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# THE NEW JERSEY COAST IN THREE CENTURIES

CLAUDE V. GUERIN.

Claude V. Guerin was born September 8, 1867, in Jersey City, son of Samuel B. and Evelyn (Kale) Guerin. He is of French ancestry and comes of Huguenot stock. Two brothers having emigrated to escape religious persecution in France, settled in early colonial days in Morristown, New Jersey. Descended from this ancestry, Vincent Guerin, the grandfather, was a thriving merchant at Martinsville, Somerset county, and subsequently at Bound Brook, New Jersey. He was an active Republican and held at different times various political offices. He was a constable at Bound Brook; a freeholder of Bridgewater township, and a member of the board of education there for several years. He was a prominent member and elder in the Presbyterian church and left children, Samuel B., and Henry V.

Samuel B., the father, born at Mendham, Morris county, New Jersey, later of Martinsville, was educated in Martinsville and in the public schools of Bound Brook. He was a grocer at New Brunswick until 1864; he served during the Civil war in the sixty days service with the Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves. Removing to New York City in 1864, he carried on the wholesale provision business as a member of the firm of Comstock & Co. for six years. He then on account of ill-health located on a farm in Middlesex county, New Jersey. In 1881 he removed to Asbury Park, where he owns valuable estate. He is an active Methodist and has been a steward in that church for many years. He has but one child, Claude V.

Claude V. Guerin, educated in the public schools in Piscataway township and in New Brunswick, removed with his father in 1882, to Asbury Park, entered the high school there, from which he was graduated in 1886 as valedictorian of his class. He read law four years in the office of Hawkins & Durand, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1890. Beginning practice in 1891 he established a lucrative business, making a specialty of surrogate and probate court business and municipal law. He has been engaged in much important litigation and many notable cases, among which may be cited the Spencer will case, the Sickles case, which decided fifty cases of a similar nature involving the question of the constitutional rights of municipalities.

ties relating to license fees. Mr. Guerin is assignee of the estate of J. J. Parker, which involves \$100,000 claimed by more than two hundred individuals.

Politically Mr. Guerin is a Republican and has been delegate to congressional, county and state conventions. He has been a member of the board of education since 1896 and is at present secretary of the board. He is a member of Neptune Lodge, Odd Fellows, and of the order of Red Men.

Mr. Guerin participated in the Spanish-American war. The beginning of hostilities found him Corporal of Company A, Third Regiment, New Jersey National Guard. With his regiment he enlisted and served during the war. He advanced rapidly, being promoted sergeant of Company A, then first sergeant, then second lieutenant of Company B, Third New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. He is now first lieutenant, Company H, Third Regiment, New Jersey National Guard.

Mr. Guerin is deeply interested in church work. He is a member of St. Paul's church of Ocean Grove, and for nearly eleven years has been superintendent of Sabbath-school of the church. For the past two years he has been superintendent of summer schools at Ocean Grove. In October, 1893, he was married to Ruth, daughter of John V. N. DeHart, of Somerville, Somerset county, New Jersey. They have one daughter, Ruthi.

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#### JOHN T. HOPPING.

John T. Hopping, of New Monmouth, New Jersey, was born in that city January 28, 1860. The first ancestor of this family to settle in America was Captain John Hopping, who emigrated from Ireland and located at Port Monmouth. James Hopping, paternal grandfather of John T. Hopping, was a resident of New Monmouth, New Jersey, and he was familiarly known as Judge, having officiated in that capacity for Monmouth county. He married Miss Patience Tilton, and their children were Edward; Sarah, who married James Frost; Mary, who married Thomas Leonard; and John J., the father of our subject. James Patterson, the maternal grandfather of John T. Hopping, was born near the Shrewsbury river, Monmouth county, where he was content to remain all his life. He chose farming as an occupation. In his politics he was a staunch Democrat, and was elected by that party to serve in several town offices, and he was also chosen to represent Monmouth county in the senate at Trenton. He was a consistent member and attendant of the Baptist church at Middletown, New Jersey. He was twice married, having selected for his first wife, Miss Deborah Trafford, and their children were John, who served as county clerk of Monmouth county for many years; Hannah; Margaret and Anna. The maiden name of his second wife was Miss Lydia Hopping, and the following children were born to them: John H., Dr. James H., Samuel, Ewing Patterson, Henry J., Joseph C., Rebecca, Mary Harriet, Lydia, Charles and Allen.

John J. Hopping, father of John T. Hopping, followed the occupation of a farmer all his life. He had three farms, aggregating two hundred and twenty-five acres, and he kept them all in a state of cultivation, raising an extensive crop of general farm produce, which found a ready market. He was considered a thorough business man, and he held the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. Politically he was a Democrat, and he was elected to fill various local offices. He married Hannah Patterson, daughter of James Patterson, and their three children are James, Mary A. and John T. Hopping. The father of these children died June 5, 1801, aged sixty-nine years, and his widow died April 24, 1808, aged seventy-six years. James P. Hopping, eldest son of John J. and Hannah Hopping, was born November

28, 1850. He received his education in the public schools and at New Brunswick, and has since been engaged in farming on the old homestead, which is situated in Leonardsville, New Jersey, and consists of one hundred acres. In addition to this vocation, he is actively engaged in the lumber business in the firm of Hopping & Ely, at Atlantic Highlands. He was married to Miss Helen A., a daughter of Joseph S. Ely. Mary A., second child of John and Hannah Hopping, was born July 25, 1854, and died October 15, 1879.

John T. Hopping, the third child of John J. and Hannah Hopping, acquired his education in the New Monmouth Academy, and after completing his studies he chose farming as an occupation, and he now conducts an extensive market gardening and trucking business. He has resided for the past seventeen years in a handsome house, which he built according to his own ideas, on a tract of twenty acres. He is also the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the vicinity of his home. Mr. Hopping is a man of progressive ideas, and the methods he employs in the cultivation of his land places him in the front rank of Monmouth county's agriculturists. He has recently engaged in the quarrying of gravel for road purposes, and in the top soil business, which consists in the shipping of fertile soil to be used in top tracing and the fertilizing of barren soil. Mr. George Gould's historic place at Lakewood has received a large amount of this top soil fertilizing, and to this is due the beauty and growth of the vegetation. In this line of business he employs a large force of men constantly. He is an adherent of the Democratic party, and he has been elected to serve at the present time as road commissioner.

Mr. Hopping was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Van Mater, daughter of Gilbert H. Van Mater, who was born in Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He was a farmer, merchant and miller, and resided in Holmdel during the early part of his life, while he later removed to Red Bank. He married Miss Sarah H. Holmes, and their children were Eliza H., who died at ten years of age; Huldah H., who married Robert W. Cook; John H., who married Nellie Conover, and died in Virginia; William A., a civil engineer; Dr. Daniel H., who married Susan Aaronson; Emma L., who married Robert K. Young, an attorney at Wellsboro, Pennsylvania; Sarah, who married B. M. Potter, an attorney at Wellsboro, Pennsylvania; Lillian Louise, who married John T. Hopping; and Henry Cook, who died in infancy. Mr. Van Mater died July 23, 1902, his wife having died August 24, 1886, aged sixty-four years. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hopping, the eldest of whom, J. W. Hopping, now sixteen years of age and attending school, had his pictures and history widely heralded through the "New York Press" last year on the advent of his fifteenth birthday as being the largest boy in Monmouth county, having tipped the scales at two hundred and seven pounds.

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#### WILLIAM M. CONOVER.

The highly esteemed citizen who worthily bears the name of William M. Conover is a representative of one of the oldest and most highly considered families of Monmouth county, New Jersey. The Conover family, or as the original spelling made it, Cowenhoven, dates back through centuries to a worthy Hollander, Herr Albert Cowenhoven, who was born in the land of the Zuyder Zee on December 7, 1676, and emigrated with his wife, Neeltje Raelopse Schmoek, who was born on January 23, 1681. They were married in 1701 and reared their family in the New country, the names of the children being as follows: William, Rachel, Annie, Javan, Seltie, Margaret, Sarah, Prette, Neelye, Garrett, John and Cornelius.

William Conover, son of Albert, the original settler, was born on March 7, 1702, and died in 1790. He married Elizabeth VanCleve and they had the following children: Albert, Benjamin, Joseph, David, William, Isaac, Sarah, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Hendrick and Mary.

Benjamin, the son of William Conover, married Catherine Wycoff, and to this union were born: Garratt B. and Joseph.

William B. Conover, son of Benjamin, was born in 1752, and died on August 15, 1807. He was married to Eleanor Foreman on January 11, 1774, and their family consisted of Catherine, Peter F., Benjamin, Eleanor, Wycoff, Ladya, Ladya and Alice.

Peter F. Conover, son of William B., was born on October 16, 1776, and died on December 25, 1855. He was married to Jane De Wise on November 22, 1799, and their family record was as follows: Daniel, William, Garrett, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Jane, Edward M. and Benjamin F.

Edward M. Conover, son of Peter F., was born on July 10, 1822, and died on September 6, 1870. His marriage was to Margaret Ann Campbell, and to this union were born: Samuel W., William M., Peter F. and Hannah B.

William M. Conover, who is the subject of this sketch, was born on September 16, 1852, in Monmouth county, and there received a good common school education. During the succeeding years he has been engaged in farming and is considered one of the leading agriculturists of the county, operating one of the largest estates in Atlantic township.

Mr. Conover was married on November 26, 1873, to Miss Margaret DuBois, and to this union there were born these three children: Edward S., born on October 8, 1874, who married Nellie Conover; Gertrude D. B., born on February 9, 1879, who married Garrett R. Conover and has one child—Eleanor H.; and Mary L., born on September 4, 1882. The birthplace of Mrs. Conover was in Freehold, on June 5, 1852, and she is a lady of education and refinement, highly esteemed in the Reformed church, of which her husband is also a member and the valued Sunday-school superintendent. The family is one that stands high in social circles in Colts-neck, where it has been known by all neighbors since Mr. and Mrs. Conover were children.

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#### WILLIAM APPLIGATE.

William Applegate, proprietor of Hotel Monmouth, Asbury Park, was born in Freehold township, Monmouth county, January 23, 1843. His parents, Mathias and Margaret (Emmons) Applegate, were both natives of Monmouth county, where the paternal ancestors of our subject followed the vocation of farming. The boyhood days of William were passed on his father's farm. He attended the common school at West Freehold. In 1864 he enlisted as a private in Company E, of the Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battle of Fredricksburg. After being mustered out at the end of the war he went to New York and learned the butcher's trade. He opened a meat market at Eighth avenue and Fifty-fourth street, which he conducted successfully for seven or eight years.

In 1873 he located in Asbury Park and opened a general provision and butcher business. Fourteen years later he closed out this business and went to Belmar, then known as Ocean Beach, and became proprietor of the Surf House, now known as Melrose Inn. After conducting this hotel for two seasons he purchased the Atlantic Hotel in Asbury Park, and after spending some forty thousand dollars in improvements and additions renovated the hotel, calling it Hotel Monmouth. The hotel accommodates about three hundred guests and is open from June to October. It





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has a large clientage, representing people from all quarters of the United States and Canada. Mr. Applegate has from time to time invested in real estate and owns some choice property in Asbury Park and vicinity. His winter home is at 509 Sixth avenue. He is a member of the Elks and of the Ancient Order of Red Men. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1867 Mr. Applegate was married to Elmira Hendricksou, of Freehold township, Monmouth county. Mrs. Applegate passed away December 25, 1891. She was the mother of eight children, all of whom survive her.

Mr. Applegate is a self-made man. He began his business career with no capital excepting energy and ability. His success is attributable entirely to hard work and constant application.

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EDWIN B. REED.

Dr. Reed is the youngest of the twelve children born to William B. and Eliza G. (Perine) Reed. The mother was a native of Monmouth county. In early manhood the father was a contractor and builder, but during his later years was a successful commission merchant in New York City. He retired from active business life in 1859 and located in Cranbury, Middlesex county, New Jersey, where the subject of this sketch was born on the 15th of October, 1862. His boyhood days were passed in his native town, where he mastered the elementary branches of learning and at the age of fifteen became a student in the New Brunswick high school. Having decided to make the study and practice of medicine his life work, he prepared himself for admission to the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1884, while the following year was spent in the Jefferson hospital. In 1885 he began practice in Keyport, New Jersey, from which place eleven years later he moved to Asbury Park, which offered a larger field for his efforts. In his profession he has been successful and has earned for himself a position of prominence among the leaders in his community.

Domestic in his tastes and habits, the Doctor has not become affiliated with social clubs or secret societies, but is interested in athletics and is an enthusiastic devotee of the wheel and a member of the Asbury Park Wheelmen's Club. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Reed was married on the 12th of June, 1899, to Miss Eva B. Hornby, of Keyport.

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E. C. HAZARD.

E. C. Hazard, founder of the E. C. Hazard Co., importers, New York City, and manufacturers of fancy groceries in Shrewsbury, Monmouth county, was born at Mumford's Mills, Rhode Island, April 4, 1831, son of Bowden and Theresa (Clark) Hazard.

Mr. Hazard was educated at the common schools of Narragansett, and at eighteen years of age came to New York City, and with horse and wagon engaged in introducing and vending special fancy groceries, particularly of foreign manufacture, to the grocer trade. In 1860 he founded an establishment of his own at 60 Baren's street, the nucleus of the present house of E. C. Hazard & Company, Hudson and North Moor street, New York City. In 1883, prospecting for a suitable place to carry out a plan, now matured, for the production of a pure article of tomato cat-up, he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres at Shrewsbury, New Jersey, erected

extensive factories thereon, and gave the name to the town to the various brands of the goods he manufactured. This plant includes the hand-oldest offices and one of the best equipped laboratories in the country. To his first specialty, Shrewsbury tomato ketchup, which became celebrated for its purity and excellence, he subsequently added canned tomatoes and canned baked beans. Later he cultivated and canned mushrooms. Mr. Hazard, after conceiving the idea, set before himself the problem of packing and preserving mushrooms in their own juice; he constructed a number of mushroom cellars on his farm, situated on a peninsula in the Shrewsbury river. The test of the problem soon passed the experimental stage, for the value of the crop of 1896 exceeded that of the previous year by nearly fifty thousand dollars, the value of the crop in 1895 being twelve hundred dollars. In the prosecution of this industry he employs several hundred hands and the scene in the busy season is picturesque in the extreme. In addition to packing tomatoes, tomato ketchup and mushrooms, Mr. Hazard packs and ships to his New York house, the distributing point, chili-pepper and burnt onion sauces, mayonnaise and salad dressing, asparagus, various kinds of jellies, and other tasty condiments.

At the Pure Food Association convention, held in Madison Square Garden, New York City in 1892, Mr. Hazard was the presiding officer. He is a member of the New York Mercantile Exchange, of the Commercial Club of New York City and of the Masonic fraternity, No. 418, R. A. M.

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#### CAPT. JAMES W. CONOVER.

Captain James W. Conover, a hero of the Civil war, surrendering his life in support of his country's flag, was born on his father's farm two miles southeast of Freehold, September 7, 1832. Such early education as he obtained was from the district schools of Freehold township. In early childhood he developed a strong military taste, and when only fourteen years of age, drilled a company of boys at Blue Ball in the county. In 1857 he was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the Third New Jersey State Militia, a position which he held until his death.

By instinct a soldier, only the severe illness of his wife prevented his offering his service upon the first call of President Lincoln for volunteers in 1861. But in 1862, when the July call was made for 300,000 more volunteers, he at once tendered his services to Governor Parker, was accepted and commissioned August 15, 1862, captain of Company D, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. The regiment went into camp at Camp Vredenburg, located on the historic Mormouth battle ground.

Captain Conover served at first in the Eighth Army Corps under command of General Wool, of Mexican war fame, and was first stationed at Monocacy Junction. While instructing his company here in the art of war, Captain Conover exhibited those marked qualities which would have given him higher rank in the army, had he lived and had opportunity offered. In July, 1863, his regiment was attached to the third division of the Third Army Corps, and Captain Conover served with his command continuously until his death. In 1863 he was in the following engagements in Virginia: Manassas Gap, Wapping Heights, St. Kelley's Ford, Brandy Station, Locust Grove and Mine Run. In 1864 he fought in the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Poe River, Hanover Court House, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Bermuda Hundred and Petersburg. The Fourteenth was then taken to Washington, D. C., to repel the invasion being made by the Confederates in Maryland. All through these battles the Captain displayed the greatest coolness and bravery in action. At the battle of Monocacy, Maryland, July 9, 1864, Captain Conover was in command

of a line of skirmishers, and in an assault on the enemy was shot through the right thigh near the hip. The regiment was forced from the field, losing nearly all its officers, and for a short time Captain Conover was a prisoner. The enemy, however, were driven from the field by the Union main line of battle, and Captain Conover was rescued and taken to the hospital at Frederick City, Maryland. Mrs. Conover, apprised of her husband being wounded, went to the front, followed him to the hospital, where he was patiently ending his sufferings, and remained until he died, August 2, 1864. His body was received at Freehold by military escort, which conducted him to the family residence. The funeral, August 9, was attended by the military, the societies of I. O. O. F. and F. & A. M., and by a large concourse of the citizens of the county. The pallbearers were: Lieutenant Abram Havens, Major Henry Bennett, Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Foreman, Lieutenant Thomas B. Ryal, Captain John W. Conover and Colonel A. H. Patterson.

Captain Conover was married in Freehold September 7, 1850, to Martha Rudolph Ellis. They had two children, Roland Ellis, who died at eleven years of age; and Lydia, who died at three years of age. Mrs. Conover still resides in Freehold. The farm owned by Captain Conover had descended from father to son for three generations. His father, Wykoff Conover, was born there August 24, 1784, and died there May 3, 1833; his mother, Ely Craig Conover, born in 1768, died in 1880. His grandfather, William B. Conover, was born on the same farm of three hundred acres in 1751, was a patriot in the war of the Revolution and died in 1807.

The father of Mrs. Captain Conover, Roland A. Ellis, was born in Kent county, Maryland, August 11, 1810, and died January 14, 1878. Her mother, Catherine Vanderveer, was born February 19, 1811, and died November 11, 1873. She had a brother, Charles B., who died on the old homestead September 23, 1901.

When a Grand Army post was organized in Freehold in 1882, the name chosen at its installation was that of James W. Conover.

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#### ARTHUR M. BROWN.

Arthur M. Brown, cashier of the Keyport Banking Company, was born July 12, 1850, and is the son of the late Thomas S. R. and Mary (Beers) Brown, both natives of New Jersey.

Arthur M. Brown received his schooling in Monmouth county, which tuition was concluded at Glenwood Institute, Matawan, New Jersey. In 1878 he entered the employ of his father, then a hardware, lumber and coal merchant, an association which continued until 1884, when he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Keyport, an institution which was succeeded in 1886 by the Keyport Banking Company. (See history elsewhere.) On March 1, 1900, he was appointed to the cashiership of the Keyport Banking Company, to succeed Garratt S. Jones, who resigned to become the cashier of the Rahway National Bank.

Mr. Brown, while affiliating with the Democratic party, generally, may be held to-day as an independent in politics. He has never sought political preferment, although he did complete an unexpired term as township collector, by appointment, in 1887.

Mr. Brown has been actively identified with every interest that has contributed to the development of the community. He was for seven years treasurer of the Keyport and Matawan Street Railroad Company; and for the past ten years has been treasurer of the Second Keyport Loan Association.

He was married December 12, 1883, to Minnie Melande, daughter of Benjamin

B. and Martha A. (Clark) Pierce, of Keyport. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have one child living, Mary Gladys. They reside at the corner of Broad and Elizabeth streets, Keyport, New Jersey, and attend the First Baptist church of that place.

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#### WILLIAM HOLMES WYCKOFF.

Among the fine fruit farms of Helmdel township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, those owned by William H. Wyckoff, who is living retired at Keyport, are conspicuous. These two farms, comprising about two hundred and forty acres, are planted with about one thousand pear, apple, peach and other domestic fruit trees and have yielded about one thousand barrels of apples in a single season.

William H. Wyckoff was born near the Highlands, in Monmouth county, November 27, 1824, a son of William G. and Lydia (Holmes) Wyckoff. In the paternal line he is of Holland-Dutch ancestry and his family is one of the oldest in New Jersey. Biographical sketches of members of the Holmes family which appear in this work contain the genealogy of Mr. Wyckoff's mother.

William G. and Lydia (Holmes) Wyckoff had five sons and one daughter, four of whom are living: William H. is the immediate subject of this sketch. His living brothers are named Jacob, Joseph and David, and John is deceased. William H. Wyckoff was married in 1853 to Elizabeth Tunis and they had seven children. The following facts concerning them will be of interest in this connection. Mary E. became the wife of William Sherman, a farmer in Marlboro township. John T. is in the hardware business at Keyport. Florence is a member of her father's household. Oscar lives at Keyport. David H. is a farmer at Middletown. Charles A. is a farmer on the old home farm. The mother of these children died October 10, 1892.

In politics Mr. Wyckoff is an ardent Democrat and although he has never taken an active interest in the affairs of his party he is an influential citizen of much public spirit, who is always ready to aid to the extent of his ability any movement which, in his good judgment, will benefit any considerable number of his fellow citizens. He is a man of sterling integrity, an excellent farmer and a successful business man.

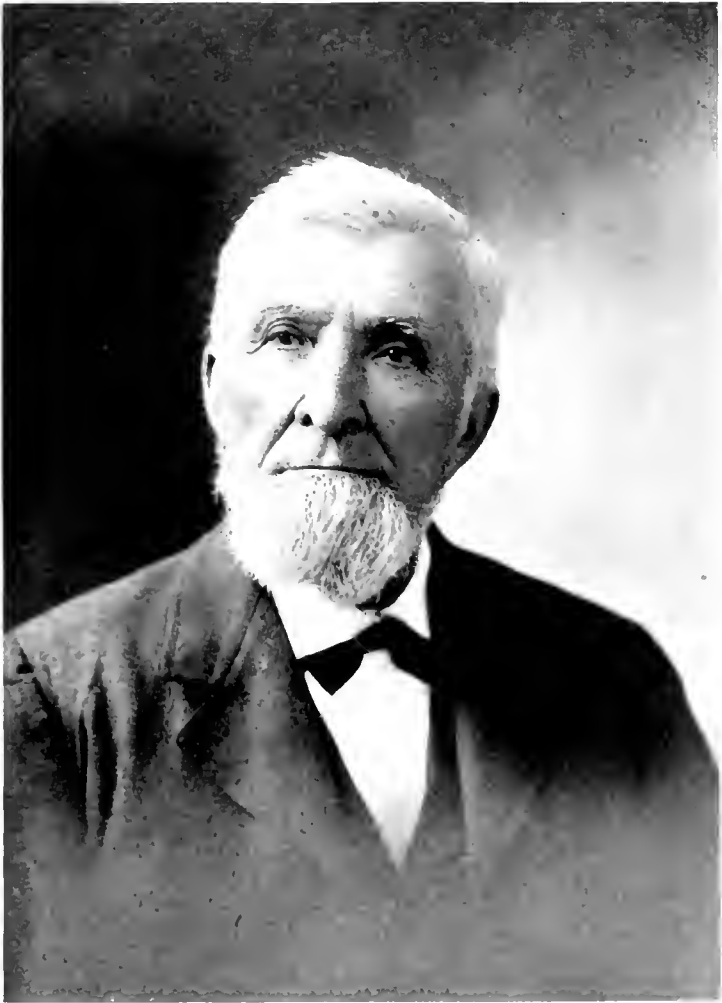
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#### JOHN L. SUYDAM.

John L. Suydam, physician and surgeon, Jamesburg, Middlesex county, New Jersey, is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Long Island, New York, and the son of Abraham and Letticia (Brunson) Suydam; he was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, October 13, 1850.

Abraham Suydam, father of Dr. John L. Suydam, was a son of John L. and Eleanor (Elberon) Suydam, and was born in Somerset county, February 28, 1830, spent his entire life there as a farmer and died there January 4, 1862. Letticia (Brunson) Suydam, who was the daughter of John W. and Sarah (Van Tine) Brunson, was born January 5, 1835, and lives with Dr. Suydam, who was the only child born to her.

John L. Suydam acquired his primary education in the district schools and supplemented it by a course in a private school at Middlebush, New Jersey. In September, 1873, he entered Rutgers preparatory school at New Brunswick, New Jersey,



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from which he was graduated in 1876. He then entered Rutgers College and was graduated in June, 1880, receiving the degree of A. B., and in June, 1883, he received the degree of A. M. During his senior year in college he read medicine in the office of Dr. H. R. Baldwin, of New Brunswick. After his graduation he entered the University Medical College of the city of New York, and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in March, 1882. In October of the same year he began the practice of his profession at Jamesburg, where he has achieved a satisfactory success. He is a member of the State Medical Society, of New Jersey, and an ex-president of the Middlesex County Medical Association. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He was married at Jamesburg, January 16, 1884, to Mary E. Park, daughter of Thomas and Jane Park. Dr. Suydam in politics is an ardent Republican. He is now secretary of the Middlesex county board of elections.

The Suydam family in America is descended from an old German family of the name of Ryeken, which lived in the lower part of Saxony, a German province, where the family possessed a large estate. The name was then written Von Ryeken, meaning of or from Ryeken. Hans (John) Von Ryken was a brave knight and a cousin of Melchoir Von Ryeken, who lived in Holland. Both Hans and Melchoir were in the first crusade to the Holy Land in 1096, and Hans perished in the expedition, but Melchoir survived and returned to his home. The descendants of Hans Von Ryeken spread into lower Saxony, Holstein, and Hamburg, and the descendants of Melchoir, afterward sometimes spelled Melchinor, spread from Holland south along the Rhine into Switzerland, and from this latter branch of the family came a distinguished man who was in great favor with Charles V of France.

