to look after it. He rode on to alarm the people. The dreadful news spread from settlement to settlement as far North as Fredonia, and went so fast that it could not be stopped. Militia companies were called

out and the country bristled with arms. All that day and night the poor refugees continued to run. Late in the afternoon some hardy spirits had found out the falsity of the rumor, and as it was an idle day began firing at targets in thoughtless amusement, and the sound of rifles rang through the woods and added to the general terror, and caused others who were disposed to disbelieve the report to join the rout. Many of the Cherry Creek men were off to an auction that day and did not wait for any more news after the firing began, but scooted north along with the rest. It was many days before the people really got over the fright, and the Indians who saw the stampede and heard the shooting were frightened as anybody and hid in the woods. Had one been met with it would have gone hard with him. This all occurred in 1837.



JARED INGALLS.

\*See Article, "Pioneer Residents."



The first town meeting held in Cherry Creek of which there is any record was held at the house of Harry James, March 1, 1831. We copy from records as follows:

Resolved, that the next annual Town Meeting be held on the first Tuesday of March next at Harry James' new house.

Resolved, that all officers below constable be chosen by the uplifted hand.

Resolved, that there be two constables elected.

Resolved, that there be three assessors elected.

The following officers were elected: Harry Babcock, Justice; Robert James, Supervisor; Wm. Kilbourn, town clerk; Wm. Lathrop, Geo. H.

Frost, John Essex, assessors; Eddy Weatherly, collector; Jared Ingalls, John P. Hadley, overseers of poor; Wm. Bohall, Wm. Green, Covell Nickerson, commissioners of highways; John Bly Babcock, Paul Hammond, John B. Babcock, commissioners of common schools; John Ford, Jarius Nash, Wm. Lathrop, inspectors of common schools; Eddy Weatherly, John S. Waitley, constables; Paul Hammond, Jared Ingalls, John P. Hadley, Aury Cronkite, pound masters.

Voted to raise as much school money as the law allows.

Voted that Wm. Kilbourn be sealer of weights and measures.

Voted that the fences be 4 1-2 feet high. Voted that the fences be kept up from the first day of May to the first day of November.

Voted that hogs shall not run at large unless at the risk of the owner.

Voted that sheep shall not run at large.

Voted that the poor money, \$105.56, be applied to the common schools.

Voted that the poormaster receive \$5.75 for his services out of the poor fund.



JAMES D. WHEELER AND SON "LET."

CHERRY CREEK is recognized as the financial center of a large tributary territory and the business transactions of the village in a financial way reach large amounts annually.



JAMES BATTLES.

RACHEL (HADLEY) BATTLES.

*Cherry Creek's First Bride and Groom.*

### AN OLD-TIME WEDDING.

A wedding in the olden times was an extremely lively affair. The guests were all invited at least three days before hand; guns were fired in the respective neighborhoods of bride and groom on the morning of the wedding day, and at the appointed hour the groom and his friends set out for the house. About half way to the bride's dwelling they were met by her male friends, and each company chose one man to "run for the bottle," to the house of the bride. The one who returned first with the bottle gave a toast, and drank to the bride's health, after which of course the beverage was passed around. The whole party proceeded firing their muskets as they went by the houses on the way. Arrived at the bride's house, the bridegroom's company were placed in a room by themselves, and it was considered an act of impoliteness for any of the bride's friends to intrude. Just before the ceremony was to begin the best man entered the bride's apartments, led her into the room, and placed her at the right hand of the groom, took his station immediately behind, as did also the "best maid." After the ceremony all the men kissed the bride and all the women kissed the groom. Dinner followed, and then came dancing and other amusements.

*\*See Article, "Historical Condensations"*



JOSEPH KENT.

## ORIGINAL PURCHASES.

**I**N Young's History Chautauqua County we find original purchases in Township 4 range 10 as follows: 1815. March, Joshua Bentley, 15, (settled on by Joshua Jr.,) April, Joshua Bently, 9; (settled on by Joseph M. Kent) May, Gardiner Crandall.

1816. May, Barber Babcock, 19. June, Ely D. Pendleton, 20. October, Reuben Cheeney, 18.

1817. June, Elam Edson, 18. November, Rufus Hitchcock, 49.

1818. April, John Smith, 17. August, Hiram Hill, 49.

1821. October, John P. Hadley, 41. Henry Babcock, 20. Alvah Hadley, 41. Julius Gibbs, 41. Robert James, 36. Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr., 11. Eliphalet W. Wilcox, 17. Robert Page, 13.

1823. March, James Carr, 14. December, Enos A. Bronson, 56.

1824. February, Eason Matteson, 10. March, Ira B. Tanner, 46. May, Amos Abbey, 64. Nathan Worden, 16. June, Jared Ingalls 22. Ira Bassett, 25. July, Ward King, 17. October, William G. Carr, 24. Dudley Waters, 48.

1825. April, John Luce, 58. William Lathrop, 24. May, Ira Bassett and Samuel W. Wilcox, Jr., 25. September, George Burdick, 38. Aury Cronk-hite (Cronk) 21. Asahel H. Mallory, 21. Eddy Weatherly, 28. November, Robert James, Jr., 35.

1826. April, Puthnam Farrington, 63. October, Lyman Town and Thomas King, 56. December, Henry Luce, 55.

1827. April, Ebenezer Still, Jr., 39. June, Stephen Blaisdell, 18. September, Nehemiah Osborne, 31. Israel Seeley, 31. Issachar Hammond, 30.

1829. June, Wm. A. Bowen, 13. July, Thos. King. 18. December, Sylvester Osborn, 14.

## SUPERVISORS OF CHERRY CREEK.

James Carr, 1830-33-36-40-46-52. Robert James, Jr., 1831-32. Geo. H. Frost, 1834-35. Oliver Carpenter, 1837. Horace Bronson, 1838. Wm. G. Carr, 1839. Wm. Kilbourn, 1841-42-43. Archibald F. Robins, 1844. Oliver B. Main, 1845-49-50. Chas. A. Speneer, 1847-48. Jos. Kent, 1851-56. Daniel B. Parsons, 1853-54. Silas Vinton, 1855-59-60-68-71. Hora-



\*SAMUEL A. FERRIN,

*\*Supervisor of Cherry Creek for Ten Years.*

tio Hill, 1857-58-64. R. W. Parsons, 1861-63-65. Anthony Morian, 1862-67. Geo. N. Frost, 1866-69-72-73-75-77. W. C. Carpenter, 1870. Harry Bilings, 1874. Wm. S. Blaisdell, 1878-79. Jas. Richardson, 1880. S. A. Ferrin, 1881-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-91-92. W. F. Stetson, 1889. Wm. I. Phillips, 1890. R. A. Hall, 1893-94-95. C. L. Wheeler, 1896-97-98-99, 1900.

THE first town meeting in Cherry Creek after its formation, was held at the hotel of George H. Frost, in March, 1830. The names of the officers elected are not ascertained, except those of James Carr, Supervisor, and Robert James, Town Clerk.

*\*See Article, 'Biography.'*

## WAR RECORD.

**T**HIS book would not be complete without the mention of the patriotism and loyalty shown by our citizens during the civil war. We lost many noble sons during those years of the nation's peril and we love to honor their names and memory. The following is a complete record of officers, soldiers and seamen composing the quota of the troops furnished the United States by the Town of Cherry Creek:

S. M. Sweet, priv. Co. K, 112th reg., enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, discharged Dec. 12, 1864. Ensign Northrup, priv. Co. K, 112th reg., enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, discharged May 26, 1865. Marion Gardiner, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, died on Felley Island, S. C., Oct. 30, 1863. John M. Green, corp. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, discharged June 13, 1865. Alonzo Carr, serg. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, discharged June 11, 1865. Franklin Bullock, priv. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 23, 1862, killed Oct. 27, 1864. Chas. Bullock, priv. 11th reg., Co. E, enlisted Sept. 2, 1864, discharged June 4, 1865. Geo. Hadley, corp. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 26, 1862, discharged July 22, 1865. Artemus Hall, corp. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, discharged from service on account of wounds. S. V. Mount, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, killed in battle Jan. 15, 1865. Everit Shattuck, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, died in hospital near Fortress Monroe, Va., July 20, 1863. Geo. F. Mount, 1st lieutenant 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, killed while on picket duty Aug. 25, 1864. Joseph Dewherse, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 3, 1864, discharged June 2, 1865. Chas. W. Mount, corp. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 1, 1862, discharged July 1, 1865. N. B. Richardson, priv. 112th reg., Co. C, discharged June 13, 1865. A. Lawrence, Jr., priv. sharp shooter Co. 7, drafted Aug. 19, 1863, discharged July 21, 1865. Orton Hill, corp. 194th reg., Co. F, enlisted March 28, 1865, discharged May 3, 1865. Reuben Bullock, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 11, 1864, killed by guerillas at Berryville, Va., Aug. 13, 1862. Peter Bullock, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 11, 1861, discharged Oct. 25, 1864. Jas. H. Bullock, capt. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 1, 1862, discharged Dec. 28, 1863. Richard Bullock, capt. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Jan. 5, 1862, discharged July 17, 1864. Franklin Bronson, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 31, 1862, died at Suffolk, Va., Feb. 26, 1863. O. C. Myres, priv. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 9, 1862, discharged June 13, 1865. L. H. Reade, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 27, 1862 (X). Gideon S. Bannister, priv. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 9, 1862, discharged Aug. 12, 1865. C. J. Emery, sarg. 100th reg., Co. H, enlisted Oct. 23, 1861, discharged June 30, 1865. Royal W. Powers, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 30, 1862, discharged June 30, 1865. G. A. S. Kent, corp. 100th reg., Co. H, enlisted Oct. 10, 1861, discharged Sept. 10, 1862. Willard King, corp. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 1, 1862, died Nov. 14, 1864. Felson Woodworth, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, discharged June 13, 1865. Lyman Briggs, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, died in the city of Buffalo April 24, 1865. Ransom Briggs, priv. 100th reg., Co. H, enlisted Oct. 23, 1861, discharged Jan. 30, 1865. Richard M. Frew, priv. 9th reg., Co. J, enlisted Aug. 29, 1864, discharged June 1, 1865. Oscar Brown, priv. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 11, 1862, discharged June 13, 1865. S. A. Ferrin, sarg. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 4, 1862, discharged Sept. 13, 1865. Wm. Ferrin, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, died Aug. 1, 1864, at New Orleans, La. Edward Grave, enlisted Dec. 30, 1863, (X). Isaac James, enlisted Dec. 30, 1863, (X). Thos. Benjamin, enlisted Dec. 31, 1863, (X). Geo. Cooper, enlisted Dec. 31, 1863, (X). Robert Wathner, enlisted Dec. 31, 1863, (X). Wm. D. Hall, enlisted Jan. 6, 1864, (X). Mark Dow (sub.), enlisted Aug. 21, 1864, (X). Walter Wilcox (sub.), enlisted Aug. 24, 1864, (X). Jacob VanWormer (sub.), enlisted Aug. 24, 1864, (X). Frank Chapman, enlisted Aug. 27, 1864, (X). Geo. Bemis, enlisted Sept. 1, 1864, (X). Leroy H. Davis, enlisted Sept. 1, 1864, (X). John Dotson (sub.), enlisted Feb. 15, 1865, (X). Thos. Smith (sub.), enlisted Feb. 16, 1865, (X). Douglas Wishart (sub.), enlisted Feb. 16, 1865, (X). Robt. Denbir (sub.), enlisted Feb. 16, 1865, (X). Senaca LeBarron, enlisted Feb. 18, 1864, (X). John M. Good (sub.), enlisted Feb. 23, 1865, (X). Hiram LeBarron, 90th reg., re-enlisted March 1, 1865, (X). John LeBarron, 90th reg., enlisted March 8, 1865, (X). S. M. Vincent, 21st reg., enlisted March 21, 1865, (X). David Hartmore, 21st reg., enlisted March 21, 1865, (X). John Crowley, 21st reg., enlisted April 1, 1865, (X). A. J. Losce, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, died at Suffolk, Va., Oct. 23, 1862. Chas. Maun, priv. 19th reg., Co. F, enlisted March 28, 1865, discharged May 3, 1865. John Brown, corp. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Jan. 29, 1864, discharged June 17, 1865. O. C. Powers, priv. 148th reg., Co. K, enlisted Jan. 14, 1864, discharged Aug. 2, 1865. John W. Lawrence, commissary 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Dec. 20, 1863, discharged July 17, 1865. F. A. Phillips, sharp-shooter, date of enlistment unknown, died at Suffolk, Va., Feb. 17, 1862. Geo. Bentley, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 16, 1862, discharged July 24, 1863. Geo. W. Phillips, priv. 6th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 1, 1862, died at Washington, D. C., July 6, 1862. Jas. H. Wheeler, 1st sarg. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted July 28, 1862, discharged June 13, 1865. A. H. Button, 2nd lieutenant, enlisted Aug., 1862, date of discharge unknown. J. W. Boys, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, discharged June 13, 1865. John F. Oakes, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, discharged Jan. 15, 1865. A. R. Gould, corp. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, killed on battle field June 1, 1864. N. H. Pierce, priv. 112th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 1, 1862, died at General Hospital, Long Island, April 8, 1862. H. B. Gilbert, priv. 72nd reg., Co. D, enlisted May 23, 1861, discharged June 20, 1864. Cornelius VanWormer, priv. 72nd reg., Co. D, enlisted May 23, 1861, discharged June 10, 1864. E. L. Rowe, 72nd reg., Co. D, enlisted May 23, 1861, killed instantly at the battle of Williamsburg, Va., May 5, 1862. Perry Ellis, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Jan. 5, 1864, died at Cherry Creek July 25, 1864. Wm. N. Ellis, sharp-shooter, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Oct. 15, 1861, discharged Dec. 19, 1863, re-enlisted, sarg. 9th reg., Co. K, Dec. 19, 1863, discharged July 17, 1865. Jacob VanHousen, 72nd reg., Co. K, enlisted May 28, 1861, (X). Wm. Crumb, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 5, 1864, discharged June 1, 1865. John Grisler, corp. 49th reg., Co. J, enlisted Aug. 13, 1861, discharged Jan. 15, 1863, re-enlisted Jan. 5, 1863, killed at the battle of Cold Harbor, Va., May 12, 1864. Tax Hunting, corp. 49th reg., Co. I, enlisted Aug. 13, 1861, discharged Jan. 15, 1863, re-enlisted Jan. 15, 1863, killed at or near Cold Harbor. Abrah. Hunting, 49th reg., Co. I, enlisted Aug. 13, 1863, died at hospital, Alexandria, Va., date of death unknown. Henry Porter, 72nd reg., Co. D, enlisted May 23, 1861, discharged June 13, 1864. Moses A. Ellis, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 2, 1862, discharged June 13, 1865. J. K. Phillips, corp. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 11, 1861, discharged Dec. 6, 1863, re-enlisted, corp. 9th reg., Co. K, Dec. 20, 1863, discharged July 17, 1865. O. E. Bennett, priv. 6th reg., Co. K, enlisted Oct. 8, 1861, discharged Dec. 19, 1863, re-enlisted, capt. 9th reg., Co. K, Dec. 20, 1863, discharged June 16, 1865. Henry

X. Date of discharge unknown.

Bennett, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 11, 1861, discharged Dec. 19, 1863, re-enlisted, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, Dec. 20, 1863, discharged July 17, 1865. Daniel Nichols, priv. 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, discharged July 13, 1864. A. O. Hill, priv. 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted un. known, died at David's Island, New York Harbor, June 5, 1862. Samuel McKelva, sarg., 46th reg., Co. I, enlisted Aug. 13, 1861, discharged Jan. 15, 1863. Alonzo Powers, priv., 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, discharged July 1, 1865. Oscar Howard, priv., 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Jan. 25, 1864, died at Richmond, Va., date unknown. S. W. Lewis, priv., 112th reg., Co. K, enlisted Aug. 29, 1862, discharged Oct. 27, 1864. C. I. Ryther, drafted Aug. 19, 1863, taken prisoner and afterwards discharged in June, 1865. Robert White (sub.) enlisted Aug. 19, 1863, (X). R. J. Randall (sub.), enlisted Aug. 19, 1864, date of discharge unknown. Wm. Fox, enlisted Dec. 3, 1863, (X). Wm. Merritt, enlisted Dec. 30, 1863, (X). H. S. Putnam, 13th reg., Co. C, enlisted Aug. 12, 1863, died at Dan Kirk, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1863. Sylvester Hall, priv., 9th reg., Co. F, enlisted Nov. 5, 1861, discharged Dec. 20, 1863, re-enlisted Dec. 20, 1863, discharged July 31, 1865. Isaac Brown, priv., 9th reg., Co. F, enlisted Nov. 5, 1861, discharged April 9, 1862. Robert James (sub.), enlisted Aug. 30, 1864, date of discharge unknown. Franklin James (sub.), enlisted Aug. 30, 1864, (X). Chas. O. Morian, sarg., 21st reg., Co. B, enlisted April 6, 1861, discharged May 10, 1863. Geo. W. Bardick, priv., 22nd reg., Co. K, enlisted Jan. 28, 1864, discharged Aug. 1, 1865. Lewis James, priv., 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Oct. 4, 1861, discharged Dec. 19, 1863, re-enlisted Dec. 20, 1863, discharged July 20, 1865. Wm. Johnson, priv., 112th reg., Co. G, enlisted Aug. 11, 1862, died at Portsmouth, Va., July 29, 1863. Joseph Wells, enlisted April 1, 1865, date of discharge unknown. Chas. T. Reade, 1st sarg., 112th reg., Co. C, muster d Sept. 11, 1862, discharged Dec. 5, 1864. Wayne Bilings, corp., 112th reg., Co. C, muster d Sept. 11, 1862, (X). Orin Johnson, 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 11, 1861, discharged Dec. 20, 1863, re-enlisted Dec. 20, 1863, (X). Lyman Johnson, corp., 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Sept. 11, 1861, discharged Dec. 20, 1863, re-enlisted Dec. 20, 1863, discharged July 4, 1865. Arza Bullock, priv., 9th reg., Co. K, enlisted Jan. 28, 1864, died at Cherry Creek Aug. 9, 1864. Joseph Bullock, priv., 7th reg., Co. K, enlisted Jan. 26, 1864, discharged July 17, 1865. Wm. VanWormer, priv., 194th reg., Co. F, enlisted April 15, 1865, discharged May 3, 1865. James McCrooke enlisted Dec. 30, 1863.

The war expenses of the town of Cherry Creek from April 15, 1861, to Nov., 1865, were \$27, 317.85.

(X) Date of discharge unknown.

## NAVAL SERVICE.

L. O. Brigham, enlisted Aug. 25, 1864, died in Brooklyn Oct. 28, 1874. Morriss Fitzgerald, enlisted Sept. 3, 1864, and died at Smithland, Ky., of consumption. Levi Smith (sub.), enlisted September 2, 1864, discharged and died at Smithland, Ky., Jan. 1865. Wm. Shannon, priv., enlisted Sept. 2, 1864, discharged June 18, 1865. Geo. W. Oswald, priv., enlisted Sept. 2, 1864, discharged June 13, 1865. Norman Thomas, priv., enlisted Aug. 25, 1864. W. M. Hyatt, priv., enlisted Aug. 25, 1864. Geo. W. Northrup, priv., enlisted Aug. 25, 1864. Thos. Morian, enlisted Aug. 25, 1864. W. S. Gardiner, priv., enlisted Aug. 25, 1864. Chas. D. Spenser, priv., enlisted Sept. 3, 1864, discharged June 25, 1865. H. W. Hindm, enlisted Aug. 25, 1864. Russ Jones (sub.), enlisted Oct. 13, 1864.

## SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

Clare E. Kent, enlisted at Leavenworth, Kan., in 1887 in Co. G, 18th U. S. Infantry, served five years and re-enlisted in Co. E, served three years and two months and re-enlisted in Co. A. He went to Manila with the first consignment, where he is now regimental quartermaster sergeant.

R. Francis Adams, enlisted in the spring of 1899 in Co. A, 30th U. S. volunteers. He is now in the Philippine Islands and is company clerk.

Earl R. Martin, enlisted in October, 1899, in Co. K, 46th regiment, U. S. volunteers. He is now in Manila.

Harley Slocum, enlisted October, 1899, in Co. K, 46th regiment U. S. volunteers. He is now in Manila, a member of the regimental band.

Claude G. Bannister, enlisted July, 1896, as a private of Co. B, 8th U. S. infantry. He was killed at Havana, March 15, 1899. His remains were brought to Cherry Creek for interment Feb. 21, 1900.



**SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT,**

*Cherry Creek Cemetery.*



*J. J. Shammock*

*President of the Village of Cherry Creek*

## GROWTH OF THE VILLAGE.

**C**HERRY CREEK VILLAGE was incorporated May 20th, 1893. The first trustees were I. S. Benton, W. E. Shepardson, H. Clinton Mount. The first election was held June 17th, 1893, when C. A. Mount was chosen president; G. LeRoy Martin, clerk; G. W. Brown, treasurer; H. E. Safford, collector. A great many kinds of manufacturing business have been carried on in the Village and vicinity from time to time. For many years lumbering was the principal



C. A. MOUNT,

*First President Cherry Creek Village and President of the Business Men's Association.*

business until the greater part of the neighboring forest had been cut down. But there has never been a lack of useful and profitable industries. Cherry Creek has never gone to sleep, or lost the active impetus given by the first enterprising settlers. We have been obliged, because of lack of space, to leave out a large amount of interesting matter concerning those who were chief promoters of Cherry Creek's growth and advancement, and concerning several of her sons who gained considerable prominence in the past, for we are attempting in this work to deal more with the present status of our Village, and only dwell on its past history to the extent necessary to place on record some of the events that make it historically interesting.



Since its incorporation several very substantial men have held the office of Village President, viz: C. A. Mount, 1893-94; W. F. Stetson, 1895; S. A. Ferrin, 1896-98; R. A. Hall, 1897; F. J. Shattuck, 1899. The present government consists of a President and two Trustees, who manage the affairs of the village and a Clerk, Treasurer and Collector. The present officers are President, F. J. Shattuck; Trustees, C. A. Mount, G. W. Rood; Treasurer, W. E. Shepardson; Collector, L. E. Master; Clerk, G. L. Martin; Street Commissioner, John C. Waite; Police Constable, L. E. Master; Board of Health, A. H. Curtiss, G. W. Brown. The Board holds stated meetings every Monday night in the Ferrin Block where the business of the Village is transacted. The street lighting is looked after by Addison Bronson. About \$1,200 is expended every year for Village improvements and the general conduct of the Village government. The President, Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and collector are elected by a vote of the people; the Clerk, Street Commissioner, Police Constable by the Board of Trustees. Annual elections occurs the third Tuesday of each March. The present form of Village government is exceedingly popular and has given the utmost satisfaction to every class in the community.

### RAILROAD FACILITIES.

Cherry Creek has good Railroad facilities, situated on the line of the Buffalo and South Western R. R.—the best paying division of the whole Erie System—48 miles from Buffalo, to which point there are four passenger trains each day and 22 miles from Jamestown with a like number of passenger trains, besides numerous freight trains each way. The depot a very handsome and convenient one-story building is tastefully and comfortably arranged. It was built in 1896, costing \$3,000; its dimensions are 22x66 feet.



CHERRY CREEK'S DEPOT.

Hot air supplies the heat in winter. There is a ticket office, baggage room, and large waiting room.

Geo. J. Quigley is the agent and also agent of the Wells Fargo Express Co., both of which positions he capably fills and he has made many friends by his genial disposition and gentlemanly bearing. Geo. H. Manchester is the telegraph operator and is most popular with patrons of the road.

### AS A PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

In selecting a place of residence the advantages offered by a town, socially, educationally and otherwise, are a very important consideration with many people. During the past few years the village has made very substantial progress in the way of improvements. The superior educational facilities of Cherry Creek, with its superb Union Free School, makes a desirable place for families to educate their children. Cherry Creek people have become widely known for their hospitality and their social qualities. Still another advantage which Cherry Creek has, is its strong churches, wielding as they do an all powerful influence for good.

### BOARD OF TRADE.

The business men of Cherry Creek now have an organization that is doing effective work in promoting the business interests of the Village in various directions. The officers of the association are: President, C. A. Mount; Secretary, Will. T. Reade; Treasurer, W. F. Stetson; Board of Directors, Chas. J. Shults, A. H. Curtiss, W. E. Shepardson, C. H. Delemater and Dr. C. A. Shepard. The Association was organized January 12, 1900, and already there is evidence of its good work. It is destined to do much good for the Village and town.

### RECREATION.

The citizens of Cherry Creek, although among the busiest people to be found anywhere, nevertheless find time for recreation. There is ample opportunity for indulgence in the various popular sports. We have always had a good base-ball team, and have acquired quite a reputation in this direction. The town is the home of quite a number of speedy horses and much interest is taken in this direction. Many of the driving horses about here are lively steppers, and the owners take a pardonable interest in their fliers. Game is quite abundant and a good many of our citizens are ardent nimrods. The Gun Club indulges in trap shooting every week. Cherry Creek has more bicycles in proportion to its population than probably any other village.

## CHERRY CREEK POST-OFFICE.

The Cherry Creek Post office was established in 1832. Geo. H. Frost being the first Post-Master. It had humble quarters in a building located on the site where Mrs. Anthony Morian's residence stands. For some time the office was a primitive affair and mail was received and forwarded once a week. There was a stage line conducted for many years between Silver Creek and Jamestown, passing through this Village. The mail was carried by a man by the name of Page who made trips on horseback. At the time the Post office was established there was considerable strife as to where it should be located, between the residents of the settlement at Shattuck's Corners and those of where the village is now located. The settlers at the Corners said they did not propose to come down to this "mud hole" for their mail



**RICHARD C. BULLOCK.**

*Postmaster of Cherry Creek.*

and by its location here engendered considerable bitterness. After all, in the long run, the residents of that section of the town seem to have come out ahead for they now enjoy free mail delivery and the residents of the Village do not. The following have succeeded Mr. Frost as Postmaster, in the following order: Cyrus Thatcher, Seth Grover, Chas. A. Spencer, Seth Grover, Loomis Bartlett, Chas. A. Spencer, Silas Vinton, Judson Shetfield, W. U. Edwards, W. E. Griswold, C. A. Mount, M. Allen, C. A. Mount, Will. T. Reade and R. C. Bullock. The increase in the business done by the Post office is an indication of the growth of Cherry Creek to some extent. When C. A. Mount was first appointed Post Master in 1874 his salary was \$110 per year, and the present salary of Post Master Bullock is nearly \$1,000 per year.

## TELEPHONE.

Since 1895, Cherry Creek has been connected by long-distance telephone. The New York and Pennsylvania Telephone and Telegraph Co. supplies the local service of which there are 25 'Phones, that connects with the long distance service. They furnish a good service at a comparatively small cost.

## THE LADIES.

The ladies of Cherry Creek are always at the front in every good work, and they have the reputation of being generally successful in whatever they undertake in a public way, whether in the direction of benevolence, socially or fraternally. The ladies of nearly all of the churches are organized in auxilliary societies in which they are doing very effective work in furthering the interests of churches and Christianity. Besides the social and religious work accomplished through these societies, they are contributing very materially to the finances by holding suppers, socials, etc., etc.

## BRUSH AND PENCIL.

During the past few years a large and increasing interest has been manifested in the village in everything pertaining to art, and the various branches of painting, etc. has many devotees, as well as students always increasing in number. China painting has its favorites and embroidery too, as well as crayon, oil and water color painting. Those who have done much to stimulate an interest in art are Miss Una Bullock, Miss Mattie Blaisdell, Mrs. C. S. Smith, who have for some time past given instructions in oil, water color, pastel and china painting and crayon work, besides supplying many of the homes of the town with gems of art. Miss Blaisdell is an artist of rare ability, she and Mrs. Smith being graduates of Cooper's Institute, New York City. Rev. D. H. Dennison does excellent work in crayon and pastel. His studio at present is located in the Baptist parsonage. In China painting Mrs. A. H. Curtiss is an expert. Mrs. Bird Green is a very successful teacher in oil painting. There is a large and steady growing interest in art embroidering and needle work among the ladies of Cherry Creek, and many of the homes of the Village are handsomely embellished with decorative work.

## JOURNALISM.

The press sways the world. It is the great lever by which human minds are moved and the moulder of public opinion. It is the elevating and ennobling power that lifts us, work worn and weary though we may be, out of the time deepened ruts of conservatism, and places us fairly and squarely upon the even and upward track of advanced thought and feeling. The first newspaper was published in Germany in 1600. Journalism in the United States took its start from a paper called *Public Observances*, both foreign

and domestic, which was established in Boston in 1690. This, however, was soon suppressed by the authorities, only one issue being allowed. The courts held that it was published contrary to law and contained reflections of a very high nature. But early in the 18th century the Boston *News-Letter* made its appearance; and from this America's journalism has grown and progressed, until to-day, we enjoy the distinction of being the leaders of the world, both in the number and quality of our newspaper productions. There are in the United States 2119 daily papers or over 900 more than in any other country in the world. There are 114 tri-weekly and bi-weekly papers, and of weekly papers we have 15,078 or more than all the countries of Europe combined. In Chautauqua County, the history of the press dates back to the year 1817, at which time the *Chautauqua Gazette* was established at Fredonia by James Perceval. This was followed in 1819 by the *Chautauqua Eagle*, published at Mayville, and again in 1821 by the founding of the *Fredonia Censor*, the publication of which is now continued and it is, therefore, the oldest paper in the county. There are now twenty weeklies and four daily papers in the county.

In Cherry Creek in 1879, E. A. Hayes, a lawyer here at that time edited a paper, called the *Herald and Censor*, the type-setting and press work being done out of town. This paper continued for about a year. In July 1882, John H. Gardiner, founded the *Cherry Creek Monitor*, which he sold in December of that year to M. J. Ackley, who soon thereafter took a partner in the person of H. D. Caskey. This co-partnership continued for seven months when Mr. Ackley purchased his partner's interest. In November 1884, Messrs. Shults and Whipple, purchased the office and plant of him, at which time the *Pine Valley News* was removed to this place and both papers consolidated and issued under the name of the *Cherry Creek News*. Mr. Whipple remained a member of the firm until the following May. The writer conducted the paper successfully until October, 1897, when he sold to one Fred. Huntley, who practically discontinued it after a trial of about four months. Mr. Shults then revived it, and sold again in October, 1898, to Messrs. Reade & Smith, who changed the name to the *Weekly News*. Every element that has contributed to the growth and prosperity of Cherry Creek, and helped to place her in the enviable position she now occupies among surrounding villages, becomes a subject of pride to her citizens. Among the agencies that have brought about this result, none have been more powerful than her newspaper.