The American branch of the Von Ryeken family descended from a branch of Melchinor, at Amsterdam, where for nearly two hundred years members of it held, with the greatest honor, offices of public trust. In the war with Spain at the time of the reign of William, Prince of Orange, of whom the Von Ryekens were active supporters, the family met with the greatest reverses of fortune. The Von Ryekens also supported William of Nassau, when that prince took up arms in defense of Dutch liberty, and for a long time were known as a military family. When the virtuous and daring Hollanders were invited to seek a home in America, several of the Von Ryeken or Von Ryker family, descendants of Melchinor, joined them. The names of the members of this family who came to this country were Abraham, Gysbert, Rynier and Hendrick. Hendrick Von Ryeken emigrated from Schiedam or Saardam in Holland, a few years after the three others mentioned above came over, and landed at Nassau (New York) in 1663. He was a blacksmith by trade and settled on an outskirt of New York, at a place called Smith's Fly or Smith's Meadows, where he purchased a house and considerable land. In 1678, on account of the great number of snakes with which that locality was infested, he was compelled to leave there, and with his wife, Ida Jacobs, he settled in Flatbush, Long Island, and in 1679 he united with the Dutch Reformed church there. He afterward sold the property in New York to Derrick Vander Cliff, in whose honor Cliff street, New York, was named.

Hendrick Ryeken (the *von* seems to have been dropped about this time) acquired much land at Flatbush and elsewhere. He died in 1701 and in his will particularly enjoined his wife Ida to give strict attention to the training of his children, whose names were Hendrick, Ryeken, Jacob, Ida, Gertrude and Jane. In 1710 Hendrick, Ryeken and Jacob, three of the children mentioned, adopted the name of Suydam evidently following the custom in vogue then, and still existing in some countries, of taking a family name from the family's place of residence or from the place of nativity of its ancestors. Suydam was evidently taken from Schiedam.

Saardam in Holland, the birthplace of Hendrick. Rycken, who thus changed the family name to Suydam, was the original ancestor of all the Suydams in New York, New Jersey and adjoining states.

Rycken Suydam, son of Hendrick, was born in 1665, lived at Flatbush, and was supervisor and judge there for several years. He was twice married and died in 1741, leaving nine children. Jacob Suydam, born in 1666, was a farmer and blacksmith. He lived in Flatbush on the site of the old brewery on land owned at a comparatively recent date by Garret Stryker, and was supervisor in 1709 and again in 1717. He married Sytie Jacobs, and died in 1738, in his seventy-second year, leaving thirteen children.

Hendrick, the brother of the two above, was a farmer at Bedford on land which he bought from his father in 1698. He died in 1741, leaving three children, Lambert, Henry and Elsie. Lambert married Abigail Leffert, of Bedford, and died in 1764. Hendrick, born December 2, 1706, married Gertrude Ryerson, of Wallabout. He was a farmer and blacksmith and lived at Bedford, where he died July 16, 1778, leaving four children named Lambert, Jacob, Hendrick and Christiana. Elsie married John Lott, of Flatbush. Lambert, son of the last mentioned Hendrick, born at Bedford in 1743 was a captain in the Kings county troop at the beginning of the Revolutionary war. His first wife was Sarah, daughter of Joseph Hegerman, and his second wife was Anna, daughter of Barant Johnson, of Wallabout. He died April 11, 1833, in the ninetieth year of his age. His children were Anna; Gertrude, who married Peter Wykoff; Maria, who married Daniel Lott; Hendrick, who married Gertrude, daughter of Dominie Van Pelt, and for his second wife Margaret, daughter of D. Rapailje, and widow of Abraham Sneiderker. The children of Hendrick were named Abraham, Charity, Hendrick, Sarah, Ann and Daniel R.

Jacob Suydam, the brother of Lambert, was born February 3, 1740, and settled at Bushwick. He married Elizabeth Leayeroff and died July 27, 1811. His children were George, who married Jane Voorhees; Gertrude, who married Adrian Martense; Jacob; and Hendrick, who married Helen, daughter of John Schenck.

Hendrick, brother of Lambert and Jacob, was born in 1732 and married Rebecca Emmons, of New Utrecht. He removed from Bedford to Flatbush in 1750, and lived there until his death, which occurred July 9, 1805, on a large farm, which then passed into the hands of his children, Hendrick and Andrew. The latter married Phoebe Wykoff, of Gravesend, and lived on the old homestead, which was his portion of his father's estate. He died December 11, 1833, aged seventy-four years, leaving a daughter Sarah, who married John Ditmars, of Flatbush.

Hendrick, brother of Andrew, and son of Hendrick, farmed on the portion of his father's land which was left to him, and held the honorable position of a colonel in the state militia. In 1806 he sold his original farm and purchased another near Flatlands. He married a Miss Kowenhoven, of Flatlands, who died leaving a daughter, Rebecca. His second wife, Lemian Lott, of Flatlands, bore him four children—Ida, Jeronius, Henry and Cornelius. Hendrick Suydam died May 24, 1823, at the age of seventy-four years. His daughter Rebecca died unmarried, September 5, 1874, aged eighty-three years. His daughter, Ida, married John Vanderveer, a successful farmer of New Lots, and died February 5, 1873, aged seventy-seven years. Her children were named John, Henry, Ann and Stephen Lott.

Henry, son of the last named Hendrick, occupied a house which he built on a portion of his father's farm, and assisted his brother Cornelius on the farm. He married Mary Van Brunt, of New Utrecht, and died January 10, 1847, aged forty-eight years. His children were Joanna, who married Elias Bergen, of New Utrecht, and died without issue; and Henry, who died in early manhood, unmarried.

Cornelius married Lemian Van Nuyse, daughter of Hans Van Nuyse, of Flat-

lands. He inherited his father's homestead, which he farmed and on which he died, March 8, 1883, aged eighty years. His children were Lemian; John, who married Elen Maria Bergen, of New Utrecht; and Ellen Rebecca.

Jeromus, the remaining brother, was born in Flatlands, December 28, 1796, and spent his life as a farmer. He married Harriet Lott Voorhees, daughter of Abraham and Martha (Lott) Voorhees, of Flatlands, January 2, 1825. He died November 13, 1872, his wife January 25, 1868. Their children were Henry, who died July 4, 1899; Lemian, who is dead; Daniel Lott; Mary, who is the widow of William Martin; Lemian, the second of the name; and Harriet Rebecca, who married John J. Ryder.

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#### VALENTINE P. BUCK.

The Buck family have been known in Monmouth county, New Jersey, since 1686, when it is recorded that John Buck was a resident of what is now known as Toms River, Ocean county, New Jersey.

Lieutenant Ephraim Buck, supposed grandson of the above named, was a lieutenant in Monmouth county, New Jersey, in January, 1780, and served in the Continental army, directly under General Washington. He married Mary Wainright, who belonged to an English family which had settled in Monmouth county as early as 1668. Lieutenant Ephraim Buck founded the Methodist church at Bethesda, Monmouth county, New Jersey, in the year 1777, was local preacher there, and he and his wife are there buried. Their son, John Buck, born July 7, 1768, resided in the village of Marlborough, Monmouth county, and kept the public house there at the time of his death, which occurred April 16, 1820, while attending services in the Brick church, dying in the arms of his friend, Aaron Smock. He married Ann West, who was born May 28, 1774, and died April 12, 1854. She was the daughter of Jacob West and Anna Rhea.

David Buck, the father of our subject, a son of John and Ann (West) Buck, was born January 10, 1799, at Marlborough, and died at Freehold on February 7, 1879. He was educated in the public schools of his township, and became an extensive farmer, operating a large tract of land located one mile from Freehold. He was also an extensive wholesale dealer in produce and sea products, and occupied a wholesale produce and fish stand in Philadelphia for seventeen years, from which he supplied Philadelphia, Lancaster, Trenton and many other points in West Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. All his business was done by teaming, and his career was active and successful. He was one of the early members of the Dutch Reformed church, and was very active in its affairs, holding the offices of deacon and elder for a number of years. In politics he was a Whig and subsequently a Republican; he was an active party man, and was at one time a school trustee in West Freehold. He was possessed of literary tastes to a high degree, and was practically self-educated. He died in 1880, at the age of eighty years. His wife was Cornelia (born October 3, 1806, died December 13, 1885), daughter of William L. and Margaret (Denise) Thompson. Of their marriage were born the following named children: William Thompson, born November 17, 1829, and died April 24, 1852; Jacob West, born January 31, 1820, and died January 15, 1868, who married Amelia Augusta Campbell, born May 4, 1833, a daughter of William Campbell and Hannah Bowen; Margaret Ann, born February 4, 1831, and died November 23, 1856, who was the wife of Levi Solomon, who was born August 10, 1826, and died June 14, 1893; Angelina, born May 18, 1833, who married John T. Campbell, born in November, 1825, son of Thomas Campbell and Mary Griggs, and now a farmer living in Coltsneck; Cather-

ine Louisa, born July 19, 1835, and died on October 9, 1860, who married Garret Conover Buck, son of John and Maria P. Buck; Mary, born July 22, 1837, and died May 7, 1884; she married Joseph H. Thompson, who was born on October 26, 1835, and died July 31, 1881, a son of Rasha Thompson and Mary Hendrickson; Valentine P., who is our subject; Melville P., born May 15, 1843, who married Hulda B. Robinson, a daughter of Henry Robinson and Sarah Lefferson; John, born September 15, 1845, and died October 27, 1845; Emily Tallman, born December 1, 1846, and died on March 31, 1885, married Henry B. Clark, born November 6, 1836, died August 29, 1871; David Henry, born September 24, 1850, who married Mary Green DuBois, born July 25, 1854, who was a daughter of John DuBois and Catherine Denise.

Valentine P. Buck, who is the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's farm in Marlborough township, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He was educated in the district schools and the Freehold Institute, and immediately after finishing the course he engaged in farming. Mr. Buck has kept up the family reputation as an agriculturist, and is considered not only one of the best farmers of his township, but also one of its most estimable citizens.

November 10, 1860, he was married to Miss Sarah Schanck Smock, of Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, a granddaughter of the Aaron Smock previously mentioned.

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#### DR. DANIEL EDGAR ROBERTS.

Dr. D. E. Roberts, of Keyport, was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, October 9, 1861. He is a son of Daniel and the late Eleanor V. (Arrowsmith) Roberts, both natives of Monmouth county. Daniel Roberts is a son of the late Rev. Thomas Roberts, a distinguished Baptist minister, who came to the United States from Wales in 1803 and located at Newark, New Jersey, where in 1860, he married Elizabeth Rutan of Newark. Among the churches whose pulpits were filled by Rev. Thomas Roberts were those at Utica, Albany, New York City and Philadelphia. He was recognized as one of the most gifted of the ministers of his denomination of his day and exerted his talents most beneficially along broad lines and in diverse ways. He was pre-eminently a believer in going into all the world and preaching the gospel to every creature. He was one of that very small number of devoted Christian ministers, who at the dawn of the nineteenth century in the United States of America first voiced the cry "The world for Christ." He was also especially interested in his advocacy of the cause of temperance. While located at Philadelphia, Dr. Roberts was a most active and efficient member of the board of foreign missions. He there organized a company of missionaries, which he took with him to the Cherokee Nation, and in this connection he assisted in the framing of the constitution of that nation. He adapted the English alphabet for the Indians, and having accomplished this he utilized it in the translation of the Sunday-school spelling book. In 1825 he settled with his family in Middletown township, Monmouth county, which was practically his home during the remainder of his life. He died September 24, 1865. His son, Daniel Roberts, was a prominent agriculturist of Monmouth county, and for a number of years a hardware merchant of Toms River. He has lived in retirement from active pursuits since 1885 and resides with his son at Keyport. His wife, the late Eleanor V. (Arrowsmith) Roberts, was a daughter of Major Thomas Arrowsmith, whose military title was acquired through his connection with the Home Guards of Monmouth county. Major Arrowsmith was a stalwart Democrat, and gave liberally of his



*D. E. Roberts, M.D.*



time, talent, and means toward the advancement of the interests of his party in county, state and nation. He was intrusted with the duties of numerous offices of political preterment, to the fulfillment of which duties he proved in each case abundantly equal. His tenure of the office of judge of the court of errors, and of secretary of the state of New Jersey, was marked by conspicuously efficient service. He married Emma Van Brackle.

Dr. Daniel Edgar Roberts received his initial schooling in public schools and under private tutors of Monmouth county; he took an academic course at Hightstown, New Jersey; studied medicine under the preceptorship of the late Dr. J. E. Arrowsmith of Keyport; entered the medical department of the University of New York City, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1885. Immediately thereafter he established himself at Keyport, where he has an extensive practice. He married February 20, 1860, Miss Mary E., daughter of the late Obadiah Stillwell. Mrs. Roberts died January 12, 1893, leaving two children, Marion and Edna Roberts. Dr. Roberts is a member of Monmouth County Medical Society, of the staff of Monmouth County Memorial Hospital and physician to and member of Keyport board of health. The demands upon his time by his professional duties have restricted Dr. Roberts from active connection along other public lines, but he is recognized as one of the substantial, valuable, and public spirited citizens of Keyport.

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#### SAMUEL RIKER.

Samuel Riker, for over forty years prominently identified with the New York bar, and now enjoying an honorable retirement, has proved himself a worthy descendant of a family that have made their home in this country since 1638. Abraham Rycken or de Ryeke, as the name is written in earlier records, who was born in 1610, emigrated here from Amsterdam, and received an allotment of land at the Wallabout from Governor Kieft. In 1654 he also secured a grant of land at Poor Bowery from Governor Stuyvesant; a portion of this land, comprising about one hundred acres, has never been out of the possession of the family, and is now owned in part by Samuel Riker. Mr. Rycken afterward added to his possessions the island known as Riker's Island. His wife was a daughter of Hendrick Harmensen. Mr. Rycken died in 1680, and left his farm by will to his son Abraham, who added extensively to the lands, and at his decease, which occurred in 1746, in his ninety-first year, he left the estate to his sons, Abraham and Andrew Riker. John Berrian Riker, grandson of Abraham Riker, joined the army under command of Washington, piloted Washington across the Delaware (Riker's *Annals of Newtown*) and acted in the capacity of surgeon during the entire war. Abraham Riker, another grandson of Abraham Riker, was present at the fall of Montgomery at Quebec, and displayed his courage at the battle of Saratoga. He died at Valley Forge May 7, 1778, expressing his regret that he was not allowed to live to witness the freedom of his country. A cenotaph has been erected in his honor in the family cemetery at Poor Bowery. Samuel Riker, another grandson of Abraham Riker, was a man much admired for his public spirit, integrity and loyalty, and after the Revolution he served as supervisor of Newtown for several years; he was a member of the state assembly, and was twice a member of Congress. Among his sons was Andrew Riker, who commanded a merchant vessel in the European and West India trade, and in the war of 1812 commanded the privateers, *Saratoga* and *Yorktown*. Another son, Richard Riker, was admitted to the bar in 1795, and acted as district attorney of New York for ten years from 1802, and for twenty years thereafter held the post of

recorder of New York City. His eloquent conversational qualities and courtly manners made him a favorite in the social world, while his extensive legal knowledge and his keen insight into character eminently fitted him to preside over the criminal courts. John L. Riker, another son of Abraham Riker, studied law with his brother Richard, and remained in that profession until his death, which occurred in 1861. He was noted for his uprightness and honest dealings with all men. He was a member of the New York constitutional convention of 1846.

Samuel Riker, the sixth child in order of birth of John L. and Lavinia (Smith) Riker, was born April 10, 1832, and received a common school education, which was supplemented by an extensive course of reading in history and the best English literature. He commenced the study of law with J. H. and H. L. Riker, of New York, and was admitted to the bar in 1853. Among his professional brethren he was distinguished for his profound knowledge of the law of real property, and for his skill in the drawing and interpretation of wills, investigations of titles, trust deeds, and marriage settlements, and in these departments was without a superior. He rarely appeared in court except in very important cases, but was largely engaged in advising executors and trustees, and in the settlement of estates in the Surrogate's court. He has perfected many questionable titles by taking judicial proceedings or procuring legislative action, as required by the necessities of the case. He was executor of the wills of Sarah Burr and her sisters, and in that capacity distributed several millions of dollars among a large number of benevolent and charitable institutions in New York City. He was for more than thirty years attorney and counsel for the Sailors' Snug Harbor; and he prepared all instruments and protected all interests in connection with the valuable landed estate of that institution, both in New York City and on Staten Island. He numbered among his clients many of the wealthy and prominent citizens of New York City. He retired from business on January 1, 1893.

Mr. Riker is very domestic in his habits, fond of his home, and he has gathered around him a library rich in almost every department of literature. On October 11, 1895, Mr. Riker married a great-granddaughter of Major Jonathan Lawrence, of Revolutionary fame.

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#### WILL E. WARN.

Will E. Warn, a popular and successful pharmacist of Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a son of Nicholas E. and Lydia E. (Lambertson) Warn, and was born February 5, 1853, at South Amboy, New Jersey. The Warn family is of English origin and was established in New Jersey in pre-Revolutionary times. James Warn, the paternal grandfather of our subject, received a generous share of the old Dutch blood from his mother, who was a Morgan. Both the Warn and Morgan families held a pronounced contempt for Toryism and both families were staunch Continentalists from the colonial days. The grandfather, James Warn, was a most positive Democrat and an active party worker, always holding a prominent position in his party in the town of Jacksonville, where he spent most of his life after his marriage. He was for several terms collector of Amboy township, which has since been subdivided into a number of townships. He was the father of two sons and four daughters, of which family the two youngest daughters are now living, their homes being in the far west.

Nicholas E. Warn, father of him whose name introduces this review, was born April 17, 1825, on a farm near South Amboy. He received the advantages offered by the common schools of his time and on reaching manhood chose the trade of





*William E. Warn.*



a mason, which vocation he pursued with success until 1878, when he gave up active work and took up his abode with his son. Like his father, he was a most unconditional Democrat, and fraternally he was associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge in South Amboy. He died June 6, 1893, and is survived by his wife, their son, Will E., and a daughter, the wife of Elgin E. Cline, all residents of Keyport.

Will E. Warn acquired a good business education, attending first the public schools of Keyport and later private schools. On leaving school he took up the study of drugs, their properties and their uses, under the tutelage of Dr. W. Hodgson, of Keyport. After a thorough and earnest course of study he passed a highly creditable examination before the New Jersey state board of pharmacy, and on the 12th of June, 1872, started in business for himself, opening a drug store in Keyport. He has been in the drug business ever since that June day when he put up his first prescription, and he commands a large and profitable trade. Mr. Warn was a director in the People's National Bank of Keyport from its organization in 1889 to the 1st of January, 1901, when he was elected its president, which office he now holds.

In politics Mr. Warn is a Democrat. He is a member of the board of commissioners of Keyport and has been the treasurer of that body for the past ten years. He is connected with all orders representing the different branches of Odd Fellows in Keyport; is a member of Frclinghuysen Council, No. 68, J. O. U. A. M.; Comen No. 1436, R. A.; Caeserea Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M.; Delta Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., and in the line of his business is connected with the American and New Jersey Pharmaceutical Associations.

Mr. Warn was married on the 10th of October, 1868, to Miss Laura B. Warne, daughter of James Morgan Warne, of Charles City, Iowa. His domestic life is a most ideal one and his home relations of the very happiest character. He takes the deepest interest and has the most sincere regard for the welfare of Keyport and its people. He keenly appreciates the generous support they have accorded him since, as a mere boy, he took his place in their business ranks. As a business man Mr. Warn is wide-awake, progressive, and yet conservative, and keeps himself in touch with the rapidly advancing ideas of his profession. Those who know him best are strongest in declaring him to be most careful, painstaking and conscientious in his business relations; charitable toward all; true as a friend and faithful to all the demands of good citizenship. He is widely known and justly honored.

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DAVID BUCK.

David Buck, a scion of the old Buck family of Revolutionary fame, was born on the family homestead in Freehold township in 1827, son of John Buck and Maria (Conover) Buck. An ancestor, Ephraim, came to Monmouth county, New Jersey, from Long Island before the war of 1770, and was a lieutenant in that war at 15 subsequently a farmer. He was married in what is now Marlboro township and died there in 1829; his son John died about two years after the death of his father, in Marlboro township. John Buck, Jr., son of the latter and the father of David Buck, our subject, was born in the same township in 1805, was married in 1827, began farming in Freehold in 1834, and died there in 1879 at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Buck's mother, born in 1808, died December 20, 1901. The children born to these parents were: Garret Conover, a farmer in Freehold township; Louisa, the widow of Thomas Applegate; John H.; William C., a miller in Atlantic township; Mary A.

who married O. C. Harbutt, of Marlboro township; Jane Maria, who married James E. Johnson, of Brooklyn, New York; Eleanor, who died as Mrs. Aaron Schanck in 1882 (her husband also is deceased, and of her six children, only one, Miss Minnie Schanck, survives); Andrew Jackson, a retired farmer living in Freehold; and David.

David Buck was educated and brought up on his father's farm, and lived there until he began farming for himself in 1870 upon a farm situated a little south of Freehold. He continued here until the spring of 1900, when he removed to Freehold, where he now resides, No. 82 South street. Since the spring of 1898 he has been a freeholder of Freehold township and is recognized as one of the most successful and influential farmers of the country. In 1872 he was married to Eleanor Taylor in Marlboro township. They have one child, William Buck, born May 4, 1875, who has been carefully reared to farm life. The son, during the recent Spanish-American war, enlisted in Company I, Third New York Volunteers, and was with his regiment in camp in the south when peace was proclaimed. The son was married in February, 1901, to Gertrude Truax at the latter's home in Freehold, and is in the hardware business in Freehold, a member of the firm of De Nise & Buck.



#### JOHN S. HOLMES.

"Agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation to which man devotes his energies," said George Washington more than a century ago. History verifies this statement, and it is therefore a matter of just pride to be connected with an occupation of so much importance. It forms the basis of all commercial activity and in fact is the very foundation of all business prosperity. Mr. Holmes represents an honored family that for many generations has been connected with farming interests in New Jersey, and he is to-day numbered among the leading and enterprising agriculturists of Monmouth county, where he owns and operates two hundred acres of valuable land.

His birth occurred on the 7th of October, 1851, in Atlantic township, Monmouth county, where his parents, Joseph H. and Ann (Crawford) Holmes, resided for a short time. His paternal great-grandfather, John S. Holmes, was a resident of Holmdel, now Holmdel township, where his death occurred on the 15th of August, 1821. He early began his career as a merchant, but later removed to the farm now owned by his great-grandson, John S. Holmes, where he followed successfully for many years the vocation of an agriculturist. He married Sarah Hendrickson, whose death occurred August 28, 1824. Their children were: Mary, who became the wife of Albert Van Brunt; John H.; Catherine, the wife of Daniel H. Ellis; Emma, who married George Taylor; Eleanor, the wife of Charles Hasbrook; and Daniel. The last named was born on the 27th of December, 1792, at Baptistown, now Holmdel, and spent his early years at the home of his parents. His father at this time was engaged in the business of a country merchant, in which he proved an invaluable assistant. He received his education in the neighboring school, and on the removal of the family to Matawan, in the same county, he embarked for three years in mercantile pursuits. On the death of his father, in 1821, he returned to the farm owned by the latter in Holmdel, now Holmdel township, and became interested in the labors attending to its cultivation. Mr. Holmes was, on the 15th of November, 1813, married to Rhoda, a daughter of Chimeyonce Van Mater, of Middletown township. To this union were born these children,—Huldah, born February 23, 1815, was married to Joseph Holmes Long-street, and her children are



John S. Holmes



Rhoda H. and Lydia Ann; Catherine, who was born June 9, 1817, and is the wife of John W. Ely, by whom she has three children, Daniel H., Eugene and John M.; John S., born September 2, 1819, died March 2, 1820; Sarah, born April 16, 1821, died September 15, 1822; Joseph H. is the father of our subject; Maria Louisa, born May 2, 1826, is the wife of Ely Conover; Sarah, born January 13, 1829, is the wife of Ruloff P. Smock, and their children are Daniel H., Peter, V. D., and Catherine H. Mr. Holmes, in connection with his farming enterprise, was also engaged in business pursuits at Holmdel for many years. His political sympathies were with the Democratic party, whose principles he advocated with untiring zeal during a long and active life. This party, in recognition of his services, several times elected him to the state legislature, as also to the office of sheriff of Monmouth county for one term. He was a member of the convention to revise the constitution of the state and was prominently mentioned as the nominee for congressional honors. He was largely identified with township and county matters and exercised a marked influence on the business and public interests of the portion of the state where he resided. His death occurred October 27, 1851, in his fifty-ninth year, and that of his wife on the 20th of January, 1838, in her forty-sixth year.

Joseph H. Holmes, the father of our subject, was born on the old family homestead, which is now in the possession of our subject and has been in the family through five generations. It belonged to his father, the Hon. Daniel Holmes, and was inherited by Joseph Holmes. The latter pursued his early education in the schools of Holmdel and later continued his studies in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, under the direction of Rev. Samuel Hammill, D. D., while subsequently he became a student in the institute at Lennox, Massachusetts. On completing his education he assumed the management of the home farm at the age of seventeen years, and thus carried on operations for eight years. It was then the property of his father, but by inheritance and purchase it passed into his possession and was successfully conducted by him for a long period. He placed it under a very high state of cultivation, making it a valuable place, and in addition to the raising of grain he devoted considerable time to the breeding of fine blooded horses for the race track, his farm becoming a favorite rendezvous with turfmen. In addition to his other interests, he was for several years county director of the Matawan Bank and a director and treasurer of the Holmdel Fire Insurance Company. He was a zealous promoter and one of the directors of Monmouth County Agricultural Society, which largely stimulated the farmers to put forth their best efforts in producing fine crops and stock. He exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, but never sought or desired office.

On the 10th of September, 1848, Mr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Ann Crawford, a daughter of James G. Crawford, of Holmdel township, Monmouth county. Their children were: Carrie C., the wife of Asher S. Ely; John S., of this review; Daniel, a retired business man living in the state of California; and Lizzie, deceased. After his marriage Mr. Holmes resided for two years at Barrentown, in Atlantic township, and then returned to the old home farm, the cultivation and improvement of which claimed his attention throughout the remainder of his life. He was a man of sterling integrity, a generous friend and a genial companion, and his death, which occurred November 28, 1862, was the occasion of deep regret throughout the community. To the poor of his community he endeared himself by his kindly sympathy and boundless generosity. He was ever ready to give freely of his means to the unfortunate, and his obsequies were attended by all of his neighbors of this class, each of whom had been the object of his benefactions. His wife

was called to her final rest January 26, 1894. She was a beloved member of the Baptist church at Holmdel.