CHAS. A. SPENCER,

*Aged 90 years. Still living.*

*See Article "Biography."*

## OUR CHURCHES.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church of Cherry Creek, whose commodious house of worship stands on Main Street, was organized in 1857. There were but seven members in the class, viz:—R. W. Parsons, W. W. Durkee, Jane Durkee, Barnabas Boys, Polly Boys, Elizabeth Ells, and



REV. A. B. WILKINSON,

*Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church.*

May Ells. Mr. Boys and Mr. Durkee were the first to agitate an M. E. organization. Mr. Durkee secured the Rev. O. S. Meade, who was stationed at that time in Ellington circuit, to formally organize a class. For two years they had no place of worship. Through the kindness of the Free Baptist people they worshiped a part of the time in their church. They afterwards went

to the school house and held services there until 1859. In this year through the energetic efforts of Messrs. Parsons, Boys, Durkee and Rev. Whalen money enough was secured to purchase a lot, with an old store building on it, which the church still owns and on which they erected their new edifice. The lot and building were purchased from Dr. Oliver P. Main, Robert and Harry James. It would be ungrateful to the memory of these persons not to mention that they were very generous in their gifts to the infant Church in making the purchase and were always its staunch friends. The old store building was soon transformed into a place of worship, and in the place where the people were wont to go to buy bread for the physical man, the bread of eternal life was faithfully broken Sabbath after Sabbath. Soon after the organization of the class Stephen Adams and his wife brought letters from the Hamlet church and united with it. Also Perry Gillette and his wife. Thus their small nucleus of a church began to attract others to it. The first revival worthy of notice was in 1859-60 under Joseph Leslie and Ira R. James, a local preacher. During the revival the number of the class was increased some 30 or more. In the winter of 1872-3 the Rev. Alva Wilder had perhaps the greatest revival in the history of the church. It lasted three months and the membership was increased over 100. Also under the ministry of the Rev's. J. W. Smith, W. W. Dale, J. G. Gimader and H. A. Ellis the membership was materially increased. The church was a part of the Ellington Circuit until 1867 when it with the Bates Appointment was made a separate charge and called the "Cherry Creek Charge."

The old-store house was used as a church until 1880 when the building of the edifice began to be agitated. This worthy project began under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Smith, who is worthy of great credit for his untiring efforts in securing the necessary means. The plans and most of the necessary funds were in the hands of the building committee at the end of his ministry.

The Rev. W. W. Dale was his successor. Under him the work was pushed forward with great energy, and in the fall of 1882 the church was dedicated. It is a beautiful country church, built after the most approved modern style, costing \$5,000. In this brief history the liberality and heroism of the membership in their struggle for the new edi-



M. E. CHURCH.

fice must not be overlooked. The church at that time was not as many in members and as rich in the goods of this world as at present. It was a hard struggle, but they put their faith in God, and their hands in their pockets, and up went the church. It is a pleasure to note that many who were not members of any church gave liberally to the work. From out of the church tower on the Holy Sabbath an iron tongue calls the worshipers together from Village and country. This was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shattuck.

Of the original class of seven members in 1857, there now survives, viz: R. W. Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Durkee. The church has two local preachers Rev. J. W. Smith and Mr. Fred. Billings. The present membership is 113. The trustees are G. A. Scofield, W. E. Shepardson, Orton James, Smith Scofield, G. S. Kent, R. W. Parsons. The stewards are R. W. Parsons, Miss Nora B. Lake, Mrs. Cynthia Newton, G. S. Kent, Smith Scofield, Mrs. P. W. Lord, H. N. Shepard, Mrs. Olive Scofield, W. E. Shepardson. The Sundry School officers are: Rev. J. W. Smith, Supt.; Miss Lena King, Sec'y; Miss Sarah A. Sweet, Treas. The attendance is about 70. The Epworth League officers are: Miss Nora B. Lake, Pres.; Mrs. G. A. Scofield, Mrs. Flora Bullock, Mrs. Flora Day, Mrs. Jennie Decker, Vice Presidents; Miss Sarah A. Sweet, Sec'y; Arthur Weed, Treas. Rev. A. B. Wilkinson is the present pastor and the church is in a very prosperous condition. Rev. Wilkinson was born in Batavia, Dec. 16, 1878. He commenced preaching when but 14 years of age and is a man of exceptional ability.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The first Baptist Church was organized October 26, 1832, with the following members: Ira B. Tanner, Ennie Tanner, Covell Nickerson, Carolina Nickerson John Essex, Almeria Bly, Prudence Bly, Mercy Babcock, Samuel Hodges, Lydia Hodges, Betsey Matteson and Daniel Osborn.



REV. D. H. DENNISON,  
*Pastor First Baptist Church.*

Daniel Osborn was a Revolutionary soldier having served for several years under Washington. In January, 1833, the church elected Jarius Nash, deacon, and Covell Nickerson, clerk. The public services and other meetings which had been commenced in the old log schoolhouse, Dist. No. 2, were continued in the same place for several years, until a frame building supplanted the logs. In these two houses was nurtured the tender plant which has since become a goodly tree. Elder Bennett from Forestville was the first settled pastor. He commenced his work as an occasional supply,





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

afterward entering upon more regular work. In 1841 the Rev. B. C. Willoughby, whose picture is here presented and who now resides at Randolph, in the 94th year of his age, was the pastor. During the following winter protracted meetings were held in the log school house in which he was assisted by Rev. Glazier of Napoli. They continued for several weeks when an unexpected impulse was given to the work by the early death of George Wilcox, a bright promising youth of 18 years of age. An impression was made which deepened and extended over the entire neighborhood, from this the religious life of the district received a lasting impulse and the Baptist Church was much strengthened.

In 1843, Rev. A. Stone entered upon the pastorate which he occupied four years. In 1848, Rev. B. C. Willoughby returned and continued in the church for three years. During this term of service the meeting house was built. In 1851 Rev. H. Fuller became pastor. After faithfully serving the church for four years he was followed in 1856 by Rev. Allison. In 1858, Rev. Norman Thomas became pastor which position he held honorably for six years, when he resigned and entered the service of the



REV. B. C. WILLOUGHBY,  
*An Early Cherry Creek Pastor.*

U. S. Navy. The Sunday School Superintendent and Librarian also enlisted and entered the army, thus soldiers of the cross and also soldiers of their country.

In 1865 Rev. J. P. Isip filled the vacant pastorate and remained with the church for five and one half years during which time the membership was increased to 108.

In 1871 Rev. W. G. Brown became pastor and served the church for two years. In 1873 Rev. J. A. Pickard took up the work and carried it forward for three years. In 1877 Rev. G. W. Divoll accepted the pastorate which he successfully filled until January 1883, when Rev. E. B. Hutchins entered upon a term of work for nearly two years. In January 1885 Rev. E. W. Green commenced his labors and many names were added to the church roll under his pastorate. On July 9, 1887, the church was reorganized to meet the requirements of the State law of 1886 and the following were elected trustees: G. Frank Lapham, Milo Boutwell and S. B. Robertson. The name of the old organization was retained viz: The Cherry Creek Regular Baptist Society. The church building was put under thorough repairs during the summer of 1887, as was also the parsonage the same autumn.

In 1888 Rev. Alexander McGowan became pastor and so continued for one year. July 7, 1888, the name of the church was changed to "The First Baptist Church of Cherry Creek, N. Y."

The pastors since then have been Rev. Frank Dann, 1889-90, Rev. Chas. A. Boorman, '91, Rev. J. C. Hankinson, 1892-93, Rev. J. W. Gage, 1894-95, Rev. G. N. Gates, 1895-96-97-98 and the Rev. D. H. Dennison 1899, and who is the present efficient pastor.

In 1896 the church was rebuilt and is now a model edifice, which at once invites attention as a structure of dignified and churchly architecture. The Baptist Church of to-day stands well to the front, as largely including Cherry Creek's most well known families. With its well appointed church, its various working organizations of societies, and Sunday School, is strongly equipped and qualified for beneficent and aggressive work and usefulness in its present day and generation.

The present officers of the church are Trustees: F. H. Cookingham, I. S. Benton, Alfred H. Blaisdell. Deacons, S. B. Robertson, Joseph W. Pickard, Frank H. Cookingham.

Sunday School: Dr. G. E. Smith, Superintendent; Julia A. Morian, Asst. Supt.

### FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Was organized in 1826 by the Rev. Thos. Grinnell. It was the first religious organization of the town, and in the first place consisted of but five members, viz:—John P. Hadley and wife, Jotham Godfrey and wife and Mrs. Gardner Crandall. From this meager beginning the society developed and became a light-house for good in the community. Among the early ministers who preached to this society in private dwellings and school houses may be mentioned Rev. David Marks and Rev. Horatio Plum. The



REV. E. A. ESTEY,  
*Pastor Free Baptist Church*

The community in general were so elated over their new church that everybody contributed to its success. Deacon Branch was employed by the general public to ring the bell every morning at six o'clock and again at nine in the evening. The Free Baptist and Christian denomination alternated at this time in their services. Prosperity reigned. In 1871 the pulpit committee led the movement of building a parsonage the result of which was a neat residence on Main Street, costing \$1,200. It has since been improved and a barn built on the same lot. In 1882 the church was repaired to the amount of \$700, an extensive improvements have been made from time to time since. The society at present is enjoying a season of peace, prosperity and good will.

The present officers of

latter had a successful revival in 1846, resulting in many conversions and some 25 or 30 accessions to the church.

Their house of worship was built in 1846, at a cost of \$2,500. The land was given by Harry James. Principal among the men who pushed forward the work of building was Wm. Green, afterward deacon of the church. When the house was completed the pews were sold to pay the remaining indebtedness ranging in price from \$10 to \$20.

The trustees then as now were composed of five persons—three in the church and two outside. The first board of trustees were Wm. Green, Parker Branch, Wm. Kilbourn, John P. Hadley and Seth S. Chase.



FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.

the church are Trustees: Andrew J. Weaver, Miles Gardiner, Joseph Bullock, C. L. Edwards, Clarence S. Smith. Deacons A. J. Weaver and Joseph Bullock. Sunday School Supt., H. S. Chase; Ass't. Supt., Edward Lewis; Secretary, Ima Edwards; Treasurer, Flora Weaver.

The society enjoys the pastoral ministrations of Rev. E. A. Estey, who came here in April, 1898, since which time 28 accessions to the membership of the society have been made.

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A Christian Church was organized in Cherry Creek, March 23, 1839. The elders officiating were: Warren Skeels and N. A. Perry. Seth S. Chase was chosen Ruling Elder, and Sullivan Gardiner, Deacon and clerk. Members at the organization of the church were: Sullivan Gardiner, Seth S. Chase, Putnam Farrington, Warren Skeels, Fanny Chase, Sally Carr, Lephah Weaver, Mary Weaver, Lucy Grover, Betsey King, Harriett James. This church had no meeting house, but maintained its organization up to about 1861.

### THE CEMETARY.

The Cherry Creek Central Cemetary Association is a corporation organized by law. The cemetary contains about five acres of land, prettily laid out, and nicely kept up. The Association was organized December 21, 1849, by Jared Ingalls, Wm. Green, Wm. Kilbourn, J. P. Utter, Horatio Davidson, Joseph Kent, Moses Ferrin, Parker K. Branch, Demas Stone, Aman Ames, Chas. H. Spencer, L. L. Sweatland, W. C. Carpenter, R. N. Tanner, Clement Strong, Harry James, Cyrus Ingalls, Bliss C. Willoughby, Silas Adams, Seth S. Chase, and James Nash.

There are many costly monuments erected in memory of the departed in



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this cemetery; also many which have withstood the ravage of the hand of time.

The present officers are: Geo. Kent, President; Albert James, Vice-president; I. S. Benton, Sec'y. and Treasurer; F. P. Gillette, Supt.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Cherry Creek Fire Department was organized July 15, 1890, at a meeting of the citizen's held in Ferrin's Hall. R. A. Hall was the presiding officer and John C. Holmes, Secretary. The following were the officers elected: Chas. J. Shults, Chief; Fred. F. Green, Asst. Chief; C. A. Mount, Pres.; I. S. Benton, Vice-Pres.; C. L. Edwards, Secretary; J. H. Springer, Treasurer; E. C. Bentley, Foreman; M. H. Butler, Asst. Foreman; G. W. Brown, C. A. Mount, G. L. Martin, Trustees.

Hose Company officers were chosen as follows: R. A. Hall, Pres.; E. J. Cobb, Vice-Pres.; M. C. Grady, Sec'y; Bert Hanley, Treasurer; Herman C. Mount, Foreman; C. D. Leonard, Asst. Foreman. In the fall of 1897 the department was reorganized largely through the efforts of F. J. Shattuck and put in a good condition. The department officers chosen at that time were F. J. Shattuck, Chief; J. E. Martin, Ass't. Chief; A. L. Bullock, Sec'y. and Treas. The Hose Co. was incorporated January 28, 1898, with 27 charter members. The present officers are: U. D. Carl, President; G. E. Kent, Vice-Pres.; Fred. L. Gillette, Sec'y; S. A. Johnson, Treasurer; Grant E. Kent, Foreman; Conway Waite, Ass't. Foreman; C. E. Hess, B. H. Slawson, Fire Wardens; A. P. Oswald, U. D. Carl, Will. T. Reade, G. E. Kent, S. A. Johnson, Trustees. It is now composed of 30 members.

The Department officers are H. C. Mount, Chief; C. D. Green, 1st Ass't. Chief; A. P. Oswald, 2nd Ass't. Chief; A. L. Bullock, Sec'y and Treas. The officers of the Engine Company are: E. C. Bentley, Foreman; Vern Farrington, 1st Ass't. Foreman; E. J. Boyd, 2nd Asst. Foreman; C. A. Mount, President; Geo. White, Vice-Pres.; Edson Skiff, Sec'y; F. P. Gillette, Treasurer; F. P. Gillette, J. E. Martin, G. L. Martin, S. E. Young, O. J. Budd, Directors; G. O. Wilcox, Richard Leworthy, Fire Wardens.

The company is composed of 30 members.

THE first newspaper printed here was the *Cherry Creek Monitor*, June 30, 1883. It was a six column folio, edited and published by John Hillman Gardiner, and it contained considerable local news. The advertisers: Spencer & Parsons, dry goods; Becker & Stilson, groceries; Allen & James, hardware; G. F. Mitchell, dry goods; Black & Strand, meat market; M. J. Kenyon, furniture; Mrs. C. R. Durfee, millinery; E. B. Reade, harness shop; G. F. Lapham, insurance; N. G. Shepard, hardware; Washburn & Sayers, groceries and drugs; F. Boger, groceries; G. O. Wilcox, groceries; H. Bannister, dry goods, and D. P. Crumb, dentist. The subscription price was \$1.00 per year.



CHERRY CREEK UNION FREE SCHOOL.



MISS MYRTLE J. MASON.



MISS ADA L. HOAG.



MISS BERTHA M. COWLES.



PROF. J. M. CROFOOT.



MISS CLARA V. CARTER.



MISS ALICE M. METZ.

UNION FREE SCHOOL FACULTY.

## OUR SCHOOL.

IN TRAVELING over our great educational highways, it is sometimes a pleasure to turn to the past and draw encouragement for the future from the progress that has been made. It is a pleasure also to turn to the present and view the school in its prosperous condition; it is likewise a pleasure to turn our faces to the future, and the past and the present as sign boards pointing to the possibilities of the rising generation, pass forward along the road that leads to the cities of Higher Education, Peace, Prosperity and Happiness.

Two years ago our present fine school building was a structure only in imagination; but the building was constructed and the good work commenced. The building of character has been steadily going on, the minds of the young trained in proper channels, all the modern improvements have been added and to-day the Cherry Creek Union Free School will not take second place for any similar educational institution in the state. What the future has in store for Cherry Creek as an educational center is of course, only a matter of conjecture, but judging from the past and present, our Village is destined to become a bright and shining light in the educational firmament.

Like the average village, Cherry Creek had a struggle to get its present admirable school. In the early days it was more than usually unfortunate, having been burned out several times. But the men and women who in their youth went from this school, from the earliest days to the present, have always demonstrated that Cherry Creek produced good educational material, and that the school always had teachers who were educators. The young men and women who took the course here and then went to Ellington, Forestville and Jamestown in the early days and later to Fredonia, did work that gained for the school here an enviable reputation, which reputation it has always retained.

Many who received their elementary education here are now noted as educators not only in this State but in many parts of the United States.

One of the teachers of the early days is now a resident of the Village. He taught in the old Village School, boys who later themselves became principal of the same school. In almost every business, trade and profession, he can now select those who were his pupils. In but few towns can be found a man who was the early teacher of so many of his townsmen, as R. W. Parsons.

Among the principals of recent years were E. A. Hayes, E. J. Swift, Hon. W. B. Hooker, R. A. Hall, E. A. Reaves, Miss Rose Caneen, Fred Plato, Frank



Plato, D. R. Wood, Rev. Z. A. Space, Chas. L. Fuller, Edgar C. Markham, Wm. B. Blaisdell and J. M. Crofoot, the present principal.

The year 1896-97 marked a beginning of a new era in the history of the school. While this institution had been a successful graded school before, it was then that it began a period of evolution, and growth. During that school year it became a Union School, and shortly afterwards, was admitted to the University of the State of New York. The old schoolhouse long having been inadequate for the increasing size of the school, it was decided in 1898, to erect a new building. This building complete cost \$10,000 and is equal to any schoolhouse in Chautauqua County. It is constructed according to strictly modern and hygienic principles, and its equipment is complete and is an edifice of which a much larger place might justly feel proud. It is of brick, with slate and metal roof, 64x68 feet. In the basement are located the furnaces and water closets and on the first floor are four grade rooms each 23x32 ft., with a corridor 14½ feet wide running the whole length of the building, heated and with entrances at both ends. At the first landing of the stairs is the principal's office, 14½ by 11 feet. On the second floor is an assembly room 23x32 feet, a recitation room 21x23 feet, a library 10 feet by 18½ feet, corridor and large assembly room 32x62 feet. The attic is the size of the whole building, well lighted and with good floor and undoubtedly will be utilized soon. On the South side of the building is a large square tower, surmounted by a metal covered dome 11 feet in diameter. The top of the flag staff is 80 feet from the ground. All of the rooms are 12 feet high, finished in Georgia Pine, with hard wood floors, furnished with slate black boards and equipped with electric bells. The whole building is heated and ventilated by the Fuller-Warren system with dry-closets. Both entrances are finished with buff-pressed brick. In the South entrance is a marble tablet in which is carved the name of the architect, J. W. Morrison; the builder, A. D. Sprague; the Board of Education, C. A. Mount, President, G. Frank Lapham, Sec'y., C. L. Edwards, Treasurer, H. J. Shepardson and J. E. Martin, Trustees. The faculty is as follows and every teacher is well qualified for their respective position: John M. Crofoot, A. B. (Cornell University) Principal, Mathematics, Sciences, Languages; Miss Ada L. Hoag (Fredonia Normal), Preceptress, English, History and Literature; Miss Myrtle J. Mason, Preparatory Dept.; Miss Bertha A. Cowles (Fredonia Normal) 6th and 7th grades; Miss Alice M. Metz, (Buffalo Normal) Intermediate Dept. 4th and 5th grades; Miss Clara Carter, (Buffalo Normal) Primary Dept., 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades.

Every teacher is a Christian, and students are therefore not surrounded by evil influences. We state this simply to show parents that their children are not only in good hands intellectually but morally. In every department the lessons are made as practical as possible. In the lower as well as the higher departments, practicability is the one object in order that the boys and girls who will soon be men and women may be prepared for their part in the great drama of life.

The school is well supplied with a good library, maps, charts, etc., etc. All honor to this school, may its field become large, may its fame and name

spread throughout Western New York, and like a light-house, point travelers along life's path-way to a higher sphere of honor and usefulness.

The present officers are Cyrus A. Mount, President; G. Frank Lapham, Secretary and Clerk; C. L. Edwards, Treasurer; L. E. Master, Truant officer.

### SCHOOL FACULTY.

The faculty of the school comprises six members, all of whom are specialists in their respective departments.

#### JOHN M. CROFOOT, A. M.

John M. Crofoot, principal of the Cherry Creek Union Free School, was born at Richburg, Alleghany County, N. Y., July 18, 1874. Prof. Crofoot was educated at the Angelica Academy, and entered Cornell University from which well known educational institution he graduated in 1896. He then turned his attention to teaching, one year at Frewsburg, and two years at Panama, both being High Schools. On December 4, 1899, he received a College Graduates Certificate which authorizes him to teach in any public school in the state. On June 29, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Ordelyda Schesek of Angelica. They have one child Edith May.

#### ALICE M. METZ.

Miss Alice M. Metz was born October 18, 1872, at Eden, Erie County, N. Y. She attended the village school and spent one year at the Hamburg Union School. Taught three years in the district schools and Village schools of Eden. Miss Metz entered the Buffalo State Normal School from which institution she was graduated in 1898. She then taught school during the year of 1898-99, in the Intermediate Department of the Hamburg High School. She began teaching at Cherry Creek August 28, 1899.

#### MYRTLE J. MASON.

Miss Myrtle J. Mason was born at Conewango, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., May 13, 1871. She attended Chamberlain Institute one year after which she taught in district schools for three years. Miss Mason graduated from the Fredonia State Normal School in June, 1897, after which she taught in the primary department of the New Albion School. She began teaching here in September 1899.

#### CLARA V. CARTER.

Miss Clara V. Carter was born at Eden Valley, Erie County, N. Y., September 26, 1875. Took High School preparatory course in the Hamburg High School and was graduated from the Buffalo High School at Buffalo, N. Y., in June 1896; and from the State Normal School at Buffalo in January 1898, and commenced teaching in the spring of 1898. She taught the Primary Department of the school at Eden Valley during the year of 1898-99. She began teaching at Cherry Creek in the fall of 1899.

#### ADA L. HOAG.

Miss Ada L. Hoag was born at Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., October 9, 1876. Before graduating from the Cattaraugus High School in 1896 she taught one year. Miss Hoag took a Post Graduate course and graduated from the Fredonia State Normal School in June, 1899. While at Fredonia she was a member of the Agonian Fraternity, and when she graduated at the Cattaraugus High School she was the historian of her class. She began teaching here in the Fall of 1899.

#### BERTHA A. COWLES.

Miss Bertha A. Cowles was born at Lander, Pa., January 12, 1870. Miss Cowles is a graduate of the Sugar Grove, Pa. Academy and the Fredonia State Normal School. She has taught twenty terms of school at Busti, Lakewood, Sugar Grove, and Watts Flats. She began teaching here in August, 1899.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES.

The School District Trustees in the town outside of the Village are as follows: No. 2, A. H. Blaisdell; No. 3, E. D. Weaver; No. 4, Orrin Farrington; No. 5, Orrin Cleveland; No. 6, Oscar Boutwell; No. 7, Luther Judd; No. 8, (send to Village); No. 9, abandoned; No. 10, Cornelius Van Wormer.

### SOCIETY.

It may be said of Cherry Creek, that from the time of its foundation it has been a center of courteous and cordial hospitality and that even in the infancy of the town its inhabitants were of a social and genial disposition in which the birth of its present society had its origin. There is a stamp of refinement and courteous cordiality to be found in the homes of our people, which is an indication of their generous disposition and refinement of ideas. The best evidences of the sociability of our people is to be found in the many pleasant socials, neighborhood and house to house parties, and other events frequently taking place among them.

THE beauty of Cherry Creek, its thrift and prosperity, its orderly citizens, its pushing business men, its thriving manufacturers, its public spirit, its comfortable and well kept homes, its advances in every thing that is up to date, are themes of favorable comment by every visitor.

CHERRY CREEK always welcomes new comers. We want more factories, and the more we get the more we want. We will sell land cheap for a new industrial plant, or if necessary we will give the site. Our land-owners do not try to squeeze the last cent from men of small means who want to buy homes of their own. Lots are sold at reasonable prices on long time and easy payments.



J. L. CLARK.



ANDREW J. CLARK.

## HOTELS.

**T**HE hotel accommodations to be found in Cherry Creek, are good and it may be safely asserted that in no town of its size can it be equalled in this respect. In many respects they are unsurpassed, and its hostelries make a specialty of catering to the requirements of the public in a manner that denotes careful management and a keen insight into their wants.

### THE CENTRAL.

The Central Hotel is a capacious three story structure and nicely arranged throughout. On the ground floor is the office, bar, reception room, kitchen, dining hall, also pantry, while on the second floor are the nicely furnished



CENTRAL HOTEL.

public and private parlors, also sleeping apartments. The rest of the house is arranged in sleeping apartments of which there are 15, lighted with acetylene gas, sumptuously furnished, clean and inviting. The table is unexcelled, the service exceptionally good, and the proprietor finds the reward of his untiring labor and solicitude in a first class patronage that keeps his establishment well filled at all times.

J. L. Clark, the proprietor of the hotel, was born in the town of Poland, this County, October 21, 1835, and was married to Miss Celia M. Hunt, of his native town, January 1, 1857. He came to Cherry Creek in 1881, purchasing this popular hostelry of T. G. Phillips, which he has since successfully conducted.

### ANDREW J. CLARK.

In the long list of successful commercial men who have climbed up to prominence in their line, the name of A. J. Clark stands prominent. Mr. Clark was born at Clark, this County, June 6, 1861, and is the only son of J. L. and Celia Clark of the Central hotel. He was with his father in the hotel business until 1889, when he accepted a position as traveling salesman for W. H. Walker & Co. of Buffalo, which position he now successfully and creditably fills. Personally Mr. Clark is one of those cheerful, assuring individuals, who not only seems to be happy himself, but makes life pleasant for those around him. He is strictly upright in his habits.

### SUMNER J. BACON.

Sumner J. Bacon was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., October 29, 1856, and soon thereafter came with his parents to this section where he has



"THE BACON."



SUMNER J. BACON.

picture, it will be a very commodious building—a model of convenience, the rooms large, well-lighted, and nicely furnished throughout. Transient guests, or those desiring board by the day, week or month, can find accommodation here. The service at this house is first class in every way. Mr. Bacon is meeting with much success in Cherry Creek. He is a self-made man and thoroughly interested in every enterprise that will help the place. He was married to Miss Ella Rodrick of Hudson, Michigan, Feb. 25, 1879.

They have one son Arlie Z., born March 16, 1884.

CHERRY CREEK has a cornet band of 16 pieces. The band has a good set of instruments, and the reputation of being one of the best of the smaller Villages.

since resided, except two years passed in Michigan. Mr. Bacon has worked in a hotel or been in the hotel business nearly all his life so that he thoroughly understands the business in every detail. He came to Cherry Creek in May, 1886, when he purchased the Rail Road House, which he now successfully conducts. The house is soon to be re-christened "The Bacon." Improvements are about to be made in the way of additions 40x60 feet and 30x50 feet. In fact, the present building is to be remodeled into a three story structure. As shown

by the accompanying



ARLIE Z. BACON.



## SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS.

**I**N writing the biographic sketches which appear in this book, it is not our purpose to offer eulogies or exaggerated words of praise. We simply wish to set forth in plain language brief sketches of the lives and character of men of our Village who have in one way or another gained prominence:



REUBEN W. PARSONS.

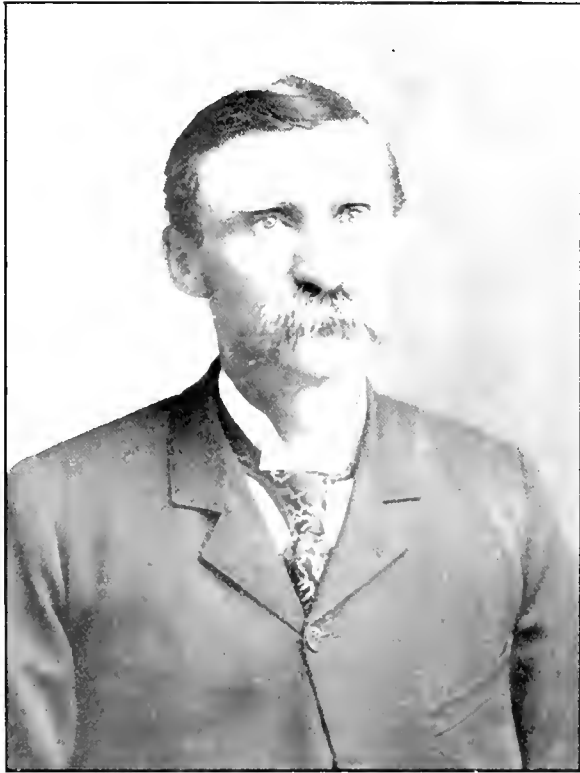
One of the best known and esteemed men in this locality, having been prominently identified with the business, religious and political affairs for upwards of two score years, is Reuben W. Parsons. He was born in the town of Hanover, this County, in 1831, and came to Cherry Creek in 1851. He began his career by teaching school and largely assisted in raising the standard of the schools and improving the school system. He successfully conducted a general store, then a dry goods store here for years, and has also been engaged at different times in the lumber trade, the canning factory,



etc. Mr. Parsons has always taken an active part in advancing the welfare of Cherry Creek. He was Supervisor of this Town in 1863-64, and has always more or less of the time, held some prominent town office, besides being President of the Village. He is the "Father of the Methodist Church" of this place, and has always taken an active interest in religious matters. Both in his private life and his business and official affairs Mr. Parsons has been distinguished by his upright and honorable character, his genial and gentlemanly demeanor and the capable manner in which he has discharged his duties under every circumstance. He has a host of friends and has won the esteem and respect of every one with whom he is brought in contact. Mr. Parsons was married to Miss Nancy Gould of Ellington, March 23, 1857. He has three children, Myrtie, wife of C. H. Reynolds of Brooklyn; D. G., who conducts a grocery and produce store in Duluth, and Rome A., who is now attending Garret's Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill., as an Elder of the Erie Methodist Conference.

### GEORGE W. ROOD.

George W. Rood, one of the largest land owners and successful farmers of Cherry Creek, was born in the town of Charlotte, this County, Feb. 17,



GEORGE W. ROOD.

1852. Mr. Rood has always been engaged in farming, stock raising, and buying and shipping cattle, in which he has been very successful. He is a member of the Village board and has done and is doing much for the benefit and advancement of the village and town. Throughout his entire life Mr. Rood has been very successful and has acquired a very fine property which he keeps in a good condition. Mr. Rood was married to Miss Rose Farrington of this town, October 15, 1862. To them were born four children, Alta, wife of Ernest Dye; Willie, deceased; Herbert and Bessie.