John S. Holmes pursued his early education in the village schools and later continued his studies at Fergusonville Academy, in New York. Under his father's direction and as his assistant he became familiar with farm work in early life and has always engaged in agricultural pursuits, being now engaged in the cultivation of the old home place. The farm of two hundred acres is one of the finest in the entire community, everything being kept in first-class condition. System, order, neatness and thrift, all are manifest, and the home, on a beautiful site, is one of the most attractive residences in the locality.

Mr. Holmes has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Anna L. Lake, in October, 1881, and unto them were born three children, two of whom, Catherine L. and Joseph H., are living, and Carrie C. died in infancy. The mother, who was greatly esteemed by friends and neighbors, passed away in March, 1888, and on the 6th of March, 1890, Mr. Holmes was joined in wedlock to Rhoda Longstreet, of Holmdel, who was born August 18, 1853, a daughter of Holmes and Hilda Longstreet, the former a prominent farmer of Holmdel township, Monmouth county. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have one son, John S., Jr. The parents are active members of the Baptist church, zealously co-operating in its work and doing all in their power for its upbuilding. Mr. Holmes follows farming along scientific principles and upon his place are found the latest improved machinery and modern equipments. He also engages in the raising of fine horses and his place is famous for its excellent trotting stock. He is widely known as a reliable business man, worthy of trust and confidence, and wherever known is esteemed for his social qualities.

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#### DANIEL P. VAN DORN.

The Van Dorn family of New Jersey, named in the genealogical appendix to this work, originated with Jacobus Van Dorn, who came from Holland and settled on Long Island, whence he removed (in 1698) to Marlborough township, in Monmouth county, where he purchased a tract of six hundred and seventy-six acres of land. Connected with this is a fact remarkable in these days of disruption of estates—that this tract descended directly, through an unbroken line of ancestors, and through a period of nearly two centuries, to the subject of this memoir, and to his son, William Van Dorn.

Jacob Van Dorn was actively concerned in community affairs, and when the First Reformed church was founded in Freehold, in 1709, he became one of the two deacons. He married Maritje Bennet, who possessed ample means. Their son, Peter Van Dorn, was born July 4, 1755, on the ancestral farm now in the township of Marlborough. He was a prosperous farmer and added materially to the value of his estate. He married Jane Williamson (born July 5, 1758), who bore him twelve children—Mary, Jacob, Elbert, Williampe, Anne, John, William, Isaac, Peter, Arthur, Jannetje and Sarah, whose descendants are now dispersed throughout the entire country.

Of the family above named, William, born March 2, 1700, married (November 28, 1815) Catherine Polhemus. She was a daughter of Daniel Polhemus, whose home was in what is now Atlantic township. Daniel Polhemus was a Revolutionary war soldier, who was made prisoner by the British, and endured the horrors of confinement in the notorious Sugar House prison in New York City. Four children



were born of this marriage—Catherine, Jane, Daniel P. and Mary. Jane, born March 14, 1819, was married (March 10, 1842) to John Rue Perrine, of Manalapan, and to them were born four children: William Van Dorn, who was a graduate of Harvard Law School, and died December 27, 1871; Catherine Polhemus, who married W. M. Reckless; John and Mary Patterson died young.

Daniel P. Van Dorn, only son in the family named, was born October 7, 1820, on the home-stead where he passed his life. He was educated at Glenwood Institute, Matawan, and in an academy at Lenox, Massachusetts. He then returned home, and assisted in the management of the farm until the death of his father, when he received a portion of the estate as his patrimony and acquired the remainder by purchase. He was not only an industrious and successful farmer, but he was also a man of affairs and prominent in public concerns, in all of which he acquitted himself with energy and ability. He was at all times a leader in all movements pertaining to the advantage of the community and state. He was a prominent member of the Monmouth County Agricultural Society, and he was one of the projectors of the Freehold and New York Railroad, and a director in the company. At various times he served as chosen freeholder and in other township offices. A Democrat in politics, he represented his party in the assembly in 1854, and served upon various important committees, among them that on banks and banking. He was a member of the Reformed Dutch church.

September 9, 1874, Mr. Van Dorn was married to Miss Anna J. Roche, a member of an old and prominent family, of North Hadley, Massachusetts, and of this marriage was born a son, William, August 29, 1875. Mr. Van Dorn died November 23, 1898.

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#### WILLIAM R. HAGERMAN.

William R. Hagerman, one of the earliest residents of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, was born in Howell township, Monmouth county, in 1832. For twenty-five years before his death he and his family resided on Main avenue, Ocean Grove. During this time many changes occurred in the place, and Mr. Hagerman was one of those who took particular interest in lending his support to all movements of a progressive and beneficial character. By occupation he was a blacksmith and wheelwright, which business he conducted on South Main street, Asbury Park, up to within three years of his death, when he retired from active duties. Among the positions conferred upon Mr. Hagerman by his township was that of overseer of the poor. In February, 1878, he was elected vice-president of the Asbury Park Building and Loan Association, and February 9, 1881, he was elected president, a position which he held until his death.

In the death of Mr. Hagerman, Asbury Park and Ocean Grove lost a sturdy and upright character, one noted for usefulness and faithfulness to duty, both public and private. His name bears an honored place on the list of the pioneers who have fostered the growth of these two world renowned resorts. Mr. Hagerman passed away on July 22, 1901, leaving a widow and six children, as follows: Henry, manager of the Charles Lewis Lumber Company, at Red Bank; Effie, an instructor in Columbia Women's College, South Carolina; James; Arthur; Edna; and Edith Hagerman. The Asbury Park Building and Loan Association, through a committee consisting of Henry C. Winsor, Amos Lippincott and T. Frank Appleby, adopted the following resolutions with reference to the death of Mr. Hagerman:

Whereas It hath pleased Divine Providence to remove from our midst the late William R. Hagerman, who has for many years been president of the Asbury Park Building and Loan Association, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the board of directors hereby express their appreciation of his merit and valuable services rendered during his long tenure of office. He was held in the highest esteem. His kindly but impartial manner in all his dealings won for him the confidence and firm friendship of all.

*Resolved*, That to the bereaved widow and family be tendered our sympathy and condolence.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the association, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased and published in the local papers.

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#### CHARLES READ.

Charles Read is an esteemed resident of Coltsneck, New Jersey, and comes of an ancestry honorable and distinguished. His paternal grandfather was Wilson Read, a son of William Thornton Read, and both were born in Scotland. The former became the founder of the family in the new world, emigrating to the United States when yet a young man. He first located on Long Island, where he purchased a farm and where he also successfully carried on a mercantile business in connection with his agricultural pursuits. It was the custom in those days, when the weather was pleasant, for a merchant to travel through the country and offer his goods for sale to the farmers at their country homes, and this custom Wilson Read followed, it being a great mutual accommodation to both parties. Finally leaving Long Island, Mr. Read removed to New Jersey, settling in Monmouth county, where he purchased a large tract of fertile and valuable land, placing it under a high state of cultivation. It is the same upon which his son's widow and her family now reside. His business interests were vigorously prosecuted, so that success attended his efforts and he became a prosperous man. He reached the advanced age of seventy-two years, and throughout the years of his residence in this country commanded the respect and good will of all with whom he came in contact.

Wilson Read was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Bennett, of Atlantic township, Monmouth county, a daughter of Logan Bennett, one of the gallant soldiers of the Continental army. Aroused by the oppression of Great Britain the colonists revolted, and he joined the army to fight for liberty. He suffered imprisonment and other hardships of war and ultimately was granted a pension by the government. Three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Read, namely: Thomas H., who was born on Long Island, January 12, 1841; Sarah, born November 12, 1844; and Jane A., born on the 27th of August, 1847, but all are now deceased. The parents, too, have passed away, but they wrought along lines of general good and contributed to the substantial upbuilding and improvement of the section of the country in which they made their homes.

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#### THOMAS H. READ.

The name of Thomas H. Read is inseparably connected with a work which has important bearing upon the prosperity as well as the individual happiness of all people. He was a staunch advocate of the temperance cause, and his efforts along that line contributed in no small measure to the advancement of temperance prin-



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ciples. Fearless in defense of his honest convictions, he labored to promote the abolition of intoxicants through law, and to abolish their use by the individual, and his influence in that direction was of no restricted order.

Mr. Read was born on Long Island, January 12, 1841, a son of Wilson and Cornelia (Bennett) Read; the former was a native of Scotland, and in his life the son manifested many of the sterling characteristics of his Scotch ancestry. Upon the home farm he was reared and throughout his business career he carried on agricultural pursuits. He was regarded as one of the most thorough, pain-taking, practical and progressive farmers of the township. His business interests were also characterized by unfaltering honesty and fair treatment of those with whom he had dealings.

On the 15th of July, 1893, Mr. Read was united in marriage to Miss Hannah C. Thornton, of Brooklyn, New York, and they became the parents of ten children: William T.; Jane; John; Cornelia, now deceased; Harry W.; Charles B.; Roland; Hannah C.; Thomas, who has now passed away; and Thomas T. Read. The mother of this family was born July 7, 1835, and resides in the old home, enjoying the comfort which her husband's industry and forethought provided. The family is one greatly respected throughout this portion of the state, and the members of the household occupy an enviable position in social circles.

The father, Thomas H. Read, was for a number of years a leading member of the Reformed church at Coltsneck, in which he filled the office of deacon, putting forth every effort in his power to advance the cause of Christianity and extend the influence of the church. In harmony with his Christian views and the teachings of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, Thomas H. Read largely labored to promote the cause of temperance, realizing how great an evil is intemperance, causing untold unhappiness, sorrow and oftentimes crimes, and hampering the powers of the individual. He endorsed the principles of the Prohibition party, formed to curb the intemperance of the land through laws enacted for the suppression of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. He never wavered in his efforts to promote his temperance principles and aid his fellow men, for he was a man of deep sympathy and desired that all men should develop the best in them. He contributed liberally of both his time and means to the cause. He believed that the continuous existence of this republic is dependent upon the ultimate triumph of the prohibition cause and party over the old political parties, and never did he waver or hesitate in putting forth every effort to strengthen the temperance movement. The world is better for his having lived, and his memory is an inspiration and an aid to many who knew him and is cherished in the hearts of many who loved to call him friend.

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#### THOMAS GRAHAM.

Thomas Graham, of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, prominent as a man of affairs and favorably known as a most capable and useful public official, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, July 14, 1851. He was of Scotch descent, and his paternal grandfather was surgeon-general in the British army.

James Graham, son of Surgeon-general Graham, came from Scotland with his wife (who was Jane Martin) and two children and located in Boston. He had been educated as a physician, but engaged in manufacturing pursuits and became superintendent of the American Ration Works. His health becoming impaired, he mole

a visit to his native land, hoping for restoration, but died in Edinburgh. His children were John M., president of the International Trust Company, of Boston, Massachusetts; James, who became a lieutenant in the Twenty-fifth Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, and after making a splendid record by his gallant behavior in numerous engagements, was killed in the battle of Cold Harbor, aged twenty-eight years; Thomas, who is further named below; and Robert, a commercial traveler.

Thomas Graham, son of James and Jane (Martin) Graham, obtained a thorough common school education and was graduated from a commercial college in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He was clerk in a store for five years, and he was subsequently employed in a clerical capacity in the Brooklyn navy yard. In 1876 he removed to Point Pleasant, New Jersey, and engaged in contract work as a painter.

From the time of his coming to Point Pleasant he identified himself actively with every movement for the advancement of public interests, and his zealous interest and capability brought him into various public positions. He was for some years a member of the borough council and president of the board of education, and he was coroner of Ocean county for two terms. A Republican in politics he was active and influential in maintaining the principles and policies of his party, and came to be recognized as a leader in political affairs in his county and district. He served a term as postmaster of Point Pleasant under President Harrison, and he was again appointed by President McKinley in 1897, and reappointed by the same authority in 1901. He was assistant sergeant-at-arms of the New Jersey assembly for two years and he was secretary of the local McKinley and Roosevelt Club, and has been a frequent delegate to the county, congressional, district and state conventions of his party. In all these relations he has acquitted himself as becomes a man of genuine principle and patriotism. He is a member of various fraternal and social bodies—the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men, the Senior Order of American Mechanics, and the K. C. E., in the latter of which he has been first presiding officer. For ten years he was a member of the Tenth Regiment, Massachusetts Militia.

Mr. Graham was married July 3, 1873, to Miss R. Jane, a daughter of Zephaniah Pierce, of Point Pleasant, and of this marriage four children have been born—Jane E., collector in the Point Pleasant postoffice; Robert Claverhouse, Henry H. and James J. Graham.

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#### ALBERT THOMAS ROGERS.

Albert Thomas Rogers, whose career has been marked with great energy and fidelity to the interests of the people of the community in which he resides, was born in Seeger, Monmouth county, New Jersey, March 20, 1858, a son of George W. and Deborah (Harris) Rogers. After a short period of time the family removed to Mansfield, New Jersey, where young Rogers was reared on a farm, and received his education in the public schools of the town. Subsequently he secured employment as a driver on a livery wagon; he continued at this occupation for several years, and the last twenty years has been engaged in the milk business in Asbury Park, New Jersey; he runs two wagons, and delivers his milk in Ocean Grove and Bradley Beach. During the off seasons he secures some business by contracting on public works.

Mr. Rogers is a staunch and loyal Democrat in his political views, and is a member of the Democratic executive committee. He was chosen by the people to act as member of the council of Bradley Beach for six years, and for three years (from 1899 to 1901) he filled the responsible position of mayor of Bradley Beach, and in that capacity he has been instrumental in securing many important improvements

which add greatly to the comfort and benefit of the residents, on Main street, Cliff, Madison, Central and Beach avenues. It was also during his administration that the water system was instituted in Bradley Beach.

Mr. Rogers is a member of the Odd Fellows, Neptune Lodge, No. 84, Royal Arcanum, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Red Cross and the Red Men. He is also a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Bradley Beach. He resides in one of the oldest sections of Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Mr. Rogers was joined in marriage to Miss Cora Fisher, daughter of Robert and Marion Fisher, and two children have been born to them, namely: William A. and Arche C. Rogers.

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### JOHN W. HULSE.

Numerous families in Monmouth county, New Jersey, known by the name of Hulse or Husehart, are descendants of Benjamin Holsaert and Annetie Luister, his wife, as their name appears on the records of the Dutch church of Monmouth, in which they were communicants in 1717. Other forms of the family name are Hulst and Huiz. Judge Beekman, in his "Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County," speaks of this family as "a plain and unpretentious people, without those meddling propensities, overweening self-conceit and insatiable curiosity which make the descendants of certain people such unmitigated nuisances to their neighbors." And the same writer says of the subject of this sketch that "in his physical appearance he is a fair type of the old generations of this family, and also seems to have their usual mental traits."

Mr. Hulse was born in Monmouth county in September, 1847, son of Joseph G. Hulshart and his wife, Agnes, whose maiden name was Bennett. For convenience, and as other branches of the family have done, he shortened the name which his father bore and gave it the present form of Hulse. He attended the neighborhood school, but when he had arrived at the age of little more than sixteen years of age he laid aside his books to aid in the maintenance of the Union, enlisting as a private in the Thirty-eighth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, commanded by that distinguished soldier and statesman, Colonel William J. Sewell. Young Hulse participated in several brisk engagements, and otherwise faithfully performed the duty of a soldier until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. For eleven years afterward he was active in the National Guard of New Jersey, rising to the rank of first lieutenant, and finally terminating the service by resignation. In 1872 he became a member of the Fire-club fire department, with which he maintained active connection for the long period of twenty-six years, during which time he made for himself a name of prominence and excelled in the history of the organization. During the latter part of his service he occupied the position of chief engineer, and discharged the duties of the position in such manner as to win honor for himself as well as for the organization. In 1891 he was elected justice of the peace for Freehold township, and in that office acquitted himself so satisfactorily that at the ensuing election he was re-elected without opposition.

Mr. Hulse was married, on Christmas Day, 1897, to Miss Lydia VanClef, of Manalapan township, a daughter of John VanClef, an old and prominent citizen. Two children were born of this marriage: Margaret, who became the wife of Charles H. T. Clayton, who is engaged in the undertaking business in Adelphi, and to whom were born two children, Ada and Lamesley; and James B. Hulse, who is a printer.

## GARRETT SCHANCK.

Garrett Schanck, who was a prominent citizen of Freehold township, was born in 1820, and was a descendant of the old New Jersey family of Schancks and of Captain Schanck, of Revolutionary fame. His father, John K., followed farming as a life-long occupation and had seven children: Peter, Gilbert, Joseph, Grant and Garrett, all of whom are deceased; Lydia, who married Joseph Leifson; and Ellen, who married William Clayton.

Garrett Schanck during his life time was a prosperous farmer in Marlboro township and died there on his farm August 18, 1868. He was a member of the old brick church of Marlboro. On November 19, 1856, he was married, in Marlboro township, to Anna Wall, and they had two children: John W. and Georgiana, both of whom are members of the Reformed church of Freehold, of which Dr. Brokam is the pastor. John W. was born May 10, 1864. He is a clerk for C. M. Holmes in Freehold and is a member of the Order of Red Men, of Freehold. Miss Georgiana Schanck is living with her brother at their home in Freehold.

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 CAPT. JAMES S. WALLING.

Captain James S. Walling, whose mature years have been busily occupied to the present time with the water transportation and mercantile affairs of Keyport, and who has otherwise contributed usefully to the interests of that village, is a native of Long Island, born in Brooklyn, in the historic region which was formerly a portion of the Van Brunt tract, March 20, 1846. His parents were Benjamin B. and Elizann (Walling) Walling, both natives of New Jersey the former born in Centreville, and the latter in Port Monmouth. The father was a large and successful farmer. He died December 9, 1895, and his wife died April 9, 1887.

James S. Walling received his education in the schools of Flatbush, Long Island, and Centreville, New Jersey. When sixteen years of age he was engaged as a clerk in the Washington Market, New York, where he served in that and other capacities for some years. In 1868 he found employment on the freight steamer "Holmdel," plying between Keyport and New York, under command of Captain H. E. Ackerson, and this was the beginning of his service in transportation business, extending through the unusually long period of thirty-two years. For the first year he served as clerk and salesman, and for eighteen years following as passenger clerk and salesman, under Captain H. E. Bishop, on the steamers "Matawan" and "Minnie Cornell." Captain Bishop died early in 1886, and Mr. Walling succeeded to the command of the last named vessel. Two years later Captain Walling resigned his commandership, but remained on the boat, transacting for its owners (the Keyport Steamer Company) a general commission business. He was so engaged until the vessel was burned, since which time he has followed similar pursuits on the steamer "Magenta," owned by the same company.

Captain Walling has been frequently called to important public positions. His most useful service was as a member of the Keyport board of education, of which he was president for two years. In politics he is a Republican. Captain Walling was married March 10, 1868, to Miss Emma Amack, daughter of Thomas W. Amack, of Keyport. Three children were born of this marriage: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Elmer E. Morris, of Keyport; Ella A., who is now the wife of Richard R. Brown, a hardware merchant of the same place; and Burroughs B. Walling, who is a member





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of the wholesale hardware firm of Miller, Sears & Walling, of 100-102 Read street, New York City. Captain Walling and family reside at No. 70 First street, Keyport, and are attendants of the Baptist church.

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#### CHARLES A. HANKINS.

Charles A. Hankins, an energetic and prosperous agriculturist of Brick township, Ocean county, New Jersey, was born October 26, 1866, near Bennetts Mills, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He is a descendant of a family of loyal patriots, his great-great-grandfather, Zachariah Hankins, being a conspicuous hero of the Revolutionary war. In the battle of Princeton especially did this soldier show his bravery and courage. In the midst of the bloody strife, with parched lips and beating pulse, with the din of muskets on one hand and the dying groans of his comrades on the other, he ever acted with calmness and decision. On one occasion his musket was shot from his grasp, and with the strength of a hero, yet with the tenderness of a mother, his bleeding hands took from the grasp of a dying tent-mate, who had answered his last roll call, the gun which he had carried into the fight, and continued in the battle; he served until the end of the struggle which brought to the colonists their freedom. The great-grandfather of our subject was Richard Hankins, who took for his first wife a Miss Emmons. He afterward married Miss Kassiah Voorhees. Richard Hankins was an able and experienced blacksmith and shoemaker, as well as a farmer. He was the owner of about one hundred and seventy acres of rich land. Of his family, John C., the grandfather of our subject, was taught the trade of carpenter. He was proud of this profession, being a very competent workman. He was also a first class mechanic, and worked at these professions during his entire life. He was a member of the Baptist church and led a consistent Christian life. Unto him and his wife, who in her maidenhood was Fransynee Voorhees, were born six children, all of whom are now living, as follows: William A.; J. W., the father of our subject; Mary A.; Richard D.; Homer C.; and Margaret J. J. W. Hankins was born August 29, 1840, in Jackson township, Monmouth county, near Bennetts Mills. His father taught him the trade of a carpenter, which he has followed in conjunction with farming all his life. The courage and patriotism of his ancestor, Zachariah Hankins, was clearly manifest in him when in 1862, when his country again needed her loyal sons; he took up arms in defense of the nation, and became a private in Company E, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. At the expiration of nine months, the term of his service, he was honorably discharged and returned to his trade and the peaceful pursuits of citizenship. He was married in 1863 to Miss Rebecca Applegate, by whom he had three children, namely: Mary E., deceased; Harry A.; and Charles A. Mr. Hankins has always been interested in the welfare and advancement of his community, and has held the offices of school trustee and district clerk.

Charles A. Hankins, whose name introduces this review, was the youngest son of John W. and Rebecca (Applegate) Hankins. He was reared and educated in the community in which he was born, and in early life became a clerk in a grocery store. In 1883, when seventeen years of age, he went to Chicago, where he obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store. In the following year he began business on his own responsibility, opening a confectionery and tobacco store in the same city, but this he sold out the next year, and started westward on a long trip, passing through Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City, Ogden, California, and many other minor points of interest.

and finally located in San Francisco, where he remained for a period of four years. The greater part of this time he spent on the water, coasting as far north as Alaska, and southward to the Hawaiian Islands. In 1891, however, he returned to his native county and state, where he engaged in farming, in connection with which he opened a grocery store at Herbertsville, New Jersey. At the end of two years he sold this property and removed to East Lakewood, New Jersey. Here he purchased a tract of land and spent considerable time and labor in its improvement, and finally sold it in 1901. He then purchased sixty acres of farming property in Brick township, Ocean county, where he now resides, and his farm plainly gives evidence of the care and labor which has been bestowed upon it by the owner.

Mr. Hankins was joined in marriage in 1893 to Miss Lizzie Havens, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Havens, who was born at Herbertsville, New Jersey. Their home has been blessed with three children, two of whom are now living: Ellis B. and Blanch E. Mr. Hankins has all the characteristics of a good and worthy citizen, being a man of honor and integrity, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of all with whom he associates.

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#### CHARLES J. ROSS.

Among all the denizens of the famous health and pleasure resorts along the New Jersey coast, none is more widely or more favorably known than Charles J. Ross, of Asbury Park, an accomplished stage artist and proprietor of one of the handsomest and best managed hotels and road houses in all New Jersey; and having a genial personality which attracts, he numbers his friends by the thousands, and from all parts of the country, and Europe as well.

Mr. Ross is a native of Canada, born in Montreal, February 18, 1859. His



THE ROSS-FENTON FARM.

life was one of arduous labor, even hardship, from the beginning. He left his native country when a mere boy, coming to New York City, where he obtained his only



Chas. J. Ross



schoolroom education in the intervals when he was not laboring. Making his own way in the world, he worked at such tasks as he could find until he was twelve years of age, when he laid down his books and bade farewell to school forever. His learning was not much, but he was possessed of ambition, determination, and rare powers of observation and discernment, and he acquired in later days a generous fund of knowledge, which qualified him for the prompt and accurate conduct of every business transaction, and to acquit himself creditably in professional and social circles.

On thus leaving school, when not yet in his teens, he went west and for thirteen years worked on farms and in racing stables in Missouri. In 1885, when twenty-four years of age, he went upon the stage in song and dance work. He manifested a genuine talent for the business, and proved a favorite with the amusement-loving public from the first; he made rapid progress, passing successfully to more prominent positions in the profession, until he came into the front rank of genuine genteel comedians. For five years he was a leading member of the Weber & Fields Comedy Company, and appeared before delighted audiences in all parts of the country. In 1883 he was married to Miss Mabel Fenton, a lady possessing gifts and tastes like his own, and the two—husband and wife—prepared themselves in original high class burlesque work, and soon became famous as the "Ross and Fenton Team." Under this name they played in "A Passing Show" and "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast." These delightful creations of their own proved entirely successful, and the one last named has just closed a most successful season at the Broadway theatre in New York City, and has added to their laurels as genuine artists and versatile innovators.

In 1897 Mr. Ross purchased a tract of land on Seventh avenue, in Asbury Park, upon which he erected one of the handsomest and most spacious hotels and road houses upon the entire New Jersey coast—a place which has become world-famous as the "Ross Fenton Farm." He is also the owner of other large and valuable properties.

His social traits have endeared him to all circles in which he moves, and he enjoys a distinct popularity in various bodies of which he is a member, among which are Lodge No. 1, B. P. O. E., New York; Union Lodge, F. & A. M., New York; Ulysses Lodge, K. P., of Boston; the New York Athletic Club; and the Elkwood Driving Club of Long Branch.

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#### BENJAMIN DU BOIS SMOCK

Benjamin Du Bois Smock is a worthy descendant of a family which has been prominent in the civil, religious and military life of Monmouth county, New Jersey. Hendrick Maythson Smock, the earliest American ancestor of the Smock family, came from old and honored stock in Holland, and sailing from Utrecht, in 1654, he settled in Little Utrecht, Long Island. He married Gerritze Hermans, and several children were born to them, one of whom, Johannes, after reaching mature years removed to Monmouth county, New Jersey, where he was married to Catherine Barents. Their son, Hendrick Smock, was born October 16, 1698, was united in marriage to Mary Schenck, and his death occurred on the 30th of May, 1747. Their son John, who was born February 13, 1737, married Elizabeth Cowenboven, and his death occurred on the 6th of September, 1808. Among their children was Hendrick Smock, who was born October 25, 1749. He married Sarah Lane and passed away March 25, 1814, leaving

a surviving son, Aaron Smoek, who was born July 24, 1783. The latter married Eleanor Schenck, and his death occurred on the 17th of August, 1835.

Daniel P. Smoek, a son of Eleanor and Aaron Smoek, was born on the 9th of December, 1812, and he was called to his final rest on the 2d of February, 1896. He was twice married, his first union being with Ann Schenck, a daughter of the Hon. De La Fayette Schenck, whose father, Captain John Schenck, was such a bitter foe to the British during the Revolutionary war that Sir Henry Clinton offered fifty guineas for his head. His sister Anna, who then lived on Long Island, overheard a plot laid for his capture and by a trusty messenger sent him a brace of pistols and also the good advice, "John, never allow yourself to be taken alive." The enemy came in force to effect his capture, fifteen hundred regulars landing near Sandy Hook, and, marching inland, they found the Captain with six hundred militia men and some farmers well posted on a high hill near his home. After a severe engagement the British were obliged to retire without him, and he continued to harass the enemy on their return march until he was hit in the knee by a spent ball and was obliged to remain in a rye field for some time, his men keeping in touch with the enemy until they reached their boats. During the skirmish Captain Schenck's babe lay hidden in the cellar while the musket balls were embedded in the house, and this boy was the first boy born in America named for the Marquis De La Fayette. He served his state in the legislature, was the first president of the first bank in Monmouth county, the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Middletown Point, was president of the Monmouth County Plank Road Company and was a man of great local influence. The Schenck family were descended from Die Schencken, chief butler to Charlemagne of France. For his second wife Daniel P. Smoek chose Sarah J. DuBois, of Ohio. His son by the first marriage, Milton Smoek, was born September 21, 1830, and died on the 6th of June, 1891. He married Elizabeth Du Bois, the great-granddaughter of the Rev. Benjamin Du Bois, and their son, Benjamin Du Bois Smoek, is the subject of this sketch.

There are few families in the state that are able to show a more patriotic record. One of the name distinguished himself in the Revolutionary war, and five members of the family have their deeds engraved upon the pages of history.—John, Henry and Barent, sons of Hendrick and Mary (Schenck) Smoek, one grandson and a brother's grandson serving with courage and gallantry in the defense of their country. John Smoek was a captain in the First Regiment at Monmouth in 1777, major and lieutenant colonel in the same regiment in 1778, was taken prisoner in September, 1780, and in the same year was promoted to the rank of colonel. Barent Smoek, his brother, was also a captain in the First Regiment, and subsequently was captain of artillery. He was taken prisoner in September, 1780. Hendrick Smoek, the third brother, was one of the minute men and on October 12, 1775, was appointed captain of the First Regiment of Monmouth, while in the following year he was made captain of a military company. Hendrick Smoek, son of John Smoek, was a captain in his father's regiment and was taken prisoner in September, 1780. Barent J. Smoek was a private in the high horse and was made a corporal in 1779, a lieutenant in 1780 and a captain in the same year. In 1812 the patriotic spirit of his ancestors prompted Aaron Smoek, a grandson of John Smoek, to take up arms for his country, and he was stationed at Sandy Hook fort in the capacity of lieutenant. While at this post of duty his son, Daniel P. Smoek was born. This son in later years became well known throughout the country as an accomplished horticulturist and was the originator of the "Smoek" peach, a hardy and delicious variety of this luscious fruit.

Not only on the paternal but also on the maternal side of the family the ancestry has been distinguished for bravery on the field of battle. The Du Bois family traces a direct line from the twelfth century, and through successive generations have kept



intact the same high standard of life. Louis Du Bois, the ancestor of the American branch of the family, was a French refugee who came to America in 1661. The family name signifies "of the forest," and the family motto is "Tiens ta Foi, u. e. hold fast the Faith." The descendants of this family in Monmouth county trace their ancestry through Jacob Du Bois, who married Grigeritze Gerritsen. They reared a large family, and it was through their efforts that the first Reformed church was established in Monmouth county. In fact this family have been prominently identified with almost every phase of the history of New Jersey. The Rev. Benjamin Du Bois was the great-grandfather of the late vice-president Garrett A. Hobart, his daughter Elizabeth (Du Bois) Van Deveer, being the mother of Sophia, wife of Addison W. Hobart and grandmother of Erastus, Garrett Augustus and David R. Hobart. Rev. Benjamin Du Bois was licensed to preach in 1764, and immediately identified himself with the Dutch Reformed church at Frechold, Brick church and Middletown. "Dominie" Du Bois, as he was called, had the ability to preach in Dutch to the older members of his flock and in English to the understanding of the younger members. During the Revolutionary war he showed the people that he was able to do more than preach, as he frequently shouldered a musket and knapsack to join the local militia, and Captain John Smock was always solicitous for the safety of the "fighting parson," and endeavored to keep him from too great an exposure to the fire of the enemy. He died in 1827, at the age of eighty-eight years, after having faithfully preached the Gospel for sixty-three years. His wife survived him twelve years, having almost reached her ninety-sixth year.

Benjamin Du Bois Smock, named for "Dominie" Du Bois, is a worthy bearer of this old and honored family name. Born January 9, 1871, on the farm belonging to his father in Marlborough township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, he acquired his education in the excellent public schools of his native place. Having been reared on the farm, he naturally took a keen and intelligent interest in agricultural pursuits, and since the death of his father he has assumed the entire management of the large estate, conducting it with ability and success. He is one of the foremost citizens of the locality, not only honored for his old and honorable ancestry but also for the many noble traits of character he possesses and for his pleasant personality.

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#### JOHN N. BURTIS.

Among the business men of Asbury Park whose excellent business ability has been rewarded with a liberal patronage, and whose fine manly qualities have won the confidence and esteem of the community, is to be named John N. Burtis, who has contributed a full share to the commercial and social interests of the city.

Mr. Burtis was born at Wrightstown, New Jersey, January 31, 1856. His parents were Benjamin S. and Rachel A. Burtis, well regarded residents of that town. He was there educated in the public schools, and there he entered upon his first occupation in young manhood. He was first engaged with his father in a meat market business, in which he continued for three years. He then located in Asbury Park, where he took charge of a piano and organ establishment belonging to his brother. After a number of years he purchased the business, which he has developed to such a degree that it has become the most extensive in its line on that part of the coast. With excellent knowledge of the various classes of instruments, his judgment is regarded with confidence by his customers, and he has extended his trade largely outside the usual bounds of territory. For eight years past he has also conducted an undertaking establishment, and has given to it such careful conduct that he has secured a very large patronage.

from the city and its vicinage. His sales rooms and undertaking rooms are located at Nos. 645-7 Mattison Avenue. In his personal character Mr. Burtis is a well informed and affable gentleman. In all his dealings with his fellows he is the soul of honor, and he is a ready helper in every cause for the promotion of the material and moral advancement of the community.

Mr. Burtis was married, March 1, 1888, to Miss Virginia R. Baumber, a highly educated and cultured lady of Brooklyn, New York. Their children are Amy R., Mabel V., and Ralph J. Burtis. Mr. Burtis is an active and earnest member of the First Baptist church of Asbury Park, as is his wife. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Order of American Mechanics, and Neptune Engine Hose Company No. 2.

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#### WILLIAM APPLGATE WALLING.

One of the practical and prosperous farmers of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is William A. Walling, who belongs to an old and honorable family of this part of the state. His grandfather, Richard Walling, married Deborah Burrowes and they lived at Leonardsville, which is now Atlantic Highlands, and reared eight children, one of these being Thomas Burrowes Walling, who was the father of William A.

Thomas B. Walling was born in 1816, and in December, 1855, he purchased a large tract of land consisting of one hundred and ninety-two acres, which was formerly a part of the property of the North American Phalanx Company. Here Mr. Walling lived a life of industry, raising large crops and numbers of fine cattle, enjoying to its utmost the blessings which attend a comfortable agricultural life. He was a man of more than average intelligence and education, and was a most highly esteemed deacon in the Baptist church. He married Catherine Patterson Applegate and their children were the following named: William A.; Mary E., deceased; Deborah, deceased; James A.; Rachel Ann, and Catherine. The death of Mr. Walling took place on February 12, 1898, and his wife died on February 19, 1889.

Catherine P. (Applegate) Walling, the mother of William A., was a descendant of Bartholomew Applegate, of whom it is recorded in the first volume of the "New Jersey Archives," that he applied to a council assembled at Fort William Hendrick, 1647, for permission to purchase land from the Indians, in Middletown, near the Navesink, fit for settlement for six or eight families. A patent was granted him for this land, located on the Raritan Bay, at what is now known as Applegate's Landing, a portion of which is now occupied by William Conover.

William A. Walling was born at Red Bank, New Jersey, April 10, 1849. His primary education was acquired at the common schools, and later he attended the Peddie Institute, at Hightstown, New Jersey, and later took a commercial course at Rider & Beecher's Business College, Trenton, New Jersey.

Amply prepared for almost any career, Mr. Walling decided to return to the old farm and follow, in a measure, in his father's worthy footsteps. By purchase from his father he acquired one hundred and fifty-five acres, seventy of which he sold to the Tintern Water Company, and upon the balance of eighty-six acres he has given especial attention to all the various lines of agricultural labor, until he has one of the most productive and satisfactory properties in the county. In conjunction with his farming operations, Mr. Walling is extensively engaged in the handling of agricultural machinery, proving himself as capable in this business as he is proficient in agricultural lines.



W. A. WALLING.



Mr. Walling has taken a great interest in all township and county affairs, being progressive and public-spirited, and that he possesses the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, has been evidenced by the various positions of honor and trust, in which they have called him to serve them. For a period he was collector of taxes, performing the duties of this office to the satisfaction of all concerned, and during an equally long period he was one of the most efficient members of the board of education. His services as township committeeman embraced a period of two years. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. His early religious rearing was in the Baptist church, and he still remains one of its leading supporters and consistent members.

Mr. Walling was married on January 1, 1874, to Miss Susan S. Coleman, a daughter of William and Sarah A. Coleman, who was born in Trenton, New Jersey. To this union three children were born, namely: Sarah A., who married Daniel Shutts, of Ashbury Park, New Jersey, by whom she had one child, Daniel Leroy Shutts; Thomas R., who is associated with W. H. Jackson & Company, of New York; and Henry A. Walling.

Mr. Walling is one of the leading men in his township and is highly esteemed for his many excellent traits of character, which are displayed in every relation of life, being a kind husband, a most devoted father, an exemplary Christian, and an excellent citizen.

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#### MORFORD TAYLOR.

That thrifty, enterprising, and patriotic blood which distinguishes Scotchmen everywhere has flowed in the veins of the paternal ancestors of Morford Taylor for countless generations. George Taylor, his grandfather, came with his wife, Hannah, to America and settled in the locality that is now known as Montrose, Monmouth county, New Jersey, then called Barrentsen. He was a cooper by trade but turned his attention to farming. In religious faith he was a Baptist, attended the Holmdel church, and was liberal in the support of its various interests. His children were named James, George, John G., Edward, Hannah, Rachel, and Betsey.

John G. Taylor, father of Morford Taylor, of Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born in September, 1787. He received his education in the public schools and for a time after he left school he was employed on his father's farm. Eventually, he learned the cooper's trade with his father and worked at it much of the time during his earlier years. Later in life he gave especial attention to farming and milling, and became one of the proprietors of a grist mill known as Taylor's mill, in Atlanta township, then known as Baptist-town. He was successful as a farmer and grain dealer and accumulated considerable wealth. Politically he was a Whig, who wielded a good deal of influence in local affairs and held the offices of township commissioner and overseer of highways at Middletown.

The farm of one hundred and thirteen acres near Holmdel, now owned by Morford Taylor, was bought by John G. Taylor, May 10, 1825, of Lafayette Schenck. Mr. Taylor was married three times. In 1806 he married Elizabeth Conover and after her death, in 1816, he married her sister, Mary Conover. They were daughters of Terris Conover, of Matawan, New Jersey. His third wife was Lydia Morford, whom he married in 1823. By his first wife he had three children; by his second wife, six children; and by his third wife, eight children,—seventeen in all, twelve of whom grew to maturity, and four of whom were living in 1901. Mr. Taylor was a member of

the Baptist church, in which he held the office of deacon. He died in 1864 at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife, Lydia (Morford) Taylor, died in 1877.

Morford Taylor was born on the farm which he now owns in 1836, a son of John G. and Lydia (Morford) Taylor. He has been a farmer all his life and, like his father, long gave attention to milling, a business which he abandoned in 1889. As a farmer he was practical and prosperous, and everything about his place betokens enterprise and prosperity. He is a member of the Baptist church of Holmdel, in which he holds the offices of deacon and trustee.

In 1864, Mr. Taylor married Miss Jane F. Frost, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Frost, who in 1897 bore him a son, Edward F. Taylor.

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### ROBERT FISHER.

One of the best known real estate dealers and progressive business men numbered among the representatives of the commercial interests of Ocean City is Robert Fisher, who has traveled extensively in Europe and the United States, is broad and cosmopolitan in his views and work, and in his perceptions of the needs of the city, which has reached that period in its development when every move exerts a



ROBERT FISHER'S HOME.

1-2-3 influence on the future, and thus his energies in both public and private life have been directed toward the consummation of the success which can arise only from wide administration of official prerogatives and from a careful conduct of business affairs. He was one of the first real-estate agents to locate in the city and is now

one of the representative dealers here. He has been connected with the largest sales of lots that have ever taken place on the Island; his business interests are therefore very closely interwoven with the history of the city, while his knowledge of locations and values is of vast benefit to purchasers.

The record of his life cannot fail to prove of interest to the readers of this volume. He was born February 24, 1848, in the county of Antrim, province of Ulster, Ireland, his parents being James and Isabella (Hume) Fisher. The family is of Scotch origin, but the grandfather of our subject, John Fisher, was a farmer of county Antrim and was a member of a yeomanry company of cavalry in the rebellion of 1798. During his military service he participated in a number of hard-fought engagements. He had two children: Charlotte, who became the wife of John Tolerton, a farmer of the Emerald Isle; and James. The latter was born in 1791, became an agriculturist of county Antrim and held membership in the Presbyterian church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Isabella Hume, was a direct descendant of Earl William Hume, and they had eight children: Hume, who died in childhood; John, Anna, William, Isabella, Mary, Robert and Hume. The father of these children died in 1864, at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother passed away at the age of ninety years.

Robert Fisher, whose name heads this record, was educated in the national schools of Ireland and the Royal Irish Academy at Belfast, being graduated in the latter institution. He then accepted the position of wine agent for the firm of Dunville & Company, extensive merchants of Belfast, with whom he was associated for six years. He then came to the United States, in 1868, locating first in Brooklyn, New York, whence he removed to Ocean City, February 22, 1880. He was for four years the local secretary and agent of the Ocean City Association, in charge of their real-estate interests at this place. He then engaged in the real-estate business for himself. As the agent for the association he sold many plats of land in the island. He has been in one way and another identified with almost all the important real-estate deals that have taken place since his arrival in Ocean City. He is a very extensive real-estate operator, both buying and selling, and has just completed the largest sale made in Ocean City during the year 1899. He has extensive property holdings of his own, among which is the Bourse building, and he conducts the leading drug store in Ocean City, located in the Bourse building, in which also his large and attractive offices are found.

In July, 1868, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fisher and Miss Lizzie Swindell Graham, a daughter of Gerald Graham, of county Fermanagh, Ireland. Two children have been born to them, Anna Hume and Victor Stanley.

In politics Mr. Fisher is a stalwart Republican. He served as the mayor of Ocean City in 1894-5, his administration resulting greatly to the benefit of the town and the promotion of its leading interests. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Presbyterian church. He formerly belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church at Ocean City and was the superintendent of the Sunday-school; he was also a steward, trustee and exhorter in the church. The First Presbyterian church at this place stands in evidence of his interest in the cause of Christianity, for it was built as the result of his efforts. In July, 1897, he undertook the work, personally soliciting the money for the building fund, and as a member of the building committee he had entire charge of the building operations. Within three weeks of the time he started out with his subscription paper he had a church, and services were conducted on the third Sunday.

In manner Mr. Fisher is cordial and genial. The characteristics of his parentage are shown in the happy blending of the versatility of the wit and genius of the

land of the shamrock and the shrewd economy of the foresight of that of the thistle. With the advantage of talents amounting to genius, and with an inherent brilliancy and versatility of mind that rests only with the reward of high achievement, Mr. Fisher's continued success is established, while no more glowing tribute can be paid than that his eminence has been reached by the exercise of his own abilities.

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#### JOSEPH FIELD.

Joseph Field, who is one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey (post office Redbank), comes of a line of ancestors dating back to the conquest by William the Norman. The family of Field has held prestige for superior intellect through all successive ages from that time down to the present. To follow the history of the family from the time of the departure of the Fields from France through the period of the settlement of the Fields in England and their later emigration to America, would occupy more space than could be devoted to it in a work of this kind.

The paternal great-grandfather of Joseph Field was Elnathan Field, who lived on Long Island, but moved to Monmouth county, New Jersey, where he bought a large tract of land and became an extensive farmer. He married Mary Willet, who bore him children named Thomas, Elnathan, Caroline, Mary, and Huldah. He died in Middletown township, in his ninety-seventh year. His children were loyal and prosperous citizens, who commanded the respect and good will of all who knew them. Thomas, the grandfather of Joseph Field, was born on Long Island, but when a mere boy was taken by his father, Elnathan Field, to Monmouth county, New Jersey, where he became well-to-do as a farmer and influential as a citizen. He married Miss Rebecca Shepperd, daughter of Captain Moses Shepperd, of Middletown township, who bore him children named Joseph, Thomas, Caroline, and Rebecca.

Joseph Field, father of the subject of this sketch, was born September 25, 1792, on the Field homestead in Middletown township, on and near which his entire useful life was passed. He considered farming the most independent of vocations and in early manhood bought for himself a farm of one hundred acres, to which he added from time to time until he owned four hundred acres. He married Miss Uretta Hedden, daughter of John Hedden, who bore him three children, named, respectively, Joseph, Uretta and Rebecca. In early life he was a Whig, but from the time of the organization of the Republican party until his death he was a Republican, but he was not an office seeker nor a practical politician and reserved the right always to vote for the best man, irrespective of party affiliation, and while active at the polls and influential in securing the election of many of his friends to office, he would never accept the nomination for himself. He was ever anxious to do whatever was possible toward the advancement of any movement promising the betterment of his township or county, and from time to time he was identified with township interests and for a considerable period he was a director in the Middletown and Red Bank Turnpike Company. His sectarian inclination was toward the Baptist faith, but he was so liberal in his religious views that he supported most generously all sects in his vicinity who worshiped God in truth and in sincerity. He died in 1896, in his one hundred and fourth year. His wife died in 1872.

Joseph Field was born on his father's farm in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, in 1870. He attended the public schools near his home until further advancement was impossible and then entered the South Jersey Institute,



where he prepared for college, and in 1839, after having taken the prescribed course of study, he was graduated from the Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In 1893 and 1894 he was in the service of the Honduras government, serving with the rank of captain on the staff of Domingo Vasquez, president of Honduras, and he represented the Honduras government at various times and under trying circumstances, fighting gallantly at the battle of Choloteca. Upon his return home, his father having died, he took charge of the extensive estate which he now owns. His farm contains three hundred acres of productive land, one hundred and fifty acres of which is planted with choice fruit trees. He is a practical farmer of much enterprise and is managing his extensive interests admirably. He possesses much literary ability and is the author of a volume which will soon be published and which is believed by those best able to judge of its merits will be in great demand when it comes from the press.

Mr. Field married Miss Nettie Fraser, daughter of A. M. and Mary E. Fraser, in 1897, and she has borne him a son named Joseph Field, the third of that name in direct line.

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#### DAVID BAIRD.

The Baird family, of which our subject is a representative, is one of the oldest in New Jersey, its identification with the state long antedating the Revolutionary war. The first of the name of whom we have authentic record was John Baird, the founder of the family in America. He was a native of Scotland and sailed for the new world in 1683, when only eighteen years of age. Family tradition states that he landed at Perth Amboy and settled in Monmouth county. In 1684 he married Miss Mary Hall, who some time previously had been rescued from a shipwrecked vessel in Raritan Bay. John Baird died in the month of April, 1755, at the advanced age of ninety years and his remains were interred in the old Topanemus cemetery in Marlborough township. Among his children were David, Andrew and Zebulon. The last named died January 28, 1804, aged eighty-three years, three months and fifteen days, and he, too, was laid to rest in the old Topanemus burying-ground.

David Baird, the eldest son of John Baird, was the great-grandfather of our subject. He was born on Wednesday, October 10, 1710, and married Sarah Compton, who was born April 18, 1716. Their children were: Jacob, born in November, 1744; Mary, born September 30, 1747; John, born October 27, 1750; and David, Jr., who was born July 16, 1754. He was the grandfather of our subject and was three times married. He first wedded Rebecca Ely and they had one daughter, Rebecca. The wife and mother died, and he then married Lydia Gaston, by whom he had six children: Sarah, born November 1, 1780; Mary, born October 15, 1782; John, born March 10, 1784; Jacob, born December 10, 1785; Lydia, whose date of birth is not known; and Phœbe, born November 14, 1790, who became the wife of David Perrine and was the grandmother of David V. Perrine, of Freehold. After the death of the mother of these children, David Baird, Jr., was married November 25, 1795, to Mary Edwards, and their children were: David, born February 22, 1797; Rei, born May 10, 1798; Elizabeth, born March 2, 1800; Thomas, born February 6, 1802; Ann, born December 23, 1803; Evelyn, born October 25, 1805; Joseph, born July 4, 1807; James, born June 3, 1810; Rachel, born September 7, 1812; Eleanor, who was born December 15, 1815, and is the only surviving member of the family; and Zebulon, born January 31, 1810. The father, David Baird, Jr., died December 24, 1839. He served in the Colonial army during the war of the Revolution, and for gallant and meritorious conduct on the field of battle was commissioned captain.

Thomas Baird, the father of our subject, first opened his eyes to the light of day

on the old family homestead in Millstone township, Monmouth county, and was there reared to manhood, his educational privileges being such as were then accorded farmers' sons by the district schools. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation to which he had been reared, and was an enterprising and industrious agriculturist. He married Eleanor F. Bilyeu, a daughter of Peter and Maria (Ogborne) Bilyeu, the former of French-Huguenot lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baird became the parents of the following children: David and Jonathan, born August 21, 1829, the latter living but one day; Sarah, born March 20, 1833.

David Baird, who has spent his entire life in Monmouth county, is widely and favorably known. No event of special importance occurred in his youth to vary the routine of farm life for him. He worked in the fields through the summer months and attended school in the winter season. He wedded Mary E. Pullen, a daughter of Isaac and Jane (Hullit) Pullen, and their marriage has been blessed with the following named: Emerson P., born October 11, 1853; Sarah H., July 9, 1855; Charles Augustus, born May 15, 1857; Thomas, born January 2, 1859, and died at the age of three years; Willie who was born September 11, 1860, and died in childhood; Isaac, who was born November 11, 1861, and also died in childhood; Howard, born February 16, 1863; Carrie, born March 27, 1865; Henry Leslie, who was born November 28, 1867, and died in childhood; David, who was born February 16, 1869, and after graduating in the Bellevue Medical College is now successfully practicing medicine in Florence, Burlington county, New Jersey; and John H., who was born February 7, 1872, and is now engaged in horticultural pursuits in Georgia.

David Baird, of this review, has ever been a progressive, enterprising and worthy citizen, and has taken an active interest in all movements and measures which have for their object the general welfare. He has served in his township as assessor and has also been a member of the board of freeholders. In both offices he discharged his duties with signal promptness and ability, thus winning the commendation of all concerned.

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#### JAMES TAYLOR WALLING.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch is a leading citizen of Raritan township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, with postoffice and business headquarters at Keyport, and has attained success as a truck gardener, fruit grower and dealer in ice. He is descended from one of the old and honored families of Monmouth county and was born on the old homestead of his father within sight of his present residence, April 6, 1805. The historic old family seat here referred to is popularly known as the old mill farm and is one of the landmarks in its vicinity. Mr. Walling's parents are Taylor W. and Lydia (Wilson) Walling, and their ancestral history is set forth in other biographical sketches in this work. Mr. Walling's success as a farmer has been noteworthy. His home farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres, sixty-three acres of which is tillable land. He is the owner also of two other farms near by, each of which contains fifty-six acres. His farm is located in a beautiful section of the county a mile and a half southeast of Keyport and his home is one of the most hospitable in Raritan township.

Mr. Walling was married April 15, 1838, to Mary White, who was born December 15, 1806, a daughter of George W. and Mary (Fallon) White. Mr. White is a native of Monmouth county, Mrs. White was born in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Walling have one son, William Taylor Walling. Politically Mr. Walling is a Democrat; he is not an active partisan, but in many ways he has demonstrated his public spirit. He is a member of the Fruit Growers' Association,

an organization for the mutual protection and advantage of its members. His brother is associated with him in the ice trade and their two large ice houses located on his farm have a capacity of two thousand tons. They cut about five acres of ice annually and supply the trade of Keyport.

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#### FREDERICK LUTHER.

The Colt's Neck hotel at Coftsnneck, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a popular hostelry, the history of which extends so far back into the past that it is impossible at this time to make any definite statement as to its beginning. It is stated that one of its former owners placed on it a sign, bearing the device of a colt's head and neck together with the date, 1817, but there is abundant evidence that the old inn was known forty to fifty years earlier, more especially during the period of the Revolution. The present genial and obliging proprietor is Frederick Luther, who is favorably known to the traveling public for many miles round about. The Colt's Neck hotel has accommodations for about twenty guests and so popular is it under the management of "mine host" Luther that it is usually patronized to the extent of its capacity.