### WILLIAM S. BLAISDELL.

The founders of Cherry Creek, remarkable for thrift and energy, were not slow in transplanting their young and vigorous saplings to the fertile and



WILLIAM S. BLAISDELL.

promising soil as subsequent years have shown stalwart trees and powerful influences for good, matured from healthy saplings. Perhaps no more valuable illustration of the vitality and true worth of such a stock has been found than in the sketch of the life of Wm. S. Blaisdell, a highly respectable pioneer resident. Mr. Blaisdell was born in Lyden, Franklin County, Vt., February 14, 1823. He came with his father Stephen Blaisdell, who first settled in the old town of Gerry (now Ellington) in March 1824; then to

Cherry Creek April 10, 1827. They moved into the unoccupied log house built by James Marks, in 1816, the second house built in town. Two weeks later the family moved into a new log house without a door, floor, window, or chimney: this was located on lot 28, which now is included in the incorporated Village. He still resides in the Village. His farm of nearly 400 acres is just outside of the corporation. Mr. Blaisdell married Lydia F. Shattuck, daughter of L. E. Shattuck, June 1, 1856; she died June 24, 1860, leaving two children, Burke and Lydia F., who both died in November 1863. He married again June 6, 1864, Miss Mary K. Harris of Gerry, by whom he has three children, Martha, William B., and Alfred H. His occupation has always been that of farming, having cleared his present farm and erected substantial buildings. Mr. Blaisdell has always been liberal and has done much to make Cherry Creek what it is to-day. He has contributed to almost every enterprise the village now has: he has helped to build four churches and keep them in repair; also six school houses. He gave the right of way, three acres of land across his farm, to the railroad company, and also helped pay the right of way through the town. He also gave three acres of land for grist mill purposes. Mr. Blaisdell is and always has been a leading factor in every enterprise which had for its object the building up of the town. He is a man of reliability in word and deed and a person esteemed and respected by all.

LIVING is not expensive here. The habits of the people, although liberal, are not extravagant. Living in Cherry Creek is, therefore, comparatively cheap, and most all the conveniences of the more expensive communities are to be had.



RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM S. BLAISDELL.

## CHARLES T. READE.

Chas. T. Reade whose likeness and residence appears here was born in Randolph in 1839. Educated at the Chamberlain Institute at Randolph and the Ellington Academy, extensively traveled, liberal and broad minded, Mr. Reade is distinctively a man of the world—with a keen insight of men and affairs he has been able to use the one for the successful conduct of the other. No man in Cherry Creek perhaps, has so many acquaintances as Mr. Reade, he having visited every state in the Union and all the larger cities. To a pleasing exterior he forms that polish of manner obtained from contact with the world, a cheerful disposition to animate sense of humor. A Veteran of the war of the Rebellion, a democrat in politics, having been several times his party's nominee for Assembly. He has taken a lead in every movement for the improvement of the village and witnessed the wonderful change brought about which has made Cherry Creek the most progressive place in the county, from being the most conservative and old-fashioned.



CHARLES T. READE.

He was married to Miss Anna R. Bailey of Clear Creek, Jan. 28, 1866.

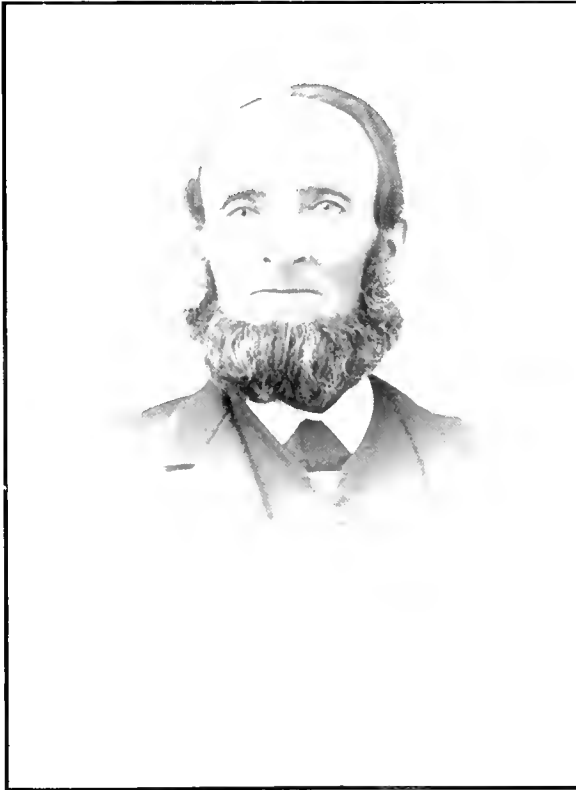
He has two children, Will. T., one of the editors of the *Weekly News*, and Addie G., wife of C. S. Smith, the other editor.



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES T. READE.

## JASPER H. NEWTON.

There is not a family in Cherry Creek more thoroughly representative of the best element of pioneer American stock than that of Jasper H. Newton. Mr. Newton was born September 19, 1826, in the town of Barward, Windsor Co., Vt.; he was the son of Anson and Sarah Newton, who with their family of seven children, Samuel, Fannie, Lurenza, Jasper, Elizabeth, Harriet and George, came to Cherry Creek in the fall of 1836, and located upon the very land upon which the subject of this sketch now resides. They came by team from Vermont to Whitehall, this state, from there by canal to Buffalo, and by team from there here. At that time there was



JASPER H. NEWTON.

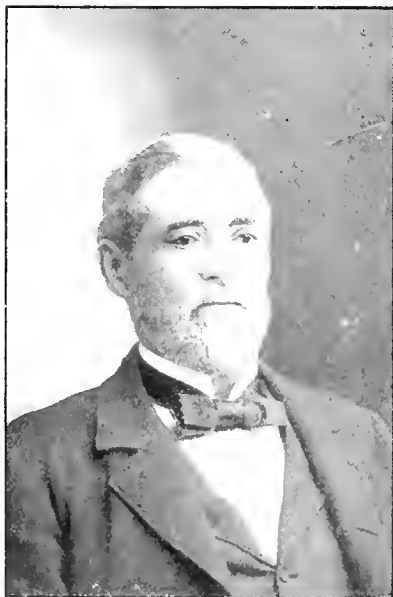
only about five acres of cleared land upon their farm. About the only way to obtain ready money was to burn the timber and leach the ashes thereof, obtaining what was called "Black Salts," which upon delivery to Dunkirk was worth \$2.50 per cwt. After the land became cleared sufficiently to afford pasture he commenced the raising of stock, being among the first in the town to introduce Durham cattle, raising the same for the beef markets. Later he embarked in the dairying business making butter and cheese which still is his business. His farm is lot 46 of the Holland Land Co's. purchase,

containing 173 acres. Mr. Newton possesses a reputation for honor, truthfulness and Christian character, and is a highly respected citizen. He with his estimable wife have done much for the town in a religious way. He was married November 30, 1870, to Mrs. Cynthia A. Newton, his deceased brother Samuel's widow, to whom there have been born two daughters, Ellie and Sarah, the former the wife of Rev. J. W. Smith, and the latter the wife of Herbert Weaver, both residents of this town. To Jasper and Cynthia A. Newton was born two children, Samuel Anson and Jessie W., the latter of whom is now the wife of Homer A. Weaver, who with the son Anson S. remains at the old home, assisting in the work of the farm.

### JAMES MATTESON.

If we were to select an example of what fixed purpose and determination will accomplish; if we wanted to point out to the youth of Cherry Creek one who had begun at the very bottom of the ladder and in 76 years had reached pretty well towards the top; if a boy poor in pocket desired wealth and would say, "Who shall I emulate?" we would say the man whose name heads this article. James Matteson, was born in Cherry Creek, December 21, 1823. He was reared in this town and has lived here almost continually since, excepting about eight years passed in the town of Ellington, one in Buffalo, and three in Rhode Island. To the latter place he went when 21 years of age as the foreman of a construction company that had the contract of building a railroad. There he remained for three years when he returned to this place. Since which time by careful and conservative management he has amassed quite a fortune. He is largely interested in Buffalo real

estate; he also owns considerable real estate in this Village and vicinity. Mr. Matteson is a pleasant, agreeable man in his general demeanor, possessed of good business qualifications and a laudable ambition. He was married to Miss Elveeinda Cook, December 6, 1849. They have one son Frank.



JAMES MATTESON.

THE population of Cherry Creek is on the increase and there is no reason why it should not double itself. There is plenty of room here for all the people that may come.

THE churches of Cherry Creek are conspicuous features of the Village. The depth and quality of public character is very often indicated in the work done for the churches. Every church here may be said to be prosperous.

## REV. J. W. SMITH.

Thoughts for his fellow man, feelings for the needy, aspirations to be useful and a determination to win deserving and enduring success; these were the materials out of which the Rev. J. W. Smith built his active and honorable life. He was born on a farm in Crawford County, Pa., Dec. 20, 1845, and entered Allegany College at Meadville in the Spring of 1862; on account of failing health he left college in 1864, but soon thereafter he went to Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating therefrom. Following this he gained employment as a book-keeper in the large whole-



REV. J. W. SMITH.

sale house of Mining & Hoadley at Erie, Pa., in January, 1867, he became partner in the business which was then conducted under the firm name of P. Mining & Co. In 1870 failing health compelled a removal from the Lakeshore Country and he purchased a general store business in Hammondsburg; in the fall of the same year he sold the business and removed to Richmond, Va., where he engaged in the real estate business, organizing and controlling the "Old Dominion Land Co." of the latter place for three years. In 1873, he was appointed deputy collector of Internal Revenue of the third Virginia District, with headquarters at Richmond, serving in this capacity until the fall of 1876 when he returned North and entered upon a

special course of study preparatory to entering the ministry of the M. E. Church. He had been licensed to preach while in Virginia in 1875, but continued poor health prevented an entrance into the Erie Conference, although recommended to that body both in 1877-78. However, in the spring of 1879 he was sent as a supply to Perrysburg, N. Y., and immediately commenced the work of building a new church at Versailles, (one of the preaching points on the Perrysburg charge) completing the same and having it dedicated before the close of his pastorate there. In the fall of 1879 he was sent to Cherry Creek to preach, where he remained for nearly three years, (see history of M. E. Church) when he resigned the pastorate and went to Bradford engaging in the oil business: he was a member of the oil exchange there for five years. In 1886 he returned to Cherry Creek and located permanently. He was two years pastor of the Free Baptist Church here and in 1894 pastor again of the M. E. Church. Many years ago Mr. Smith joined the Masonic Fraternity and at present is the Senior Warden of Cherry Creek lodge. Politically, Mr. Smith is a Republican and has been Justice of the Peace for many years and held many offices of honor and trust. He is a friend of education, of temperance and religion and highly respected by all.

#### GEORGE W. BROWN.

An old proverb says: "The emergency brings forth the man to fill it," and certain it is that every man has a calling wherein he can accomplish the most good. The way to judge of a man's success is by the results of his work. If he conducts his business in an honorable manner, maintains his reputation as a man, accumulates his share of the world's goods, we consider him a success and a benefit to the community in which he lives. To this class of citizens properly belongs our fellow townsman. George W. Brown



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE W. BROWN.



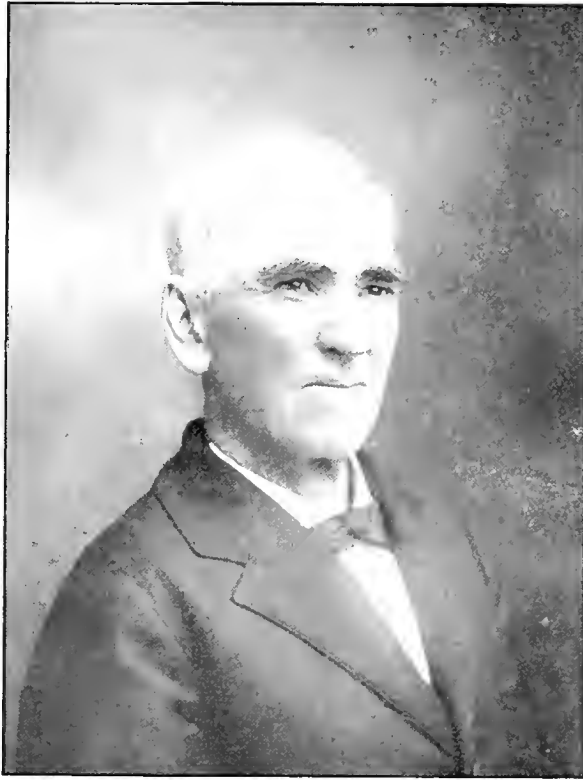
was born in Mansfield, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., in January, 1860, where he was raised and received his early education. He afterwards attended the Franklinville Academy from which institution he graduated. He then engaged in school teaching and successfully conducted schools for ten terms, establishing an enviable reputation as an educator. He came to Cherry Creek in October, 1886, and purchased the grocery and provision business of W. E. Becker, which he successfully conducted until the Fall of 1899, selling the same to A. R. Smith. During the thirteen years while in business here he built up a large trade and made for himself a reputation for honesty



GEORGE W. BROWN.

and straightforwardness. Mr. Brown is a man who finds time for work, and time to his duty between himself and his fellowman. At present he and his estimable wife and daughters are sojourning in California. Mr. Brown was married to Miss Edith I. Smith of his native town, in April, 1884. They have one daughter Chloe, born April 13, 1889, and an adopted daughter Anna.

No village has brighter prospects for future growth, or offers more attractions in the way of business opportunities or as a place of residence than Cherry Creek, and one of the aims and objects of this book is to present briefly these advantages.



GEO. N. FROST.

George N. Frost, widely known among lovers of fast horses, and as a successful farmer, was born within the limits of what is now the Village of Cherry Creek, October 21, 1826, before the town of Cherry Creek was organized out of territory belonging to the town of Ellington. He is a son of the pioneer family of George H. Frost, and might properly be termed a pioneer himself, as he was born within four years of the settlement of his father's family in the town, and when but a few acres of the primeval forest had yielded to the settler's ax. The broad cultivated fields, we now see, in this the closing year of the 19th century, yielding their annual harvests for man's support, are in striking contrast to the forest which his eyes first beheld and which his industry helped to remove. The days of his minority were spent in helping his father in the support of his large family. His educational advantages were meager, consisting of a few weeks of training, during the winter months in the district school, kept in the log school house near the site of which he now lives. Those meager advantages were well employed. Attending the same district school was a bright, modest and beautiful young lady, by the name of Jane M. Kimball, who but a few years previous had migrated with her mother and stepfather from Montgomery County, N. Y., and taken up her home with them on what is now known as the Crumb farm, situated about a mile west of the village, in the same

school district. Her parents were in fairly good circumstances for those times. They built the first framed house of any magnitude in the town, and it is now in good condition and occupied as a residence by William Crumb. These young people became friends, lovers, husband and wife. They were married January 3, 1847, and started on their united career without means. They rented a farm until they had, by industry and economy, accumulated enough money to make the first payment on one which they subsequently purchased. They are both still living happy and contented lives in a fine home on one of the farms which their industry and prudence has secured for them, and which is situated about 1 1-2 miles west of the village on the main road. Of this union six children were born: Helen M., deceased, Burlin N., one of the successful farmers of the town, Hon. George H., a practicing attorney of Buffalo, N. Y., Mary Adelaide, who became Mrs. Charles S. Jenks of Poland, N. Y., Lillis Fidelia, now Mrs. William R. Huntley of Sherman, N. Y., and Charles L., a merchant in the village of Cherry Creek. Mr. Frost has during his long life adhered closely to his chosen occupation of farming, and maintains that no calling of man is more honorable, or affords a better livelihood to him who would properly pursue it. With his own hands he has assisted in clearing many acres of forest lands, and has cultivated the same through the successive changes of its condition and improved agriculture. Like most farmers in this vicinity he has pursued what is termed mixed husbandry, keeping horses, cattle and sheep, and raising hay, grain and fruit. He has taken great pride in each branch of husbandry, but more especially in the raising of stock, improving his breeds from time to time with the best strains of thoroughbreds available. He has been exceedingly fond of horses, especially fast trotters, and has taken keen pleasure in training and driving them. His fame as a trainer and driver reached beyond the limits of the state, and he was credited by the highest authority with superior ability in conditioning his horses for endurance and speed. Cool of head and steady of nerve, he thereby inspired con-



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE N. FROST.

fidence in, and secured the greatest efforts from the horses he drove. No driver could obtain greater speed from the same animal than he, and this always with kindness. In his earlier days he bred several and trained all of the horses in this section of the state having the highest trotting speed of their respective times, notably: Billy, Gray Squirrel, Leopard, Nellie White, Black Mack, Harry Haynes and Versailles Girl.

In public affairs he has always taken a deep interest and held positive views on all important questions. He was for a long time active in the Republican politics of his county and was often sent as a delegate to political conventions. Faithful to every trust he has successively held in numerous years the offices of Supervisor and Highway Commissioner, holding the former office in the years 1866-69-72-73-75 and 77, and was during the war of the Rebellion intrusted with large sums of money by his town and charged with the duty of expending the same in the employment of men to fill its quotas of soldiers.

His high moral conduct, temperate habits, integrity, self reliance and industry, coupled with his exhaustless energy and accurate judgment, are the strong characteristics of his manhood and the elements of his success.

### TRUMAN B. CARR.

Truman B. Carr is one of our oldest and most respected citizens. From a start in the world with nothing, his life's earnings have been carefully husbanded, leaving him now in independent circumstances financially. He is a man of untiring industry who has worked early and late, while his habits



RESIDENCE OF TRUMAN B. CARR.

of life are strictly moral and upright. The history of the English speaking family of the Carr's is as old as the Norman conquest. One of the followers of William the First taken from a charter in Battle Abbey, bears the name of Carr. The early posterity of this Norman soldier, settled in the North of England. The records of the earliest Carr's who settled in this country, date back three centuries, to four brothers who were born in London. Their names were Benjamin, William, George and James. The descendants of these brothers settled in this country. Truman B., son of Wm. G. and Sally (Baldwin) Carr, was born in Otsägo County, this state, August 4,



TRUMAN B. CARR.

1829. He came to Cherry Creek with his parents when ten weeks old, and settled upon the farm now owned by the Weed Brothers. Mr. Carr has always been engaged in farming and dairying. He now owns a good farm of 203 acres with excellent buildings. He also owns the store building in the Village occupied by F. R. Pope as a furniture store. He was married to Miss Hannah Billings February 22, 1857. This union has been blessed with two children, Ella, born May 13, 1859, now residing at home, and Jennie, born October 25, 1865, who married B. J. Richardson June 12, 1888. She died April 9, 1895.



JOHN H. CURTIS.

Among the early settlers of the town of Cherry Creek, was Stephen L. Curtis, who purchased a farm of 50 acres from the Holland Land Company in 1834. Here he lived for over 50 years until his death in 1885. On this farm was born his youngest child, John H. Curtis, who all his life has lived on the same farm, now increased by him to 150 acres and which is situated on the main road of the town, three miles north of the village of Cherry Creek. In March, 1860, he married Miss Emma Parsons; and on the farm of his birth, were born their two children, a daughter, now Mrs. Lemuel P. Wood, and a son, Edgar W. Curtis. One grandson was also born on the same farm. Thus three generations of this family have been born on the farm which has remained in the family since its first transfer from the Holland Land Company. Mr. Curtis is one of the progressive farmers of the town and a man well-informed on general topics of the times, being a great reader of the newspapers, magazines and agricultural literature, and attending all Farmers' Institutes held within his reach. For his dairy products, he has a steady city market. His farm is set with all the fruits which will grow in this locality, not so much for market as for family enjoyment; he being one of the very few farmers in this region who has a private vineyard. He has one of the finest barns in the town and with the name, "Valley View Stock Farm," it is one of the landmarks of the locality.

Although his father was a Whig and later a strong Republican to the time of his death, Mr. Curtis, has from principle, been a Democrat all his life, casting his first ballot for President in favor of Stephen A. Douglass, and

voting for the Democratic candidate in every presidential election since, having voted only twice during his whole life in favor of the successful one. Though often offered the nomination for supervisor and other town offices he has always declined, preferring to take no part in politics except as a voter.

In 1868 he became a member of the Masonic Lodge of the village and has ever since been an active and enthusiastic member. For four years he has represented the lodge in the grand lodge of the state; twice in the years 1876 and '77 and again in 1889 and '90.



G. S. KENT.

One of the representative citizens of the town of Cherry Creek, who sprung from a family who settled here early in the town's history is G. S. Kent, who was born here Nov. 12, 1828, on Lot 9, and who has resided here continuously since. He was reared a farmer and that vocation he now successfully follows. He was married May 25, 1848, to Miss Lemira James, who died eight years thereafter; to them were born two children, George Kent and Mrs. Martha A. Day. Mr. Kent was married a second time September 25, 1857 to Miss Josephine Hill, daughter of Horatio Hill, a highly respectable citizen. By this union they had one son, Elmer A. Kent. Mr. Kent is recognized as a most progressive and influential farmer.

For the past eleven years he has been Fire Director of the Grange, a co-operative fire insurance association, and lecturer of the Cherry Creek Grange for years. In religion he is a devout Methodist, having served as trustee and class leader ever since the church was organized. At the time the church was erected he was chairman of the building committee, and did much toward raising the necessary funds. In politics he is an ardent Republican and has acceptably filled several town offices. He is upright in character and his name is synonymous with integrity.



ISAAC S. BENTON.

The sentiment, culture, and often the propriety of a community is reflected in a measure by the monuments in the cemetery, where sleep the "fore fathers of the hamlet", the dear ones whose vacant chairs are sad fixtures of many homes, the departed ones who live in memory, and after in public esteem for the good done by them during life. One of the best tributes therefore, that can be paid to the better sentiment of a town is the patronage given a dealer in monuments, tomb-stones, and other work by which the memory of the dead is revered and perpetuated.

The monumental work put up by I. S. Benton may be counted among the best and most extensive in the county or Western New York. Mr. Benton





RESIDENCE OF I. S. BENTON.

has been in business here since March 1, 1883, and he does an extensive business. Many of the handsome monuments and tombstones of his are seen in the Cemetery of Cherry Creek and throughout Western New York; notably among those are the soldiers monuments here, at Portland and Randolph, and are greatly admired for their artistic beauty. Mr. Benton is well known and popular in the business world, at home, and throughout the district. He was one of the first trustees of the Village and has done much to help the town, and is one of her most substantial citizens. Mr. Benton was born at Cottage, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., October 25, 1859, and was married to Miss Nettie Tanner, June 20, 1883. They have two children Erie R. and Merle J.

His present enviable position was obtained through pluck and enterprise, being thrown upon his own resources, fought the world alone and unaided, and has won success.

Young men find Cherry Creek an admirable place in which to succeed in life, and the town is peopled with young men who have begun at the bottom of the ladder and have won success through their own merits, and through the generous and kindly spirit of appreciation which distinguishes the people of Cherry Creek.



RESIDENCE OF W. F. STETSON.



RESIDENCE OF A. R. SMITH.



RESIDENCE OF M. ALLEN.



RESIDENCE OF G. O. WILCOX.

## THE BAR.

**A**MONG the prominent agencies which give shape and order in the early development of the civil and social condition of society, the bar is perhaps the most potential in moulding the institutions of a new community.

The establishments of courts and judicial tribunals, whose society is protected in all its civil rights under the sanction of law, and wrong finds a



RICHARD A. HALL.

ready redress in an enlightened and prompt administration of justice, is when law is entrenched behind the bulwarks of right, administered by a pure, independent, and uncorrupted judiciary.

The Cherry Creek Bar has, from its inception, numbered among its able jurists, talented advocates and safe counselors. The first regular lawyer to locate here was John T. Clark and the more prominent ones since were Hon. Charles B. Green, Hon. George H. Frost, Everard A. Hayes, M. Matteson and I. R. Leonard. The present lawyers are R. A. Hall, James Van Buren, C. O. Tarbox, and A. L. Bullock.

## RICHARD A. HALL

Was born in Cherry Creek, May 12, 1865, and was married to Estelle B. Ellsworth, daughter of Col. S. B. Ellsworth of Conewango, September 13, 1888. Mr. Hall graduated at the Fredonia Normal School in June, 1883, and soon afterwards commenced the reading of law with Hon. George H. Frost, and was admitted to the bar to practice June 15, 1889. Since which time he has made a brilliant reputation as a trial lawyer, and in the argument of cases in the Supreme Court and higher courts, and has forced himself to the front among the lawyers of Chautauqua County.



CLINTON O. TARBOX.

Was born in the Town of Chautauqua, this County, in 1873, receiving his early education in the common school and afterwards pursuing a course of study at the Fredonia Normal School. In the fall of 1894 he entered the Law School at Cornell University, having won a scholarship at the state competitive examinations, and from which institution he was graduated in 1896. Between the times of Law School he studied in the office of the Hon. W. B. Hooker at Fredonia, N. Y., thereby securing the best of legal training. Mr. Tarbox located here in March, 1899, and has already demonstrated his ability, and is taking high rank in his profession. The vigor with which he has prosecuted cases entrusted to him has won for him a large practice.

## ARDEN L. BULLOCK.

Though one of the youngest members of the bar, Arden L. Bullock is forging rapidly to the front as an attorney who masters his work. He is quick, thorough and practical. Mr. Bullock is a self-made young man, and owes what he is largely to his own industrious efforts. He was born here March 16, 1875; attended the Fredonia Normal School, and when seventeen years of age began teaching and taught for a period of three years. Although young in years he has held and now holds several offices of honor and trust. When 21 years of age he was elected Justice of the Peace—the youngest person undoubtedly, who was ever chosen to such a posi-



ARDEN L. BULLOCK.

tion—which office he still acceptably and creditably fills. In 1897 he was chosen President of Hose Co. No. 1 and in 1898 was elected Chief of the Fire Department; at present he is the secretary and treasurer of the department. Mr. Bullock is a member of Cherry Creek Lodge No. 384 F. & A. M. and was the secretary of the same in 1897, '98; he is also a member of Cherry Creek Lodge No. 463, I. O. O. F., and was secretary of that lodge for two terms. In September, 1898, he entered the Law Department of the University of Buffalo, became a member of the Delta Chi

Legal Fraternity and is now the Chief executive of that organization; he was also unanimously chosen secretary of his graduating class of 1900. Mr. Bullock took the examination early in January—six months ahead of time or before it was required—and passed, receiving his diploma to practice February 8, 1900. Mr. Bullock needs no formal introduction to our people, to whom he is well known. His life has been mostly passed here, and his standing, as well as his private life, are an open book to our citizens. He has a host of friends among all classes.



EDGAR W. CURTIS.

Edgar W. Curtis, the only son of John H. Curtis, was born in Cherry Creek, November 19, 1870. He received his early education in the home district school, being so fortunate as to have at an early age for his teacher, Adrian Price, who aroused in him a desire to have the best education in his reach. Later he attended the Cherry Creek school and having completed the course there entered the Fredonia Normal School, where he graduated in the Classical course in June, 1893. While there he was an active member of the Zetesian Society, being elected its president during his last year there. Previous to his graduation, he accepted the principalship of the Union School at Allegany, N. Y., beginning his duties there in September, 1893 and acting as principal and superintendent for four years. He was offered the position for the fifth year at an increased salary, but having several years previous decided to enter the legal profession, he resigned his position at Allegany and entered the law office of Richard A. Hall of this village where

he remained two years. He is now taking a special course in the law department of the University of Buffalo.

In June, 1897, he married Miss Grace E. Delamater of Allegany, N. Y., and they have since resided in this village. Though now through teaching he still takes a great interest in all educational matters. He is a member of both the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges of the village, now occupying the position of junior warden in the latter fraternity.

An enthusiastic amateur photographer, he has devoted his spare moments, since leaving school to journalistic work, being a regular contributor to one periodical, and having contributed several articles to the local paper, the "Illustrated Express," other periodicals and magazines; his article most widely copied being a brief biography of his friend and former teacher, Prof. Darlin T. Bentley, appearing as special in "Farm and Fireside" of March 1, of last year.

### OUR PHYSICIAN.

The specialist in evidence is said to be one who knows something of everything, and everything of something, in the line of his profession, and though there are no physicians in Cherry Creek, who profess to be specialists, there are those who give special attention to some class of diseases. But no matter what the ailment be, there is always a physician near at hand who can answer any call intelligently.

A physician who had been in active practice in Cherry Creek and vicinity for many years, informed us that there is no healthier locality in Western New York, than this village of ours. The hygienic conditions of the village is so well looked after, that if any epidemic disease ever gets started here, it is soon among the things that were, and little damage is done.

With Cherry Creek's growth in other directions, it has not retrograded as regards its medical profession, as some of its members have been rewarded with much success in their work, and the general esteem in which they have been held.

Cherry Creek is exceedingly fortunate in being remarkably free from the unhealthy conditions which make many towns undesirable as places of residence. Although near the great Conewango Swamp, its atmosphere is generally dry. But of course, we are all subject to the ills and sickness of mankind in general, and it is a comfort to know that in our hour of distress, we can rely upon competent medical attendance, as that at our command.

### CHAS. A. SHEPARD, M. D.

An eminent physician of large practice in Cherry Creek and vicinity, was born in Belleville, Hastings County, Canada, October 9, 1871. He is son of the late Hon. William Allen Shepard, a well known newspaper man, who was in 1892 president of the United Typothetae of America, and who was



for a number of years manager of the largest printing establishment in Canada located at Toronto. Dr. Shepard was educated in the Toronto High School, he studied medicine at the Medical Department of the University of Toronto, and graduated from the University of Buffalo in May, 1896.

For eight years he occupied the dual position of purser and steamer physician on the Niagara River line, plying between Lewiston and Toronto.



DR. CHAS. A. SHEPARD.

He began the practice of medicine in this vicinity in 1896 and 1898 he located in Cherry Creek. The doctor is a very successful physician, and a busy man. He is a man of learning in his profession, courteous and affable in disposition, and fully merits the large patronage he enjoys. He was married in the fall of 1896 to Miss Clara Childs, daughter of James H. Childs, collector of customs at Lewiston. They have one daughter, Edna.

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THE well known enterprise of Cherry Creek's business men is certainly most commendable, and by giving the information to be found in these pages concerning them and their business, it is anticipated that not only will they be benefitted but the village's "out of town" business facilities made better known to the hundreds among the business men and citizens of our tributary towns, and the farmers upon whom the prosperity of the village so largely depends.

## LODGES AND SECRET SOCIETIES.

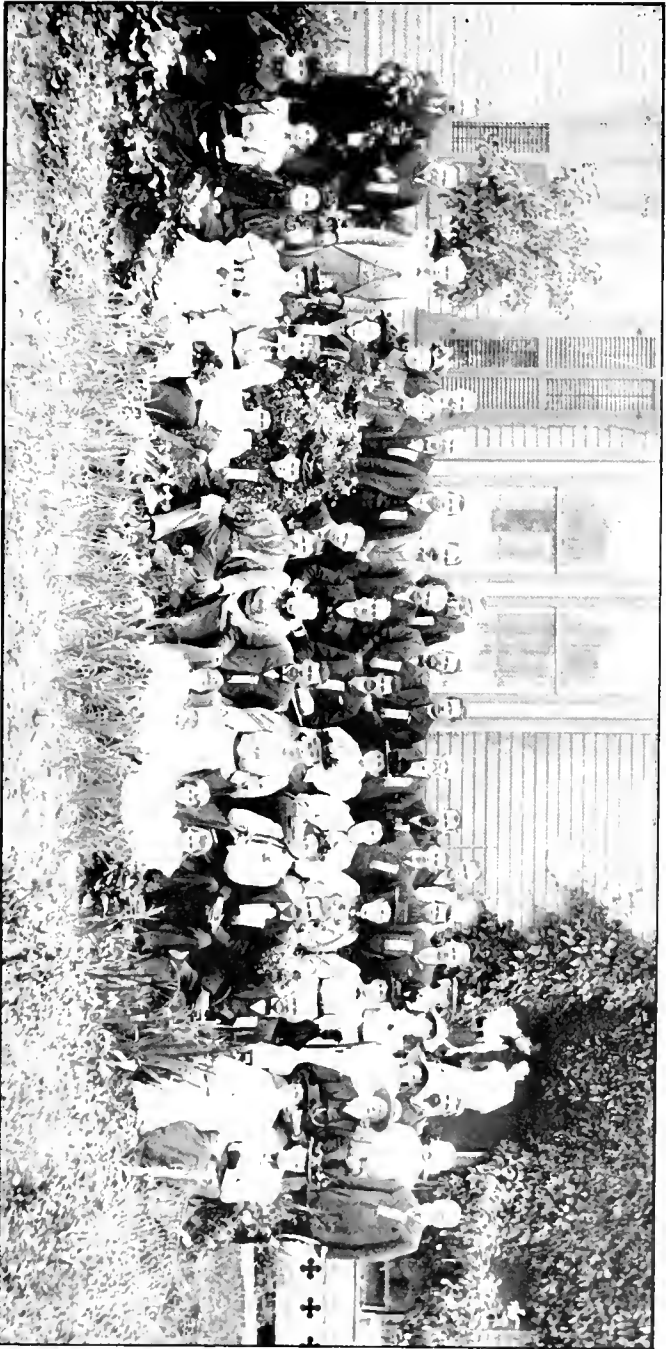
THE fraternal feeling of the people of Cherry Creek is manifest by the many societies of which lodges have been located at Cherry Creek. These lodges are an excellent means of bringing people together of different ideas, and fostering that feeling of fellowship, which is so essential to the well being of the community at large. There certainly can be no doubt as to the benefits they confer, and they provide a pleasant and acceptable form of recreation on meeting nights, and bind the people closer together.

### CHERRY CREEK LODGE No. 384, F. & A. M.

Was instituted in 1853, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and received the present warrant in June, 1855. The following persons were charter members, viz : Wm. S. Blaisdell, Alva Billings, Daniel B. Powers, John P. Hubbard, John L. Safford, Dr. Oliver B. Main, Versal Farrington, Geo. Hopkins and C. Dennison. One of whom only survives, viz.: Wm. S. Blaisdell, the rest having passed to that bourne "from whence no traveler returns." Wm. S. Blaisdell was the first master and filled that office for eight successive years with credit to himself and profit to the lodge. The following brothers have passed the chair: Wm. S. Blaisdell, Alvah Billings, S. L. Moore, W. J. Straight, Jr., M. Allen, Silas Vinton, J. Love, F. R. Pope, W. I. Wilcox, Geo. W. Warner, M. Wells, T. B. Dix, S. M. Sweet, R. C. Bullock, S. L. Peterman, E. Kent, J.



INTERIOR MASONIC HALL.



CHERRY CREEK GRANGE, No. 527, P. OF H.

*From a Photo, June, 1890.*

H. Curtis, C. D. Leonard, Chas. J. Shults, G. L. Hanley, H. J. Crissey, Dr. T. E. Soales, Prof. C. L. Fuller. The lodge has passed, raised, and received on demits nearly 300 members. While the Order has been abundantly prosperous in accession to membership and in its influence, misfortune has marred its history in a marked degree. For three times fire has destroyed its buildings; but with undaunted courage and energy, which has always been a characteristic of the lodge, the brethren in 1889 purchased the North hall of the Wilcox-Benton Block thereby contracting a large debt in order to secure for the fourth time a permanent home.

By economy and good financial management the debt is now nearly liquidated. The lodge now has a membership of 87 and is steadily increasing;

The present officers are: R. A. Hall, W. M.; Rev. J. W. Smith, S. W.; E. W. Curtis, J. W.; A. H. Curtiss, Treas.; S. M. Sweet, Sec'y.; Rev. E. A. Estey, Chaplain; C. F. Barnes, S. D.; A. Oswold, J. D.; A. J. Bentley, S. M. of C.; A. J. Abbey, J. M. of C.; H. P. Smith, T.; Will. T. Reade, M.; Chas. T. Reade, O. S. Hickey, J. H. Curtis, Trustees.

#### CHERRY CREEK LODGE No. 463, I. O. O. F.

Was instituted April 6, 1852, upon a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York with the following as charter members: John L. Clark, Silas Vinton, Anthony Morian, Walter A. Eddy, Seth E. Millspaw and R. N. Tanner. The institution was further effected by the installation of the following officers by David S. Forbes, D. D. G. M.; J. L. Clark, N. G.; Anthony Morian, V. G.; Silas Vinton, Sec'y.; O. G. Chase, Treas.; R. N. Tanner, P. S. Appointive officers as follows: Thos. Green, R. S., N. G.; Thos. P. Ferrington, L. S. N. G.; Seth E. Millspaw, W.; Walter A. Eddy, Com., Alonzo Cook, I. G.; Harry Billings, R. S. S.; Artemus Hall, L. S. S.; John Morian, O. G.; Sannel Crandall, R. S. V. G.; Wm. Mason, L. S. V. G. The following named persons were elected to membership, initiated and received the five degrees at this meeting: Alexander Bentley, Wm. Mason, Samuel Crandall, Isaac Brown, John Price, Artemus Hall, Edwin G. Bly, Harry S. Billings, Alfred W. Stone, and James D. Wheeler. This organization was favored by additions to its members until it numbered up in the eighties, and was the source of much social enjoyment. But by debts contracted, sickness and death, beneficiaries to meet by stipulated dues, financial obligations could not be met, they were forced to surrender their charter which they did December 22, 1855. After a lapse of 22 years, and upon the request of five ancient Odd Fellows, viz: James Turner, Anthony Morian, Artemus Hall, John Price, Columbus Ferrington, the lodge was reinstated August 16, 1877, with the following officers: Anthony Morian, N. G.; Artemus Hall, V. G.; M. Allen, Sec'y.; John Price, Treas.; James Turner, Com.; John Smith, W.; and R. N. Tanner acting as P. G.

Then through an amendment in their by-laws in relation to weekly beneficiaries they have been able to keep good financial requirements and are seeking to carry out the tenets of their order, Friendship, Love and Truth. This lodge is now in a very prosperous condition with a membership of 108



G. E. KENT, Lieut.                      A. L. BULLOCK, 1st Seargt.                      C. S. SMITH, Seargt.  
CHAS. J. SHULTS, 1st Lieut.                      F. J. SHATTUCK, Capt.                      W. T. READE, 2d Lieut.

GROUP OF SONS OF VETERANS, MEMORIAL DAY, 1899.

They own a fine hall in the south side of the Wilcox-Benton Block, and are on the road to greater prosperity than ever, being entirely out of debt. The present officers are: C. A. Mount, N. G.; Geo. Kent, V. G.; L. E. Master, R. S.; P. F. Gillette, F. S.; T. B. Dix, Treas.; Albert Johnson, Warden; Thos. D. Erwin, Conductor; Geo. James, I. G.; Edson Skiff; O. G.; F. E. Martin, R. S. N. G.; C. D. Green, L. S. N. G.; C. E. Dix, R. S. V. G.; Warren Day, L. S. V. G.; W. H. Bullock, R. S. S.; C. A. Larson; L. S. S.; W. E. Shepardson, Chaplain.

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Bullock Post No. 304, G. A. R. was organized November 2, 1882 with 20 charter members. It has had 65 members enrolled and now reports 45 in good standing. This society is composed entirely of men who served in the army or navy during the war of the rebellion—none being admitted unless he can show an honorable discharge. The object of the society is for mutual aid and protection and to keep alive that fraternal feeling which so strongly exists between men who as comrades together faced death on the battlefield, in the prison pen, on the weary marches and the exposure of sleeping on the cold damp ground. About one third of the membership are pensioners drawing from \$4 to \$36 per month respectively. The Grand Army of the Republic is organized by law and has national, state and local organizations. While it is a fact that most of the men are broken down in health and constitution very few have had pecuniary assistance except those who have been given pensions for disability by reason of wounds or injury from service.

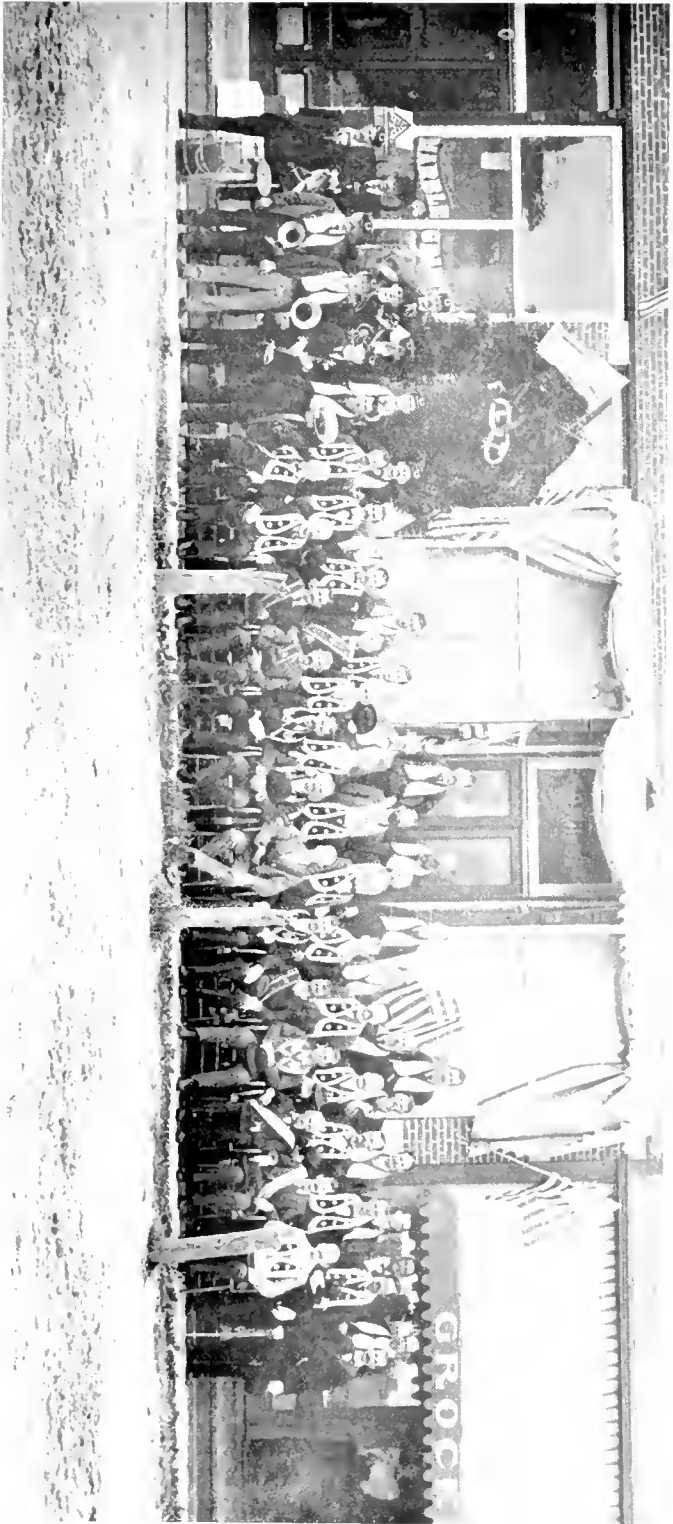
The following are the Post present officers: H. P. Smith, Com.; Wm. Wildey, S. V. Com.; Geo. W. Oswald, I. V.; Joseph Bullock, Chaplain; Chas. T. Reade, Surgeon; Delos F. Bontwell, Quartermaster; Chas. Bullock, Officer of the Day; Lewis James, Officer of the Guard; John Dexter, Guard; A. Helmick, S. M. Sweet, Masters Assistants; Harry N. Shepard, Delegate; Delos F. Bontwell, Alternate.

#### PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Cherry Creek Grange No. 527, P. of H., was organized August 18, 1887, by Walter C. Gifford, with 28 charter members. M. A. Phillips was its first Master. The financial benefits of the order have proved satisfactory to its members, having saved several hundred dollars in the different Co-operative systems of Grange work. Its present membership is 147 and its officers are as follows: A. H. Blaisdell, Master; Mrs. C. J. Abbey, W. O.; J. W. Pickard, Lecturer; C. J. Abbey, Steward; J. M. Wollaston, Asst. Steward; Mrs. Emma Gillette, Lady Asst. Steward; David Abbey, Chaplain; Mrs. Mary Oswald, Secretary; A. J. Bentley, Treas.; Mrs. J. W. Pickard, Pomona; Mrs. Clara Rowe, Clara; Mrs. J. E. Martin, Ceres.

#### ANCIENT ORDER UNITED WORKMEN.

Cherry Creek Lodge, No. 42 A. O. U. W. was organized November 15, 1876, by D. D. G. M. McWharf with 20 charter members. S. V. Q. Sherman



CHERRY CREEK LODGE No. 463, I. O. O. F.

*From a Photo, June, 1928.*

was the first master workman. It now numbers 33 members and is in good condition. The following are its present officers: H. P. Smith, P. M. W.; L. E. Master, M. W.; John King, F.; F. R. Pope, O.; C. A. Mount, R.; H. E. Salford, F.; John DeLaney, Rec.; S. Luce, O. W.; Miles Gardiner, I. G.; Representative, C. A. Mount; Alternate, L. E. Master.

#### LADIES OF THE MACCABEES.

Pocohantas Hive, No. 21, L. O. T. M. was instituted in September, 1891, by Dr. R. C. Moss with 13 charter members. Mrs. A. Bronson was the first lady commander and Mrs. G. D. Wheeler the first lady record keeper.

Its present membership is 33 and the following are its officers: Mrs. E. E. Martin, Lady Com.; Mrs. H. C. Mount, Lt. Com.; Mrs. Carrie Edwards, R. K.; Mrs. Geo. Hines, F. K.; Mrs. Kittie Warner, Chap.; Mrs. Martha Day, Sergeant.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

Corporal Wm. Ferrin Camp No. 82, S. of V. was mustered April 29, 1888, by Col. E. A. Hayes of Buffalo, assisted by Bullock Post G. A. R. of this place. The following were its first officers: R. A. Hall, Capt; Chas. J. Shults, 1st Lieut.; G. E. Kent, 2nd Lieut.; Will. T. Reade, Chas. J. Shults, A. P. Oswald, camp council; L. E. Boutwell, 1st sergeant, M. B. Cameron, 2nd sergeant; Clark Westcott, Chaplain; Samuel Hall, Sergeant of the Guard; E. D. Oakes, color sergeant; Lynn LeBarron, corporal of the guard; Allen Bennett, camp guard.

In 1890 fire destroyed their place of meeting together with their charter, books, records, and paraphernalia. As a camp it was never reorganized, however, the sons meet and assist in the observance of Memorial Day each year, and are willing to do any duty assigned to them.

#### PROTECTED HOME CIRCLE.

Ensign Circle No. 281, fraternal insurance order, was instituted November 18, 1896, with 16 charter members. Dr. T. E. Soules was its first president. The present officers are: W. E. Shepardson, Pres.; Mrs. W. E. Shepardson, V. P.; Mrs. R. C. Bullock, Sec'y. and Treas.; Mrs. Carrie Phillips, acct.; Mrs. A. H. Curtiss, chaplain; A. H. Curtiss, guardian; F. H. Stevens, porter; G. S. Boller, watchman; C. A. Larson, Guide; Mrs. Mary Westcott, Companion.

#### KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES.

Pocohantas Tent, No. 101, K. O. T. M. was instituted in October, 1888, by Frank Flannigan, a deputy of the order, with 18 charter members. The following are its present officers: John W. Pinner, Com.; L. B. Seager, Lt. Com.; C. L. Wheeler, Rec. and F. K.; H. Clinton Mount, Chap.; Homer Weaver, M. of A.; Henry Isabell, 1st M. of G.; F. E. Martin, 2nd M. of G.; C. L. Edwards, Sen.; James Peters, P.; U. D. Carl, Sergt. The present membership is 48.



## WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

This noble band of Christian workers was organized July 3, 1888, and now has a membership of over twenty. The following are the society's officers: Mrs. W. E. Shepardson, Pres.; Mrs. H. E. Van Alstine, Mrs. M. H. Morian, Mrs. A. W. Knapp, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. G. Frank Lapham, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Mount, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Chas. T. Reade, Treasurer. Meetings are held regularly at one of the several churches, and the society is doing much good.

There have been temperance societies and other secret orders in town but they have been discontinued, and their history in consequence, cannot be given here.

## PROF. DARLIN T. BENTLEY.

During a ratification meeting held for Abraham Lincoln and Reuben E. Fenton, at Jamestown, N. Y., October 14, 1864, by the premature explosion of a cannon, one boy was killed, and another who stood in front of it, had his right arm torn off, both eyes blown out, and his face and body horribly torn and burned. This boy then only seventeen years of age was born in Ellington, where his people lived at the time of the accident. Contrary to the expectation of all who knew of the disaster, the boy lived and in 1869, entered the institution for the blind at Batavia, N. Y., where he remained for seven years. While there he mastered the cornet and the instrument he now uses which was made especially for him and presented by the faculty of the institution. He also became so proficient in the point print system for blind, that he was appointed instructor of that subject. This is shown by the announcement of the institution for that time. While he was there his people moved here where he has resided since his return.

This in brief is an account of the early years of Prof. Darlin T. Bentley, known all over the state as the blind musician of Cherry Creek, known among his friends as "Darley Bentley." Though blind and with only his left arm, his success as a music teacher of ordinary instruments, has been phenomenal, and in many instances he has successfully taught music to those despaired of by other music teachers with two eyes and two hands, and many people in Western New York are indebted to him for their musical education. He will teach as usual a select class during the coming summer and past experience shows that a parent can do no better than to get this instructor for his child.

E. W. CURTIS.



PROF. D. T. BENTLEY.

## THE WEEKLY NEWS.

**C**HERRY CREEK has an eloquent mouth piece in the *Weekly News*, which plays an important part in the development and growth of the town. It offers a constant incentive and encouragement to private enterprise and public improvement.

It is the medium for the exchange of thought, and discussion of local and public questions. It enables the inhabitants to keep in touch with their neighbors and the world outside. It offers the best



WILL T. READE.

advertisement the town can have to bring trade and the investment of outside capital. The standard of a place can generally be gaged by the quality and character of its newspaper. To the realization of these facts by our citizens and the loyal support they have always given this industry, is largely due the success of its publication. Starting with a small and inferior plant located in the second story of the Postoffice building it has constantly improved, and today is located on the ground floor with very commodious

quarters with a complete and modern plant, including a fine cylinder press, and an excellent job printing department. Its publishers Messrs. Reade & Smith, are practical, up-to-date, enterprising young men.

### WILL T. READE

Is a native of this town, having been born here January 25, 1869. He received his education here and at the Fredonia Normal school. Early in life he began traveling and there are but few states in the union that he has not visited. In August, 1893, he was appointed Postmaster, which position



CLARENCE S. SMITH.

he acceptably filled for four years. He again traveled extensively through the South and West for two years when he in company with Mr. Smith purchased the *News* in October, 1898.

### CLARENCE S. SMITH

Was born at Girard, Pa., June 22, 1868. He learned the printer's trade at Girard and Erie, Pa., for seven years he was in the employ of the writer and was a valued, trusty and competent workman. When the plant was sold he went to Erie, where he held a responsible position on the *Dispatch* in that

city for about four years, after which he returned and formed a co-partnership with Mr. Reade. He was married to Miss Adda G. Reade, January 6, 1898.

### CHARLES L. FROST.

On August 15, 1899, Charles L. Frost succeeded to the business of George O. Wilcox and is making a complete success of it. He carries a complete stock of general merchandise, with nothing but strictly up-to-date goods in every department. By close attention to business and by making the interests of patrons his interests, he is winning a splendid trade both in the village and from the surrounding country. He has the best of facilities for giving his patrons every advantage as to prices, and his business is steadily growing. Mr. Frost is one of our most popular, enterprising, and pushing young business men.

CHERRY CREEK is peculiarly a fraternal center. One of the greatest advantages of a residence here is thus the opportunity for fraternal privileges, intercourse and enjoyment.

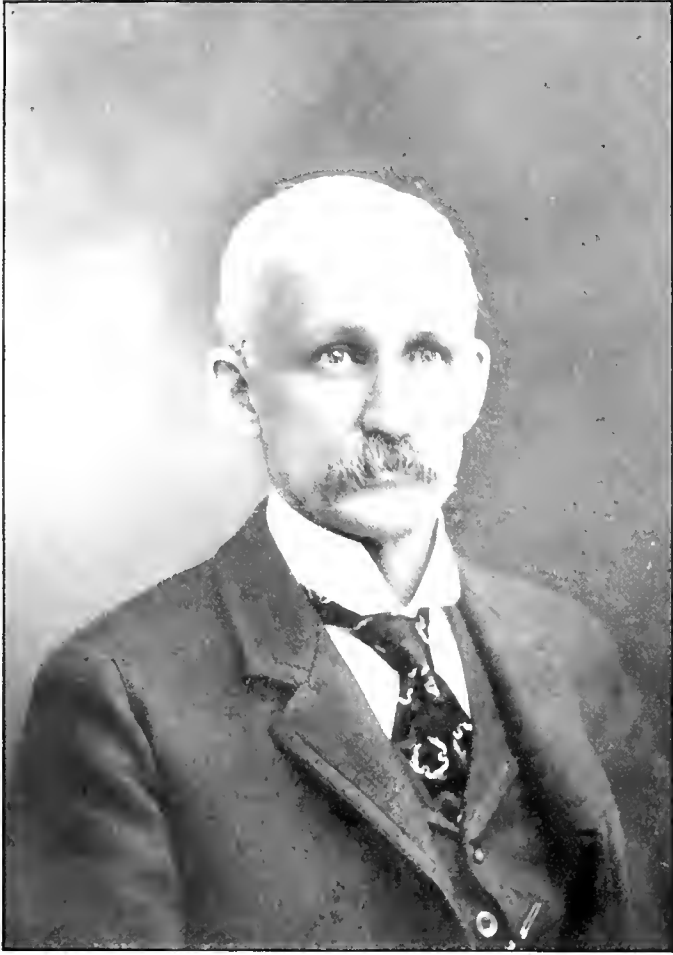
WILL T. READE has probably the finest collection of amateur photographs of any person in town, covering as they do a very wide range of scenes, secured in the South and West, and each picture is a gem of art.



I. O. O. F. Hall.  
*Weekly News Office.*

Masonic Hall.  
C. L. Frost.

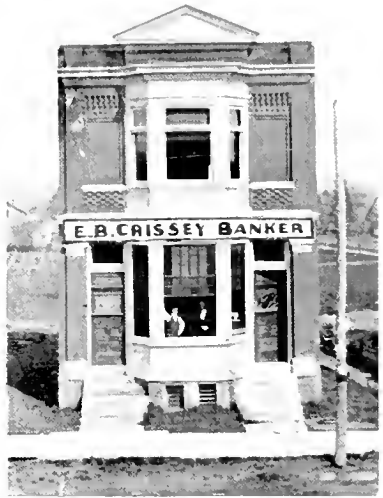
### THE WILCOX-BENTON BLOCK



Very Truly  
E. B. Cassidy

### THE BANK.

Cherry Creek has every reason to be proud of E. B. Crissey's Bank, conducted as it is, on so thoroughly a sound and conservative basis. Its importance as a means of contributing to develop the extension of resources of this section, cannot be questioned, while its rapidly increasing volume of business is a guarantee of the financial and industrial interests of the town. This popular institution was started here in February, 1890, by E. B. Crissey, and has had a very successful career, highly creditable to the executive ability and conservative judgment of its manager. This bank solicits the accounts of all and offers very superior facilities for the transaction of every branch of business. The banking rooms are commodious and handsome, provided with a fine fire and burglar proof vault and safe, and every convenience.



E. B. CRISSEY'S BANK.



MISS NORA B. LAKE.

Mr. Crissey is too widely and favorably known to need extended comment. As a man of affairs in all business relations, he has ever combined caution, sagacity and enterprise. He possesses rare executive ability, and conducts the affairs of the bank upon a sound and conservative basis. He has done much to advance the interests of the town. He has been ably assisted in his business returns by his son Harlow J. Crissey, his nephew Miner J. Crissey, his niece, Miss Anna L. Crissey, O. L. Becker, and the present force, C. A. Mount, Esq., and Miss Nora B. Lake.

### NORA B. LAKE.

A bright and highly accomplished young lady, who holds a position of honor and trust, is Miss Nora B. Lake. Born at East Randolph, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and left an orphan in infancy. But by study, perseverance and hard work she has attained an enviable position both in a business and a social way. She is a leader in religious circles, a member of the Board of Stewards of the M. E. Church, President of the Epworth League, and a favorite in social circles. Miss Lake graduated from the Jamestown High School in 1891, and from the Jamestown Business College in 1894, since which time she has been assistant cashier in E. B. Crissey's Bank.





# MANUFACTURING

AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

AS a manufacturing village Cherry Creek has acquired something of a reputation, although its progress in that direction has not been as great perhaps, as in some other lines. A considerable portion of our population is engaged in various manufacturing interests, and shipment of Cherry Creek's products are made on nearly every train.



A. H. CURTISS.

Of the several industries belonging to the village, industries that unite in swelling her commerce, in employing her labor, in making her a receiving and distributing point, none occupies a wider sphere of usefulness, relating to the wants of the people, or enters more largely into the affairs of life than the canning factory. The plant is a model one, located on five acres of land. The dimensions of the buildings are as follows: Main factory





PLANT OF THE CHERRY CREEK CANNING CO.

The most complete and modern Factory to be found anywhere, equipped with the latest and most improved machinery for the putting up of high-grade Canned Goods. Their product is noted for its superior flavor and quality, and is shipped to all parts of the United States, commanding the highest market price.

50x136 feet; No 1 store house, 30x70 feet; No. 2 store house, 50x80 feet; boiler house (brick) 26x30 feet; receiving room, 30x80 feet; gas house, 25x30 feet, office and weigh room, 15x30 feet. The machinery and equipment is the most modern and complete in every department, and during the season from 175 to 200 hands are employed. The output last season was 1,000,000 cans, consisting mostly of peas, beans, corn, tomatoes, apples and strawberries. There were 125 cars of canned goods shipped and 40 cars of produce received. It required 700 acres to grow the produce for this factory for which was paid to the farmers of this locality \$25,000.

For labor there was paid \$15,000. The coming season new buildings and machinery will be added so as to increase the capacity one third. The principal brands packed here are "Prize Winners," "Delft," "Silver Key," "Golden Key," and they command the highest market price, owing to their sweetness and excellent flavor. They are such superior quality as to be in high demand throughout the country. Taken all in all, the canning factory is one of the model establishments of its kind and is of immense advantage to Cherry Creek, and would be to a town twenty times its size.

#### A. H. CURTISS.

Superintendent A. H. Curtiss, a portrait of whom appears here, has full charge of the plant, is a man of sound business principles, energetic and enterprising, and is one of Cherry Creek's foremost and highly respected citizens. He is a thorough expert in the canning business, having followed that vocation for nearly all his life. He is a kind and considerate employer, beloved and respected by every person under him. By the people of this vicinity he is rightly deemed as one of the most public spirited citizens of the town—one who is ever ready to lend a helping hand to every worthy enterprise which is calculated to promote the material advancement of the community, and is held in high esteem in both social and commercial circles. Mr. Curtiss was born in Camden, N. Y., July 7, 1850; when he was 18 years of age left the farm for Syracuse, where he learned the canning business in every department. Since then he has successfully managed and conducted factories at Newark, Fairport, Batavia, North Collins, Buffalo, New Hartford, and Eden. He came to Cherry Creek, in 1892, and since which time has had the management of the factory here. He was married to Miss Nellie Griffin of Batavia in 1878. They have two daughter, Blanche and Laura G. Mr. Curtiss is treasurer of the Masonic Lodge of this place and a member of the Board of Health.

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#### WILLIAM F. STETSON.

The manufacturing establishment of W. F. Stetson is an enterprise of which Cherry Creek is justly proud, and which is doing a very extensive and increasing business. The mill commenced operations in 1877 in a modest way. Its history has been one of steady growth and continual prosperity. Last year something like 82,000 cheese boxes were manufactured, which went to supply 35 factories in this section. It is here also that the famous

Aeme Butter package is manufactured. This package is a vast improvement over any which have heretofore been on the market. It is a tight seal package and keeps the butter from all taints regardless of surrounding conditions. The patent fastener on the cover is a great feature, as you can fasten the cover perfectly tight without the use of tacks, nails or staples, and you can open and close as many times as you wish without defacing the cover or pail. Mr. Stetson has all the improved machinery for the manufacture of this package, which is his own patent. While this is something comparatively new, he has already made and sold over 100,000 and he is



WILLIAM F. STETSON.

bothered somewhat to supply the demand. In addition to the above he also makes cider, and a superior article of jelly. This establishment gives employment to a number of hands and is one of our most valued institutions.

W. F. Stetson was born in Stockwell, Oneida County, N. Y., June 19, 1850. Was educated at Clinton Liberal Institute at Clinton and Whitesboro Seminary. He was engaged with his father in the manufacture of lumber and cheese boxes until he came to Cherry Creek in the spring of 1877, when he purchased a site and erected his present commodious buildings. Mr. Stetson is one of our most prominent citizens and has ever taken a genuine interest in all that concerns the public welfare of the town. He



FACTORY OF W. F. STETSON.

has represented his town on the board of supervisors; he has been president of the Village and a member of the board of Village trustees. He is member of the several leading secret organizations here. Both in private life, and in official capacities Mr. Stetson has been distinguished by his upright and honorable character and has made a host of friends. He was married to Miss Mary Eaton of New Berlin, N. Y., January 3, 1881. They have three children, Geneva, wife of John Myers, Frank and Harry.