Frederick Luther was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1868, a son of William and Louisa Luther, by whom he was brought to the United States at the age of two years, in 1870. In 1878 Mr. and Mrs. Luther and their son returned to the fatherland, where Mr. and Mrs. Luther are living at this time. In 1886, after an absence of eight years, Frederick Luther returned to the United States, of which he has become a loyal naturalized citizen. For some years he was engaged in butchering. He purchased the Colt's Neck hotel in 1898. In connection with it he owns seven acres of land upon which he raises vegetables enough to supply his table.

Mr. Luther married Miss Jane Booth, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Booth, in 1896. He is a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

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#### MILO H. CREGO

The career of Milo H. Crego, of Belmar, Monmouth county, New Jersey, has been one of remarkable activity and usefulness, and by the consensus of opinion of his fellow citizens, he is known as one of the most honored and public-spirited men of that beautiful and flourishing village, and to his native ability, tact and zeal is due much of its high prestige. Mr. Crego is descended from Holland and English ancestry. His father, Stephen Crego, was a native of the state of New York, born in Marcellus, and who died June 1, 1873, in Cayuga county. He was a farmer by occupation. In religion he was a Baptist, and in politics a Democrat, and he was a past master in the Masonic Order. He was twice married, the children by his first wife being: Evelyn, Ann E., Harriet and Esther; and the children by his second marriage were Laura, Milo H. and Hulda, the last named of whom died in infancy.

Milo H. Crego, only son of Stephen Crego, was born March 1, 1848, in Jordan, Onondago county, New York. Until he was twenty-two years of age he was engaged upon a farm, and his educational opportunities were limited. Intent upon knowledge, however, he availed himself of such instruction and use of books as were available, and afterward passed through Union Seminary, at Red Creek, New York, and the normal school at Albany, defraying all his expenses out of money saved from his earnings. He then learned the trade of a mason, and worked as a journeyman for

three years. For two years afterward he managed a farm near Conquest, in Cayuga county, New York. In 1871 he took up the occupation of a teacher, and entered upon a career for which he manifested peculiar aptitude and in which his labors brought him constant employment and great credit. He first taught in the district school at Weedsport and afterward in other schools in the state of New York. In 1875 he removed to New Jersey and taught for two years in the Union district schools at Manasquan. The following year he taught in the village of Usquan. He then removed to Bricksburg, where, in association with his wife, he conducted the Lakewood School for two years, and during the ten years beginning in 1881 he was principal of the schools at Manasquan, Ocean Beach and Belmar. He subsequently taught for one year at Red Bank, for two years at West Long Branch, and for one year at Oceanport.

In 1886 Mr. Crego opened in Belmar an office for the conduct of business as a conveyancer, insurance agent and notary public, and the work which came to him in these lines became so extensive that he abandoned teaching altogether. From the moment of his coming he interested himself earnestly in advancing public interests, and his neighbors called him from time to time to various positions in which he was enabled to render service to the community. He was three times elected justice of the peace, in 1886, in 1891 and in 1896, and by successive re-elections he served as a member of the town council from 1890 to 1894. In his first term in the latter position he was the author of the borough re-incorporation act under which the municipal government was reconstructed, affording authority for various greatly needed public improvements. He was among the founders of the Belmar fire department, and is ex-secretary and foreman of Union Engine Company, No. 1. He organized the local branch of the Republic Building & Loan Association of Newark, and has been its treasurer to the present time.

Mr. Crego is one of the most active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years has served as a member of its board of trustees, and as its treasurer. He was a charter member of the lodge of Red Men, and has been for several years its treasurer. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity—a past master and the present treasurer of Ocean Lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M., and a companion in Goodwill Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M. He is a past grand of United Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F. In all these various relations, as teacher, business man, public official, citizen and neighbor, Mr. Crego has met every obligation of good citizenship, and he would well serve the community in which he makes his home as a pleasing duty owing to his fellows. And for this he finds reward in the honor in which he is held by those among whom he has lived so long.

Mr. Crego was married in March, 1876, to Miss Louisa Osborne, a daughter of John Osborne, of Manasquan. Her death occurred in February, 1879. In 1887 he married Miss Augusta Osborne, a sister of his deceased wife.

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#### CAPTAIN ABNER H. WEST.

The career of Captain Abner H. West has been one of the most useful as well as interesting of those who have lived along the Atlantic coast. He is a veteran life-saver, and late keeper of the Scabright Station. Captain West was born at North Long Branch, New Jersey, on October 24, 1842, son of James and Jane (Woolley) West. His grandfather, Benjamin West, was born at Atlanticville, now known as North Long Branch, where he lived and died, following the vocations of farmer and fisherman.

Captain Abner H. West began to earn his own livelihood at the early age of



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eleven years, when he engaged in the fishing business and continued in this employment for thirty years. His education was necessarily limited, and was acquired in the subscription schools of his native town. In December, 1872, he entered the life saving service as a surferman; early in the following year he was promoted to the position of keeper of the Seabright Station. The district over which he had jurisdiction, formerly known as Number Three, extends one and a half miles south, and two miles north from Seabright. Eight men were employed as assistants to Captain West, who have rendered unlimited service in the saving of life and property along the coast. A resume of this service, which from lack of space cannot be given in all of its thrilling details, is as follows: September 19, 1875, Schooner "Mabel Thomas," seven saved, none lost. March 16, 1876, Schooner "P. A. Saunders," five on board, all rescued. December 24, 1876, Schooner "Philadelphia," eight aboard, all rescued. January 7, 1877, Trans-Atlantic Steamer "Amerique," two hundred and fifty-two aboard, all rescued with the exception of three, who were drowned owing to the capsizing of their own boat. February 3, 1880, Brig "Castalia," with eleven people aboard, all saved. April 30, 1881, Barque "Melchoir," seventeen aboard, all saved. September 22, 1881, Yacht "Gypsy." March 4, 1883, Barden pilot boat "Ariel Patterson" in collision with schooner, one drowned, six saved. September 22, 1883, Yacht "Mollie Molley." September 23, 1883, rescued Elizabeth Brown, a child, from drowning, and resuscitated her. September 28, 1883, assisted Sloop "Elizabeth." November 2, 1883, assisted Steam Yacht "Soltan." May 20, 1885, Schooner "Charlotte Brown," fifteen on board, all saved. July 7, 1885, Barkentine "Anna," twelve aboard, all saved. November 19, 1885, assisted Yacht "Butler." June 14, 1886, Schooner "Republic," six aboard, all saved. December 7, 1886, Schooner "John D. Lacy," derelict. December 14, 1887, John Applegate saved from ice break. September 11, 1889, assisted Schooner "Hiram B. Edwards" in sunken condition. January 13, 1891, rescued Charles Morris and Henry Lane from drowning. October 12, 1892, Schooner "Rebecca F. Lambdin," in distress, crew of eight all down with fever,—all saved.—vessel taken to quarantine. January 12, 1893, Pilot Boat No. 6, James G. Bennett and eight others aboard, who were saved. January 31, 1893, assisted steam tug "Edward Annan," in distress. March 11, 1893, Steamship "Wells City," with thirty-one on board, all rescued. March 11, 1894, Schooner "Kate Merkel;" the seven aboard were all lost by vessel breaking up too quickly to permit of use of life line. July 22, 1894, Schooner "Robert Mitchell" sunk, five on board, all saved, being taken from the rigging. October 9, 1894, Schooner "Mary Lawson," eight aboard, all saved. January 25, 1896, Steamship "St. Paul," eight hundred on board, all saved. March 24, 1897, Schooner "Emily E. Johnson," six aboard, all saved. On February 7, 1880, Captain West received a letter from Mr. S. I. Kimball, general superintendent of the United States life saving service, commendatory of the bravery and efficiency of the keepers of stations 2, 3, 4 and 5, for rescuing all persons from the wrecks of "Harding" light boat, the "E. C. Bahick," the "Augustina" and the "Castalia," the last named being that which was rescued by Captain West's crew, No. 3.

Captain West was the first to recommend the tally board printed in English and French, for communication between the shore and a wrecked vessel. He also recommended the use of the tail-block, now the most important part of the beach apparatus, and after many years he succeeded in procuring the adoption of a uniform necessary to the identification of men in the life saving service. He also aided in many other ways in bringing the service to its present highly efficient condition.

In accepting Captain West's resignation on May 4, 1899, Superintendent Kim-

ball expressed the satisfaction of the department with the twenty-five years of creditable service rendered by Captain West. In reference to the rescue of the lives aboard the Schooner "Mitchell," Captain West justly prizes the following letter written by the Rev. J. Edward Young, then pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ocean Grove.

"My dear Capt. West:

God bless you for your noble work last Sabbath afternoon! You have a splendid record. All interested in the service are proud of you and crew.

With esteem,

J. EDWARD YOUNG.

Aside from his energetic labors in the life saving service, Captain West has taken an active interest in the promotion of the industrial development and upbuilding of the town of Seabright, which was formerly known as Nauvoo, and in 1872 was practically the property of fishermen. In 1881, in connection with other citizens, the New York and Long Branch Steamboat Line was established. He acted for a number of years as president of the Seabright Fishing Association, successor to the original Fishing Association of that place, which was known as the Nauvoo.

Politically Captain West is affiliated with the Republican party, and in his religious views he is a Presbyterian; for some years both Captain and Mrs. West were actively interested in the Methodist Episcopal church, and it was principally through their personal efforts that the site was secured and the edifice erected where the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal church worship at Seabright. Captain West acted as secretary for the board of stewards, and was class leader for ten years, while Mrs. West was the efficient teacher of the infant class for the same period of time. Captain West is one of the most prominent as well as popular citizens of Seabright, and enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow men. He was one of the charter members of the Ocean Fire Company of Seabright, and a member of the United American Mechanics of Seabright.

Captain West in early manhood married Miss Clementine Warner, daughter of Jacob Warner, of Pleasure Bay, New Jersey, and their four children are: Laura B., the wife of John F. Lane of Long Branch; Carroll B., who was married to Sadie D. Ferry, resides at Seabright, and is engaged in the fish business; Fanny G., wife of William S. Jeffrey of Seabright; and Hetty R., wife of Henry L. Zobel, of Seabright.

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#### ASHLEY B. STOUT

Ashley B. Stout is the leading grocer of the beautiful and growing hamlet of Oakhurst. He was born at Eatontown, New Jersey, in 1856, and is descended from an old historical family. His parents were William B. and Sarah J. (Brown) Stout, the former a native of Barnegat, New Jersey, born in 1817. He was an extensive contractor and builder and the pioneer in the work of constructing summer cottages on the New Jersey coast. Both he and his wife are still living, the latter having been born in 1834. They were the parents of four children: Solomon S., William L., Orlean E. and A. B.

Ashley B. Stout was reared in his parents' home and educated in the common schools of Eatontown. In early life he was employed as a clerk in a grocery store, entering the service of Vincent Brown, at Oakhurst, New Jersey, in 1875. There



he remained for four years, during which time he became thoroughly familiar with the business in every detail. During that time he also served as postmaster. In 1880 he removed to Eatontown, where he opened a grocery store, which he successfully conducted until 1885, when he returned to Oakhurst and became the successor of his old employer, Vincent Brown, deceased. He carries a large and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, and his moderate prices, earnest desire to please and honorable business methods have secured to him a very liberal and constantly growing patronage.

In 1877 Mr. Stout was united in marriage to Miss Edna B. Buckingham, a daughter of John and Sarah Buckingham. The only child of this marriage died in infancy. Mrs. Stout is a native of New Milford, Connecticut. Her father, Mr. Buckingham, was an extensive stone cutter and his monuments all over the county attest his skill and handiwork. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stout are widely known and enjoy the warm regard of many friends. He is quite popular, was elected to the office of commissioner of deeds, and is now postmaster of Oakhurst. Socially he is connected with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

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#### RICHARD STEPHEN LEWIS.

The gentleman whose name is above and who fills the honorable office of mayor of Jamesburg, Middlesex county, New Jersey, is of Welsh ancestry, but for more than a hundred years his progenitors have lived in London, England, where he was born December 24, 1833, a son of Stephen and Jane (Jeffrey) Lewis. Stephen Lewis, his grandfather, was born in London and spent his entire life there. He was engaged in the livery business and was a lessee of Grosvenor Mews. His children, all of whom are now dead, were named Stephen, George, Henry, Maria and Jane. Stephen Lewis, son of Stephen and Catharine Lewis, and father of Richard Stephen Lewis, was born in London about 1801 and spent his entire life there, dying about the year 1870. He was a fishmonger and poultryman. His children were John, who lives in London; Richard Stephen, the immediate subject of this sketch; Caroline, who became the wife of John Clark, and lives in London; Maria, who married Frank Dobson, a horse dealer, of London, England; Fannie, who became the wife of John Simpson. The mother of these children died in London about 1885.

Richard Stephen Lewis was educated in the national schools of London and at the age of fourteen was indentured as an apprentice to the stonecutter's trade. After becoming a proficient workman, he was employed as journeyman by Peter Cooper, Northwharf Road, Paddington. In 1859 he came to New York on the ship Yorktown, which consumed ten weeks and three days in making the voyage, and soon after he reached New York he obtained employment in connection with the construction of the New Jersey Southern Railroad. He made his advent in Jamesburg in 1861, and was employed in the sawmill of James Buckelew until August, 1869. After that he learned the shirt cutting business and later became foreman at the shirt factory of of Finlay, Gourlay & Finch, until the failure of that firm. Later he was foreman of the cutting department of the shirt factory of Coblenzer & Dazian, successors to the concern just mentioned, until the destruction of the factory by fire, March 27, 1901.

Mr. Lewis was married at Freehold, New Jersey, in 1862, to Elizabeth Kelley, a daughter of Thomas and Esther (Harte) Kelley, and a native of county Kildare, Ireland. Their son, Stephen T., married Anne Meagher and lives in New York City. Their son, John Henry, married Margaret Whelahan and lives in Camden.

New Jersey. Their daughter, Mary Jane, is the wife of Martin Kelley, of Newark, New Jersey. Their son, Richard, married Rose Nolan, and is a merchant at Jamesburg.

Mr. Lewis filled the office of township committeeman and was one of the members of the first borough commission, and was secretary of the same; he also was commissioner of appeals, member of the borough council, member of the board of education three times, and was elected mayor in 1901. He was one of the incorporators and is an ex-trustee of St. James church. He is now in business in New York City.

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#### BENJAMIN VANERVEER DU BOIS.

Louis Du Bois was a French Huguenot refugee who emigrated to America in 1660. The name Du Bois was used as an ancient family surname both in Artois and Normandy before William, the first king of England, left his native shore, and has remained unchanged to the present time. It is on record in Paris that the Du Bois family is one of the oldest of the noblest families of the bailiwick of Contention, in Normandy, and the record describes Geoffroi Du Bois as a knight under William the Conqueror, who accompanied the latter in the conquest of England in 1066. The date of the birth of Christian Du Bois is not known. His son, Louis Du Bois, was born at Wieres, near Lillie, in northern France, October 27, 1626. He fled to Holland to escape religious persecution and was married to Catherine Blanshan, October 10, 1655. There were born to them two sons, whom they named Isaac and Jacob, and after the birth of these two sons they emigrated to America and located at Helley, near Kingston, New York, whence they later removed to New Paltz, New York. Louis Du Bois had eight other children born to him after he came to America, increasing the number to ten. From some of his sons descended the Du Boises of Monmouth county, New Jersey. This is one of the oldest families in America and can boast of the production of some of the foremost men in all of the leading professions on either side of the Atlantic.

The Rev. Benjamin Du Bois, a native of Pittsgrove, Salem county, New Jersey, and a great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch in the paternal line, was born March 30, 1739, and became pastor of the Reformed church at Freehold, Monmouth county, about 1764. He was an outspoken patriot during the Revolutionary war and strongly commended the cause in his sermons. His wife was Phebe De Nice, a woman of rare intelligence, who died in 1839 at the age of ninety-six years. The Rev. Benjamin Du Bois was the son of the third Louis and the grandson of Jacob, who was an early offspring of the first Louis. The paternal grandfather of Benjamin Van Du Bois, of Coltsneck, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was Tunis D. Du Bois, who married Sarah Smock and had children named as follows: Henry, Benjamin, Sarah, John, Tunis V. and Livingston. Tunis D. Du Bois was a practical and successful farmer and owned one hundred and seventy-five acres of land. Benjamin Du Bois, father of Benjamin Van Du Bois, was born in Marlboro township, Monmouth county, May 10, 1810, and was married February 1, 1832, to Miss Helena Wikoff. He was a successful farmer and a prominent and respected citizen, long a director of the Smithville and Freehold turnpike and was for several years a justice of the peace.

Benjamin Vanerveer Du Bois, son of Benjamin and Helena (Wikoff) Du Bois, was born in Manalapan township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 9, 1847, and received his early education and training on his father's old homestead,



*B. Van. DuBois*



and, following the example of many of his ancestors, has devoted his active years exclusively to farming, in which he has been unusually successful. His farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres is one of the best in its vicinity. He is a member of the Reformed church of Freehold, New Jersey. In 1877 he married Miss Catharine Prine, daughter of Enoch and Mary Prine, and a native of Middlesex county, New Jersey, who was born October 1, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Du Bois have had children as follows: Mary H., born June 27, 1881; and Irene A., who was born May 18, 1885, and died January 4, 1887.

Mr. Du Bois is one of those rare men who become known to their fellows as natural physicians. He can scarcely remember a time when he was not studying or speculating upon the causes and cures of some of the diseases to which flesh is heir, and from time to time he has effected remarkable cures. Without claiming any considerable knowledge of chemistry, with no medical books to guide him, with but a limited scholastic knowledge of botany, yet with a wonderful knowledge of roots and their effects on the human system, he goes out into the forests, to the very heart of nature, as it were, and procures remedies which are in every way effective and which are commended by their simplicity and their absolute safety. He has made a special study of indigestion, a disease to which all mankind is subject, but which is especially prevalent in America, and after much careful research and many conscientious trials has succeeded in compounding from simple products of the woods a remedy which, administered to people suffering from indigestion, produces effects no less wonderful than gratifying. Mr. Du Bois has scores of testimonials to the benefits which have been conferred upon suffering humanity by his discovery and contemplates the erection of a small laboratory on his farm, with a view to supplying a demand for his remedy, which is constantly growing, as its merits are told by one sufferer to another.

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ROBERT J. WYLIE.

Among New Jersey's native sons who have attained to a creditable position in the business world and have at all times merited the confidence and respect of their fellow men by reason of their loyal adherence to commercial ethics, is Robert J. Wylie, of Woodbridge, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business. Moreover he is serving as notary public, and for a quarter of a century he has filled the office of commissioner of deeds—his long service standing in unmistakable evidence of his fidelity to the trust reposed in him.

Mr. Wylie was born in Paterson, this state, June 6, 1838, a son of John and Elizabeth (Johnson) Wylie. The parents removed with their family to New York City when he was a small boy, so that he was reared amid metropolitan influences, continuing his residence in New York until the outbreak of the Civil war. Hardly had the roar from Fort Sumter's guns ceased to reverberate and the smoke cleared away when he offered his services to the government, enlisting on the 10th of April, 1861, in an independent battery company of the Eighth New York Regiment. He was then on active duty at the front until 1863, when his company, with others, was detailed on special duty in New York. Later, however, he again went to the field and took part in the battles of Fairfax, Vienna, Blacksford, Centerville, Big Bethel and others. Receiving an honorable discharge he returned to his home with a most creditable military record as a loyal defender of his country in the hour of her peril.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Wylie came to Woodbridge, having previously married Miss Elizabeth Dally, of this place. Here he embarked in general merchandising and also engaged in the clay business; his wife owned some land, on which there were clay beds, and these he worked until 1876. Since that time much of his attention has been given to his official duties, for he is now serving his fifth term of five years each as commissioner of deeds. He is also a notary public and is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, in which he is meeting with good success, having conducted some important realty transactions. Formerly a Democrat, he is now a Republican in his political views, warmly espousing the principles of the party, but always refusing other offices aside from those mentioned. At one time, while living in New York City he was superintendent of street cleaning for the borough and was succeeded by Mr. Waring, who still holds the office.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wylie have been born five children: Samuel F., who is superintendent of the Fisher Brick Works, at Sayerville; Charles, a pharmacist, of New York City; Marv E., Sarah and Esther, all at home. The hospitality of the Wylie residence in Woodbridge has many admirers, and the friends of the family delight to share in the good cheer of the home. Socially Mr. Wylie is identified with William C. Berry Post, G. A. R., of Woodbridge, and was one of the founders and is an exemplary member of American Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he served as master from 1870 until 1873. His public-spirited interest in the welfare of the city is manifest in the hearty co-operation which he gives to many movements for the general good and to all his duties of citizenship he is as loyal as when in coat of blue he followed the nation's starry banner over southern battlefields.

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#### WILLIAM THOMAS VAN DYKE.

William T. Van Dyke, a descendant of an old Dutch family, was born at Long Branch, Monmouth county, New Jersey, August 26, 1839, a son of Vincent W. and Hannah (Wells) Van Dyke.

Vincent W. Van Dyke pursued the occupations of farmer and fisherman throughout his life. He was an old-line Whig in politics. He was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and meetings for the praise and worship of God were held at his residence. He married Hannah Wells, and the following children were born of the union: Michael, Saul, Henry, Isaac, William T., and Hannah, wife of William H. Denise. Mr. Van Dyke met with a very sudden death; while attempting to cross the railroad tracks at Long Branch one Sunday morning he was instantly killed by a passing train. His widow passed out of life two years later in the same city.

William T. Van Dyke, son of the parents before named, was educated in the public schools of Long Branch. Subsequently he assisted his father in the occupation of fishing. Later on he engaged in the fishing business on his own account, and he now conducts a very large wholesale and retail trade, packing and shipping salt water fish to such leading points as New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, which, together with an extensive local trade, constitutes his successful business. By persistent application to his business, and by his irreproachable conduct in all his transactions, he has won for himself the confidence and esteem of all his customers, not only in the town in which he resides but through all the channels of his trade.

Mr. Van Dyke is a firm and staunch Democrat, but has never aspired to public position. He is a true Christian gentleman and follows the teachings he received



Wm. J. Van Dyke





in his father's home; he is associated with the Methodist Episcopal church of Long Branch.

Mr. Van Dyke was married to Henrietta Ireland, daughter of John Ireland, of Long Branch. To them have been born eight children: George, bookkeeper for his father; Edwin F., hotel keeper, Long Branch; William E.; Charles A.; Vincent W., also associated with his father in business; Flavel Quinn; Mary C., wife of Lester Houk, of Long Branch; and Hannah L., wife of Edward Bunnell, of Long Branch.

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#### AARON MORRIS.

Aaron Morris is engaged in the produce commission business in New York City and also owns a beautiful home in Holmdel, consisting of about thirty-five acres of land, all under a fine state of cultivation and devoted to the raising of fruit and garden vegetables. He was born in Middletown township, on the 6th of May, 1843, a son of George and Frances (Camp) Morris. The father was also a native of Monmouth county and was descended from some of the oldest settlers of the state, and many members of the family have become prominent in the affairs of the state and nation. He was a prominent and successful farmer by occupation. The mother of our subject was a native of Sacket's Harbor, New York. Unto this worthy couple were born eleven children, five sons and six daughters, nine of whom are still living.

Aaron Morris, the subject of this review, enjoyed the educational advantages afforded by the public schools of the community, and from early youth until his twenty-fifth year was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He then embarked in the produce commission trade in New York City, in which he has since continued, and at the same time he has also continued his farming interests. On the 31st of December, 1865, he was united in marriage with Mary E. Van Brakle, who was born in 1846, a daughter of Mathias and Amelia (Carhart) Van Brakle, Monmouth county, New Jersey, both descended from Holland Dutch families, who came to America early in the seventeenth century. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Morris have been born four children, as follows: Frances Amelia, born December 18, 1866, is the wife of Dr. William H. Van Gieson, of Bloomfield, New Jersey; Minnie, born October 2, 1869, died July 22, 1873; William A., born December 13, 1878, attended Hoboken Seminary and the New York Dental College, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession in Brooklyn, New York; and Eleanor May, born January 25, 1886, is still with her parents. Mr. Morris is identified with the Republican party, but takes no active interest in political affairs, although he keeps himself well informed on state and national questions. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Keyport.

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#### ASBURY F. NIVISON.

Asbury F. Nivison, a leading merchant and justice of the peace of Morganville, was born in Marlborough township, Monmouth county, on the 9th of May, 1842, a son of Adam P. and Mary (Croven) Nivison. The father, also a native of Marlborough township, was a carpenter and builder by occupation, and was highly respected in the community in which he resided. The grandfather of our subject, Captain David O. Nivison, was a brave and gallant soldier and officer in the war of 1812, while the

father and two brothers, Harris and David, were soldiers of the Union cause during the Civil war. The family are of English descent, and in an early day they were prominent supporters of the Whig party, later allying their interests with the Republican party. They have ever been great readers, have kept themselves well informed on the affairs of the day and have been prominent and representative citizens of their localities.

Asbury F. Nivison, the immediate subject of this review, was reared to the carpenter's trade, which he has followed for many years, and in addition thereto he has also entered the mercantile field. In the ranks of the Republican party he takes an active and commendable interest, and for the past nine years he has held the office of justice of the peace. The cause of Christianity also finds in him an active worker, and for many years he has served as a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a thorough student, a deep thinker and reasoner, and in all his relations with his fellow men he has been found true to duty and the right.

On the 8th of September, 1867, Mr. Nivison was united in marriage with Mary C. Lamberson, who was born August 20, 1849, a daughter of John and Mary (Combs) Lamberson, both natives of Marlborough township and descendants of some of the earliest settlers of the locality. Two brothers of Mrs. Nivison were soldiers in the Civil war, Lewis and John Croven, and the latter lost his life by a sun stroke at the battle of Gettysburg. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nivison has been blessed with two children—Walter F. and Nellie May. The daughter was born on the 20th of February, 1887. Walter F., who was born on the 7th of August, 1868, was educated in the common schools of his locality and in the public school at Freehold, later entering Glenwood Institute, at Matawan. In early life he was engaged in business with his father, but for the past fifteen years he has followed the profession of teaching, nine years of that time having been spent in the school at Morganville. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, being an active worker in its ranks, and for several years he has served as township assessor. On the 24th of December, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Frazer, who was born April 6, 1870, a daughter of George M. and Virginia (Conover) Frazer. Three children have been born unto this union—Harry F., Edna V. and Hazee M.