THE broom factory of James Peters was established in 1890, and has built up a business which now supplies a large territory with its products. Brooms of all grades, including whisk brooms, etc., are manufactured. Something like 2,000 dozen brooms are made here annually which find a ready sale.

THE cheese factory owned by E. F. Rowley and managed by E. A. Skiff has a good reputation for its make of excellent cheese. At the state fair last year the cheese made at this factory scored 99 points out of a possible 100. The milk of 360 cows are received here and 15 cheese are made daily the year round.

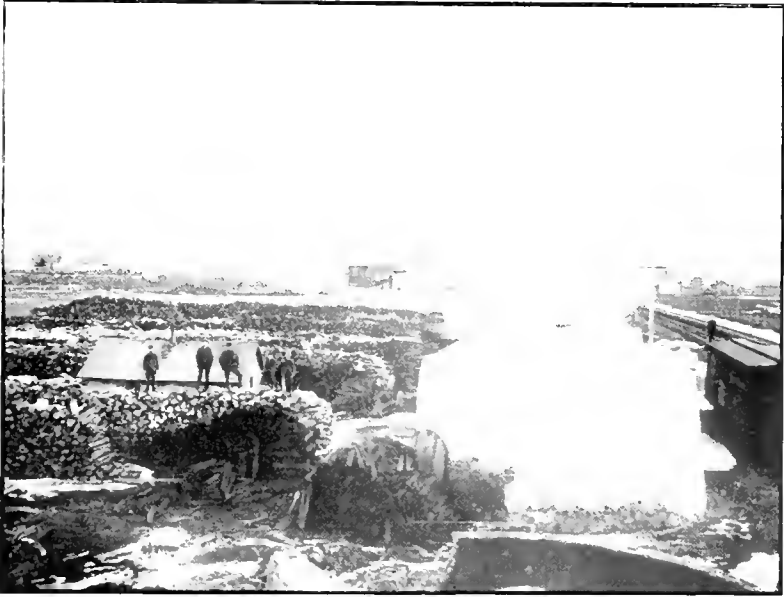
C. E. HESS owns the planing mill and does an extensive business in all kinds of dressed lumber, sash, doors and blinds.

H. S. CHASE operates an extensive lumber mill.



GEORGE HINES manufactures dimension lumber of all kinds such as handles, fish rods joints, brush blocks, pail woods, spools, knobs, balls, checkers, etc. He does a good business.

THE manufacture of charcoal is an important industry in Cherry Creek, employing a large number of men. The six kilns are owned and operated by George Kelle. The output annually is 115 cars of charcoal for which it takes 3450 cords of four foot wood. The wood used mostly in its manufacture is black ash, maple and elm. A ready market is found in Buffalo for all that is made here.



CHARCOAL KILNS.

THE barrel factory of Robert James manufactures apple barrels for the local demand in considerable quantities. And there is an abundant opportunity in Cherry Creek for an enlargement in facilities in this direction.

AMONG Cherry Creek's busiest and prosperous manufacturing concerns is the foundry and boiler works of Alpha Annis. Mr. Annis is a practical machinist and understands every detail of the business. He has built up a trade extending far and near. His business is rapidly developing into large proportions.

THERE are few lines of industry where the improvements of the present over the past have been so marked, and the conditions so revolutionized as it has in the matter of bread stuffs. The present century has witnessed the change from the old sand stone buhr to the most highly improved gradual reduction system. The Langworthy Flour and Feed Roller Mill is one of the most complete and modern plants that can be found. No expense was spared to make the mill up-to-date in every respect. The building is large and com-

modious, 30x40 feet, built on the elevator plan, with ample capacity to supply all demands. The management guarantees that absolutely no substitution will be practiced, and when a man brings high grade buckwheat or grain to the mill they can rest assured that they can return home with best of products made from their own grain. The power used is a 30-horse power Olin Gas Engine, so the steam is always up and the coal bin never empty. We can all look with pride at this modern plant for it is something that Cherry Creek has long needed.



CHERRY CREEK ROLLER MILL.

THE success already achieved by the manufacturing enterprises of Cherry Creek is but an indication of the possibilities in this direction. There is no good reason with the advantages which Cherry Creek possesses in the way of railroad facilities, freight rates and abundance of water, etc., why the village should not become an important and desirable manufacturing point. The availability of lumber, wood of different kinds, and other material and the great saving which could be effected in freight should be an incentive worthy of consideration by manufacturers in search of locations. Furniture, cereal products, cutlery, agricultural machinery, and nearly every other line of goods could be profitably manufactured in Cherry Creek and find a ready market.

## WILLIAM I. PHILLIPS.

Among the gentlemen of the old school who have adopted and put into active practice the modern methods of transacting an honorable and legitimate business, Cherry Creek is proud to number the gentleman whose honored name stands at the head of this tribute to his successful career. He sprang from an honest, rugged, hardworking, honored and honorable ancestry, who were enrolled in the ranks of that first of man's vocations—tillers of the soil. He was born where he now lives, August 29, 1845. He is the son of Adams Phillips, who was born in Chesterfield, N. H., March 30, 1810. His mother was born in the same county May 10, 1807. They were married March 31st,



WILLIAM I. PHILLIPS.

1831, and moved to the southwest corner of the town of Cherry Creek on what is known as the Phillips Homestead.

The only railway service enroute was from Troy to Schenectady and the rest of the way was covered by team and canal. He purchased 45 acres of land, erected a log house and the young couple started in the pursuit of agriculture. The mighty forest yielded to their bidding and a family of eleven children came to light their pathway.

William I., the seventh son and youngest boy, was elected to remain at home, and guide the footsteps of his parents until they were borne to that

shore whence no traveler returns. As a reward the old homestead of 120 acres was deeded to him. Mr. Phillips received his education at the district school and graduated from the Ellington Academy. Feeling that agriculture was the noblest work of man he chose that vocation. He was married February 22, 1872, to Miss Lorinda R. Kellogg of Ellington. On March 17, 1875 was born to them a son, Adams Phillips, who graduated from Ellington High School, taught school one year at East Otto, then attended the State Normal School at Fredonia, graduating with the highest honors, being unanimously chosen president of his class.

He is now attending Cornell University this being his second year. Another son, Burdette Phillips was born August 24, 1876, who graduated from the Ellington High School, took a classical course in the Fredonia Normal, and is now principal of the Alleghany High School—this being his third successive year.

The third son, Clayton Phillips, was born October 24, 1878. The fourth son, Degourney Phillips, was born July 15, 1881. Anna Phillips, the only daughter, was born July 15, 1883. The three last named are attending the Cherry Creek Union School. From the old homestead of 120 acres, under the profitable management of Mr. Phillips, it has grown to 507 acres, and in the summer season is put to raising crops for the Cherry Creek Canning factory. The present season there will be 250 people employed to work and care for the crops upon this farm. Two hundred acres will be cultivated; the canning factory's output will be nearly double that of any other season.

Mr. Phillips had to his credit on the books of the canning factory last season \$8,332.43. In a measure to show the amount of building done in Cherry Creek during the past five years, from the saw mill upon his place he has furnished lumber for the following buildings: Stores occupied by F. R. Pope, W. E. Shepardson, E. B. Reade, C. L. Frost, *News* office, Dr. C. A. Shepard's drug store, E. B. Crissey's bank, new grist mill, cheese factory, Robert James' store and house, Baptist church, A. H. Curtiss' residence, J. E. Martin's market, John M. Johnson's residence, G. O. Wilcox and B. Shattuck's barns, C. E. Hess' machine shop, office, store, and work room for canning factory, besides different ice houses and lumber for sidewalks. He estimates to have furnished the Village of Cherry Creek with nearly a million of feet of building material during the past five years. His mill is located six miles from Cherry Creek, five miles from Sinclairville, five miles from Ellington and four miles from Charlotte. Excepting Cherry Creek and a Grange Hall built at Charlotte Center, there has been no demand during the past five years for building material in those places. In October, 1899, he put down a well and found sufficient gas to supply his home; he also secured at that time at a depth of 150 feet a fine flowing well of mineral water.

Mr. Phillips is strictly an up-to-date farmer and farms it to make money. In 1890, he was elected Supervisor which duties he faithfully discharged. He has been justice of the peace continually since 1885. He has done much for his town.

THERE are many pleasure resorts in and about Cherry Creek.



## A FEATURE OF CHERRY CREEK.\*

\* \* \* But few Buffalonians realize that for several years many families from their city have as regularly spent their summers in this pleasant valley as others have gone to Saratoga or the mountains, and each year the number increases.

Situated in the southwestern part of the town of Cherry Creek, and in this valley, is the 500-acre farm of William I. Phillips, of which 200 acres are devoted to the cultivation of products for the canning factory and to assist in the harvesting of these products he has 200 Italians from Buffalo. This force has been working on the peas, of which Mr. Phillips has 95 acres sown in rotation, so that about 15 acres are ready for picking at a time. Not only do the parents work at this, but all children five years of age and over work from early morning until night, all being paid a certain price per bushel. In this way the larger the family the greater the income, and, with great business foresight, the fathers, with hardly an exception, have several to swell the day's earnings. Mothers with children but a few months old are in the field all day and earn as much as those not so fortunate. Small parties are set to work in different parts of the field, the vines are pulled up and the peas of all sizes are taken clean at one picking. The head of the family is credited with all picked by himself, wife and children.

Before the peas were ripe, five acres of strawberries furnished work, and with the peas are eight acres of black raspberries. When the peas are harvested, then comes string beans, of which there are 40 acres; next 20 acres of cucumbers, and last in the season 40 acres of Lima beans. Ten acres of early peas were harvested and the ground planted to beans, so that two crops will be raised on the same piece of ground in one season.

Three buildings with about 25 rooms are furnished for these people. Mr. Phillips buys flour in ten-barrel loads and furnishes it to them, but aside from this and the milk of three cows they get what they need from other sources. Each family is debited with flour and milk received, and whatever amount of money it wants during work, which is only a little. At the close of the season, when they return to Buffalo, they are paid in full. The average



JUVENILE PEA PICKERS — FARM OF WM. I. PHILLIPS.

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*\*From an article condensed in the Illustrated Buffalo Express, written by E. W. Curtis.*

family, consisting of father, mother and three or four children, earns \$125 in ten weeks. \* \* \* All live in perfect harmony. In the evening, singing, dancing and accordion music furnish the amusement. No work is done on Sunday, and the highway in front of the buildings is literally filled with children. The novice as he looks at the confusion naturally expects the children to stray into the wrong place, but, like chickens among many coops, they seem to have no trouble.

While other producers have found it next to impossible to get help this year, Mr. Phillips has experienced no difficulty. Most of his families have been with him for several years, and each year they tell others who want to come the next. Six years ago he began with three acres, the next he had twelve acres. \* \* \* His foreman, Angelo Monaco, an Italian, acts both as superintendent and interpreter, and stays with him the year around. \* \* \* Mr. Phillips is the largest individual producer in the county. From what has already been harvested, he estimates his crop of peas for this year as 12,000 bushels. Each year he increases his acreage, and in a short time expects to have his whole 500 acres under cultivation, so the summer Italian colony seems to be a permanent feature of Cherry Creek.

### DR. CHARLES A. PRICE.

The name of Adrian Price is familiar to every citizen of Cherry Creek. The Doctor was born here June 26, 1856. Educated at the District School and graduated from the Ellington Academy in 1876. Since which time his life has been a busy one. In 1877 he was collector for the Domestic Sewing Machine Co., which position he creditably filled for one year. He then taught school for five winters, and traveled summers for the New York and London Chemical Co.; his territory being all over the United States. The Doctor began his medical education in the office of Dr. J. E. Caneen, with whom he studied for three years. He graduated from the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical University and received a certificate from that institution. In 1882 he founded the Central Botanical Co., which institution manufactured the well known Dr. Gray's Positive Remedies, six in number. For six years he traveled extensively introducing, advertising and selling the remedies, finally selling the business to A. R. Smith in 1888. He remained with Mr. Smith for two years and was a valuable salesman. Since 1890 he has been engaged in the manufacture of lumber and shingles and does an extensive business. Doctor Price has filled every position and performed every task allotted to him in that true, dignified, manly manner, so characteristic of him, at all times. He was married to Miss Amelia Cornell of Charlotte, this county, March 31, 1880.



DR. C. A. PRICE.

CHERRY CREEK'S physicians say this is not a very good town for their business. Here's a pointer for people looking for a healthy home.

## CHARLES S. SHEPARD.

A man of modern ideas, a genius, a thinker, and of improved methods is our townsman, Charles S. Shepard. He has secured patents on a number of useful devices which saves time and labor. He is now engaged in the selling to the trade, his adjustable Dust Pan Holder, a handy and useful device (see cuts). Mr. Shepard has just made a contract with Benjamin Bros. of Buffalo, for the sale of his combination sprayer and force pump, on a royalty for three years. He has also obtained letters patent on an



CHARLES S. SHEPARD.

agricultural steam boiler and a jacketed milk can—all useful inventions. Mr. Shepard was born July 27, 1846, in the town of Greig, Lewis County, N. Y., and when nine years of age moved with his parents to West Camden, this state. When fifteen years of age he entered the employ of J. Powell of Williamson to learn the trade of tinsmith. Received his education at West Camden; came to Cherry Creek, March 16, 1868, and opened a branch hardware store for Mount & Parsons of Forestville, conducted under the firm name of C. S. Shepard & Co. From 1872 to 1876 he was in the hardware business at Cassadaga, under the firm name of Shepard & Wilcox, when he sold his interest to his partner and went on the road selling pianos, organs-

and sewing machines. On April 10, 1894, he again embarked in the hardware business in Cherry Creek, which he conducted until January 1, 1899, when he sold to his brother, H. N. Shepard. Mr. Shepard was married to Miss Minerva A. Brigham of Cherry Creek, June 29, 1870. They have one daughter, Fannie A.

CHERRY CREEK has a number of excellent camera fiends. Among those whose pictures are best known may be mentioned Will. T. Reade, E. W. Curtis, F. H. Lapham, Arlie Bacon, Miss Nora B. Lake and Miss Blanche Curtiss. Within the borders of the Village there are many picturesque scenes, scarcely yet appreciated, but nevertheless adding much to the attractions of the Village.

THE M. E. Church was built in 1882, and cost \$5,437, which was paid mostly by voluntary subscriptions. The building committee was composed of the following: G. S. Kent, R. W. Parsons, Rev. J. W. Smith, I. J. Richardson, Horace Brown and F. P. Gillette. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. B. I. Ives, December 27, 1882.

MANUFACTURERS contemplating the removal of their factories to more desirable locations, or persons desiring to engage in the business of manufacturing, should not fail to look over the ground at Cherry Creek. It is the very best of a location.



THE OLD WAY.



THE NEW WAY.



## BUSINESS INTERESTS.

**C**HERRY CREEK enjoys the distinction of being one of the best business towns in the county, and for that matter in the country, for the business done here in a general way, in proportion to the population, is equalled by few villages in the state.

This is due in a large measure to the enterprise and "push" of our business men. In none of the larger villages can be found more complete stocks of goods than are carried by Cherry Creek's merchants. Our citizens have no occasion to go to Buffalo to buy merchandise, for while the taste and requirements of Cherry Creek citizens are doubtless as fastidious and exacting as any; yet the merchants appreciate the fact, and the best there is in the different lines of goods can be found in the mercantile establishments of Cherry Creek. The splendid tributary country of prosperous communities and thriving farming population enables our business men to carry large and selected stocks, and it is no wonder that our business men draw a large share of trade from a distance. No apology is necessary for the personal mention of the leading business concerns of the village which appear in this work. It is the enterprise of these business men which not only makes the publication of such a work as this possible, but makes Cherry Creek the best of all the smaller villages, socially, fraternally, educationally, and in many other respects.

### F. J. SHATTUCK.

It is certainly a pleasing duty to any one interested in the growth and prosperity of Cherry Creek, to review the advance and development of her leading industries, and more particularly of those representative establishments—the large dry goods and clothing emporiums—as they indicate, in a greater degree than any other, the advance of the people in wealth, good taste, etc. F. J. Shattuck's store is the largest in Cherry Creek, occupying the entire lower floor of the Ferrin Block and is well filled with the choicest and finest stock of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, furnishing goods, etc., to be found in any place in Western New York outside of cities. This comprises a general line of goods, especially selected with regard to high quality. The patronage of this house is derived from many sections hereabouts, in addition to the trade of the town, and it's well known the very choicest lines of goods are to be found at this house, even when they are not to be procured elsewhere. The above facts have led to the large increase and development of business, and each year the receipts are greater than the one which preceded it.

Mr. Shattuck was born in the town of Hebron, Potter County, Pa., in

1862, and is the son of John A. and Mary (Graves) Shattuck. He moved with his mother in 1864, while his father was in the army, to Wellsville, N. Y., where he was educated. Mr. Shattuck was engaged as a clerk at the age of 16 by A. R. Hill, the largest tanner of Wellsville, where he remained until Mr. Hill's death six or seven years later. Young Shattuck rose rapidly in promotion from office boy to buyer and head clerk of the large stores. After Mr. Hill's death Shattuck was offered a good position with a mercantile firm at Wyalusing, Pa.; he remained at this place nearly two years, but there was not enough stir and business to keep him busy so he accepted a position with the W. & L. R. Gale Tanning Co. of Galteon, Pa., as book-keeper. At the end of the month he was promoted to chief clerk and general manager of the large supply store doing the largest retail business of any store outside of the cities. He held this position until all large tannery concerns were formed into gigantic trusts. Mr. Shattuck then resigned his position and came to Cherry Creek, and in August, 1893, opened up his dry goods and clothing store, which now occupies two large stores. Mr. Shattuck



Grange and G. A. R. Hall. Maccabee Hall.  
F. J. Shattuck's Dry Goods and Clothing Emporium.

**FERRIN BLOCK.**

has just associated himself with W. R. Westbrook as a co-partner and bought the finest and largest clothing store in the city of Charlotte, Mich.

Mr. Westbrook will have charge of the business there while Mr. Shattuck will look after his own interests here.

Mr. Shattuck was married December 24, 1881, to Clara A. Richmond of Whitesville, N. Y. This was a happy union and a great adjunct to Mr. Shattuck's success. Three children help to make their pleasant home on South Side Avenue, what a home should be. Miss Lillian, age 16, was born in Wellsville, Mabel, age 6, and Grace, age 2, both born in Cherry Creek. Mr. Shattuck is a member of I. O. O. F., F. & A. M., and the Sons of Veterans. He is a friend of the soldier and takes great interest in all public and private institutions that are of general benefit to the community. Mr. Shattuck has held many positions of public trust and has been a member of the Town Board for the past five years. He was elected president of the Village in the spring of 1899, on the whole his life has been a very busy one.



CHARLES H. DELAMATER.

Charles H. Delamater was born at Gilbos, Scholastic County, N. Y., he and his brother, Edgar Dalemater, a tanner of Costello, Pa., being now the only living of the six children of William J. and Maria Delamater.

At an early age he learned the trade of cabinet maker; but at the age of nineteen, his brother induced him to learn the tanner's trade at West Camden, N. Y. Here he was married to Miss Anna Gamble in October, 1870. Immediately after his marriage he went to Allegany, N. Y., where he had the position of foreman in the tannery of J. B. Strong. In 1880 he became general superintendent, having full charge of and the complete management of the tannery, that year purchased by A. R. Hill. In 1885 the

tannery became the property of A. Healy & Sons. Three years later the tannery was increased to more than double its previous capacity, tanning 750 hides a day. In 1893 the tannery became the property of the United States Leather Co., the capacity being increased to 800 sides per day. This tannery manufactured only sole leather using exclusively hides from the West Indies. The Spanish-American war cut off the supply of hides, the only kind of which could be used in that tannery, and as a direct result, the U. S. Leather Co. was forced to close the tannery. During all these changes of administration he occupied the same position.

He was offered the position of general superintendent of different tanneries in Canada and different parts of the United States but having acted as foreman and superintendent of the tannery at Allegany for 28 years, he preferred to retire from that business so came to this village, the home of his only married daughter, Mrs. Edgar W. Curtis.

Since coming here, he has entered the hardware and plumbing business with Richard Leworthy, his assistant. His store is well stocked with everything carried in a first class hardware store. Though he has been in business here but a comparatively short time, the people of the town and vicinity have already found that they can secure of him anything in his line of business even if not usually kept in a country hardware store; because if not in stock, Mr. Delamater willingly orders specially for any patron.

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E. B. CRISSEY, the banker, informs us that during the past ten years there has been no serious failure here, and that \$1,000 would cover the loss sustained by all. No one in this town has taken advantage of or is liable to of the bankruptcy act.

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HEALTH, peace, prosperity and comfort seem to be the rule here.



RESIDENCE OF C. H. DELAMATER.



### C. L. EDWARDS.

No house in Cherry Creek has achieved a more enviable reputation for handling first-class goods, or for honorable and upright dealings than that of C. L. Edwards, dealer in dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, notions, wall paper, etc., etc. Mr. Edwards began business here in 1883, under the firm name of Mount & Edwards. The following year their co-partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Edwards purchased the furniture business of M. J. Kenyon, this he successfully conducted until 1897, when he sold to F. R. Pope, and purchased a stock of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, etc.



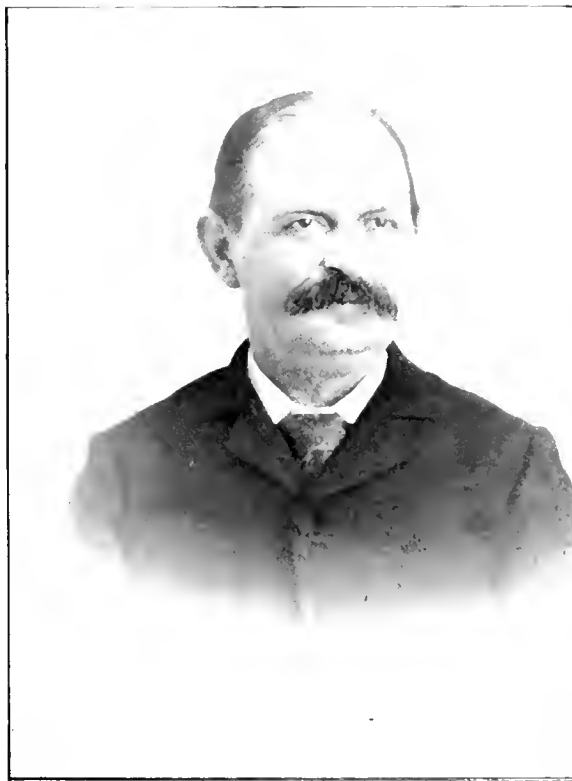
C. L. EDWARDS.

During this time his history has been one period of success and prosperity. His store is tastefully fitted up, the stock large, comprehensive, embracing everything in fancy and staple dry goods, furnishings of all kinds, boots, shoes, hats, caps, wall-paper, in fact, everything usually kept in a first class general store. The articles carried embrace a diversity too numerous for particularization in these pages. The high reputation of Mr. Edwards in connection with the business here is so familiar with the general public, that further comment would be superfluous.

In politics Mr. Edwards is a Republican. In 1891 he was elected Justice

of the Peace, and has been a member of the school board since 1893, which duties he has discharged faithfully and well.

He is an Odd Fellow and a Maccabee; in the latter order he has gained considerable prominence. In 1892 he was elected Great Sergeant and has been one of the State officers of the Great Camp ever since. At present he is one of the state auditors of that society, which position he has held since 1896. Mr. Edwards was born in Cherry Creek, April 22, 1859, and moved to Sherman, this county, in 1876, graduated from the Sherman Union School in 1880, and taught school in the vicinity of Sherman three terms, removing to Cherry Creek in 1881. He married Miss Carrie Croft of Sherman, March 10, 1881, and to them has been born three children, one son and two daughters.



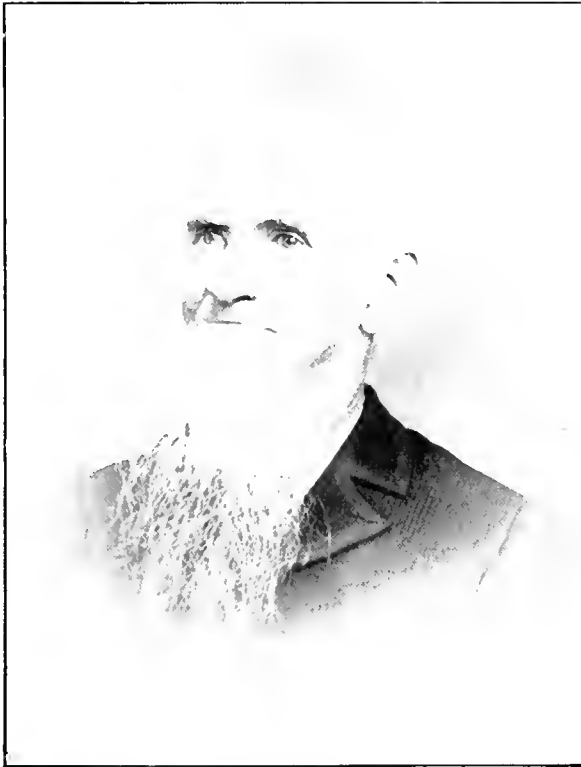
**EDWIN B. READE.**

A good thing to be said of the business houses of Cherry Creek is that they have not only good records, but long records, as a rule, and all of them, whether old in years or new in the field, know that from the start they have been successful. We find for instance, that E. B. Reade has been in business here since 1875. He keeps a vast and superior stock of light and heavy harness for all purposes, saddlery goods, blankets, robes, whips, horsemen's equipments of all kinds, trunks, bags, valises, all of tasteful design and

superior workmanship. He also deals in carriages, cutters sleighs—and all goods are guaranteed and prices are very low. Mr. Reade is too well known to need extensive comment: he is progressive and energetic, and has acquired a large and influential patronage. He was born in Cherry Creek, October 19, 1851, and married April 16, 1889, Miss Cora Crowell. They have one daughter, May.

### JOHN DELANEY.

One of the most ably conducted grocery stores in Cherry Creek is that of John DeLaney. This prosperous business was established in 1892. The store is nicely fitted up and supplied with every convenience. His stock is good and varied, comprising new crop of teas, fragrant coffee, pure spices,



JOHN DELANEY.

canned goods of all kinds, popular brands of flour, sugar, etc. The stock is always new and fresh, and goods are sold at the very lowest prices. Mr. DeLaney has had many years of experience, and conducts his business upon prompt and honorable methods. He was born in the town of Hartland, Niagara County, N. Y., February 16, 1838. Early in life he learned the tanner's trade and shoemaker's trade. In Stockton, this county, he was engaged in the grocery, boot and shoe business for a number of years. He came to Cherry Creek in 1872, where he has been in business since. He

married Miss Mary E. Howard of Pomfret, December 9, 1852, and to them have been born three sons and two daughters as follows: Ella M., residing at home; Sarah A., who married Robert James, now deceased; Wilton H., salesman in Jones & Audett's store at Jamestown; G. Elmer, now engaged in hardware business at Shortsville, this state; Bert E., a stenographer and bookkeeper at Lancaster, Pa.

### W. E. SHEPARDSON.

Among the many excellent grocery stores in Cherry Creek there is probably not one that has secured a more enduring hold on popular favor, than the well known establishment of W. E. Shepardson. It is in all respects a first-class family grocery store, and has a fine patronage; his trade is constantly



W. E. SHEPARDSON.

increasing. The quarters 20x80 feet are commodious, neat and well ordered and a choice assortment of goods is always kept on hand. Rock bottom prices prevail, and customers can rely upon getting full weight and a superior article in every instance. The stock includes everything usually found in a first-class grocery store, besides his line of groceries he carries an excellent line of shoes. This thriving business he purchased of F. W. Mason in 1898.

Mr. Shepardson is an active, progressive and honorable man, and fully understands the requirements of his many patrons. He has telephone connections.

Mr. Shepardson was born in Vermont, April 25, 1847, and came to Ellington when eight years of age. He was educated at the Ellington Academy and his first business venture was there in the cheese box, cooper and planing mill business. He went to California, where he was in the furniture trade for two years. Returning to Denver he conducted a broker's office for two years. He came to Cherry Creek in 1882 and in company with his brother H. J. Shepardson, started a handle factory and mill.

CLARE F. BARNES came to Cherry Creek in the fall of 1898 and engaged in the jewelry business in an unpretentious way. By keeping good goods, giving strict attention to business, and doing good work, he has prospered. Mr. Barnes has a thorough knowledge of every detail of the art of watch-making, having learned every branch of the business in Ball's factory in Cleveland. Parties wanting fine repairing of watches or jewelry, will find Mr. Barnes entirely competent to do it for them.



STORE OF W. E. SHEPARDSON.

## M. ALLEN.

Druggist and pharmacist, was born in Conewango, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., December 2, 1839, and was married to Miss Ann Sage of Leon, in September, 1861. He came to Cherry Creek in 1872, and embarked in the drug and grocery business, which he successfully conducted until 1882, when he sold to Burt Rich and entered the hardware business. In 1885 he returned to his former business, that of selling drugs and patent medicines, in which he is now successfully engaged. In 1893 he erected on Main Street an elegant building 20x52 feet, and its fittings and appointments are very attractive. A full line of pure drugs and medicines are carried here, also everything in the line of druggist sundries, toilet articles, stationery, books, confectionery,



M. ALLEN.

tobacco, cigars and patent medicines. Mr. Allen is a man of sterling business qualities, and his honesty and integrity have won for him the business success which he now enjoys.

He is a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow, having passed the chairs in both orders. He was Postmaster under Cleveland's administration and has done much to help the business interests of the town.

MISS JENNIE INGALLS carries a full line of all kinds of millinery and fancy goods. She has a neat establishment filled with choice specimens of the millinery art.

THE educational advantages of Cherry Creek are not surpassed by any town of like population in the State.

In the architectural field modern ideas and improved methods have so revolutionized the old order of things, that a man to be successful in this day, must be thoroughly up to date, fully skilled, and a natural designer of more than ordinary ability. The man who fills the above demand in Cherry Creek is unquestionably Hoyt F. Smith. He is an architect of twenty years' experience, during which time he has drawn plans for and constructed many fine buildings. The most of the buildings shown in this book are of his design and construction. He draws plans for all kinds of buildings, either large or small, and his designs are so practical, so convenient, and usually so economical, that he is regarded as the best architect to be had in this locality. His specifications are always thorough and complete, and his honesty and devotion to his employers' interest so marked that he is employed by all who want good service at reasonable charges.



M. ALLEN'S DRUG STORE.

## G. LEROY MARTIN.

The subject of this sketch has been associated with the mercantile business of Cherry Creek since 1883, and enjoys the esteem of every class of society, because of his genial, kindly and affable manner, and his strict integrity and fair dealing in all transactions. He carries a good stock of staple and fancy groceries of all kinds. Mr. Martin was born in Arkwright, this county, December 22, 1851; was educated at Riceville, (Penn.) Academy, where he engaged in business, remaining seven years, and then removed to State Line, Pa., where he conducted a general store for five years.



G. LEROY MARTIN,

*Village Clerk.*

and then came to Cherry Creek, and in company with his brother C. H. Martin, opened a first-class grocery store. This co-partnership continued until the fire of October, 1896, when it was dissolved, and soon thereafter Mr. Martin engaged in business alone. In politics he is a Republican and for six years was Town Clerk. He was the first Village clerk, which office he has continually held, performing the duties attached thereto faithfully and diligently, giving entire satisfaction to the Village government, and winning the friendship of all by his kindness of disposition and straightforwardness of character.

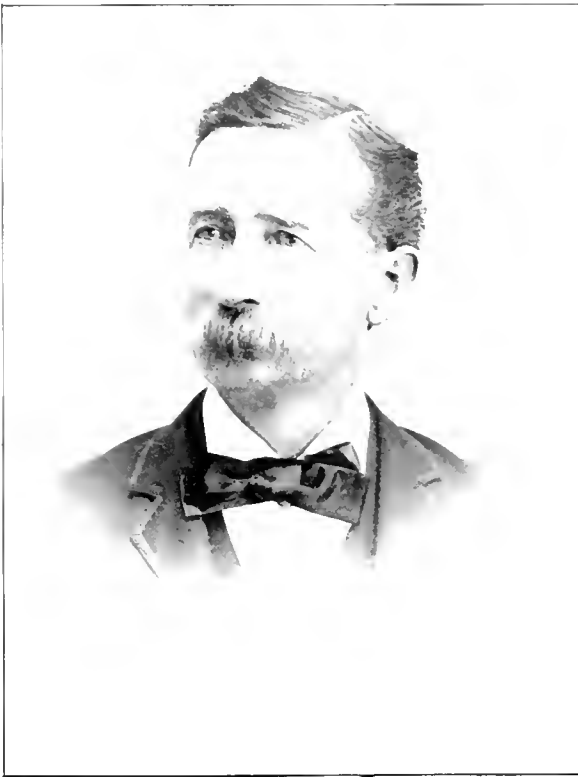
FRANK E. SHAW conducts a blacksmith shop and is doing an extensive business. He also deals in horses and farm implements.

THOMAS H. SMITH conducts a wagon and repair shop and does a good business.



## HIRAM E. SAFFORD.

The barber shop of H. E. Safford is a tonsorial studio par excellence. Its proprietor is polite, genial and thoroughly acquainted with his art. He enjoys a reputation for industry and skill in handling his patrons, which is the secret of the notable success he has achieved in his business. Mr. Safford was born in the town of Stockton, this county, May 19, 1851, and was educated at Chamberlin Institute, Randolph. For eight years he was a clerk in the establishment of H. Bannister & Son; he also served in a like capacity



HIRAM E. SAFFORD.

*Town Clerk.*

for R. W. Parsons, and Parsons & Spencer for about five years, besides two years with A. C. Young of Cairo, Mich.

For two years he was in the grocery business under the firm name of Mount & Safford. Politically, Mr. Safford is a staunch Democrat, and owing to his popularity he has twice been chosen Town Clerk, in 1882 and again in 1899, in a town that always gives a Republican majority of over 100. Mr. Safford married Miss Abbie R. Mount, June 6, 1874. They have one son, Ralph M.

## G. FRANK LAPHAM.

The insurance companies of the world always occupy a prominent place as institutions, beneficial, practicable and indispensable in the present state of civilization. An enormous aggregate of capital is represented by them, and the busy village of Cherry Creek has not only proven a fruitful field for such institutions, but has also been favored with a representative of large experience and undoubted reliability in that line of business.

G. Frank Lapham started the Cherry Creek General Insurance Agency in 1874. For two years prior to that Mr. Lapham canvassed for the Provident Life and Trust Co., of Philadelphia, and worked fire insurance as sort of a



G. FRANK LAPHAM.

side issue; he finally dropped life insurance and devoted his time wholly to fire insurance, and continued the business alone until 1884. On January 1st of that year he sold a one-half interest to H. B. Aldrich of Conewango, who brought quite an amount of business into the agency from Cattaraugus County.

The firm of Lapham & Aldrich continued for two years, doing a prosperous business, when Mr. Lapham purchased Mr. Aldrich's interest, continuing alone until November 1, 1889, when he sold a half interest to John C. Holmes of Little Valley, N. Y. This co-partnership existed until November 1, 1894, when Mr. Lapham purchased the interest of Mr. Holmes, since which time

Mr. Lapham has conducted the business. This agency has long been known for its promptness in the adjustment and payment of losses. Personally Mr. Lapham is too well known to need any special comment. He is a man of long experience in his line, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community. He married February 28, 1872, Miss Belle J. Tanner, daughter of the late Reville N. Tanner of Cherry Creek.

**LAUNDRY:** There is nothing that affords more comfort to the average lady or gentleman than perfect laundry work and nothing that will give them such distress of mind as poorly laundered linen. The present day is a day of advancement, and what would have satisfied a gentleman a few years ago would be insufficient today, and it therefore behooves us, if we would keep up with the times, to have our clothing laundered in the most faultless and stylish manner, and this end it is necessary that we send them to a laundry that is in every way equipped for good and fine work. Such a place we have in George F. Stevens' laundry. His machinery and appliances are of the newest and most improved kind. It is hardly necessary to state that the work done here is of the very best. A very extensive trade is the reward of care and skill, and our best people send their laundry work to be done here. Mr. Stevens came here in July, 1899, but previously had been engaged in the business for a long time. He deserves the patronage controlled by him.

**JAMES E. MARTIN** deals in meats of all kinds. He keeps as good a country market as can be found anywhere.

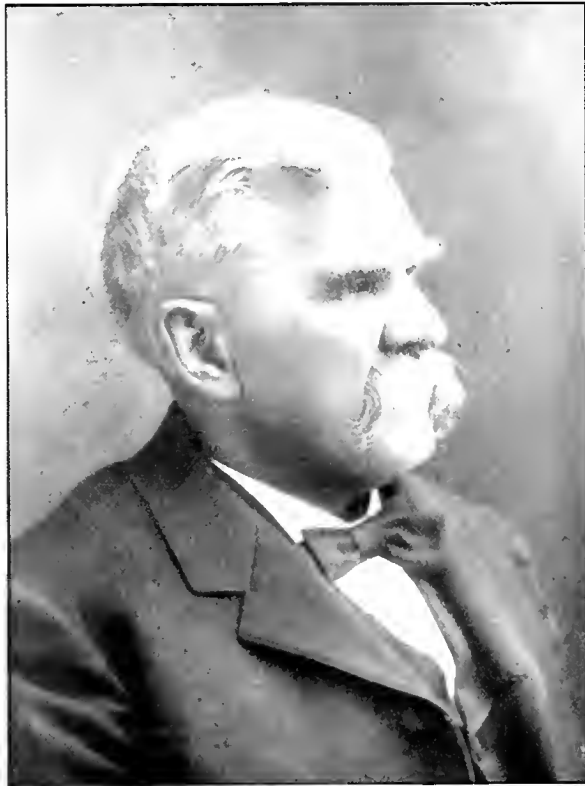
**GEORGE KENT** deals in agricultural implements. He has built up a good business in farm machinery.



RESIDENCE OF G. FRANK LAPHAM.

## FRANK R. POPE.

Everybody who is anybody is interested in furniture. It is a prime necessity in civilized life. About the first thing thought of by a newly married couple, is that of furnishing a home, and it is safe to say, that the same question, variously modified comes up every few years in life. The chief question at such time is "from whom shall I buy?" In this connection we draw special attention to the goods handled by our townsman F. R. Pope. Here may be found an endless variety of office and medium grade furniture, parlor, hall, and bed room suites, odd and fancy single pieces, library and



FRANK R. POPE.

kitchen furniture, mattresses, springs, fancy rockers, in fact, furniture of every description, products of the best known manufacturers in the country. Besides furniture he carries an excellent line of crockery, dishes, fancy articles, etc., all of which are sold at reasonable prices.

Mr. Pope is also a funeral director. He attends to everything in connection with the last sad rites of the dead, and is particularly endowed with those qualifications of sympathy and respect for the bereaved, which have done so much towards bespeaking for him a popularity, the equal of which but few of his contemporaries can lay just claim to.

His specialty, however, is the embalming of the dead, in which he has few equals and no superiors in this section. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Embalming and also passed the examination of the New York State Board of Embalming Examiners. His arterial process, not only arrests decay, but exercises the happy faculty of retaining the facial composure as in life, wholly obviating the distortion of the features so often succeeding *rigor mortis*. Mr. Pope is energetic, popular and progressive, and conducts his business upon sound and honorable principles. He was born in Cherry Creek, January 20, 1838, followed the occupation of farming until 1890, when he went into the undertaking business. Mr. Pope married for his first wife, Miss Julia Cadwell, who died in 1880. He married again Miss



B. J. GRISWOLD.

Emma R. Carpenter, September 24, 1895, who died January 24, 1900. For the past two years Mrs. Pope had been of valuable assistance to him in his business and caring for the dead.

### B. J. GRISWOLD.

The most of the photographs for this book were made by B. J. Griswold, the well known photographer. His place of business is fitted up in an attractive way with all modern improvements. The high grade of his portrait work for finish and perfection is of the finest. Mr. Griswold is popular, and well known in his line of business as an expert. He was born in Arkwright, this county, March 15, 1859, and was married to Miss Nellie M. Emery of Cherry Creek, December 25, 1879.

## ROBERT JAMES.

There are several hardware concerns in Cherry Creek, but none are more extensive in their operation, nor more favorably known to the trade, than the old established house of Robert James. It dates its inception to 1878, at which time it was established by James & Carpenter. The next year Mr. James purchased Mr. Carpenter's interest, which he retained until 1882, when he consolidated with M. Allen, which co-partnership existed for two years, since which time he has been alone. In 1899 he erected a handsome two-story building 24x80 feet which is well equipped and provided with every convenience and facility for rapid conduct of the large business trans-



ROBERT JAMES.

sacted. The stock is large, complete and valuable, embracing all kinds of heavy and shelf hardware, builders' materials, paints, oils and glass; mechanics' tools of all kinds, in fact everything usually found in a first-class hardware store. Mr. James' wide acquaintance with various sources of supply, enables him to buy at the lowest prices, and he in turn at all times, quotes the lowest terms to all purchasers. Mr. James is a gentleman of practical business methods, well and favorably known. He is a native of this town, having been born here on February 1, 1850. He married Miss



STORE OF ROBERT JAMES.

Adell DeLaney June 10, 1882, and who died June 27, 1888. He has a daughter, Grace A.

MRS. G. S. BOLLER carries a full line of millinery goods. She has been in business four years and has a trade to be proud of.

WILLIAM SHATTUCK is also engaged in the meat business and a promising trade is before him. He is a square dealer.

No town in any part of the state has a lower tax rate than Cherry Creek. This is due to the economic habits of its citizens and the good management of its officials.

CHERRY CREEK will always be a thrifty village because she has the territory to support a village. People go where there is life, and factories go where there are people.

## LEMUEL P. WOOD.

Lemuel P. Wood was born October 9, 1857, in the town of Leon, Cattaraugus County. His father, Joseph F. Wood, enlisted in 1861, and served in McClellan's army until disabled by sickness when he was transferred to Carver Hospital in Washington, where he served as Commissary, on detached duty. Early in 1862 his family, consisting of his wife, two daughters, and one son went to Washington. The family remained there until September, 1864. Although L. P. Wood was then a small boy, he still remembers President Lincoln, whom he often saw riding a gray horse. After their return the family lived in Leon, and Lemuel remained at home until he reached



LEMUEL P. WOOD.

his majority. He was married December 19, 1883, to Miss Jennie Curtis of this town and opened his present business in February, 1887. As a boy he was always fond of horses, delighting in breaking and taking care of them; so he became a blacksmith because he took pleasure in handling horses. Unlike many country blacksmiths he studied the science of the trade and as a result has the reputation of being one of the scientific shoers of the county, often using hand-turned shoes on horses with feet requiring special treatment. The natural consequence is that he has a large business, horses being brought



to him from a distance to be shod. As an iron worker he is skillful and ingenious. Of late years he has also been selling wagons and sleighs. The prosperous business which he has built up by his own exertion and ability alone, shows that a pleasure in one's chosen work is just as important an item of success in a trade as in a profession.

### ADDISON BRONSON.

Addison Bronson, a public spirited and enterprising citizen of Cherry Creek, is the son of Horace and Charlotte Bronson, who were early pioneers of the town. He was born here August 20, 1850, and has done much to benefit and improve the Village. In 1887 he left the farm and came to the Village and built the Railroad House, which he successfully conducted for three years and sold the same to Hiram LeBarron. He then built a saloon and billiard room on Center Street, which he operated for a couple of years and then sold it. He then started the livery business here, which he conducted for a number of years and then sold to S. E. Young. Last year he purchased the old school building which he moved to land owned by him on Main Street, and is now remodeling and fitting it for a hotel, which he expects to open about June 1, 1900. Mr. Bronson is an upright man, straight forward in his business dealings and stands high in the estimation of Cherry Creek's best citizens. He was married to Mahala Dye of Villenova, November 11, 1877. They have two children, Lee H., born March 22, 1879, and Audrey Meriel, born May 27, 1898.

THERE is not a vacant house or business place in Cherry Creek. This speaks well for the town.

NO MORE intelligent class of farmers exist than those in the town of Cherry Creek. Substantial buildings and a well-to-do condition mark their thrift and enterprise.

THE water from the Artesian wells here is plentiful for domestic use, cost but little, pure, and is as cold as ice in summer and winter.

PERSONS desiring to engage in truck farming will find no better land anywhere than in and about Cherry Creek.

THERE is excellent fishing in and about Cherry Creek. Trout is plentiful in most of the streams.

THERE is no doubt that a first class furniture factory would make money here.



ADDISON BRONSON.

## ADDISON R. SMITH.

Probably few articles that enter into daily consumption are so hard to obtain for purity and good quality as are groceries and provisions. In all places there are establishments whose reputation for selling only pure and superior goods is well known. Among the best known of the first-class, no concern in Cherry Creek bears a better reputation than that of A. R. Smith. He carries a large and valuable stock of staple and fancy groceries and provisions of all kinds, making a specialty of choice teas, coffees and spices, and likewise dealing in hermetically sealed goods in tin and glass, also foreign and domestic delicacies, butter, cheese, and everything pertaining to this line of trade. A special feature is made of flour in 24 different brands and ten



ADDISON R. SMITH.

grades, which is kept in ample quantities at low prices. He carries a full line of shoes, comprising all the best makes at popular prices. Mr. Smith is an energetic, progressive, and honorable, and has acquired a large patronage among which he is highly respected. He is one of those practical, sagacious, enterprising business men who constitute a very welcome and important factor in the material welfare and progress of a community, and Cherry Creek is fortunate in possessing such a man. Mr. Smith is a man who has seen con-

siderable of the world; he was born in Crawford County, Pa., November 10, 1858. In 1879 he engaged in the oil business at Bradford, Pa. In 1881 he graduated from Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, Pa., and for a year or two thereafter he kept books. In 1883 he went to Colorado where he sold fruit trees, dealt in real estate, prospected, etc. He has dealt extensively in the fruit tree business, having worked the West, Mexico, and the West Indies. He was in Cuba during the American-Spanish war. He has made several trips to the West Indies and the South American Republics; and has seen considerable of the country. He purchased his present prosperous business in November, 1899. Mr. Smith was married to Miss May Smith of Holley Beach, N. J., January 31, 1889.

THE choirs of our several churches are composed of our most devoted and enthusiastic singers, who not only furnish a high grade of music at the Sunday services but are doing much to stimulate an interest in music.

CHERRY CREEK, like all villages, has had its periods of prosperity and adversity; but without question never during its existence has it been so prosperous as at the present time.



STORE OF A. R. SMITH.

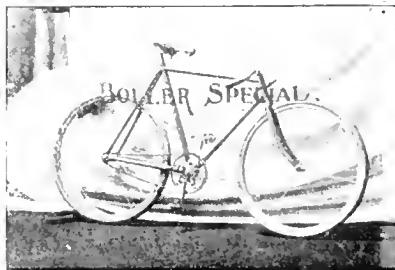


G. S. BOLLER.

Cherry Creek has acquired quite a reputation as a bicycle town and it is doubtless a fact that there is not another Village of the same population in the country where so many bicycles are owned and used as here. This is doubtless accounted for to some extent by our good roads and level streets. It is also in evidence that one of the bicycles that takes the front rank is the "Boller Special" manufactured by Boller Bros. After nine years of successful business in the bicycle line their wheels have created such a demand that it has become necessary in order to supply the demand to enlarge their building and put in additional machinery. The factory is located at Gowanda and they make this place their leading agency. Their lines for 1900 consist of five models: their medium priced wheel sells for \$25; high grade or made to order at \$40. Mr. Boller is also agent for the Crescent, Rambler and several well known makes. He makes a specialty of repairing, where he has commodious quarters on Main Street. Mr. Boller was born at Gowanda, August 31, 1870. He was educated at the Gowanda Academy after which he learned the printer's trade in every department of John J. Horton, the well known show printer. He worked at his trade in Cleveland, and was on the Cherry Creek *News* for six years. He started his present prosperous business here in 1896. He married Miss Ada B. Morian February 2, 1893. They have one daughter, Edith B.

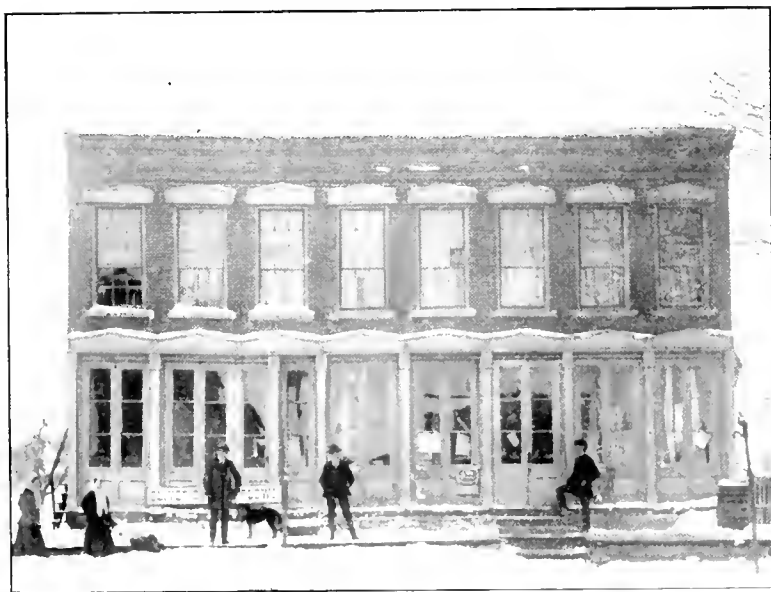
A LECTURE course is maintained in Cherry Creek every winter.

THE most striking evidence of the prosperity of Cherry Creek is the lack of vacant houses.





HARRY N. SHEPARD.

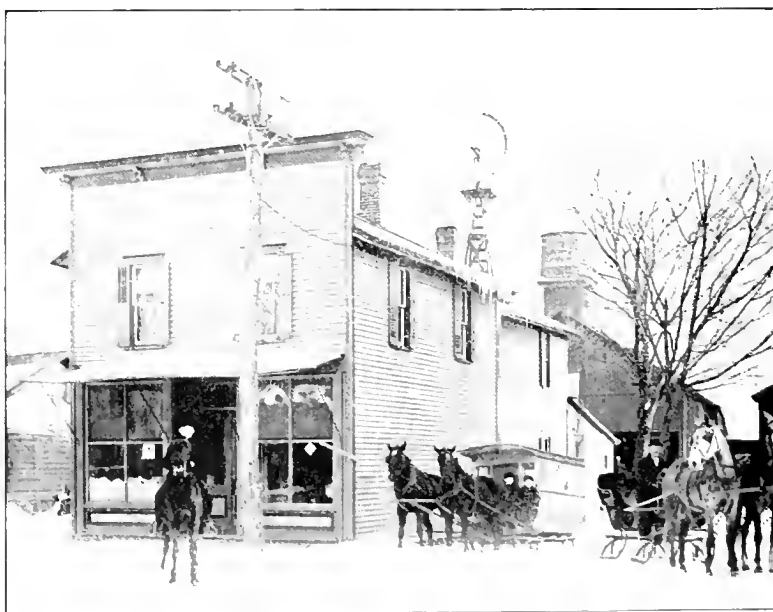


STORE AND RESIDENCE OF HARRY N. SHEPARD.

## HARRY N. SHEPARD.

The vast variety of implements and articles that are classed under the term, general hardware, renders the trade of greatest importance in every community. A prominent and representative house engaged in this branch of trade in Cherry Creek, deserving a more than passing mention, and maintaining an excellent reputation for handling the best class of goods, and for reliable, straightforward dealings, is that of Harry N. Shepard. The premises utilized are of ample dimensions, compactly arranged, and very neatly appointed, having every facility at hand for the successful prosecution of the trade. The stock carried partakes of as useful a character as to claim particular attention and general patronage. It embraces everything known to the trade under the name general hardware, such as stoves, ranges, farm and garden implements, five and ten cent goods, in fact, everything usually found in complete establishments of this kind.

Mr. Shepard was born in Albany, N. Y., May 31, 1831. He went in a woolen mill when a boy of twelve and worked in the carding room for twelve years. In 1863 he commenced working for the Wayne County Preserving Co. and has made that his business ever since up to a year ago when he came here and bought the hardware business from his brother, Charles S. Shepard, and is now located in the oldest business block in Cherry Creek, keeping a general hardware store. He enlisted in Camden, Oneida County, this State, in 1861, in the 93rd N. Y. V. Co. B., and was appointed 2nd Sergeant and served in that capacity two years. He belongs to Bullock Post No. 304, Department of New York G. A. R. After leaving United States service he served seven years in the New York State Militia. He is polite, pleasant and an enterprising business man, prompt and reliable and highly respected by his fellow citizens. Since the above was written Mr. Shepard has sold out his business to Robert James and C. H. Delamater.



RESIDENCE AND LIVERY OF S. E. YOUNG.

## SAMUEL E. YOUNG.

The livery, bus-line and carting, like the man who conducts the business are in the fullest sense popular and successful. The man who for years has to do with the public in the capacity of providing people with horses, carriages, and their respective uses, came to enjoy the confidence and respect in such measure as it is difficult to control in almost any other business. It is said of S. E. Young that perfect confidence is always placed in him, and in his horses sent out from his well equipped establishment. He possesses a business shrewdness and is careful and alert to the smallest detail. No stable anywhere can be more complete for public convenience than his.



SAMUEL E. YOUNG.

Included in the equipment of the trade are all kinds of turnouts, both for business and for pleasure purposes. Mr. Young is popular and well known for his business integrity, energy and success. He was born in Arkwright, this county, March 17, 1861, and is a son of John H. Young, who was for years Postmaster at Burnhams, this county. He has been in the livery business most of the time since he was fifteen years of age and has a thorough knowledge of its minutest details. He came to Cherry Creek from Forestville April 8, 1895. Mr. Young was married to Miss Mattie Rolph, of Stockton, June 12, 1884.

## LEWIS E. MASTER.

Lewis E. Master was born in Waterloo County, Canada, west, on November 3, 1812. He came to Cherry Creek in May, 1880, where he has since resided. His occupation is that of house, sign, and carriage painter. He became a citizen of the United States in 1882, since which time he has held several public offices of trust. For 18 months he was a trusted clerk in the Postoffice. He has collected the cemetery tax for five successive years, the corporation tax for three years; the school tax for four years; has been attendance officer for three years. He was the first police officer appointed when the Village was incorporated, and has held that office ever since, except for two years. He is a very faithful public official, ever fearless in



LEWIS E. MASTER.  
*Police Constable.*

the discharge of known duty. He has a very comfortable home on Maple Avenue, one of the best located streets in the village. Some of his handiwork is shown on the front of nearly every business place in town. In house work he is known as an "inside man" and is a first-class workman, while for carriage painting he has but few equals. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge with the rank of Past Grand, also a member of the A. O. U. W., of which he is Master, which office he has held for five successive terms. Mr. Master is always ready to do all he can for the benefit and advancement of the Village.

DURING all the dull times not a business failure has been reported from Cherry Creek.

CHERRY CREEK is in need of more houses. Capital thus invested would bring good returns.





DR. CHAS. A. SHEPARD'S DRUG STORE.

It occurs in writing the business history of the village, that we come in contact with some establishments whose phenomenal success cause wonderment but when the cause is examined, it is usually found to be due to the fact that the proprietor understands his business, its resources, its labyrinthis and its artifice. Apropos of the above remarks, is the drug store of Dr. Charles A. Shepard. The premises occupied are commodious, neat and well appointed. The store is elegantly fitted up with hard wood fixtures, plate glass show cases while the front is adorned with a handsome soda water fountain, where ice cream, soda water, and other summer drinks are in constant demand and are supplied during the season. A full line of drugs and chemicals are here carried, also everything in the line of druggists sundries, toilet articles, patent medicines, etc. The laboratory is under the supervision of Mr. A. M. French, a registered pharmacist, who fills orders and dispenses medicines with rare tact, accuracy and skill.

This establishment is doing a splendid business and is justly regarded as one of the best equipped and most modern and up-to-date drug stores in this section. It would be a credit to any city.



## SUCCESSFUL AGRICULTURALISTS.

**T**HE dairy business in connection with farming has assumed mammoth proportions in Western New York, and Cherry Creek in particular has become noted for its dairy products. Among the leading producers of this class in this town is Jerome B. Shattuck, who was born here May 27, 1841. His grandfather, Pliny Shattuck, was one of the first settlers of the town. Mr. Shattuck was brought up on the farm,



JEROME B. SHATTUCK.

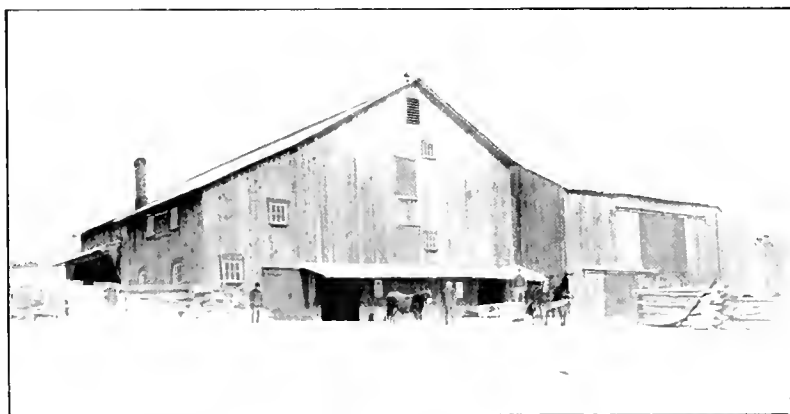
and, like many of our country's best men, was educated in the common schools. When he attained manhood he continued to do farm work, and is now the owner of 170 acres of well improved land, located about two miles west of the village, and upon it he pastures a fine herd of 66 cows, from the milk of which he makes and prepare for market a superior quality of butter. At the World's Fair in the butter exhibit his butter scored 98 points out of



RESIDENCE OF J. B. SHATTUCK.

a possible 100. He has hanging upon the walls of his home a handsome diploma granted him by the World's Fair Commissioners, on account of his exhibit of excellent make of butter. His butter is all put up in crocks which he purchases in car lots. He makes winter dairying a specialty. Mr. Shattuck is up-to-date and thoroughly progressive; he was the first to introduce the silo in this section as well as the first milk separator; his barns are supplied with all modern improvements and conveniences. He farms it to pay and to make money which he does.

He was married to Miss Aurilla King, September 7, 1862. Their union

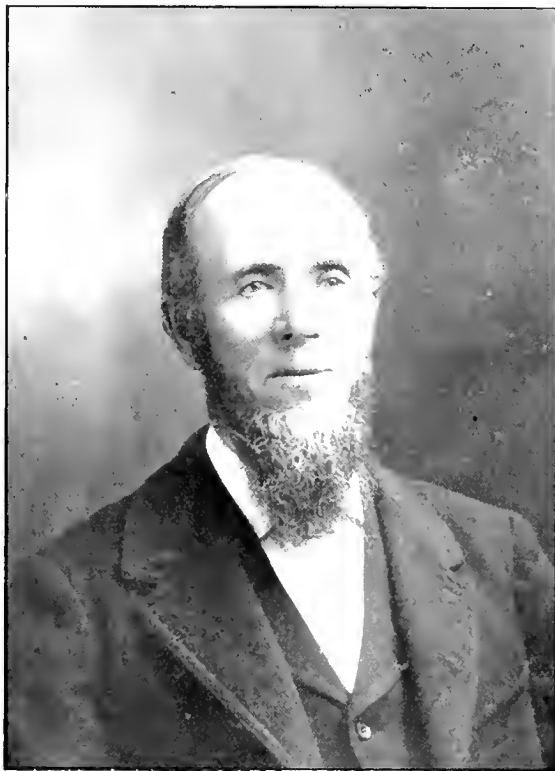


BARN OF J. B. SHATTUCK.

has been blessed with four sons and two daughters. Mr. Shattuck is a member of the Masonic order, and is active in the politics of his town. He belongs to the Republican party, and has served as assessor and overseer of the poor for many years. He is a leading citizen, and has the respect of all his acquaintances.

### HIRAM W. COOKINGHAM.

H. W. Cookingham, a well-to-do and comfortably situated farmer of the town of Cherry Creek, was born in Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y., February 28, 1831. He was a son of Richard and Sylinda (Smith) Cookingham. His paternal grandfather was a native of Germany, and early in 1800 came to this



HIRAM W. COOKINGHAM.

country settling in this state. When five years of age Mr. Cookingham moved with his parents from Kingston to this county, settling near Smith Mills. In 1845 he moved from Hanover to Evans, with his parents; seven years thereafter he returned to Smith Mills; in 1855 he went to Braut, where he purchased a farm, which he tilled for two years, selling it and removing to Villenova. In 1857 he moved from Villenova to Hanover, where he purchased a farm; two years thereafter he sold it and removed to Evans. From Evans he went to Angola where he remained for three years and from there to Cottage in 1863. He moved from Cottage to Cherry Creek in October, 1867, and purchased the Griswold farm, now occupied by H. C.