Mr. Nivison, of this review, has ever been an active worker for the cause of education, doing all in his power to promote its growth and development, and for several years he has been a member of the board of education. He is a good business man and has gained for himself a handsome competence, which places him among the substantial residents of the community.

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#### WILLIAM VAN MATER.

It will be hard to find a more interesting genealogical and biographical sketch than that which follows, representing primarily William Van Mater, a prominent farmer of Raritan township, near Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and more remotely the old New Jersey families of Van Mater and Taylor.

William Van Mater was born on the farm on which he now lives February 17, 1840, a son of Gilbert and Sarah (Taylor) Van Mater. His father was born in Holmdel township, July 10, 1802, and died on his farm there September 6, 1881. His mother was born in Middletown, October, 1807, and died on the Van Mater farm in Raritan township, August 17, 1896. Gilbert Van Mater descended from those Van Maters who came from Holland, soon after the year sixteen hundred,



*William Van Meter*



whose representatives in later generations have been well known in national and state affairs, and prominent as founders of churches and schools. He was a son of William and Mary (Hendrickson) Van Mater, of Atlantic township, Monmouth county, and was a successful farmer and business man, prominent as a Baptist and as a Republican. One of his ancestors risked his life as a spy attached to Washington's army during the Revolutionary war. The family originally owned a large tract of land in Monmouth county and many of its representatives were men of influence and many of them are buried in the old cemetery on the farm of William Jones, in Holmdel township.

Mr. Van Mater has a complete account of his mother's ancestors, from which the following interesting statement has been compiled: Joseph Taylor, Esq., Mrs. Van Mater's grandfather, was seventh in descent from that Edward Taylor who emigrated from London, England, and settled at Garrett Hill, in Middletown, in 1692. That Edward Taylor was descended in direct line from the Norman Baron Taillefer, who accompanied William the Conqueror and assisted him in the invasion and conquest of England in 1066 and acquired large landed estates in Kent, where the family originally lived in England. The spelling of the name was gradually changed. In the time of Henry III, about the year 1250, we find Hanger Taylefer, and about one hundred years later, in the time of Edward III, John Taylor living on the same land in Kent, and from the latter the succession is perfectly traced through William, John, William, John, John, John, Mathew and John to Edward, the emigrant. About the time of Richard III, John Taylor married the heiress and acquired the estates and arms of the De Fairsteds, and about the year 1600 Mathew Taylor by marriage with the heiress of Richard Freeland acquired the estates and arms of that family. Mathew Taylor, grandson of the Mathew Taylor just mentioned, came to America with the intention of speculating in lands in New Jersey under the patronage of Sir George Carteret, one of the proprietors of East Jersey, with whom he was distantly connected by marriage. He died in New York in 1687 without issue and bequeathed his lands to his brother, Edward Taylor, then living in London; the latter purchased an additional tract of one thousand acres at Garrett Hill and in 1692 came over and settled on it. He died in 1710, leaving the following children: George (the ancestor of the subject of this sketch), William, Edward and Hannah. George Taylor inherited the old home at Garrett Hill. He had three sons, George, Edward and John. His son Edward was the great grandfather of William Van Mater's mother, and the next in succession was John, who married Mary, a daughter of Samuel Holmes, who bore him eight children. Their oldest son, Joseph, who was Mr. Van Mater's grandfather, married Martha Dorrsett. They had thirteen children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. One of them was Sarah, mother of Mr. Van Mater. For many years Joseph Taylor lived at the foot of Rutmar's Hill, where he died in 1836 and where his wife died in 1856. From the original ancestor, Edward, descended many men of national distinction, among them Bayard Taylor, the celebrated author and traveler.

William Van Mater was educated in the common schools and early acquired a practical knowledge of farming. He succeeded admirably in his chosen calling, especially as a producer of fruits and garden vegetables. He was married December 13, 1876, to Margaret A. Wallace, who was born in Raritan township, July 6, 1851, a daughter of William and Mary E. (Cottrell) Wallace, both members of old families of prominence. Her father was a tin-smith and plumber. Mr. and Mrs. Van Mater have one son, Gilbert Van Mater, born February 18, 1881, who, after having been duly graduated from the school at Keyport, took the commercial course at Coleman's National Business College, Newark, New Jersey. The family are

attendants of the Baptist church at Keyport. Mr. Van Mater is a Republican and for twenty years has held the office of school trustee, and has demonstrated in other ways that he is a man of much public spirit, who may be safely depended upon to aid, to the extent of his ability, all measures which in his good judgment promise to benefit his fellow citizens.

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#### JAMES McCOLGAN.

Among the flourishing lines of industry in Monmouth county, New Jersey, the nursery business occupies a prominent and leading position, and engages the attention of a number of intelligent and progressive citizens. The Bay View nursery, which is located near Atlantic Highlands was established in 1893 by Mr. James McColgan, who is the subject of this biography. The birth of Mr. McColgan was at Hightstown, New Jersey, in 1859, and he is a son of John and Isabella (Donnell) McColgan. He was reared and acquired his education in his native place. For a number of years he was connected with the Elizabeth Nursery Company, as his choice of employment was connected with horticultural pursuits. He is still secretary of this company and holds valuable stock in it; but when he saw a favorable opportunity for establishing a business of his own, he located a nursery at Atlantic Highlands. The beautiful farm consists of one hundred acres, and all of it is devoted exclusively to a general but choice line of nursery stock. This property was formerly owned by William V. Conover, of Red Bank.

Mr. McColgan was married April 13, 1886, to Miss Emma, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Pope, residents of Little Silver, although Mrs. McColgan was not born there. To this union three children have been born, namely: Milton L., Olive and Bertram, the latter now deceased. The religious connection of the family is with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which our subject is steward, while socially he is connected with the Foresters.

Mr. McColgan is a practical horticulturist and has spent much time and means in the construction of his large nursery and in the building up of a business which now covers a large extent of country, the excellence and sturdiness of his stock bringing him orders wherever a first sale is made. His judgment is so good that no spurious is ever introduced, and by experiment he continually is developing new and superior qualities in the old standards. His integrity as a man of business is well known and he is one of the representative citizens of the county.

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#### JAMES M. VAN BRAKLE.

Mathias Van Brakle, a Hollander, came to America in 1709 and bought about one thousand acres of land from a man named Bowne, who had purchased it of Indians. This tract has since been divided into several farms and two hundred acres of it have been owned in the Van Brakle family to the present time. A descendant of Mathias Van Brakle, a pioneer, was another Mathias Van Brakle, grandfather of James M. Van Brakle, of Holmdel township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, who was born on the farm now the property of his grandson. The second Mathias Van Brakle married Eleanor Vanderbilt, also of Dutch ancestry and of the same family as the Vanderbilts of Staten Island and of New York City. Eleanor (Vanderbilt) Van Brakle bore her husband two sons and eight daughters.



*James Mc Van Brockle*





One of her sons was Stephen M. Van Brakle, who married Johanna Belle, a cousin of the father of the late Governor Bedle. Stephen M. and Johanna (Bedle) Van Brakle, who are the parents of the subject of this sketch, were zealous and active members of the Baptist church and aided very materially in building the first house of worship of that denomination at Jacksonville.

The four sons and three daughters of Stephen M. and Johanna (Bedle) Van Brakle were all living in 1901. Their son, James M. Van Brakle, was born December 20, 1833, on the farm on which he now lives. He was educated in the common schools and was early initiated into the mysteries of successful farming, to which he has devoted himself profitably during all his active years. Partly by purchase and partly by inheritance he acquired title to his present farm, which until he did so had never been sold since it had been purchased by his remote ancestor in 1709, but had been passed down from father to eldest son through many successive generations. He was married December 20, 1855, to Pamela E. Brown, who was born August 27, 1832, a daughter of William and Pamela (Lefferts) Brown, natives of Monmouth county. Mrs. Van Brakle's ancestors in the paternal line were of English extraction and in the maternal line they were Dutch. She has borne her husband five children. Their son James W. married Emeline Sickles; they have children as follows: Fanny, Leon (deceased), Percy, Claude and Lila. Their daughter Emma married Theodore Thorn, a farmer; their children are Lida, Van B., Garrett P., Anna E., Lena K., Ella S., Carrie M. and James M. Their son William B., who is a farmer, married Ada Simmons; their children are James M. and Sarah S. Their son Stephen M., who is a commission merchant in New York, married Mary Chevalier. Their son Leffert B., a farmer, married Lillian Hankins, of Monmouth county.

Mr. Van Brakle is a man of influence in his vicinity and his word is considered as good as his bond. He and all the members of his family are identified with the Baptist church, and in politics he is a Republican. His great-grandfather, Van Brakle, served the Colonies as a soldier during the entire period of the Revolutionary war and all of his ancestors of that time were loyal to the American cause.

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#### DANIEL VAIL.

Daniel Vail, a prominent manufacturer of fish oil at Port Monmouth, was born at Riverhead, Long Island, where he was also reared. He received an excellent education in the high school of his native place, but he has added greatly to his knowledge received therein by constant reading, study and observation. From his infancy he showed a decided tendency toward mechanics, and may truly be termed a natural born mechanic, being perfectly at home in the working of both wood and iron. Samples of his work were placed on exhibition at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. In 1880 he entered into partnership relations with Abner Osborn, of New York, in the manufacture of fish oil, but by mutual consent this relationship was dissolved two years later, Mr. Vail selling his interest to his partner for fifteen thousand dollars; and in that year, 1882, he removed from his native island to Port Monmouth, where he began the manufacture of oil on a large scale. At the end of three years, however, on account of the depression in business and other causes, he was obliged to discontinue the business, after which the plant was operated under the name of the Monmouth Oil and Guano Company. Subsequently the fishermen of the coast took charge of its operation for one year, which relieved Mr.

Vail of all obligation on his part toward those gentlemen. In 1888 Mr. Jonathan Nowell took charge of the plant in Mr. Vail's interest, and Mr. Vail then removed to his former home on Long Island, where his mechanical skill again brought him into prominence until 1898, in which year he came a second time to Port Monmouth. He is now operating the old plant in the interest of his son, Vernon S., under the firm name of Daniel Vail's Son.

The marriage of our subject occurred in 1867, Miss Ada E. Smith becoming his wife. She is a native of Long Island. Two children have been born unto this union—Hannah C., now Mrs. Howell, of South Hampton, and she has one son, Eric, aged eleven years; and Vernon S., who was for nine years connected with the Hanover National Bank of New York City and is now devoting his time to his oil manufacturing business at Port Monmouth. Throughout his entire life Mr. Vail has been a student, keeps himself well informed on the issues and questions of the day, and at all times gives his aid and co-operation to all movements which are intended for the public good.



#### JOHN H. VAN NEST.

Among the prominent dairymen of that section of New Jersey in which Eatontown is situated, the name of John H. Van Nest is conspicuous. He leases and works a farm of seventy-five acres located about one mile from Eatontown, where he produces the highest grade of dairy articles. His stock he selects for their milk-producing qualities. The trade demand upon him is so great, that besides the yield from his own stock he controls the output of milk from three other farms, which average daily two hundred and fifty quarts.

John H. is the son of Asher and Eleanor (Hunt) Van Nest, having been born to them at Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on March 13, 1858. His father died in July, 1866. He was reared and educated at Coltsneck and has been a follower of agricultural pursuits all his life. In 1886 he engaged in this, his chosen occupation, on his own responsibility, and has since been eminently successful. He located on his present farm in 1895, where his business has greatly increased. He possesses an enviable character among his friends and neighbors, who respect him for his straightforward and upright dealings, and who look up to him as a man of sound and conservative judgment.

His marriage to Mary, daughter of Peter W. and Jane Applegate, of Cranbury Station, was solemnized on November 14, 1883. They have had two children, George H. and Mary L., born, respectively, April 24, 1887, and May 7, 1896.

The Applegates of which family Mrs. Van Nest is a descendant, were early settlers of New Jersey, locating in the section now known as Cranbury Station. They are an eminently worthy and respectable family, well thought of and looked up to in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Nest are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a highly esteemed member of Jr. O. U. A. M.



#### EMIL WILHELM.

Emil Wilhelm is a well known representative of the industrial interests of Carteret, where he is occupying the responsible position of foreman for the Knappmann Whaling Company. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in

Stakstat, on the 12th of October, 1865. There he acquired his education and spent the days of his childhood, learning the florist's trade, after putting aside his text-books. When eighteen years of age he resolved to try his fortune in America, having received very favorable reports of the advantages and opportunities here extended to men of determination. Accordingly, in 1882, he sailed for the new world and began the task of earning a living in the land where ambition and earnest effort are not hampered by caste or class. He was first engaged in painting barns in Woodhaven, Long Island, and subsequently he secured employment in a tin factory at Hunters Point, Long Island, owned by the Standard Oil Company. Then he was engaged for six years on the construction of docks, and on the expiration of that period he entered the works of the Knappmann Whaling Company, at Carteret, New Jersey, where he gained promotion through ability and diligence and now occupies the responsible position of foreman. He has the entire confidence of the company and the respect of those who serve under him.

On the 2d of May, 1885, Mr. Wilhelm was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Haffner, and unto them have been born six children: Josie, Michael, Frank, Eva, John and Anna. He and his family are communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic church, at Carteret, and in his political views he is independent. He has never aspired to office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business cares. The success he has achieved is entirely due to his own efforts and he may justly be called a self-made man.

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#### JOHN EVANS.

In the death of John Evans, December 8, 1873, Milltown and Middlesex county lost one of the prominent and highly respected citizens. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful efforts, so was the life of this honored man. His career was a busy and useful one, but although he was earnest and active in business he never allowed the pursuit of wealth to warp his kindly nature.

Mr. Evans was born in Wales, March 15, 1825, and when a young lad came with his parents to America, the family settling at Belleville, New Jersey, where he remained until nineteen years of age. About 1844 the family came to Milltown, and when the present rubber manufactory was established he became an employe in the concern which was then conducted under the name of the Meyer Rubber Company. It is now the Milltown India Rubber Company and Mr. Evans' son is now its president. The father became superintendent of the establishment and retained that position up to the time of his death. His close attention to all the details of manufacture, of which he had an extensive and accurate knowledge, contributed much to the success of the enterprise. For twenty years he acted as superintendent and during that period he gave to the rubber industries of this country inventions and much improved machinery, which have been universally adopted for their ornamental and labor-saving values.

In 1852 Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Mary Augusta Vanderbilt, daughter of Cornelius and Rosanna Elizabeth (Tunison) Vanderbilt, of Milltown, New Jersey, a most estimable lady who shared with him in all his church work and thereby materially advanced its influence. Their living children are Rosa L. (Mrs. H. Brewster Willis), John C., Sadie E. (widow of Clarkson P. Stelle, deceased), Alfred D., Margaretta M. and May V. A friend, in writing of Mr. Evans' church work, said: "He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Brunswick, in 1845, and soon afterward he became a member of a class, which was formed in

this community, and the class remained in connection with the Liberty street church until a church was organized in this place in 1851. At the organization of the church here he was chosen a member of the board of trustees, and upon the establishment of the church was chosen a steward, which office he filled with honor and fidelity. When the interests of the church in this place called imperatively for a new building to meet the enlarged wants of the society, he was an active promoter and laborer for that purpose. When the new church was in course of building, he was stricken with disease and was unable to further attend to the completion of the church edifice, but his ideas and wishes were remembered and the church was completed as he would have wished. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father; and looked well after the interests of his family; a faithful member of the church of Christ and an honorable and respected citizen."

In writing of the death of Mr. Evans, the Milltown Herald said: "He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, and acts the best, for the life of such a man speaketh though he be dead. The two great conflicting interests in the world are sin and wickedness, truth and holiness, and every life is an influence siding directly or indirectly, with one or the other of these interests. Neutrality in view of the conflict is impossible. It is therefore not only proper but helpful to succeeding generations to keep fresh in the public mind the names of those persons, who by consistent, progressive and successful living, have left a permanent impress upon the community in which they lived for truth and holiness. The life of Mr. Evans stood out prominently for God, home and industrial prosperity. Notwithstanding his life was only a little more than two score years, yet his devotion to God and His cause, his consistent life, his wise council, his superior business capacity, and his great inventive genius enabled him to accomplish more for the betterment of the world during this brief career than many who have been allotted three score years and ten. He maintained an attractive and most hospitable home, where his many friends were always welcome, particularly the clergy. He was an earnest advocate of education and tully abreast with the spirit of the times. He was an earnest, God-fearing, capable man, who desired to do good in his brief day and generation. The home, the church and the industry he left in our midst are silent witnesses, testifying day by day to a successful life in behalf of truth, holiness and industrial development. May the reading of such a life be an incentive to good works.

"Our lives are albums written through  
 With good or ill, with false or true;  
 And as the blessed angels turn  
 The pages of our years,  
 God grant they read the good with smiles  
 And blot the ill with tears."

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#### VICTOR DEAN KENNEY.

The name Kenney has been perpetuated in that locality of Hunterdon county, in the state of New Jersey, known as Kenney's Mills. There Victor Dean Kenney, of Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born April 13, 1863, and is a son of Andrew P. and Elizabeth B. (Dean) Kenney, the former a native of Hunterdon county and the latter of Warren county, New Jersey. Michael Kenney, the great-great-grandfather of Victor Dean Kenney, came from Holland about the year



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1700 with his two brothers and settled in the northwestern part of New Jersey, where he bought several thousand acres of land and engaged extensively in farming, milling, distilling and lumbering. This property in time descended to his sons, one of whom was Andrew Kenney, the great-grandfather of Victor Dean Kenney, who devoted himself to the pursuits of his father during his active years. Andrew's son, Peter, was also active and successful as a business man. He had several sons and daughters, and Andrew, one of his sons, was the father of the immediate subject of this sketch. The three Kenney brothers were all men of prominence in their time, and it is on record that they were foremost among the organizers of the Dutch Reformed church of Reddington, Hunterdon county, and they were among the moving spirits in the same county.

Andrew Kenney was the fourth in line of descent of the Kennneys who owned the old Kenney homestead. He was born November 24, 1827, and died April 10, 1901. He was a zealous supporter of the church of his forefathers and served for many years in the office of elder. In politics he was an old-school Democrat, and his activity in public affairs was such that he held many important local offices.

His son, Victor Dean Kenney, was educated in the village school near his father's home, and completed his studies by a course in the Kanauss Business College, of Easton, Pennsylvania. After being associated for a short time with his father in business he went to Holmdel, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits for five years. For three years he was employed in a responsible position in a wholesale dry goods house of New York City, and for seven years thereafter was with the great retail dry goods house of Lord & Taylor of that city.

On the 20th of June, 1895, Mr. Kenney married Miss Lydia Anna Longstreet, who was born at Holmdel, May 3, 1855, a daughter of Joseph Holmes Longstreet, who was born August 11, 1816, and died May 18, 1856. His wife, Hulda Holmes Longstreet, was born February 23, 1815, and died September 28, 1889. Mr. Longstreet was a successful farmer and in his early manhood bought the four-hundred-acre farm at Holmdel known as the Academy farm. He was a brother of Aaron and Mary A. Longstreet, who are represented in a biographical sketch in this work. Mrs. Kenney's mother was a daughter of ex-Sheriff Daniel Holmes, who is also represented on another page of this work. She and her sister, Mrs. J. S. Holmes, inherited their father's old homestead, comprising one of the finest farms and one of the best houses in the county. Mr. Kenney's mother was of English ancestry and representatives of her family settled early in New Jersey. She was born July 28, 1832, and died March 8, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Victor D. Kenney are active members of the Baptist church. Mr. Kenney is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker, or, in the ordinary sense of the term, a political worker.

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#### JOSEPH W. SAVAGE.

Joseph W. Savage, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Carteret, is numbered among New Jersey's native sons, his birth having occurred in Jersey City, on the 30th of June, 1851. He is the son of the Hon. George W. Savage, a distinguished statesman, who was born at West Point, New York, and during the administration of President Cleveland served first as consul to Belfast, Ireland, and afterward to Dundee, Scotland, his death occurring in the latter place. His understanding of the relations of the countries to each other, of the duties attached to the consulate and his diplomacy in handling foreign affairs made him

a most able representative of this nation in foreign courts. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. Shaffer, was born in Savannah, Georgia, was married in 1848, and in 1855 was called to her final rest.

In the public schools Joseph W. Savage pursued his education and after putting aside his text-books turned his attention to the insurance business, establishing an agency in New York City. In 1886 he came to Carteret, where he is now engaged in real estate dealing, having conducted many important real estate transfers while on the value of property in this locality no man is better informed. He is also representing a number of fire, life and accident insurance companies, and writes considerable business in that line each year, thus materially increasing his income. He is also agent for the Canada Manufacturing Company of Canada, New Jersey, and carefully conducts each branch of his business, so as to make it produce the best results.

In 1870 occurred the marriage of Mr. Savage and Miss Adelia Cooper, a daughter of William Cooper, of Covington, Kentucky, and their children are Sue, Anna Josephine and Eugenia L. Socially Mr. Savage is identified with the Royal Arcanum and is a member of American Lodge of Masons, of Woodbridge; in his political views he is a Democrat. He has been school trustee of Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, and as a citizen is progressive and deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of his adopted city.



#### LUTHER GREEN.

Luther Green, now a veteran of the Civil war, was born on a farm in upper Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, March 8, 1840, the son of Hugh Green. His father, born in 1795, and pursuing an agricultural life in the township of Freehold, became an invalid when Luther Green was about two years of age and for ten years the property was gradually consumed to defray the family expenses; it then became necessary to make some provision to take care of the family of children. Luther, at an early age, was adopted by Joseph C. Conover and at twelve years of age was apprenticed to learn the milling trade. For sixteen years he worked in the old Marlborough grist mill for Mr. Conover. In those days Luther Green, as a lad and later a young man, was a familiar figure to the citizens of the surrounding country, either helping to unload their "grists" or sitting upon a mill stone with chisel and mallet at his work.

Overpowered by the war spirit in 1861, young Green left his employer and enlisted at New York in the Fourteenth Maryland Regiment. It was discharged in three months and he then enlisted in the First Maine Artillery. An effort was then made to transfer these men against their will to other regiments in the army service. The attempt failed and the men were discharged. Mr. Green returned to Marlborough and resumed his former position in the old Marlborough mill.

On November 12, 1865, Mr. Green was married to Amy C. Crawford, of Freehold. They have had children as follows: Eva died in infancy; Ellanora, who married George W. Reynolds; Edgar, deceased; Eva, who married Stephen Gurrettson; Addie, who married B. Pierce; John L.; Laura, who married William Storey; Amy G., who married Elmer Dey; Francis F., and Kate L. Mrs. Green's father, James C. Crawford, was a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Green is a member of the Dutch Reformed church of Freehold. Mr. Green has been a member of the Knights of Golden Eagle for many years, having passed the chairs and been a noble chief of the lodge, and a



member of the supreme lodge. Since 1868 he has been a member of Capt. Conover Post, G. A. R., No. 63, of Freehold.

A son of Mr. Green was a member of Company G, Second Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American war.

Mr. Green resides in a beautiful and commodious residence in the town of Freehold, where he has lived for the past ten years.

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#### CHARLES H. LUM.

One of Red Bank's prosperous farmers is Charles H. Lum, the subject of this brief sketch. He resides on part of what is well known in that section as the "Grover Homestead," and while the house was built in 1730, it is in a fine state of preservation, and is one of the picturesque landmarks of the place, being situated on the road leading from Red Bank to Lincroft.

Mr. Lum was born in Sandusky, Ohio, on August 2, 1853, the son of Henry B. and Louisa R. Lum. When our subject was thirteen years of age, in the year 1866, his parents removed to New Jersey, and in 1877 purchased part of the old homestead, containing fifty acres. While in the west Mr. Henry B. Lum, the father of our subject, was engaged as a nurseryman. In early life he taught school, and during the gold fever in California was on the Pacific coast, where he very successfully engaged in the bakery trade. He twice entered the matrimonial state, his first wife dying in 1863, his second wife in 1862; he, himself, passed away in 1895.

Charles H. Lum was reared and educated in the public schools of Ohio. He early evinced a strong tendency for agricultural pursuits, in which he has been closely interested all his life. In 1882 he went to Florida where he bought a tract of land covering 500 acres; here he remained for eight years, giving his attention to the cultivation of cocoanuts and various other fruits and vegetables. During his brief stay in that country, he became so popular that he received the appointment of county superintendent of schools and was further honored by being made supervisor of registration, as well as other offices of minor importance. He returned to New Jersey in 1890.

His marriage to Effie, daughter of James C. and Rachel (Smith) Grover, occurred on September 24, 1886; their only child is Annie L., who was born September 19, 1888.

Mrs. Effie Lum is the great-granddaughter of James Grover, to whom the Grover estate descended from an uncle, another James, on condition that he marry at the age of eighteen years; this stipulation was complied with, his wife being a Miss Deborah, at the time of her marriage sixteen years of age. She was the daughter of William Voorhees. Their family consisted of twelve children, nine of whom arrived at maturity and occupied honorable positions in society.

James the first owner of this extensive property, received a grant of 600 acres from King James II. On this land he built the house (in 1730) now occupied by his great-great-grandniece, Mrs. Lum.

James C. Grover, the father of Mrs. Lum, is the grandson of the aforesaid James, and great-grand-nephew to the original James, who was, it is scarcely necessary to say, a native of England. Mr. Grover was born in Princeton, New Jersey, but spent many years of his life on the old home-stead. He finally purchased 120 acres of the original tract, which he cultivated to a high state of perfection. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, having spent his early years in teaching, and was peculiarly endowed with noble principles and high minded conceptions of life, which

no doubt were ingrafted into his nature through the blood of his Quaker ancestry. His family consisted of ten children, namely, Deborah S., Emily, Joseph (deceased), Charles (deceased), Alice, Anna (deceased), J. Stillwell, Cornelia, Minnie (deceased) and Effie. Mr. Grover was born December 2, 1815, and died February 22, 1873. His wife was born October 25, 1825, dying on February 8, 1891. They were members of the Baptist church, to which denomination Mr. and Mrs. Lum also belong.