Martin. Since which time he has owned a number of farms in this locality. One of Mr. Cookingham's ways of making money was to purchase a farm, improve it and sell at a profit which he invariably did. In 1875 he moved to the Village and embarked in the dry goods and grocery business which he successfully conducted for three years and sold to Clark Smith; soon thereafter he went into the grocery business, which vocation he followed for one year then sold to J. C. Berry. He then purchased a farm and soon thereafter another farm and now he owns 115 acres of as good farm land as there is in town. He gives the necessary attention to his farms to keep them well improved and in good state of cultivation. One place of 15 acres which lies within the corporate limits of the Village, is well adapted to farming and fruit raising and is very productive under his careful management. Mr. Cookingham was the first man to be drafted in Erie County, but was not accepted on account of his weight. Previous to that date all had been volunteers. His has been a busy, useful life. He and his son, Frank, are extensive breeders of thoroughbred Ayrshire cattle. They were the first to introduce this particular breed in this locality, and for many years have exhibited them at County and Town fairs in Western New York and North-western Pennsylvania, capturing many premiums.

Mr. Cookingham was married to Miss Rhoda A. Grover of Evans January 1, 1852, who died April 29, 1867. To them were born two children, Frank H., born June 8, 1854, and Addie, wife of Chauncey Abbey, born August 25, 1858. He married for his second wife, Miss Lydia B. Grover, a school teacher, who had taught 26 terms of school, August 1, 1867.

Mr. Cookingham is a Republican, a member of the First Baptist Church, an enterprising farmer, good citizen and a courteous gentleman.



RESIDENCE OF HIRAM W. COOKINGHAM.

## FRANK H. COOKINGHAM.

Frank H. Cookingham combines modern farming with the important adjunct of dairying and stock raising, and sets an example worthy of emulation by other agriculturists. He is a son of Hiram W. and Rhoda Cookingham, born in the town of Brant, Erie County, this state, June 8, 1854. He came to Cherry Creek with his father in October, 1867, where he has since resided. He was educated in the common schools and in early life began active labors on the farm. He now owns 150 acres of good land upon which he keeps a dairy of 75 head. In 1880 in company with his father



FRANK H. COOKINGHAM.

they brought the first thoroughbred Ayrshire cattle to this locality; since which time they have made a specialty of breeding them. Wherever "Ayrshire" is mentioned in Western New York the name of Cookingham is prominently connected. Chautauqua County is known far and wide for the excellence of its dairy products, and the "Maple Row Stock Farm," the home of the Cookinghams, has added much to its reputation, both for dairy goods and fine stock. For the past twenty years their herd has been well represented at all the prominent fairs, and won their share of the prizes; they have over 200 first prize ribbons, which have brought them many dollars. Besides stock raising and dairying Mr. Cookingham gives considerable attention to fruit



RESIDENCE OF FRANK H. COOKINGHAM.

raising in bearing years an average of from 8,000 to 10,000 bushels of apples are raised by them. In religion he is, as is also his wife a member of the Baptist church, in which he has been a deacon, and a trustee for many years. Politically he is a Republican and has been assessor for a number of terms; he is also a member of the Grange. Mr. Cookingham is a thorough enterprising, progressive farmer, always kind and considerate. He is regarded as



BARN OF FRANK H. COOKINGHAM.

honest, straightforward and one of the foremost citizens of the town. He was married to Miss Nellie J. Ahatt of Cherry Creek February 10, 1876. To them were born five daughters as follows: Ada R., born March 25, 1877; Lizzie J., born March 5, 1879; Grace M., born May 13, 1886; Myrtle N., born September 23, 1891, and Mary G., July 10, 1894.

### JAMES G. CHAMPLIN.

James G. Champlin, a highly moral and enterprising citizen of Cherry Creek was born here August 10, 1854, and is a son of Jesse B. and Marinda (Crandall) Champlin. His father was a highly respected citizen of the town.



JAMES G. CHAMPLIN AND FAMILY.

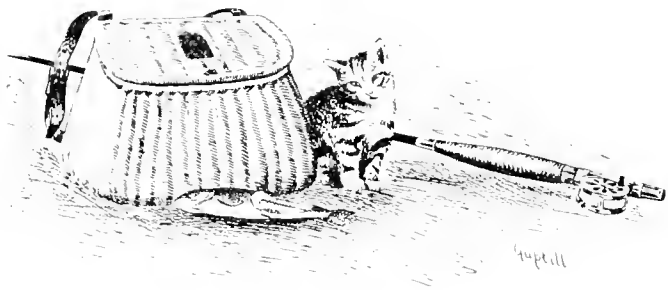
James G. Champlin was reared in the town of Cherry Creek, was educated in the district school, and in 1877 he purchased and moved upon the farm which he now possesses, containing 75 acres. His principal business is stock raising, making a specialty of sheep. He is also extensively engaged in the manufacture of maple sugar and syrup. He taps annually 500 trees from which he makes 300 cans of excellent syrup, besides some in cakes. Mr. Champlin has achieved an enviable reputation for his make of pure syrup and sugar. His sugar always commands the highest market price, for its purity and flavor is unsurpassed. Mr. Champlin has all modern utensils, mostly of his own design for sugar making. He is a model up-to-date farmer and has many tools and devices about his place that those now engaged in agricultural pursuits would do well to inspect. Mr. Champlin is a man whose character is beyond reproach and who is usually public spirited and enterprising. Any movement towards the improvement of the masses or the alleviation of suffer-





RESIDENCE AND BARN OF J. G. CHAMPLIN.

ings of man kind is sure to receive his warm and cordial support. He was married to Miss Nellie A. Abbey, daughter of John Abbey, in March, 1876. They have an adopted daughter, E-see.





## PROMISING YOUNG MEN.

**B**URDETTE PHILLIPS, second son of William I. and Lourinda R. Phillips, was born August 25, 1876, in the town of Cherry Creek, where his boyhood was passed upon the farm, his early education was obtained at the common school, supplemented by attendance at the Ellington Academy, graduating from that institution, with honor in a class of eight, June, 1894. Entered the Fredonia State Normal



PROF. BURDETTE PHILLIPS.

the same year, graduating in the classical course June, 1897—was president of the Epsilon Chapter of the Philolethean Society, spring of 1897. Has held the position of superintendent and principal of the High School at Allegany, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., during the three past years with marked success. He has ever shown tireless energy in his work as a student and instructor, is an incessant student, gifted with clear mind, a never failing memory, and a

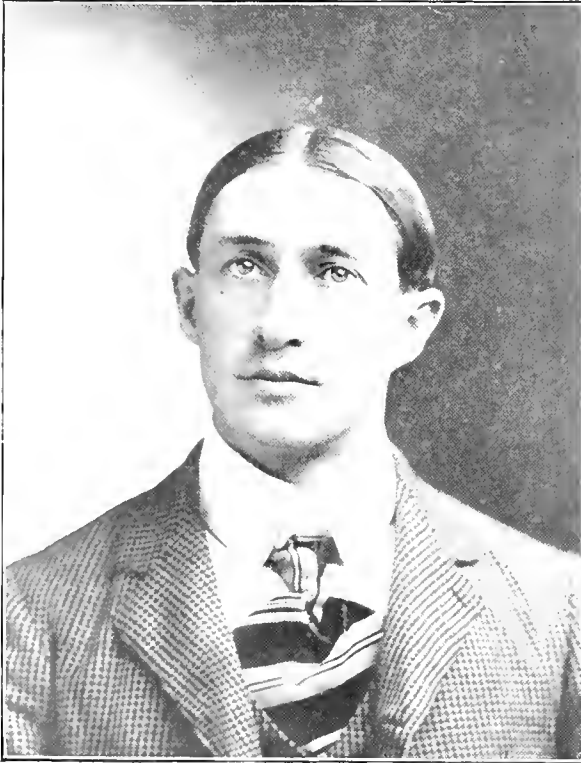
remarkable command of language, together with the possession of great personal magnetism, we feel assured that he will attain success in the profession he makes his life work.

“The heights by great men reached and kept  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night.”

—*Longfellow.*

Ellington, N. Y., March 1, 1900.

MRS. JAMES BROOKS.



EARL J. HELMICK.

Earl J. Helmick, one of the brightest and promising young men of Cherry Creek, was born in Ellington, Chautauqua County, February 16, 1876. He was educated at the Ellington High School and the Fredonia State Normal School. Mr. Helmick began teaching when 17 years of age and has taught ever since, excepting two years while in Fredonia. Mr. Helmick is well informed on current matters and deeply read in many branches of literature. In politics he is a Democrat; when 23 years of age he was his party's nominee for supervisor and ran many votes ahead of his ticket. Mr. Helmick is a gentleman of commanding appearance, fine dress and comprehensive intellect; socially he is a favorite and entertaining. At present he is studying for a lawyer in the office of R. A. Hall, and has a bright future.

## PROF. LOUIS E. BOUTWELL.

The subject of this sketch is one of the bright and intelligent young men of the Village of Cherry Creek that has gone forth as a representative of the place. Mr. Boutwell's ancestors came from Cornwell, England, to Salem in 1630. His grandfather was an officer in the Revolutionary Army and his father was a veteran of the Civil War. Prof. Boutwell was born on the farm now owned by his father in this town November 11, 1869. His school record is substantially as follows: He attended the Cherry Creek school and graduated from the Elementary Course in 1890. He completed the Classical Normal Course in Fredonia in 1891, with French and German in addition to the regular work. He also has a diploma from the University of the State of



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New York, commonly known as the Regents. He was granted the degree of Ph. B. by the Fenton Normal College in January, 1900. Prof. Boutwell began teaching immediately after graduating from the Normal School and taught ten weeks at Conewango Valley. After teaching for a time as supply at Eden, N. Y., he was elected principal of the same school in 1895, and had for an assistant Mrs. Boutwell, who before marriage was Miss Cora Warner of Johnsonville, N. Y. Both have taught continuously in the same school to the present time. By the efforts of Prof. Boutwell the school was made a Union School in 1897. The school with which he is connected employs six

teachers—increased from two in 1894—and has more than doubled its capacity and attendance, solely through the efforts of Mr. Boutwell.

Mr. Boutwell has been president of the Erie County Teachers' Association for two years, and was a prominent candidate for school commissioner in his district. He was elected President of the Zetesian and other societies, and was President of the Board of Business Management of the *Normal Leader* from its organization to the time of his graduation. He has also been President of the Choral Union, the Athletic Club, and the Shakespearian Club of Eden. Mr. Boutwell is a member of Cherry Creek Lodge, I. O. O. F., and



NATHAN CLAIR GILLETTE.

also a member of the F. & A. M., and he is a member of Eureka Tent, K. O. T. M. at Eden.

As evidence of the fact that Prof. Boutwell is a student and broad reader, his library contains more than 1,000 volumes at the present time. He is every ready to give aid and sympathy to worthy boys and girls who are seeking to better their chances in life. He has written many articles, historical and geological, which have been widely published in various newspapers and periodicals. There is but little doubt that Prof. Boutwell's name in time to come will be written high up in fame's record.

One of the bright young men of Cherry Creek is Clair Gillette. Personally he is a pleasant person to meet and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community. He was born here September 27, 1873, and received his education here and at the Fredonia Normal School. In 1888 he began clerking for G. W. Brown, which position he successfully filled for seven years, when he accepted a similar position for G. O. Wilcox, where he remained for two years. He is now head salesman for the well known and popular grocery establishment of A. R. Smith. To his sterling integrity and warm generous nature are due his success in life. He was married November 15, 1899, to Miss Flora Pultz of Little Valley.



FRANK H. MATTESON.

Another young man that left Cherry Creek to battle with life for himself is Frank H. Matteson, the subject of this sketch. He was born in the town of Cherry Creek, June 24, 1865, and he has been a hustler since the day of his birth. At the present time he is in business in the city of Buffalo, but his mind, heart, and sympathy is with Cherry Creek. He is a business man and does business on business principles. His father, as well as himself, are the owners of large landed interests in the city of Buffalo, and Mr. Matteson is engaged most of his time in looking after it. He is careful, prudent, and a close financier. He has the confidence, respect, and esteem of all who know him at home and abroad.

## HON. GEORGE H. FROST.

**G**EORGE H. FROST is the second son of George N. and Jane M. Frost, and a grandson of the pioneer, George H. Frost. He was born in Cherry Creek, December 15, 1850, and continued to live here, with the exception of a short interval while teaching in the Village of Kennedy and reading law in the office of John G. Record of Forestville, N. Y., until he moved to Buffalo, in November, 1889. He was reared on his father's farm, attended district school, Ellington Union School, Jamestown Union School, taught school,



HON. GEORGE H. FROST.

read law, admitted to the bar and commenced and continued the practice of his profession in his native town until his removal to Buffalo for a broader field. He was a member of the Assembly, representing the Second District of Chautauqua County in the years 1887 and 1888. In March, 1888, he was appointed a member of Assembly Committee of five to ascertain and report the social, moral and industrial condition of the several tribes of Indians in the State. The committee made an exhaustive report to the Assembly January 31, 1889, which is the standard of authority on subjects considered. In 1889 he married Helen M. Perrin of Dayton, N. Y. He is now actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Buffalo, N. Y.

## GEORGE O. WILCOX.

A person who has done much for Cherry Creek is George O. Wilcox, who was born in the town of Charlotte, this county, May 29, 1854. He was brought up on a farm, educated in the common schools, and came to Cherry Creek in March, 1883. He purchased the stock of goods of R. N. Tanner, in what was then known as the Brigham block, a small store 23x30, and enjoyed a good trade from the opening. The next fall he took a partner in the person of B. B. Simmons of Charlotte, who retired the next year. In 1887 he erected the commodious residence which he now occupies, located on one of the most pleasant streets of the village—nearly opposite the Union Free School building. In 1888 Mr. Wilcox in company with I. S. Benton built the Wilcox-Benton block, which was burned August 15, 1889, and immediately rebuilt. It is now one of the best and busiest blocks in the



GEORGE O. WILCOX.

Village. Mr. Wilcox is a very public-spirited citizen. He was instrumental in locating the first newspaper here, was an ardent supporter of incorporation and did much to secure our present elegant school building. Mr. Wilcox has held several important offices of trust. He has served as trustee of the Village and is at present Justice of the Peace. On August 15, 1899, he sold his stock of goods to C. L. Frost. Mr. Wilcox was married to Lizzie J. Todd of Charlemont, Mass., December 21, 1876. She died March 20, 1879. One daughter came to bless their union, Edna M., who died February 26, 1882. Mr. Wilcox married for his second wife, Amyra L. Hartley of Woodstock, N. B., January 12, 1880. To them have been born three children as follows: Lizzie M., born March 9, 1882, who married S. C. Bentley, February 28, 1899, now residing at Sistrerville, W. V.; Essie L., born April 7, 1884, and George H., born July 21, 1886.



### PETER L. DECKER.

Peter L. Decker was born in the town of Villenova, this county, in 1852. At one year of age he moved with his parents to a farm two miles north of this Village, where he resided until 1891, when he moved to the village. As a farmer he was strictly up-to-date, was a member of the State Fair Association, and he bought and shipped stock extensively. He was the traveling representative of the International Seed Co. of Rochester, for a year or more when he resigned to accept a like position with the Carey Safe Co., of Buffalo, whose faithful representative he now is. He travels extensively through the South and West and is one of their most valued salesmen. Mr. Decker is public spirited and always ready to aid any enterprise that will help his home town. He is married and has one daughter, Floy.



PETER L. DECKER.

### EDWIN C. BENTLEY.

The name of Bentley has ever been prominent in Cherry Creek as pioneer, surveyor, and the man who gave the town its name. Our subject, Edwin C. Bentley, has the honor and pleasure of tracing his lineage to this historical family. He is a son of Alexander and Jane (Cowan) Bentley, and was born February 5, 1849. His grandfather, Joshua Bentley, Jr., came from Stephentown, Rensselaer County, this state, to Elley in 1808, and thence to Cherry Creek, September 1, 1815. He was one of the corps of surveyors that ran the lines in this part of the county previous to its settlement. It was he also who gave the town its name. Mr. Bentley (subject) is an engineer, which vocation he now follows, is foreman of the Engine Co., which position he has held for a number of years. He was married to Miss Emma H. Griswold, June 18, 1876. They have one son, Cyrus A.



EDWIN C. BENTLEY.

CHERRY CREEK is a social Village and a church Village and a good place to bring up a boy or a girl.

## Z CARPENTER.

Z Carpenter was born in the town of Cherry Creek, May 13, 1847. For quite a period Mr. Carpenter was interested in cheese factory's with his father; and afterwards was engaged in the hardware business. For a number of years he was a traveling salesman, which business he is now successfully engaged in. He has traveled extensively through the South and West and has a wide acquaintance. He has been Justice of the Peace of his native town and has held numerous positions of honor and trust. At present Mr. Carpenter is a resident of Gowanda, where his wife carries on a millinery business.



Z CARPENTER.

Mr. Carpenter married Miss Francis J. Bailey in 1869, and to them have been born four children. Herbert and Carrie died in infancy; Margaret is a graduate of the State Normal School at Fredonia, and is a very successful teacher, now teaching at Little Valley; Eva, the youngest daughter, is now attending the High School at Gowanda. On the whole Mr. Carpenter's life has been a busy one.

THIS place is untroubled by a leisure class.

THE stores of Cherry Creek are attractive in appearance and progressive in management.



## BIOGRAPHY.

**C**. L. WHEELER, as much as any other of our citizens, represents the lumbering interests of Cherry Creek. For five or six years previous to 1884, he jobbed in lumber, until the Cumberland Mill Co. was organized, of which he was the secretary and general manager, and did an extensive business for years. Mr. Wheeler's efforts have not been



MRS. C. L. WHEELER.

confined to lumbering alone, for he is closely identified in the business and financial interests of the town, and is also a large owner of real estate. He has been a prime mover in most of our public improvements and in the establishment of numerous business enterprises. Largely through his efforts and labors the appropriation for draining the Conewango Swamp was secured. The entanglement the town was in, brought about by its bonds, was unraveled

by him and satisfactorily arranged. In this light he can be considered a public benefactor. He is a liberal contributor to almost every local cause. But outside of business affairs, Mr. Wheeler has attained an enviable prominence in the field of politics. At present he is Postmaster of the Senate at Albany. He has been Supervisor of the town since 1896, and has discharged the duties of that office to his constituents in a most honorable and creditable manner. Mr. Wheeler has taken an active interest in political work, always figuring as a consistent and uncompromising Republican. He is eminently a self-made man, and like all such men in the battle of life he is absolutely without fear of consequences and will go to great lengths to assist or defend a friend, if he believes it to be right.

To his foes he presents an uncompromising front, and his friends always know where "Lot" Wheeler stands, consequently also know exactly where to find him. His sterling integrity, his just care for all interests committed to him have made him deservedly popular. Mr. Wheeler was born in this town, December 3, 1852, and was married to Miss Hannah Arnold, November 21, 1878.

#### **MRS. C. L. WHEELER.**

This lady is the wife of the supervisor of the town. She is a cultured, refined, and intelligent woman of prepossessing appearance. She is ever ready to relieve the distressed and aid those in need. Her Christian character and virtues make her a woman that others might well emulate. She was married to Mr. Wheeler, November 21, 1878. Two children have been born to them—Clyde L., December 22, 1879, and Mary, January 31, 1885.

#### **RICHARD C. BULLOCK.**

A son of Reuben A. and Nancy (Denure) Bullock, was born February 10, 1847, in Cherry Creek. When only a boy of 17 he enlisted in the army January 5, 1861, in Co. K, 9th N. Y., Vol. Cav., 2nd brigade, 1st Div. Sheridans Cav. Co., and in due time was promoted to corporal. June 17, 1861, he was injured near City Point by a horse falling on him. From July 3 until September 1 he was confined in the hospital at City Point and in the Citizens' Hospital at New York City; returning to his regiment he participated in the famous Shenandoah Campaign. The following are his battles: Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Yellow Tavern, Travillion Station, Cedar Creek, Petersburg and Old Church, receiving his discharge July 17, 1865, at Clouds Mills, Va. Again on February 27, 1867, Mr. Bullock enlisted at Fondulac, Wis., in Co. C, 3rd U. S. Reg. Inf., and following the fortunes of that regiment until February 25, 1870, receiving his discharge at Ft. Larned, Ka. Mr. Bullock once more returned home and resumed his peaceful farm life. The lady whom he chose as his companion for life's journey was Emma Brown, the daughter of Horace and Lydia (Myres) Brown, his wife. They were married January 5, 1871, at Cherry Creek. Mr. Bullock was born December 25, 1852, in Cherry Creek. Four children were given to this union, Arden L., Blanche A. (deceased), Bernice E., and Lawrence A.

Mr. Bullock is one of the influential and trusted men of the town. He has been Justice of the Peace, and is now commissioner of the Conewango Swamp Drainage, and Postmaster.

### ANDREW J. ARNOLD.

The subject of this sketch was born in Otsego County, New York, December 1, 1828, and was a son of Andrew Arnold, who came to Cherry Creek in 1840. For a good many years he worked for Joseph Kent in the grist mill. After a time he purchased a farm of 96 acres, which he gave to his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Wheeler. This farm was afterward sold to Dr. Rood. In 1891



ANDREW J. ARNOLD.

he moved to Marshalltown, Iowa, where he now resides, a respected and honored citizen. While Mr. Arnold lived in Cherry Creek he was a representative citizen, honest in his dealings, faithful to his friends, and courageous in his convictions. He was married to Phoebe M. Kent, daughter of the late George Kent, May 27, 1850. His wife died June 16, 1885. The offspring of this union was one child, Hannah D., born October 21, 1857.

CHERRY CREEK is just the place to live and to work in.

## SAMUEL A. FERRIN.

There is probably no one man who has done more for Cherry Creek or whose successful life has been attended with so good a record, as that of Samuel A. Ferrin. He was born here February 5, 1837, raised on a farm, and knew nothing but hard labor. He enlisted in Co. C., New York Vols., August 11, 1862, and served for three years. At the siege of Petersburg he received a gunshot wound in the right thigh. He has served Cherry Creek as Supervisor for twelve years, and has held other town offices of trust. He has always been closely identified with the interests and prosperity of the town. He was always untiring in his efforts, and his life's work will go down into history as a successful, useful, valuable career—a benefit to the community, and an example of energy. Mr. Ferrin was married to Miss Alice A. Bronson, February 13, 1866. They have one daughter, Edith, wife of Dr. Thomas E. Soules of Westfield.

## CYRUS A. MOUNT.

Among the progressive men of Cherry Creek there stands no more prominent figure than that of Cyrus A. Mount. He is a descendant of an eminent family who were early settlers here. He was born here April 7, 1849, and laid the foundation of his early education in his native town and later graduated from the Forestville Free Academy. In early life he developed those qualities of mind and character which have since given him success in politics, in business and in social life. Mr. Mount's first business venture was in the grocery business under the firm name of Mount & Ingalls, which co-partnership continued for one year which he sold and purchased a one-half interest in the general store of A. W. Knapp; this business arrangement continued for two years when he sold and engaged again in trade under the firm name of Mount & Spencer. Soon thereafter Mr. Spencer sold to W. C. Edwards, and he, after a year sold to H. E. Safford. The firm of Mount & Safford continued to do business for two years when Mr. Mount purchased Mr. Safford's interest and soon thereafter sold the entire business to W. E. Becker. Public affairs tending to the advancement of the community in which he lived secured his early and eager attention. In politics, as well as business life, he soon took a prominent part. He is a Republican of earnest convictions. In 1874 he was appointed Postmaster, which position he acceptably and creditably filled for twelve years. He was again appointed in 1890, and held the office until a change of administration. In 1872 he was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he has held almost continuously since. A prominent trial lawyer of vast experience once said that Cyrus A. Mount was the best Justice he ever saw. He was the first president of the Village of Cherry Creek, elected in 1893, and again in 1894. He is the president of the Business Men's Association, also president of the Board of Education, and has been Deputy Sheriff for several years. He also represents his town upon the Republican County Committee, being a member of the executive committee of that body. In addition to his successful public life he has filled and now fills various positions of trust and honor in the business world. Since 1896

he has been in E. B. Crissey's bank. He understands banking in all of its many intricate details as well as the general principles upon which it is based. Mr. Mount is pleasant and courteous to all whom he meets, brings to the discharge of his duties much valuable experience and acquaintance, and always strives to afford every possible accommodation to the business public. He is now but little over fifty years of age, and has a position and social popularity which makes him one of the foremost men of the the Village and county. In August, 1871, he was married to Miss Helen J. Frost, who died in March, 1884. To them was born one daughter, Mrs. Francis (Mount) Tyler, now a resident of Ripley, this county. Mr. Mount was married again to Miss Myra Fairbanks of Cherry Creek, in July, 1886. They have one son, Neal.

### WILLIAM MORIAN.

The name of William Morian is familiar to almost every citizen of Cherry Creek, old and young. He was born in Pomfret, this county, October 3, 1832, and was a son of Anthony Morian, who settled in Cherry Creek, in 1835. Mr. Morian grew up on a farm, moved to the Village, engaged in business and prospered, as an intelligent, honest, energetic business man usually does. He was married to Miss Marilla Bronson, May 4, 1852. She died July 14, 1899. Two daughters, both residents of this village, survive them, Mrs. Chas. J. Shults and Mrs. G. S. Boller. During Mr. Morian's long life here he was a noble husband and father, an upright citizen, a successful business man, and a man whose word was never doubted. He left a reputation and character that is more valuable than money and more to be desired than fame. Fortunate is that community that can remember and emulate the example of such men. The world would be void without the memories of the dead. Those who have lived and died that we have loved are speaking to us along the path of life. As William Morian lived so he died, August 19, 1890—bravely facing his inevitable fate—an honest, upright, generous, manly man.



THE LATE WM. MORIAN.

## SILAS VINTON.

The subject of this sketch was born in the town of Villenova, April 20, 1824, and was married to Louisa A. Carr of Cherry Creek, March 7, 1848. They had four children born to them, as follows: Allen C. Vinton, born May 13, 1851; Frank C. Vinton, born September 24, 1853; Platt Vinton, born July 18, 1857; Mrs. Vinton died at Gowanda, February 3, 1884, and Silas Vinton, subject of this sketch, died May 4, 1895. Silas Vinton was one of the rugged, sturdy, honest, upright men of his time. He was genial in his manner, and



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a faithful friend. For many years he was supervisor of the town. He was also supervisor of Persia. In all his dealings and official life he was called an honest man. Mr. Vinton was a very public spirited man and had charge of many important public buildings. He built the county house at Dewittville, Chautauqua County, and the Orphan Asylum at Versailles. He also built the Academy buildings at Gowanda. He was never behind in doing good and advancing the best interests of the community where he lived.





## PIONEER RESIDENTS.

**F**EW now survive of the early settlers who pitched their tents in the then howling wilderness of "Puckrun" now transformed to the blossoming gardens, the cultivated fields, and the happy "homes" of Cherry Creek. Time plays no part in covering from mortal gaze the forms of those pioneer men who lived and worked, nobly and well. The years roll on in continuous number above the graves of those men, who toiled early and late, for the foundation and advancement of all that tends to make a town great and prosperous. The reminiscences disclosed in the life of these early settlers are rife with interesting incidents, which have been snatched from the fleeting memories of the past, for the contemplation, perhaps, emulation, and education, of present and future generations. Such reviews are designed to quicken our patriotism and piety, and give new strength to the roots, which bind us to the soil and principles of our progenitors. Their works have left an impress upon the annals of time. Long after their mortal frame has returned to dust their memory will be cherished in human hearts. They were actuated by the same motives and passions which influence their descendants; and when we as a community pay our tribute to their memory we pay a tribute to ourselves. Their memories we revere and their loss we deplore.

### GEORGE H. FROST.

George H. Frost settled within what is now the village of Cherry Creek in the spring of 1823 and built the second house of logs within its limits, on the Northwest corner of Southside Ave. and Center Street, which he occupied for the numerous purposes of residence, hotel, shoe sloop and post-office. He was a native of Massachusetts, having been born in the town of Dartmouth, near Brainard's Bridge in that state, April 14, 1796, but a short distance from the imaginary line, separating it from the state of Rhode Island.

Mr. Frost migrated from the home of his birth to Nassau, Rensselaer County, N. Y., in about 1819, where he remained but a short time where he pushed his way westward as far as Bemington, in Genesee County. There he married Zerviah M. Sherman and lived until he emigrated to Cherry Creek in the spring of 1823. But few settlers had reached the town at that time and the forests were with a few small exceptions unbroken, and bears, wolves and deer roamed unmolested. The wolves in particular were a terror to the inhabitants and no one ventured from their houses at night without a torch or weapon for protection. There were no highways. The settlers "blazed" their course on trees from one settlement or house to the other to insure against loss of route. For a number of years the nearest grist mill was at Sinclairville to which the settlers journeyed on horseback with their grist divided in a bag across the horses back in front of them. This was continued until the establishment of a mill at Clear Creek. Steadily the settlers

increased in numbers and the forests receded before the settlers ax. The fertile fields of the hills and valleys gradually became the scenes of waving grain and grazing herds. In March, 1830, the first Town meeting was held in Mr. Frost's log house. Mr. Frost was chosen Supervisor of the Town in 1834-5, and for many years held the office of Justice of the Peace. He was the first post-master of the town. In early life he learned the trade of a shoemaker and followed that occupation for some time after coming to Cherry Creek. He lived in the Village until about 1839, when he purchased a large farm, since known as the Frost farm, situated in a pleasant valley about two miles northwest of the Village on the Fredonia road. Owing to the numerous settlers in the valley from the State of Vermont it was named Vermont Hollow and still bears that name. Hither he came with his large family and by their combined industry the forests gradually gave place to cultivated fertile fields which annually yielded a moderate support for them. His near neighbors were Anson Newton, Harvey Putnam, Ira B. Tanner and Elkeny Steward. His children having grown to manhood and womanhood, and excepting the youngest, established homes of their own, about 1865 he returned to the village where he passed in peaceful happy retirement the remainder of his declining years.