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#### EDMUND THROCKMORTON WOOLLEY.

Edmund Throckmorton Woolley, justice of the peace of Monmouth county, was born in Shrewsbury township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, July 18, 1825. His parents were Joseph and Hannah (Williams) Woolley, natives of Monmouth county, and descendants of the early Quaker settlers of New Jersey. Joseph Woolley was a leading agriculturist of Shrewsbury township, a stalwart Whig and subsequently a Republican, a consistent member of the Society of Friends, as was his wife, to whom he was married in the old Quaker Meeting House at Shrewsbury about 1820; he died in 1872, his wife in 1878. Of their children but two survive, namely: Edmund T. Woolley; and Elizabeth H., widow of Hubbard Dennis, who was for many years a harness maker at Eatontown, Monmouth county.

E. T. Woolley received his initial schooling at Shrewsbury, this being supplemented by attendance at the Friends' School, Westtown, Pennsylvania. After four years' association in mechanical pursuits with an uncle, Robert Wardell, in a general store at Eatontown, he entered the service of the New Jersey Southern Railroad Company, with which he continued to be identified in various capacities for a period of twenty years. During nine years of this time he was foreman for the company at Sandy Hook; was then Adams Express Company's agent and baggage master in the steamer service connected with the road. Following this and up to 1888 he was in the exclusive employ of the Adams Express Company as train messenger. In the last mentioned year he was installed by the Adams Express Company as clerk in their Red Bank office, where he remained until 1895, then resigning to assume the duties of justice of the peace, to which office he had been elected by the Republican party in 1896. He was re-elected to the same office in 1901.

Mr. Woolley has filled all of the large offices of the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the grand lodge of the state of New Jersey. He was married April 3, 1848, to Palmyra, daughter of the late Thomas Riddle, an early packet captain of New Jersey. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Woolley nine survive.

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#### JAMES J. FLYNN

One of the prominent and reliable business citizens of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, is James J. Flynn, undertaker and embalmer. He is a native of Middlesex county, and was born in Perth Amboy, in 1871, and was a son of Patrick and Elizabeth Flynn.

Mr. Flynn acquired a good common school education in the schools of his native borough and after finishing the course learned the trade of tinsmith, following it for eight years and becoming thoroughly proficient. At the expiration of this period he became connected with the undertaking business in the establishment of Thomas



*Edmund J. Hooley*



F. Burke, of Perth Amboy, and remained here for four years. On February 1, 1901, he opened a business of his own, at his present location, and is already recognized as a most reliable business man and he has long been known to be an honorable citizen. Mr. Flynn keeps a complete assortment of all the requisites for funerals and gives his personal attention to all details, his courteous manner making his services particularly appreciated.

Mr. Flynn was elected town constable in 1889, filling the duties of that office with complete satisfaction. Socially he is connected with St. Salvador Council, No. 299, Knights of Columbia; Chief Ranger of Court Amby, Foresters of America; Perth Amboy Tribe, I. O. R. M.; and of St. Patrick's Alliance. He is also foreman of the Volunteer Hook and Ladder Company and in all of these various organizations he is highly esteemed. His religious membership is in St. Mary's Catholic church. He is a progressive, energetic and thoroughly instructed business man and enjoys the respect of his fellow citizens in Perth Amboy.

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#### WALTER K. WHITAKER.

Walter King Whitaker is the junior member of the firm of M. F. Whitaker & Company, of Sewaren, dealers in groceries. He is an enterprising young business man, energetic and trustworthy, and his laudable ambition will prompt him to efforts that can not fail to bring added success. The senior partner of the firm is his brother, Millard Filmore Whitaker, son of John K. Whitaker, a resident of Sewaren, who is now practically living a retired life. The family is one of the oldest in the state and its representatives are well known in Elizabeth, Trenton and other points. Since 1875 they have resided in Sewaren and after long connection with business affairs the father is now enjoying a well earned rest. He is a man of prominence and influence, highly regarded for his sterling worth.

Millard F. Whitaker was born November 1, 1860, in Trenton, New Jersey, and is a man of fine business ability, giving close attention to his store and securing patronage through reasonable prices and honorable dealing. He is well known as a member of the Masonic fraternity and has taken many degrees in that order. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum. Politically he is a Democrat and for some time filled the position of postmaster in Sewaren, his administration of the office being one which evoked commendation from all concerned. He married Miss Hattie De Hoven and they have one child.

Walter King Whitaker, the younger member of the well known grocery firm, was born in Trenton October 30, 1862, and attended school in Elizabeth, coming with the family to Sewaren in 1875 when thirteen years of age. Reared to manhood here, he became identified with its mercantile interests as a member of the present firm in 1880, in which year the brothers opened a grocery store, which they have since successfully conducted. They carry a large line of carefully selected goods and from the public receive a large and constantly growing patronage.

Walter K. Whitaker was married to Miss Nellie Monahan, and they, too, have one child. The Democratic party receives his political allegiance, and of the Masonic fraternity he is a representative, belonging to the same Masonic divisions as does his brother, including Alericus Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M., of Woodbridge; Lofetter Chapter No. 1743, R. A. M. of Rahway; St. John's Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of Elizabeth; and Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of New York. He

exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the fraternity. Both brothers are wide-awake, energetic young business men, enjoying the unqualified esteem of the public and the warm regard of many friends in social circles.

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CHARLES HENRY THOMPSON, M. D.

Dr. Charles Henry Thompson, one of the prominent physicians of Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born near Marlboro, New Jersey, August 23, 1843, son of Denise and Cornelia (Bergen) Thompson. The name, originally spelled Tomson, is of English-Scotch origin. The original immigrant to this country settled on the New England coast prior to 1650 and was one of the eighty-six original purchasers, in 1667, of that part of Monmouth county known then as Navesink, Narumsink and Pootapeck. From this ancestor a long and honorable line descends to William I. Thompson, grandfather of Charles Henry; he was born in 1779, married Margaret Denise, was a farmer, a Presbyterian, and had six children. Through the maternal line, Dr. Thompson's ancestry traces back to Hans Hansen-Bergen, who settled on Manhattan Island in 1633 and married Sarah Rapalie, the first white child born of European parentage in the colony of New Netherlands. Dr. Thompson's father, Dennis Thompson, born September 23, 1802, was a progressive farmer, a staunch Republican, a zealous member of the Dutch Reformed church and many years its treasurer. His children were: Jacob B., William I., John B., Joseph C., Cornelia D., Stephen E., Tunis D. and Charles H., all deceased except John B. and the youngest.

Dr. Charles Henry Thompson was graduated from Rutgers College in 1864, read medicine in the office of Dr. John Vought, at Freehold, and in February, 1868, was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Columbia College, New York City. He commenced practice at Rosemont, New Jersey, and four years later he located in New York. In 1875 he returned to New Jersey, at South Amboy, and after four years came to his present location at Belmar. Dr. Thompson is in touch with the medical progress of his day and is an influential member of the Medico Legal Society of New York City and of the Monmouth County Medical Society. He is a Republican, and although not an office seeker, was made the nominee of his party for assembly in 1890. He has twice served as president of the borough commission of Ocean Beach, and for two terms, of two years each, has been mayor of Belmar. He is high up in Masonry, being a past-master of Ocean Lodge, No. 86, F. & A. M.; is a member of Goodwin Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; of Corson Commandery, No. 15, K. T., and of the Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was an organizer and the first senior warden of the Protestant Episcopal church of Belmar, and was chosen to formally present the church to the bishop of the diocese.

In May, 1895, he was married to Rhoda A., daughter of Samuel and Margetta (Wiley) Holmes, of Pleasant Valley, New York. Their only child, Dr. Fred V., is one of the rising physicians of New Jersey, practicing at Holmdel, New Jersey.

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HARRY CONARD.

Harry Conard is one of the youngest bank cashiers in the state of New Jersey, holding that position in connection with the First National Bank of Perth Amboy. He has attained a position of distinction in financial circles that many an older



Chas. F. Thompson 1890.





man might well envy, and his advancement has come through strong resolution, unflinching energy and laudable ambition.

Although a native of Pennsylvania Mr. Conard came to Perth Amboy in 1877, and his school days were largely spent in this city. For twelve years he was connected with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company of New York City, acting as its cashier, and in 1892 he aided in the organization of the Citizens City Building and Loan Association of Perth Amboy, of which he was made secretary and treasurer. When the organization of the First National Bank was effected on the 23d of August, 1899, he was chosen its cashier and has since been closely connected with the management and control of the institution, which has rapidly won its way to a foremost place in public favor on account of its safe and conservative business policy and the financial reliability of its stockholders. The president is Hamilton Fish Kean, of Union township, Union county, New Jersey, and the directors are John W. Whilan, of Elizabeth, Robert Carson, of New Brunswick; A. D. Brown, of Woodbridge; C. D. Snedaker, Peter Nelson and George Haney, of Perth Amboy. All are well known business men of marked ability and high financial standing—a fact which insures confidence in the institution and has made it one of the leading and prosperous banks of this part of the state. It is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars and is the only national bank in Perth Amboy. Mr. Conard carefully controls its interests and his correct judgment of human nature, combined with his business ability and executive force, has contributed in large measure to the success of the enterprise.

Mr. Conard was united in marriage to Miss Alice Elizabeth Richters, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and they have one son. Their attractive home is the center of a leading society circle and their friends throughout the community are as many in number as their acquaintances. Socially Mr. Conard is a member of Raritan Lodge, No. 61, F. & A. M., and also has membership relations with the Royal Arcanum. In his political views he is a Republican, but has never been an active worker in the party. He served as city treasurer from 1894 to 1896 and is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the improvement and upbuilding of the community, co-operating in many measures for the general good. He possesses the requisite qualifications of a successful business man and his future is therefore assured. His strong purpose is guided by sound business principles, and his efforts are directed along the lines of the strictest commercial ethics. His record is above reproach and there is no more honorable, genial or popular young business man in Perth Amboy than Harry Conard.

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#### JOSEPH G. BURNS

Joseph G. Burns, who is now filling the position of superintendent of the water works of Perth Amboy, was born in this city on the 1st of February, 1861. His father, Joseph Burns, who died in 1868, was a native of Ireland and was a tailor by trade. Becoming a resident of Perth Amboy at an early age, he here followed tailoring throughout his business career. When the country became involved in the war with Mexico he volunteered for service and marched to the land of Montezuma, where he aided in establishing the supremacy of the American arms. When the south attempted to overthrow the Union he again donned the suit of blue as a member of the Eleventh New Jersey Infantry and through the war of the Rebellion served with the Third Army Corps, being discharged with the rank of second lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Chancellorville, Fredericksburg, and other important engagements and was a most loyal soldier. In his political

views he was a Democrat and twice served his constituents as a member of the city council.

Joseph G. Burns is the only son born unto his parents. He has always made Perth Amboy his home, and to its public school system he is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. After putting aside his text-books, he entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, with which he remained for eighteen consecutive years, part of the time upon the road, and the remainder of the period as its representative at this place. His long connection with the company indicates clearly his fidelity to duty and promptness in its discharge. At length he resigned his position to become superintendent of the water works of Perth Amboy, to which he was appointed in 1899.

Mr. Burns exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy and is deeply interested in the growth and success of his party, doing all in his power for its advancement. He was married in 1886 to Miss Tille Simonson, and unto them have been born three children, namely: Arthur, Scott and Frank. Mr. Burns is one of the popular young men of the village, where he has a wide acquaintance. His friends are indeed many, including those who have known him from early boyhood.

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#### STAFFORD L. RAPPELYEA.

A prominent and progressive citizen of Milltown, Middlesex county, New Jersey, is Stafford L. Rappelyea, the honored mayor of the town and the proprietor of the Milltown Granite Works. His parents are William C. and Hester (Lloyd) Rappelyea, and his birth was in North Brunswick township, Middlesex county, on January 24, 1865.

William C. Rappelyea, the father of the subject of this biography, was a son of Jeremiah and Mary Ann Rappelyea and he was born near Denhams Corner, in East Brunswick township, and has spent his entire life in Middlesex county, where he has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, now living retired in Milltown. Both he and wife are consistent members of the Methodist church.

Stafford L. Rappelyea, the only child of William and Hester Rappelyea, acquired his education in the public schools of New Brunswick, and after his school days ended he went to work in the Milltown rubber factory, but subsequently learned the trade of granite cutting, with William Clinton, of New Brunswick, remaining in his employ for thirteen years. Leaving Mr. Clinton at this time he went to Elizabeth and there took charge of the granite yard of Thomas Jardine & Son, and remained there for two years, going then to South River, New Jersey, where he became a partner in the firm of Lupton Bros. & Co. This partnership was dissolved in 1889 and Mr. Rappelyea returned to Milltown and engaged in business for himself, where, by studying the wants of his patrons, by good and artistic workmanship, and by courteous treatment, he has gained the confidence of the public and has established a large and remunerative business.

Mr. Rappelyea was united in marriage at South River, New Jersey, on November 6, 1895, to Miss Ada Armstrong, who was the daughter of Robert and Amelia Armstrong, and one son has blessed this union, Erdman A., who was born in 1897.

Mr. Rappelyea is a valued member of a number of the fraternal orders, notably, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F.; Wickatunk Tribe, No. 135, Improved Order of Red Men; Riverside Council, Junior Order of American Mechanics; in all of these he enjoys the high esteem of comrades. In his political sympathies he has

been an active and enthusiastic Republican and his fellow citizens displayed their confidence by electing him to the office of mayor on March 12, 1901. He is a director in the Van Liew cemetery, and one of the leading and substantial citizens. With his family he is connected with the Methodist church.

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WILLIAM H. NASH.

There are few men better known or more highly respected in Carteret, Woodbridge township, New Jersey, than the subject of this brief review, William H. Nash, who has lived in this section for upward of thirty years. He is the proprietor of the Port Reding Hotel at Carteret, which is well and favorably known to visitors at that place as affording entertainment second to none. For ten years Mr. Nash has been engaged in the hotel business, although he has not confined himself strictly to it, being interested in real estate transactions in connection with Joseph W. Savage; in this line he has done an extensive business; he has successfully negotiated many sales, including desirable factory sites, as well as the buying and selling of residence property.

Politically Mr. Nash is an adherent of the Democratic party, in whose welfare he takes an active interest. He is an advocate of outdoor exercise, and is a member of the Woodbridge Athletic Club. Mr. Nash is happy in the possession of a wife and five children.

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JOSEPH MARK.

Joseph Mark, a prominent and progressive citizen and successful business man, efficiently filling the honorable position of mayor of the pleasant town of South River, Middlesex county, New Jersey, is a son of Bernhard and Theresa (Schesler) Mark.

The Mark family is of German descent, the father of our subject being a native of Baden Baden, where he was born in 1828; he was a son of Mathias and Susan Mark, the former of whom spent his whole life in his native country, but the latter emigrated to the United States and died at South River, New Jersey.

Bernard Mark spent his early life in Germany, where he was educated and learned the trade of shoemaker, and until 1848 he worked there at his trade. At this date he came to America, landing at New York, and soon after made his way to South River, New Jersey, and decided to make that part of the state his permanent home, being one of the first settlers of that section of Middlesex county. Here he soon established himself at his trade of shoemaking, and being a skilled mechanic he soon had all of the work which he could attend to. Subsequently he engaged in the retail shoe business and carried on the same very successfully until 1890, at which time he disposed of his business and since that time has been spending the autumn of his life free from business cares, amid the surroundings of his cheerful home, in South River.

To Bernard Mark and wife were born these children, namely: Emma, who is the wife of Robert Davison, of South River; William, born on December 9, 1860, married Miss Nellie Dockenty and has three children, residing in Brooklyn; Joseph; and Susan, who is the wife of Charles Combs, has three children and resides in South River. One other, named Rosella, died in childhood.

Mr. Mark has long been a prominent citizen of this town and for four years was the efficient town commissioner and was one of the directors of the building and loan association of South River for eight years. In political views he has been a lifelong Democrat. Bernard Marks is known to be a consistent member of the Methodist church, and he has been honest and upright in all his dealings through life; he is of a progressive spirit, giving his influence and contributing largely of his means to advance all enterprises tending to the promotion of the welfare of his adopted home. He is honored and esteemed by all of his fellow citizens.

Joseph Mark, who is our subject, was educated in the public schools of South River and after completing the course, went to work in a brickyard, where he remained for five years, and for about three years longer he was engaged at carpet-weaving. His next step was an engagement as agent to travel in the interests of a shirt factory in New York, and thus thoroughly learned the necessary details of this business. In 1886 our subject, in association with his brother-in-law, Robert Davison, established a shirt factory in South River, beginning in a small way. It soon began to assume large proportions and has become one of the important and leading industries in this locality.

The factory where the business is conducted is a two-story frame structure, eighty-six by twenty-eight feet, in which about one hundred machines are operated by steam power, the firm giving employment to about one hundred hands in the factory and some fifty families on the outside.

The marriage of Mr. Mark took place at South River, New Jersey, on August 7, 1889, to Miss Sarah Brower, of Matawan, Monmouth county, New Jersey.

Mr. Mark affiliates with the Democratic party and has filled the office of town councilman, borough councilman and was unanimously elected mayor of the city on March 12, 1901. In the South River Building and Loan Association he has been long a director; is a member of South River Council, No. 33, Jr. O. of U. A. M.; South River Lodge, Knights of Pythias; New Brunswick Lodge, No. 324; and Benevolent Order of Elks. In the Methodist church Mr. Mark consistently holds membership and is one of the leading supporters in South River.

As a clever, energetic business man Mr. Mark has built up an enviable reputation, which is one of unquestioned integrity, and his standing is high in every circle of society in South River.

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#### CHARLES ALBERT VOORHEES.

A man who has attained to prominence through his energy and perseverance along agricultural lines is Charles Albert Voorhees, who owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred acres of land in Jackson town-ship, Ocean county, which he devotes to general farming. He is of Dutch ancestry, his great-grandparents, Albert and Catherine Voorhees, having been natives of Holland, whence they emigrated to this country, enduring all the hard-hips and privations of pioneer life. Albert Voorhees was a brave soldier of the Revolutionary war and fought valiantly for the freedom of his adopted country. Of the children born to this couple was Hendrick, the grandfather of the immediate subject of these memoirs. He was born October 7, 1774, and was married December 4, 1796, to Kessiah Applegate, whose birth occurred December 14, 1774. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees, only one of whom now survives: Joseph H., born September 11, 1819. On June 19, 1841, he married Miss Rachel Lucas. Albert H. Voorhees, the father of our subject, was a member of this family, and was born in Ocean county, where he



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spent his entire life and where his death occurred when seventy-six years of age. His wife, Lydia (Conover) Voorhees, was about the same age. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Hendrick, deceased; Conover; Catharine; James, who has passed away; Kessiah; Joseph, now deceased; John; Jacob A.; Daniel; Isaac W.; Lydia; and Charles A. The father was a man highly respected in the community in which he resided and always led a life of honor and uprightness. Though he made no pretensions as a politician, he was earnest and zealous in his support of the Democratic party.

Charles Albert Voorhees was the youngest member of the family and was born January 1, 1851, in Jackson township, Ocean county, New Jersey. The common schools of his native township furnished him his educational privileges, and his father's farm served as an instructor in all the labors and duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Here he learned lessons of industry and perseverance, while honesty and integrity were early instilled into his mind around the family fireside. His valuable farming property and his substantial residence and barns are the results of his well guided labor and of the early training he received, and he well merits the success which is now his.

Mr. Voorhees was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony on the 10th of March, 1875, to Miss Eliza B. Wright, who was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, in 1853, her parents being Franklin and Jane M. Wright. Mr. Voorhees is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has held the office of steward and is now treasurer. He has been honored with the office of collector of taxes of the township, and through his promptness and fidelity to his duties has won for himself the confidence of his fellow men. Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees have many friends in Jackson township who honor and respect them for their many excellencies of character.

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#### J. LEON WHITE, M. D.

Among the successful practicing physicians of South Amboy is Dr. J. Leon White, whose careful preparation, supplemented by unflinching devotion to his profession, has enabled him to pass beyond the point of mediocrity and stand among the successful few. He was born in Bardentown, New Jersey, January 9, 1861, and is a son of James and Willmina White. The family is of English lineage and the great-grandfather, the grandfather and the father of the Doctor all bore the name of James White. The last named was born in Cornwall, England, June 4, 1829, and when a year old was brought to America by his parents, who located in New Jersey, the greater part of his life being passed in South Amboy. He mastered the business of running a locomotive engine, while in the service of the Camden & Amboy Railroad Company, and later he was a fireman and afterward engineer on the famous old engine called the John Bull, which was placed on exhibition at the Centennial in Philadelphia and the World's Columbian Exposition, in Chicago. He remained in the service of the Camden & Amboy Railroad Company until 1889 and was one of its most trusted employes. He now lives retired amid the surroundings of a comfortable home. His children are Annie, the wife of Charles Cousins, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad; and the Doctor.

The latter acquired his education in the public schools of South Amboy, supplemented by study under private instruction. His literary course being completed, he took up the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Treganowan and later became a

student in the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, where he was graduated in the class of 1887. For two years thereafter he continued his studies and then began practice. He has always been a student, his reading and research continually extending the field of his knowledge until he is to-day regarded as one of the best informed physicians of South Amboy, and that he enjoys the public confidence is indicated by the large patronage accorded him. He began practice near Owego, New York, in 1883, and there remained until 1888, after which he practiced for four years at Oakdale, near Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1891 he returned to South Amboy, but on account of ill health did not engage in practice until 1898.

The Doctor belongs to the State and County Medical Societies. For four years he was a member of the board of health and for two years was its president, while for the past three years he has been borough physician. The Doctor has a wide acquaintance and many friends in this locality, gained not only through his professional skill but by reason of many pleasing personal characteristics.

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#### FRANK LEROY SMITH.

New Jersey is noted for its garden produce; nowhere do vegetables seem to flourish and develop as in the Jersey soil and under the skillful hands of the Jersey farmer. Among the most successful of the truck men the name of Frank L. Smith stands conspicuous. His extensive place is located near Little Silver and is widely known as "Maple Farm;" it is beautifully situated on the Red Bank road leading to Long Branch, and its products are sold at both wholesale and retail. Mr. Smith's markets now extend all along Monmouth Beach, and he requires six large team wagons in the delivery of his goods.

Mr. Smith is a native of Oceanport, having been born there October 3, 1860. His parents were Louis A. and Angeline (Campbell) Smith. He was reared and educated in the neighborhood of Little Silver, to which place he removed in 1871. He has spent fifteen years on the place he now occupies—years of energetic and well directed effort, which have been crowned with well merited success.

His marriage to Miss Anna B. Quackenbush, of Brooklyn, New York, was celebrated December 31, 1891. Three interesting children have been born to their union, namely: Percy L., Raymond E., and Helen Smith.

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#### IRA B. TICE.

Ira B. Tice has for a number of years been one of the leading residents of the city, prominent in political and public life, and in business affairs, wherein he has manifested marked ability and fidelity to duty, thus continually winning advancement at the hands of the corporations with which he has been connected. Respected and esteemed by all who know him, he well deserves mention among the representative citizens of the Jersey coast.

Mr. Tice is a son of a patriotic house whose ancestors came to America from Tyrol, Austria, in 1620. There were three brothers, whose names were John, Henry and Joseph. The name was originally spelled Teiss, and the family of that name gave the name to the river Teiss, which flows through Austria-Hungary. Early members of the family in this country were firm supporters and defenders of the Declaration of Independence and of the forms of government established by our





Ira B. Tice



Continental congress. John Tice, the grandfather of our subject, followed farming in Hector township, Schuyler county, New York, owning a valuable tract of land of three hundred and fifty acres, situated near the romantic Watkins Glen. There he resided throughout his entire life and amassed a very desirable competency. In his political views he was a Whig and was a most earnest and zealous patriot. He served with distinction in the war of 1812 and not only faced the British bullets on the field of battle but also gave of his means toward the successful prosecution of the war. In religious belief he was a Methodist and took an active part in the work of the church, doing whatever lay in his power for the advancement and upbuilding of the cause of Christianity among his fellow men. He was twice married and by his first union had two children, Simeon and Archellis, while by the second marriage there was one child, Beardsley.

Simeon Tice, the father of our subject, was born in Hector township, Schuyler county, New York, on the 26th of August, 1813. By occupation he was a carriage manufacturer, following that business first at West Groton and afterward at Moravia, New York, where in 1886 he retired from business after an active career of forty years. He then took up his residence at Beardsley's Corners, in Tompkins county, New York, twelve miles from Ithaca, where he is now enjoying a well earned rest, his wants being supplied by the competence gained by earnest labor in the past. In early life he gave his political support to the Whig party and afterward joined the ranks of the Republican party, of which he has remained an unfaltering advocate, although he has never sought or desired public office. He has long been an active and consistent member of the Methodist church and has held office therein. Mr. Tice has been twice married and three children were born of the first union, namely: Mary Woolsey, now deceased; Ira B.; and John, who was a carriage decorator at Syracuse, New York. The mother, Mrs. Harriet S. (Webley) Tice, died in 1872, at the age of fifty-three years. There have been no children born of the second marriage.

Ira B. Tice was born at West Groton, Tompkins county, New York, on the 13th of December, 1849, and in the schools of Moravia, that state, pursued his education. After putting aside his text-books he secured employment with the Western Union Telegraph Company at Moravia, where he remained for two years, after which he became a telegraph operator for the Erie Railroad Company, and at the end of three years accepted a position as forwarding agent at Wilkesbarre for the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company, in whose service he remained for six years. In 1875 Mr. Tice was for four years train runner for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, while later he came to Perth Amboy and was promoted to the position of yard master, acting in that capacity for sixteen years or until January 1, 1896, when he was made general yard master at Perth Amboy. In his new position he had charge of all of the yards at that place, including the supervision of three hundred men. Well qualified for the important duties of the position, by their faithful discharge he won the unqualified confidence and respect of the company and of the men. His business career has been a progressive one, his energy and strong determination to succeed winning him continued advancement as the years have gone by.