Mrs. Frost was born in the State of Rhode Island June 25, 1803, and died at Cherry Creek May 27, 1889, surviving him 17 years. Of their marriage twelve children were born. Francis S., January 15, 1821. She became the wife of Charles A. Spencer of Cherry Creek, who yet survives her in the 90th year of his age. She died August 24, 1893. Fidelia, May 11, 1823, and died March 27, 1857. She became the wife of Judson Sheffield of Cherry Creek, who survived her until February, 1900. Admiral, June 19, 1825, and died in infancy. Geo. N., October 21, 1826, now living in the Town of Cherry Creek. Ruth Eliza, December 30, 1829, and became the wife of Chandler Johnson of Charlotte, N. Y., and both of whom are now living in Lowell, Michigan. Mary A., April 6, 1831, and became the wife of William Mount of Cherry Creek and now lives with her husband at Corry, Pennsylvania. Sarah Eudine, December 22, 1833. Married Rev. William U. Edwards, and now resides with him in the Village of Kenmore, N. Y. Charles L., July 10, 1836, died June 19, 1862. Lillis, January 4, 1838, became the wife of Alonzo Edwards, then of Ellington, now of Forestville, N. Y. Isbond H., August 6, 1841, and now living in Cherry Creek, N. Y. Isadore, January 23, 1844, became the wife of Walter E. Griswold of Charlotte, N. Y., and now living with her husband at Kenmore, N. Y. Helen J., October 15, 1851, became the wife of Cyrus A. Mount of Cherry Creek, and died March 18, 1881.

Mr. Frost was born of Colonial ancestors at the time when the Revolutionary fathers, fresh from victorious fields were cementing the discordant states into a harmonious union into a lasting republic. He personally knew many of the veterans of the Revolution. In his early boyhood days he learned from them and from his parents' lips the cause, and the story of the terrible struggle for the equal rights of men. Into the very fiber of his existence was born and bred an intense love of justice and of country and the eternal principle "that all men are created equal." During his long and useful life, if malice he had at any time, it was in the defense of these principles. For these principles he early enrolled himself as a volunteer soldier in the defense of his country, in the struggle of 1812, when but 17 years of age. He suffered the hardships and dangers of a campaign and at the close of the war received an honorable discharge. He was a man of strong earnest conviction. He loved truth for its own sake and combatted error wherever he found it. One might as well have attempted to stay the thunderbolt as to attempt to stay his utterance of what he believed just. Human slavery disturbed the

peace and threatened the destruction of the Union from its formation until the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House. It existed as a compromise with crime. It poisoned all the sources of power. To this crime ambition bowed and politicians, statesmen, judges and clergymen were parties. The real friend of humanity was denounced as an enemy of his country. From the time when Mr. Forst became old enough to take an interest in public affairs, he was uncompromisingly opposed to the institution of slavery. His entire being revolted at this monster. No subject of public concern affected him more intensely. He believed that this government founded as it was on the equal rights of men could not long survive with slavery. His opposition to it was outspoken, earnest, active. He denounced the Atherton Gag, advocated the Willmot Provision, strenuously opposed the Fugitive Slave Law, resisted the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, fought the Leecompton Usurpation and earnestly combatted the whole Kansas Nebraska invasion. He believed with Mr. Seward in his appeal to the higher law written as Lord Brogban said by the finger of God in the hearts of men and deeply deplored the fact that Webster in his vain hope of reconciling the sections had fallen below that level. He early allied himself with the Abolition party, in fact at a time when it required no small degree of moral courage to take position in the ranks of that despised political sect. His great opportunities for usefulness to the cause in his poverty, in the wilderness of Western New York were small compared to those of the leaders of the cause, but he belonged to, and for a long time was actively engaged in the services of the "Underground Railroad", so-called, and many a fugitive slave was assisted by him on his secret journey in his effort to escape bondage to Canada. In his house he sheltered and fed alike the traveler and the fugitive slave.

His early educational advantages were limited to a few weeks of schooling. But he availed himself of every opportunity afforded from the rugged school of experience to gain information and knowledge. His bump of common sense was large, his judgment good, his heart generous and his conclusions always just. He was widely read in the current literature of his day and kept abreast with public thought on all important questions. He was a believer in the Christian religion and a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church. In this belief he was as sincere and earnest as in any of the most positive convictions of his life. He died October 5, 1872, at his house in the Village situated just across the street west from where he settled, and is sleeping today in the shadow of a beautiful maple by the side of wife, children and grandchildren in the windowless palace on the hill in full view, from the site of his pioneer home and the home of his latest berth.

### CHARLES A. SPENCER.

Charles A. Spencer was born in the dawn of the 19th Century and is still living in the full possession of his mental faculties, peacefully watching the last rays of its beautiful golden sunset. The worlds greatest achievements have been wrought within the ninety years of time measured to him by the flight of worlds. He first saw the light of day in the town of Westmoreland, Oneida County, N. Y., June 30, 1810, near the town line of Rome. His grandfather Spencer started a settlement there which to this day is known as Spencer Settlement. His father A. Spencer an only son, married Mary Royce, daughter of Mayor Royce of the town of Rome. They had five children, the oldest of whom is the subject of this sketch. His father bought an improved farm in the town of Bergen, Genesee County, and went there without his family to harvest the grain and while thus engaged became ill of a fever, returned to his family in Spencer Settlement and died

soon after. Mr. Spencer learned the trade of a tanner and shoemaker and after the death of his father he went as far west as Chagrin Falls, Ohio, in search of a suitable location to establish himself and brother in the tannery business. That was the year of the great cholera scare and he found the settlers there much disturbed by the fear of cholera and threatened attack by the Indians, besides he found no hemlock timber there from which to secure the necessary bark for use in the tannery business. Journeying homeward he met Moses Ferrin, in Jamestown, who induced him to come to Cherry Creek and after due consideration he and his brother William purchased a small tannery located in the Village and immediately commenced its operation. That was in the year 1832, since which time his home has been continually in the town.

He conducted his tannery business with great energy and marked business ability for a number of years, finally disposing of his interest for a consideration which netted him a handsome result for his investment and labor. This he wisely invested in real estate in and about the Village and town which he superintended and assisted in tilling. In 1840 he married Frances S. Frost, a daughter of Geo. H. Frost. She died August 24, 1893. There were five children born to them. Frances, now deceased, who became the wife of Melvin H. Mount, Adelaid, now Mrs. Darwin M. Saunders of Kenmore, N. Y., Charles D., of Cherry Creek, George W. of Oklahoma and Park M., deceased. He represented his town on the board of Supervisors in the years 1836-7 and was a Justice of the Peace of the town for nearly thirty years and County Superintendent of the Poor for over 21 years. He exercised the duties of Justice of the Peace in the true sense that "truth is the summit of being and justice its application to human affairs." He was in most instances judge and counsel for both the would-be litigants and an amicable settlement under his wise and just counsel was usually reached before litigation commenced.

His duties while Superintendent of the Poor were exacting and occupied most of his time, but his long continued service in that capacity furnishes unquestionable proof of the manner and integrity in which he discharged those duties. The county buildings were located on the shores of Chautauqua Lake, about 20 miles distant. There were no railroads or other public conveyances available to him during most of his long service and he was often compelled to brave the fierce winter storms in the performance of his public duties.

From his youth he has been nearsighted, and thus prevented the highest degree of usefulness he was otherwise capable of rendering. Glasses were never aids to him and for nearly 40 years he has been unable to see to read or write but fortunately for him he has had some member of his family with him during that time who has been pleased to read to him almost daily from the periodicals and books of his choice, otherwise life would have lost much of its charms to him as he was a great reader in the years when his sight would permit.

His integrity has always been beyond dispute, his perception clear, quick and sound, while his ability in public and private life is such as to win the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He has in a high degree the quality possessed by Mr. Lincoln, of "plowing around" the opponent whom he cannot convince by argument. We think that those acquainted with him in the zenith of his manhood, will concur with us in the opinion that no citizen of Cherry Creek ever had greater influence among his fellow-men. He has kept posted in public affairs and was during the period of his active life personally acquainted with all of the public men of the County and many throughout the State. He has a genial nature and a courteous personality. He held decided opinions on all public questions and in a firm and quiet way

impressed them upon others. His present home where he has lived for nearly half a century is located on the south side of Center Street on a small eminence next east of the Baptist Church. Here his family was reared and here his mature years have been spent. This is the house over which he has so long presided with manly dignity, a devoted husband and exemplary father.

### WELCOME C. CARPENTER.

Welcome C. Carpenter was born January 12, 1816, in the town of Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y., came with his parents to Chautauqua County, in 1820, and settled in the town of Villenova, near East Mud Lake. Five brothers and four sisters were sheltered in the rude log hut hurriedly built by his father and elder brothers. His education was obtained in a school



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house equally as rude as his home 2 1-2 miles distant. At twelve years of age he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter and joiners' trade, after which he removed to Cherry Creek and built the first frame house in the town for Robert James, on the farm now owned by Horace Brown. In 1840 he married Margaret Loucks of the town of Ellery, by this union two children were born, Herbert and Z. Herbert died in 1850, aged eight years. Mr. Carpenter was Justice of the Peace here for 28 consecutive years, was also Supervisor of his town in 1870. In 1870 he built the first cheese factory in the town, receiving the milk of over 800 cows. In 1873 he also built one in the town of Ellington, in what is known as the Bates District. These he operated and ran

successfully for several years. For his high moral character and strict adherence to the right he was ever commended. He died July 19, 1894, on the farm where he had lived for over 50 years.

### **JAMES D. WHEELER.**

Was born in Plymouth, Chenango County, this state, February 9, 1824, and came to Cherry Creek in 1847. His first work here was that of a school teacher, which business he began when he was only sixteen years of age. In the year 1850 he went into the mercantile business with James Carr and later with Silas Vinton. In 1852 he purchased a farm of about 232 acres and lived upon it until he died, March 16, 1867. Mr. Wheeler, with his other attainments, was a man well read in the law, and, while not admitted to the bar, his advice and counsel was sought by a large number of his neighbors and acquaintances. He was a safe legal advisor, though no lawyer. He was married to Susan Berry, February 1, 1849, and to them were born five children: James R., December 18, 1849; James died June 8, 1890; Charles L., born December 3, 1852; Jennie B., born May 12, 1857; she married Frank C. Vinton, April 25, 1877, and now resides in Albany. Grace T., born July 1, 1860, married to William M. Corbett, May 4, 1881. She now resides at Evansville, Indiana. Grant D., born February 21, 1864; he is married and resides here. Susan Berry Wheeler, his wife, was the daughter of Thomas Berry, an early settler. She was born September 3, 1829, and still survives her husband.

### **JARED INGALLS.**

The name of Jared Ingalls is familiar to every old citizen of Cherry Creek. He was born in Otsego County, this State, August 4, 1791. He came to Cherry Creek in 1826, settled on lot 22, and built a saw mill one of the first in the town. He also laid out a number of the early roads in this section. He was the first person to bring a cook stove into town, and his wife made the first carpet that was used in town, which was the wonderment of the people, and they came for miles to see it. During his long life here he did much for the town, and was a noble husband and father, an upright citizen, and a man whose word was never doubted by those who knew him. Mr. Ingalls died in Cherry Creek December, 11, 1871. He was married to Abigail Jones, January 29, 1817. She died in Cherry Creek January 13, 1871. To them was born six children as follows: Eunice Eliza, wife of Ezekiel Mount, died in Cherry Creek October 24, 1884; Nancy, wife of W. S. Bullock, died in Cherry Creek June 7, 1893; Sally, wife of Furman Mount, now residing in this village; Cyrus, who died in Cherry Creek, April 10, 1874; Edmund, who died in Cherry Creek September 8, 1887; Olive, wife of W. W. Hyatt, now a resident of Cambridge Springs, Pa. Mr. Ingalls always conducted himself in that dignified, gentlemanly way that commended the respect and esteem of the people.

### **LAWRENCE EUGENE SHATTUCK.**

One of the pioneers of the town of Cherry Creek, who spent his mature life here and gave most valuable aid in reclaiming its fertile lands from the wilds of nature was Lawrence Eugene Shattuck, who was the son of Pliny and Dolly (Rice) Shattuck, born in the state of Massachusetts, July 20, 1816, and died at his home in Cherry Creek, January 20, 1890, aged 73 years and six months. The Shattuck's were for several generations natives and residents of New England. Mr. Shattuck was sixteen years of age when his father came to Cherry Creek and located on a wild farm about two miles west of the Village, where his father built a blacksmith shop and carried on the trade. The other members of the family cleared up a small farm and tilled the soil, while



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MRS. AMY A. SHATTUCK.

Mr. Shattuck worked in the shop with his father, and, having learned the trade, succeeded to his father's business when the latter died. He was the only blacksmith for some distance around who could shoe oxen, and had all the work that he could do; but as he grew older he found the work uncongenial, and gradually lessened his business until some years before his death he discontinued it entirely. On April 13, 1836, Mr. Shattuck married Amy Angeline Ames, a stirring, energetic young lady, who was born at Trenton, Oneida County, this state, February 26, 1817. This union was blessed with five children, two sons and three daughter: L. E. Jr., born April 11, 1838, died May, 27, 1894; Lydia F., born September 7, 1839, died in Cherry Creek, June 25, 1860; Amy A., born February 10, 1843, now residing at Chicago, Ill.; Jerome B., born May 27, 1847, now a resident of Cherry Creek; and Rosella, born November 12, 1851. She died March 20, 1895.

Amy Angeline Ames was a daughter of Amos Ames, who was born in Vermont, and married Lydia Franklin. She was the daughter of Stephen Franklin and the latter was a great grand daughter of the renowned philanthropist and American statesman, Benjamin Franklin. Stephen Franklin married Rachael Carpenter, whose father came from England. Mr. Franklin was a minister of the gospel and an earnest and devoted Christian. He became the father of six children, among them Lydia, the mother of Mrs. Shattuck, who died May 15, 1830. Mrs. Amy (Ames) Shattuck has always been characterized by energy, good judgment and force of character. While yet a young girl she left her father's home and supported herself until she was married. While yet very young she spent three years in succession spinning wool for Pliny Shattuck, and for a number of years succeeding she did this and other service. The winter following her marriage, after having spent the summer in preparing household linen and other necessary comforts, she put what goods she could command in boxes and barrels and took them to the canal, where she shipped them by the way of Rochester and Buffalo, to Cherry Creek. During the journey she met a Mr. Bovebry who was going with his family to the same place, and he assisted her in hiring teams at Buffalo to carry her home, where, after a tiresome journey, she arrived, and the following spring, herself and husband began keeping house, at that time a lonely place in the woods, one half mile from the nearest neighbor. Mr. Shattuck and his sons have always said that their success was entirely due to the advice and encouragement received from their wife and mother. It is to such mothers as Mrs. Shattuck that the town of Cherry Creek owes its development and the United States of America its greatness.

## JOHN PRICE.

John Price was a benefactor of his race in the true sense of the term. His long life was spent in honorable, intelligent, useful manual labor, the results of which will remain a blessing to mankind for all times to come. Great and good men have existed in all ages who have by the force of their genius and intellectual power torn from the grasp of ignorance and superstition the liberties of thought and action which we now enjoy. These also are benefactors. But no more essential was their work than that performed by the subject of this sketch. Victorious campaigns are planned by the officers in charge, but won by the soldiers of the ranks. Both are necessary to success. The man who suffers the hardships and privations of pioneer life and assists in transforming the wilderness into productive, cultivated fields, performs a service which is as essential and lasting as the liberties we enjoy. Such were the services rendered by John Price. He was endowed by nature with a constitution and powers of endurance superior to most men and his will and energy were discontent without the daily taxation of those powers to their fullest capacity. He was an early settler in the town coming here with his parents in the year 1830. From the day of his arrival to the commencement of his last illness he was an incessant worker. He rested only when exhausted nature made further work impossible. For many years his principal occupation was clearing the forest and preparing the land for cultivation. The acres thus cleared are now fertile and productive fields annually yielding harvests sufficient for the support of many. Later in life he was engaged in farming and lumbering. Price's saw-mill owned and operated by him for many years, situated about two miles west of the Village, is yet in good condition and is now operated by one of his sons, Charles A. Price.

Wealth is converted labor. He was essentially a producer by the only method possible to man—by the sweat of his brow. He added to the sum of human happiness by adding to the sum of accumulated labor, accumulated wealth. The world is richer and better because of his life and labor and he with many million of his like, produced the material wealth we now enjoy.

How poor this world would be without their lives. Cherry Creek would be a forest in which the wild beasts would roam unmolested as in the year 1800. There would be no highways, cultivated fields, luxuriant homes, well-equipped school-houses, or towering church steeples within its limits.

He was born in the Town of Hardwick, Otsego County, N. Y., July 27, 1815, and came with his parents to Cherry Creek when but 15 year of age. He married Caroline Markham, a native of Dansville, Livingston County, this State, March 6, 1846. They had six children, Joseph L., Lydia A., John A., Rhoda C., Charles A. and Adoniram J., all of whom were reared to manhood and womanhood in industry and are honorable and useful members of society. John Price was an honest man. No cloud of dishonor ever cast a shadow upon his integrity. He met his obligations punctually but was lenient with



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those obligated to him. He had a kind heart and generous nature. He feared no man and no man feared him. Ripe with age, and wearied with excessive toil, on April 11, 1889, he laid life's burdens down and passed to perfect rest in that cemetery where so many of his friends and neighbors dwell.

### HON. CHARLES B. GREEN.

Hon. Chas. B. Green was born in Steventown, this State, January 13, 1809, and was married to Lydia Kent, November 20, 1836. He was again married in 1861. He came to Cherry Creek February 14, 1823. In his early days he taught school. He studied law in the office of Judge Mullett at Fredonia, and was admitted to practice in 1843 and again in 1851. Judge Green was Justice of Sessions for several years; school commissioner and school inspector, Justice of the Peace and Assessor here for many years. In 1858 he was a member of the State Legislature. He died in Cherry Creek March 31, 1891, 85 years of age.

### JOSEPH KENT.

The subject of this sketch was born January 22, 1814, in Portland County. He came here when three years old and lived in Cherry Creek 70 years, and for much of that time was the "Lumber King of the Upper Conewango."

He married, first, November 20, 1837, Maria Vedder. George A. S. Kent is their son, who now resides in Jamestown. Mr. Kent married, second, in November, 1839, Rachael E. Vedder. They had two children, Marion, who now resides at Conewango Valley, Emery, who resides in this village. This old pioneer, lumberman, and farmer lived long and usefully, dying in 1887.

### STEPHEN BLAISDELL.

Stephen Blaisdell was born in Gifford, N. H., August 7, 1786. He remained there until he was about twenty years of age, when he made a public profession of religion. He soon after commenced preaching, and traveled extensively in the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut. He married, in 1810, Bathsheba Aldrich, in Templeton, Mass., who was born March 2, 1788. He removed to Leyden, Vt., where his family remained until he removed to this County in March, 1824. He settled in Ellington (then Gerry), on lot 29. In the Spring of 1827, he removed to Cherry Creek, on lot 28. He was connected with the Christian denomination, having been ordained to the ministry in 1828. In politics, he held to the principals inculcated by the Jeffersonian Republicans. He had six children, as follows: Sarah Ann, Eliza, Amanda L., William S., Bogardus A., and Napoleon L. Stephen Blaisdell died September 9, 1854, aged 68 years.

### JAMES CARR.

James Carr, Cherry Creek's first supervisor, was born in South Kingston, R. I., April 15, 1798. He married Polly Brown, April 18, 1822. She was also born in Rhode Island, May 18, 1800, and died in Cherry Creek, November 11, 1838. Mr. Carr came to Cherry Creek in March, 1823, and settled on lot 15, and afterwards kept a store in the village. He was supervisor of Ellington in 1828-29, and the first supervisor of Cherry Creek after its formation in 1830. Mr. Carr died at Waterloo, Iowa, October 8, 1857. His children were: Andrew J., Royella, Louisa Adelia, Lydia and Mary E.



## HISTORICAL CONDENSATIONS.

John T. Clark was the first lawyer.  
The Ferrin Block was erected in 1889.  
Jonathan Greenman was the first tailor.  
James Carr was the first supervisor in 1830.  
Joshua Bentley, Jr., gave the town its name.  
The first physician was Horace Morgan in 1829.  
George H. Frost was the first inn keeper in 1823.  
Hull Nickerson operated the first grist mill in 1828.  
The first death was that of Rufus Hitchcock in 1820.  
The soldiers' monument was dedicated May 30, 1888.  
The Town of Cherry Creek was formed May 4th, 1829.  
The first tannery was established in 1823 by James Carter.  
The first saw-mill was built in 1824 by William Kilbourn.  
C. A. Mount was the first president of Cherry Creek, Village.  
Cherry Creek Lodge I. O. O. F. was instituted April 6th, 1852.  
The first blacksmith shop was opened in 1831 by Pliney Shattuck.  
Lydia Kent was born September 11, 1818. Died, October 2, 1862.  
G. N. Frost is the oldest person now living in town who was born here.  
The first crop raised in town was potatoes in 1816, by Joseph M. Kent.  
In 1819 Joshua Bentley's four year old daughter was stolen by the Indians.  
E. A. Hayes edited the first newspaper here in 1879. It was printed at Gowanda.  
The oldest woman now residing in town is Mrs. Charlotte Bronson, aged 88 years July 22, 1900.  
Charles A. Spencer established a tannery here in 1833 which he conducted successfully for fifteen years.  
James Marks built the first (log) house in October, 1815, which was remodeled into a schoolhouse in 1824.  
The first frame house erected in town was built in 1830, and occupied by Seth Grover. It was on the site where John Delaney's grocery store now stands.  
Mary E. Sweatland, daughter of L. L. and Sally Sweatland died May 25, 1850, aged 6 years and 7 months. This was the first interment in the Cherry Creek Cemetery.  
The first school house in town was made of logs 25x25 feet, heated by a fireplace. It was afterwards remodeled for a dwelling. It was located on the site where L. S. Benton's residence now stands.

The Brigham Block burned in 1888.  
The first birth was Lydia Kent in 1816.  
The first Postmaster was George H. Frost.  
The Village was incorporated May 20, 1893.  
Seth Grover was the first store-keeper in 1831.  
Robert James was the first Town Clerk in 1830.  
The first Town meeting was held in March, 1830.  
Reuben Cheney was the first school teacher in 1819.  
The Kent Block was burned Sunday, March 3, 1889.  
Rev. Hadley (Baptist) was the first preacher in 1817.  
Welcome C. Carpenter was the first carpenter and joiner.  
The first settler was Joseph M. Kent in the spring of 1815.  
Seth Grover was born in 1800. Died, December 17, 1856.  
Cherry Creek Lodge F. & A. M. was instituted in June, 1855.  
Angeline Pickering was the first woman school teacher in 1824.  
The first settlement was made at Shattuck School House in 1820.  
Alexander Bentley was born October 15, 1820. Died April 19, 1883.  
The Sheffield house and the Morian Block were burned in June, 1882.  
Methodist Class meetings was held at the house of Joseph M. Kent in 1817.  
The oldest person now living here is Charles A. Spencer, aged 90 years June 10, 1900.

The Wilcox-Benton Block was burned in August, 1889. It was rebuilt the same fall.

Mount & Robertson's hardware store and C. T. Reade's harness shop were burned in February, 1875.

Cherry Creek furnished 100 soldiers for the war of the rebellion, 25 of whom were killed or died of disease.

The oldest frame building now standing in town is the house of the late Mahala King. It was built in 1834.

George W. Spencer was the first station agent here. He filled the position for about three months when he resigned and was succeeded by W. M. Corbett.

Rev. Bliss C. Willoughby was born in 1806, ordained as a minister in 1841. Pastor of Baptist Church here in 1842-43. Now a resident of Randolph, N. Y., and aged 94 years.

James Battles and Rachael (Hadley) Battles were married June 6, 1819. James Battles died June 30, 1886, aged 91 years and 6 months. Rachel (Hadley) Battles died March 10, 1887, aged 89 years and two months.

The Buffalo & Jamestown Railroad was built in 1874-75. The first passenger train was run over the road from Buffalo to Jamestown, October 17, 1875. Eugene Haynes was the engineer and Oliver P. Bond, conductor. The name has since been changed to the Buffalo & Southwestern Railroad.



Mrs. Amelia (Bronson) Essex.      Lucy (Essex) Franklin.      Mrs. Charlotte Bronson  
 Great grandmother.      Grandmother.      Great-great-grandmother.  
 Grace (Franklin) Wilkinson.      Harold Wilkinson.  
 Mother.

### FIVE GENERATIONS.

**O**NE of the most remarkable portraits that appear in this book, or that could appear in any other book published here or elsewhere, for that matter, represents five generations of people. We often know where four generations are living, but seldom find five generations alive.

The portrait shows Mrs. Charlotte Bronson, great great grandmother, born July 22, 1812; Amelia (Bronson) Essex, great grandmother, born January 3, 1836; Lucy (Essex) Franklin, grandmother, born April 20, 1857; Grace (Franklin) Wilkinson, mother, born November 2, 1879; Harold Wilkinson, son, born August 13, 1897.

Charlotte Bronson was born at what is now known as Walworth, Wayne County, N. Y., and came to Cherry Creek when she was but twenty years of age. She was married to Horace Bronson, March 2, 1831. Mr. Bronson died September 2, 1868. She is the mother of twelve children, viz.: Adeline, Addison, and James, who died in infancy; Marilla, wife of the late William Morian; she died July 14, 1899; Amelia, wife of Henry Essex, now residing at Forestville, N. Y.; Frank, who died at Suffolk, Va., Feb. 26, 1864; Oscar, who died at Walworth, May, 1868; Mary, wife of William Dillon, now re-

siding at North Star, Michigan; Edgar, now residing at Ellington; Addison, now a resident of Cherry Creek; George resides at Rochester; James died in Cherry Creek, October 9, 1855; and Charles A. is now a resident of Rochester. She has twenty-four grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bronson at the present time is a woman of bright intellect, splendid memory, and good sight, and is the oldest living woman in the town. She remembers many interesting historical incidents, and is very interesting in her conversation. Every one likes grandma Bronson. She has seen the town grow from a wilderness to its present beautiful proportions.

### A TRAGEDY OF OLD DAYS.\*

"Keep right on over the hill and down through 'No God Holler' and you'll get to Cherry Creek all right."

It was one of the natives who spoke in answer to an inquiry as to the way to Cherry Creek. I was a-wheel, climbing the hills of old Chautauqui and leisurely pedaling through her fertile valleys. Night was fast coming on and the uncanny name "No God Holler," brought weird and strange fancies before me. My destination was perhaps seven miles away. Darkness overtook me before my journey through the valley was completed, and I decided to stop at the first farmhouse and remain for the night if possible.

My host proved to be an entertaining conversationalist.

"Well," said my friend, "it is related that many years ago, when this country was a wilderness, a little settlement was made in this valley. The pioneers were a rough class, no doubt, but no worse than a good many people today. However, they do say that a traveling missionary found his way to this locality. He was an earnest man, the legend says, and between himself and wickedness there was no compromise. He worked hard among the settlers for a time, picturing to them the awful consequences of a life of sin. His exhortations fell upon stony ground, he failed to rescue a solitary brand from the burning, and he left the neighborhood giving it the name it bears to this day.

"Later on and after many newcomers had settled here a tragedy took place which helped to fix the name. James Battles lived on a farm in this neighborhood. Cornelius Lynch worked for him. Battles had a son, Martin by name. Young Battles and Lynch fell in love with the same girl, and a good deal of bad blood was engendered between them. One morning Lynch was found in a dying condition in Battles' barn. It was supposed he had fallen from a swing. On the morning in question Lynch got up before any one in the house. Shortly after he was followed by Battles, and the two went to the barn to do the chores. When Lynch was found Battles was not in sight. A doctor was procured as hastily as possible. He decided that Lynch had been beaten to death. By this time Battles had returned to the house and he acted in such an excited manner that he was arrested. An inquest was held and young Battles was declared by the jury to know something about the case. Subsequently he was tried, found guilty and, under a law then in force, sentenced to one year's imprisonment, at the expiration of which time he was to be hanged. The case was taken to the Supreme Court. This tribunal decided that the sentence was unconstitutional and Battles was released.

"This case helped to fix the name on our neighborhood and though we are by no means deserving of it probably it will remain for some generations yet to come."

\* Ariche McLean in Buffalo Sunday Courier.



## A STANDING OFFER!

The citizens of Cherry Creek will give any Honest Reputable Manufacturing firm with a paying business and employing 25 operatives and upwards, \$1,000 to \$5,000 in cash to locate permanently in Cherry Creek. *This is no "bluff" but an honest offer.* No place in the United States can offer better inducements to manufacturers than Cherry Creek. Excellent building sites can be obtained at reasonable figures; wood and coal are both supplied cheaply; there is an abundance of good water and water power; shipping facilities are good and living expenses small. Markets are accessible and freight rates low. In brief Cherry Creek's advantages to manufacturers are *cheap sites, cheap fuel, low taxes, excellent water, fair labor, good school, good churches, good residence place, good home market, and good shipping facilities.* For further information communicate with Cherry Creek's Board of Trade.



## IN CONCLUSION.

**B**EFORE leaving the work in which I have for the past two months been so earnestly engaged, I desire again to return thanks to all who have so kindly aided me in the effort to produce a book, which I confidently hope will prove of value to its possessors. Those who have furnished information, historical or otherwise, for its pages have my special thanks, while those who have pecuniarily aided me in the way of write-ups will, I trust, receive liberal benefit as the legitimate fruits thereof. Subscribers for the work it is hoped may find much that is new, instructive, and valuable. It is one of the chief purposes of this work to set forth the advantages of Cherry Creek as a most desirable place to locate manufacturing industries, a place of residence, and an ideal spot generally.

I have given as complete an account as possible of the principal events, relating to the early settlement and its history, bringing it down to the present, showing how and by whom the business of the actual present is being done.

The pictures of several of the pioneer residents were secured at considerable trouble and expense. I used every means possible to obtain pictures of Joseph M. Kent, the first settler, and Joshua Bentley, the man who gave the town its name; but was unsuccessful. They probably never had pictures taken. The history of the pioneer period of the town, as well as the important events that have transpired since then, down to the present time, is as complete as possible.

The sketches of citizens—past and present—many of them representative men, who have participated in its leading events, some, it may be, not distinguished beyond the ordinary walks of life, but all are worthy citizens. Biography often most vividly presents historical facts. It has been well said that: "Biography is history by induction." The real history of a town is the history of its people, their fortunes, conditions and customs, the common people, their mental and moral status are what gives it its character and mould its destinies. History therefore is made up of the biographies of the masses, and is best expressed in the life-records of its energetic and enterprising citizens. The facts contained in these biographical sketches, it is believed, will have their value hereafter, in permanently preserving the records of leading citizens, and furnishing valuable data for its future history.

As a whole it is a fairly good history of the past and present of Cherry Creek. At some future time I am in hopes to serve you in a similar undertaking, when I will endeavor to do better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chas. J. Shultz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.



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