In November, 1890, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Tice and Miss Florence E. Liddell, a daughter of Captain Thomas B. Liddell, of Perth Amboy. They now have two interesting children, Harriet and Ira B., Jr. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tice are widely and favorably known in Perth Amboy and the hospitality of the best homes is extended them. He has been actively identified with the interests of the town during his residence here; is vice-president of the Citizens Building & Loan Association and a director of the Perth Amboy Home & Mutual Building and

Loan Association. He is also a prominent Mason, belonging to Raritan Lodge, No. 61, F. & A. M., of which he is a trustee. He is captain general of Temple Commandery, No. 18, K. T., at Metuchen, New Jersey; is a past regent of Middlesex Council, No. 1100, Royal Arcanum; and is a past councilor of Alpha Council, No. 1, Loyal Additional Benefit Fund. He is vice-president of the Exempt Firemen's Association and president of the board of trustees of the Firemen's Relief Association, while of the "old time" Telegraphers and Historical Association he is an active and influential representative. A staunch Republican in his political views, Mr. Tice has always taken a deep interest in the growth of his party and the adoption of its principles. He was elected a member of the board of freeholders and in 1896 was chosen by popular ballot to the position of mayor of Perth Amboy. In 1887 he was a candidate for the state senate, but as his party is the minority party in this district, he was not elected. Every office to which he has been chosen has found him a reliable incumbent. Wherever known he enjoys the confidence and good will of those with whom he has been associated and the circle of his friends is only limited by the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### ARTHUR L. GROVER, D. V. S.

Arthur L. Grover, the proprietor of Perth Amboy Veterinary Hospital, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 24, 1876, the son of Joseph and Anna M. (Elkin) Grover, who are both residents of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Mr. Arthur L. Grover received his preliminary education in the public schools of New Brunswick, and afterward studied for his profession in the McGill University, Montreal. He later entered the American Veterinary College of New York, from which he graduated in 1897. For six months subsequent to his leaving college, he was an assistant in Dr. S. K. Johnson's Veterinary Hospital, West 25th Street, New York, and during the next six months assisted Dr. Burns of Brooklyn. In 1898 he began the practice of his profession in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and has been continuously engaged in this business ever since. His thorough knowledge of this line of work and his conscientious and faithful labor have brought to him marked success, and he is known throughout the country as a man of ability and energy. He has many friends in Perth Amboy, who have great confidence in his work and look upon him as a rising professional man. He is held in high regard by all who know him, and has a bright and promising future.

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#### JOHN AUGUSTIN COAN.

John Augustin Coan, one of the leading lawyers of South Amboy, New Jersey, was born at South Amboy in 1877, his parents being Patrick and Mary (Shannahan) Coan. They are both natives of Ireland, but have for the past thirty years resided in South Amboy, New Jersey, honored and respected by all who know them. Their children are: Rev. James J., rector of St. John's Roman Catholic chapel, Brooklyn; Mary C., wife of William Birmingham; Elizabeth A.; Patrick J.; John A.; and Frank P. The family all attend St. Mary's Roman Catholic church and are highly respected in South Amboy.

Mr. John A. Coan, was educated in St. Mary's parochial school at South Amboy, and was one of the first graduates from that school. He then attended Seton Hall

College, South Orange, New Jersey, graduating from there in 1898, with the degree of A. B. It was his desire to engage in professional work, and in 1900 he graduated from the New York Law School, having there received the degree of LL. B. In June of that year, he was admitted to the Bar and at once engaged in the practice of law in his home town. He has been very successful during the short period of his work and is now recognized as a rising lawyer of ability, and bids fair to be one of the first lawyers of the community. Mr. Coan is a member of South Amboy Council No. 426, Knights of Columbus, and also of St. Aloysius Lyceum. He is a man of spirit, a deep thinker and promises to be a leading factor in matters of importance, which require grave thought and sound judgment. He is greatly respected in South Amboy and has many friends throughout the country who wish him success in his career.

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THOMAS REDHING.

Thomas Redhing, a progressive and popular citizen of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, where he conducts a general contracting business with offices located at No. 230 High street, was born in the town of Catterstock, near Oundel, Northamptonshire, England, on September 23, 1849, and was a son of John and Ann Redhing, both of whom were natives of Northamptonshire.

In early life our subject received only a limited education, at the age of nine years becoming an apprentice in a flour mill. After gaining a thorough knowledge of this business, he went to a town in Bedfordshire where he engaged in work as a journeyman. Three years later he went to Hartfordshire where he took charge of a mill at Whealamstead for George B. Garrett and remained there three years, during which time he introduced many improvements, increased the business, and gave general satisfaction.

On April 1, 1871, Mr. Redhing left his native land to seek his fortune in the far west, embarking on the steamship City of Washington, and reaching New York on May 4, 1871. After remaining in that great city for a few weeks and failing to find employment at his trade there, he engaged as a laborer on a railroad, a line of work different from any he had ever attempted, but he must have given satisfaction, for three months later he was made a foreman.

On April 12, 1872, our subject came to Perth Amboy, New Jersey, as foreman on the construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad. About this time gas was being introduced for general use in Perth Amboy, and abandoning the railroad work, he entered into the employ of the gas company and assisted in the entire construction of the plant, and after its completion, was appointed superintendent of the works, filling this position efficiently for five and one-half years.

During the following three years our subject took charge of a mill in Woodbridge township, close to Perth Amboy, and subsequently became a partner in this business, continuing until May 4, 1880, when he abandoned that line of work to enter into that of contracting, and since that time has been very successfully engaged.

The marriage of Mr. Redhing was near Perth Amboy, on March 25, 1874, to Miss Mary Emma Munn, who was a daughter of Frederick Munn, and to this union these children have been born, namely: George Ernest, who died at the age of sixteen years; Albert Spencer; Mary Emma, the wife of Garret Evans, married on April 20, 1901; Earl Dower; Eva Ann; Bertha; and Cora, who died in infancy.

Mr. Redhing is well known in business circles and is identified with many social and fraternal orders, namely: Raritan Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M., Chapter 30, R. A. M., Temple Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar, Mecca Temple, Knights

of the Mystic Shrine, Perth Amboy Lodge, I. O. O. F., Algonkin Lodge, Knights of Pythias, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 324, Benevolent Elks. He has served as a freeholder for two successive terms.

In politics our subject is an active and ardent Republican and has been a useful member of his party. The religious connection of the family is with the Episcopal church, where all are highly esteemed.

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#### R. HOWARD THORN.

This gentleman, the late efficient postmaster of Ocean City, is proprietor of the leading hardware establishment, one of the most extensive enterprises at that place. Through the passing years he has added to his capital by the careful conduct of his mercantile interests and enlarged his facilities to meet the demands of the constantly increasing trade, thus becoming the proprietor of one of the largest business houses in the city which he makes his home.

Mr. Thorn was born at Frankford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1857, his parents being Richard H. and Rebecca (Shallercross) Thorn. Seven brothers by the name of Thorn came to America at an early period in the history of this country. One of the brothers settled in Salem county, New Jersey, the second in Maryland, and John Thorn, the original ancestor of our subject, took up his abode in Chesterfield township, Burlington county, New Jersey, where he followed the occupation of farming. James came over with Lord Baltimore. The grandfather of our subject also bore the name of John, and was born in Crosswicks, Burlington county, in 1790. He was educated in the schools of Bordentown, learned the potter's trade, and engaged in the manufacture of pottery in Crosswicks in early life, but subsequently removed to Frankford, Philadelphia, where he manufactured all kinds of earthenware. There he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in March, 1857, at the age of seventy-seven years. His political support was given to the Whig party, and of the Methodist Episcopal church he was a faithful member, contributing liberally to its support and regularly attending its services. He married Miss Mary Thomas, whose death occurred at the age of sixty-four years. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas, who was a tailor and baker, married and had three children, Mary E., Siloam T. and Frank; Richard H.; David, a bricklayer, married Mary Wilson, and their children were Silas W., Richard Hare, Melvina, and two who died in childhood; Hannah became the wife of James G. Glenn, a saddler of Philadelphia, and their children were Edwin T., Charles T., Clara T., Milton, Fannie, Harry and Laurina; Mary Anna became the wife of Charles T. Holme, a master painter at Frankford, and they had seven children who survive, viz.: Charles W., Mary Ada, Evadine T., Richard T., Linwood T., Maud and Irene, three children being deceased; Susan became the wife of Christian S. Ruth, a master mechanic and foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad blacksmith shops at Altoona, Pennsylvania, by whom she had six children,—James Buchanan, Mary, Susan, Wilbur, Linford and Milton; Margaret, the youngest of the family, married William MacDonough, a wood turner and superintendent of an umbrella factory at Frankford, by whom she had four children.—John Thorn, William, Mary and Frank.

Richard H. Thorn, the father of our subject, was born at Crosswicks, Burlington county, New Jersey, March 24, 1820, and throughout his business career followed contracting and building at Frankford, Pennsylvania, and executed some

of the largest contracts in that part of Philadelphia, furnishing employment to a large force of workmen. He exercised his right of franchise in support of the Democracy. He married Miss Rebecca Shalleross, and they became the parents of nine children: George Bancroft; Kate S.; Mary Deborah, who died at the age of nine years; Horace St. Clair, who is the secretary of the Frankford Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and who married Ella Greenly, by whom he had two children.—Joseph S. and Walter St. Clair; Warren Douglass, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Richard Howard; Joseph Shalleross, who died at the age of five years; Effie Grey, who became the wife of Abel D. Scull, a contractor at Ocean City, by whom she had six children.—Olive Pearl, Howard Thorn, Morris S., Thomas J., Ruth D. and Lavinia Eyre; and Thomas J., a grocer, who married Ella Smith. The father of these children was called to his final rest November 16, 1885, at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife, who was born May 8, 1824, died April 21, 1892.

In the public schools of his native town R. Howard Thorn pursued his education until the age of fourteen years, after which he was variously employed at the carpenter's trade, at the cabinet-maker's bench, and later accepted a clerkship in Frankford; he finally mastered the millwright's trade, which he followed until 1885. That year witnessed his arrival at Ocean City, where he began business on a small scale at the corner of Asbury avenue and Eighth street, carrying a line of hardware and house furnishing goods. His straightforward dealings, his systematic business methods and earnest desire to please his patrons secured to him a constantly increasing patronage, and in 1887 he bought two adjoining lots and enlarged his store by building upon them. At different times he made additions and improvements in his store until the Thorn block is now seventy-eight by sixty feet, and three stories in height. The original building, a part of the block which he now occupies, was erected in 1887 for a furniture store, and he purchased the furniture stock and fixtures of Oliver Pierce. He soon built up a good trade in that line, continually enlarging his store and stock, and in 1895 he erected a building twenty-eight by fifty-six feet and three stories in height, and the third story is occupied by the Masonic fraternity. His store at No. 801 is now used as a retail cigar establishment; No. 803 is occupied by his mammoth hardware and house furnishing department and No. 805 as a furniture department, all three floors being utilized, the second as a carpet and furniture salesroom, and the third as a general stock department. Mr. Thorn has an investment in that location approximating thirty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Thorn also owns other valuable property in other parts of the city, and is accounted a leading merchant in this line at this place, receiving the patronage of many of the summer visitors as well as of the permanent residents of the town. He is also the treasurer of the Ocean City Building & Loan Association, a position which he has occupied since 1888. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Ocean City, and of the board of trade.

Mr. Thorn has been twice married. On the 4th of April, 1878, he wedded Alice Kirk, who was born in Manchester, England, February 6, 1857, a daughter of James and Alice Kirk. Her father was a skilled textile worker, and when she was only six weeks old he brought his family to the new world. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thorn were born two children,—Mary Shalleross and Amy H. The mother died April 9, 1887, and on the 20th of November, 1889, Mr. Thorn married Lavinia Eyre Smith, who was born in Philadelphia, December 2, 1866, a daughter of Edwin Smith, of Ocean City. Her father was a machinist and inventor, and the manager of Sellers' machine works of Philadelphia. He invented file tool machinery, the utility of which was demonstrated by its adoption in many of the leading manufactories throughout the country. He was also a member of many societies, notably the Ma-

some fraternity, in which he was very active; he was one of the founders of the Knights of Birmingham in Philadelphia, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. By the second marriage of Mr. Thorn there is one child, Howard St. Clair, who is now in school. Miss Mary Shallercross Thorn was married October 16, 1900, to Kolla Garretson, of Ocean City; they have one child, Alice Thorn.

Mr. Thorn is the organizer of the lodge of the Ancient Order of Workmen of Ocean City, and was its first representative to the grand lodge. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic fraternity, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. In politics he is a Democrat, and served as postmaster under the first and second administrations of Cleveland, his second term of office expiring April 1, 1901. He administered the affairs of the postoffice with the same business-like dispatch that characterized his mercantile interests, and his promptness and accuracy won him the highest commendation of all. He is a prominent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and since 1876 has held official positions therein and was for a number of years the chairman of the finance committee. He has always given his support to measures for the public good, and as a business man he possesses keen discernment and unflinching diligence, qualities which have enabled him to acquire a handsome competence.

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#### WILLIAM H. QUACKENBOSS.

William H. Quackenboss, who is one of the leading business citizens of New Brunswick, New Jersey, was born in the city of Princeton, this state, on February 4, 1864, and was a son of the late James and Catherine (Lewis) Quackenboss.

James Quackenboss, who was the father of our subject, was for almost a quarter of a century a leading business man of New Brunswick in the tailoring line. During the Civil war, he served gallantly and was a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was a respected and useful member of society. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Quackenboss numbered three, viz.: Lillian, who married Cornelius McCrellis; William H., who is our subject; and Theodore B.

William H. Quackenboss attended the Princeton public schools, and after acquiring a good common-school education, engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1878 he became connected with the undertaking business, and since 1880 has successfully and satisfactorily carried on an undertaking and embalming establishment of his own in this city. His office is located at No. 98, Albany street, where all patrons may be assured of kind and considerate attention. Mr. Quackenboss is a graduate of Clark's embalming school.

The marriage of Mr. Quackenboss was in New Brunswick, New Jersey, to Miss Annie E. Stewart daughter of Robert and Mary (Platt) Stewart, and to this union two sons have been born namely: Alexander W. and William H., the latter being drowned on July 11, 1890, through accident. In politics, our subject is in sympathy with the Democratic party, and he has long been a leading member of the Livingston Avenue Baptist church.

Mr. Quackenboss is prominently identified with a number of fraternal and social organizations, among these being: Union lodge, No. 19, F. & A. M.; Goodwill Council, No. 32; American Mechanics; Friendship Lodge, K. of P.; Royal Arcanum; Ohanda tribe I. O. R. M.; New Brunswick lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F.; New Brunswick Encampment, No. 43, I. O. O. F.; Benevolent Order Elks; and Court No. 40, Foresters of America.







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## CAPTAIN ABRAHAM T. WOGLOM.

One of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, is Captain Abraham T. Woglom, who is one of the largest and most reliable dealers and shippers of oysters in this section. Captain Woglom was born in this town on September 12, 1833, and he was a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Thompson) Woglom, and a grandson of John Woglom, who was a native of Staten Island and who followed a sea-faring life. Peter Woglom, the father of the captain, was also born on Staten Island, but came to Perth Amboy in early life. By trade he was a ship carpenter but for many years prior to his death he was engaged in the oyster business.

Peter Woglom and wife were the parents of eight children, namely: John Thomas, who died in infancy; Abraham; Mary; Laney, the wife of James Segine; Catherine, deceased; John; Peter, deceased, and James.

Captain Woglom has spent his entire life in Perth Amboy, where he is recognized as a worthy and progressive citizen. He was educated in the common schools, and his business has been entirely confined to the oyster trade. He is thoroughly familiar with all of the details of this business, and his pleasant personality is well known to all the residents along the coast with whom he has business relations.

Captain Woglom was married in Perth Amboy to Miss Annie Tooker, and their children are as follows: Harry, who died at the age of twenty years; Catherine; Ella, who is the wife of William Walters; Grace; Walter; George; Herbert; and two who died in infancy.

Fraternaly Captain Woglom is a member of and is past grand of Lawrence Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F., and lodge No. 44, K. of P., in both organizations being most highly esteemed. He is a Republican in politics.

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FRED FRICK.

In all centers of population, great or small, there is one individual in each field of thought and labor who makes a distinctive impression upon the community. In an entirely unassuming way and without any pretense of super-importance Mr. Frederick Frick, the proprietor of the Sheridan Hotel at Red Bank, has in a comparatively short time won his way to the front in his vocation of catering to the wants of the traveling public. While the demands of a rapidly growing business necessitate the devotion of the greater portion of his time to its interests and advancement, he has lost no opportunity, by excellent business counsel or more substantial contribution, in efforts that have been made looking toward the promotion of the public welfare. Born, reared, educated and trained to business in Red Bank, he has been most faithful in his allegiance to that town and may be truthfully credited with being in some measure responsible for its splendid development along metropolitan lines. Notably in the establishment and conduct of the restaurant attached to his hostelry has he appealed to the especial favor of commercial travelers and other visitors to Red Bank, in that it is open and well equipped for admirable service every day in the year from six o'clock in the morning until midnight, an exceptional accommodation in towns of much greater population. An illustration of Mr. Frick's abiding faith in the stability of its institutions and his fidelity to the interest of his native place is afforded by the following paragraph which occupies the final page of his menu.

"It is the verdict, freely expressed, of the traveling public, that Red Bank, for progressive business, good government, charming homes, splendid schools, and

excellent characteristics generally, is not surpassed by any city in the state of New Jersey. It has been, is, and will continue to be the aim of the proprietor of the Sheridan Hotel to afford such accommodations to its patrons as shall be in keeping with the enviable reputation of the city. To that end neither effort nor expense will be spared in providing thoroughly well appointed sleeping apartments, a generously equipped larder, and prompt and efficient service, and satisfactory entertainment generally."

Frederick Frick was born October 4, 1869, and is a son of George and Susannah (Soffel) Frick, natives of Alsace-Lorraine, who came as children to the United States with older members of their respective families. Both the Fricks and the Soffels were temporarily located in New York, whence they came to Red Bank. Frederick Frick attended the public schools of Red Bank, and as a youth of fourteen entered the employment of W. A. French & Company, wholesale liquor dealers, by whom he was rapidly promoted until he had attained the foremanship of the sales and shipping departments, the duties of which position he fulfilled efficiently for a period of nine years. In 1893 he established a cafe and restaurant on Front street, Red Bank, which he conducted for three years. During the latter period Mr. Frick, who is a general athlete, devoted a considerable share of his time to professional bicycle riding, winning the championship of Monmouth county for two years, and other honors, including the skating championship. In 1898, in partnership association with J. Edgar Brower, he established the Sheridan Hotel (Front street, opposite Broad), the edifice having been erected for the firm by Mr. John W. Stout, Jr. In the following year Mr. Frick purchased his partner's interest in the establishment, and has scored one of the significant business successes of Red Bank. A recent addition to the place of a Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company bowling alley has served to popularize his resort locally, while the general excellence of his hostelry and his unflinching courtesy have won for him an enviable reputation with the traveling public. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the erection of the one hundred foot rear addition to his hotel building, which is occupied by the bowling alley, affords the most convenient way of access, through well lighted rooms, to the river front for winter sports, as well as to the Monmouth Boat Club in the summer season, Mr. Frick permitting its general use for the purpose.

Mr. Frick was married March 4, 1899, to Matilda, daughter of Mr. George P. Kuhl, of Red Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Frick have two children, Ethel and Frederick, and reside in the old homestead, No. 45 Shrewsbury avenue.

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#### GEORGE W. FITHIAN, M. D.

Fortunate is he who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished and happy is he, if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. Dr. Fithian, of this review, comes of a family whose history will bear the closest investigation, for through many generations the men of the name have been diligent, patriotic and resolute, and the wives and daughters, women of gentle courtesy and refinement. The ancestry is traced back in direct line to William and Martha Fithian. The former, a native of England, came to America prior to the year 1640, making the journey across the Atlantic with a colony that settled in Lynn, Massachusetts. The name was sometimes spelled Pythian, but the present orthography has always been followed by the branch of the family to which our subject belongs.

After residing for a time in Massachusetts, William Fithian removed to East

Hampton, on Long Island, where he died about the year 1680. His last will and testament was dated December 11, 1678, and his children were Enoch, Samuel, Sarah, Hannah and Martha. The Cumberland county branch of the family is descended from Samuel Fithian, but many of the name are still found at East Hampton.

Samuel Fithian, the second son of William and Margaret Fithian, was married on the 6th of March, 1670, to Priscilla Burnet, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Burnet, of Southampton, Long Island, and after several children were born unto them they removed from Easthampton, Long Island, to Fairfield, Cumberland county, New Jersey, between the years 1668 and 1702, locating at what is now called New England Roads. Their children were as follows: John, who was born September 1, 1681; Josiah, who was born May 6, 1685, and married Sarah Deannis; Samuel, who was born April 17, 1686, and married Abigail Maskel; Esther, born March 6, 1691; Mathias, who was born February 3, 1694, and wedded Martha Hughes; and William, born March 25, 1698. The eldest son, John Fithian, was married at New England Roads and had a daughter, Priscilla, born May 1, 1702. He died prior to her birth in 1704; his widow married John Ogden.

The representative in the third generation in the line of direct descent to our subject is Josiah Fithian, the second son of Samuel and Priscilla Fithian. He located at Greenwich, Cumberland county, New Jersey, taking up his abode there upon a farm in 1706. He owned extensive tracts of land and carried on farming on a large scale. He was also called upon to settle many estates and frequently acted as an attorney in securing adjustment of troubles between people of the community. He married Sarah Dennis, and their children were as follows: John, who was born in 1709; Jeremiah, who was born in 1713, and married Martha Carl; Samuel, who was born in 1715; Hannah, who was born in 1718, and became the wife of Ephraim Seeley; Esther, who was born in 1721 and married Thomas Maskell; Joseph, who was born in 1724, and wedded Hannah Vickers; Sarah, who was born in 1726 and married William Sayer; and Josiah, who was born in 1728. After the death of the mother of these children the father married again, but had no family by the second union. He was a prominent member and an elder in the Presbyterian church and laid the corner stone in the erection of the house of worship of that denomination in Greenwich in 1735. He was recognized as a leader in public affairs in many ways and exerted a wide influence in matters pertaining to the general progress. He served as one of the judges of the county of Salem in 1732-3 and from 1738 until 1740, inclusive. His death occurred April 3, 1741, and his first wife passed away in 1732.

Samuel Fithian, the third child of Josiah and Sarah (Dennis) Fithian, and the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born October 12, 1715, and died November 2, 1777. He was married September 3, 1741, to Phebe Seeley, who died March 3, 1764. The same year he wedded Miss Mary Clarke. The children of the first union were: Hannah, who married Nathan Leake; Rachel, who became the wife of Daniel Clark; Amy, who married Joseph Moore; Joel, who married Rachel Holmes and, for his second wife, Elizabeth Beatty; Elizabeth, who married Ephraim Seeley; Mary, who wedded Joshua Brick; Sarah, who married Thomas Brown; Ruth, who married David Bowen; Seeley, who wedded Ruth Burgin and after her death married Esther Flint; and Samuel.

Joel Fithian, the great-great-grandfather, was born September 29, 1748, and died November 9, 1821. He was married to Rachel Holmes, whose birth occurred January 14, 1751, and who died on the 12th of February, 1779. They had one son, Josiah, who was born September 3, 1776, and was married March 26, 1807, to Alice Scudder. His death occurred July 14, 1843. The second wife of Joel Fithian was Elizabeth Beatty, whom he married November 4, 1780, and who died August 6,

1825. Their children were: Charles Beatty, who married Mary Ewing; Samuel, who wedded Sarah Hollinshead and after her death married Sarah Reeves; Philip, who married Rebecca Bacon and for his second wife chose Sarah Reeves; Erkurries, who married Maria Stratton; and Enoch.

Charles Beatty Fithian, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born December 18, 1782, and died November 21, 1858. On the 16th of January, 1805, he wedded Mary Ewing. Their children were: Ann Elizabeth, who was born October 14, 1805, was married February 19, 1825, to Richard Fithian, and died January 3, 1863; Enos Ewing, born February 22, 1807, died September 28, 1883; Sarah Ewing, born January 2, 1809, was married November 11, 1831, to William K. Sheppard; Erkurries, born December 20, 1810, was married September 17, 1833, to Hannah Harding and died April 12, 1890; Rachel Ewing, born August 16, 1813, was married October 24, 1833, to Robert C. Garrison, and died July 18, 1842; Samuel R., born August 30, 1815, married Amelia Bacon; Christina C., born April 23, 1817, was married March 6, 1839, to Thomas Glaspell, and died July 10, 1896; Mary Clark was born September 16, 1821; and Emily Seeley, who was born September 13, 1823, became the wife of Samuel F. Lawrence.

Erkurries Fithian, the grandfather of the Doctor, was born at Greenwich, New Jersey, December 20, 1810, and acquired his education in the public schools. In early life he engaged in farming, but afterward carried on merchandising in Philadelphia and Greenwich, making his home in the latter place. He was also the owner of a number of vessels and was president of the board of directors of a steamboat company. His varied business interests brought to him a handsome competence, that enabled him to spend the last thirty years of his life in retirement from labor, his income from his investments being sufficient to supply him with all the necessaries and many of the comforts of life. He held a number of local offices and gave his political support to the Republican party. He was a member of Brearley Lodge, F. & A. M., and three of his sons were also connected with the Masonic fraternity, the family zealously advocating that organization. His death occurred April 12, 1896, and the community thereby lost one of its valued representatives. In 1833 he was married to Hannah Harding, who was born October 21, 1811, and died April 10, 1893. They had five children: George B., who was born February 15, 1834, married Harriet Mason; Martha Ewing, who was born March 29, 1837, became the wife of Joseph Blaine and after his death married John F. Wheaton; John Nelson, who was born December 15, 1842, married Abigail Moore; James Hampton, who was born January 16, 1845, died May 22, 1871, leaving a widow, whose maiden name was Sarah Jane Waller; and Samuel Latterson, who completed the family.

The last named was the father of the Doctor. He was born March 27, 1850, in Greenwich, Cumberland county, and obtained his education in the public schools of his native town and in Shiloh Academy. He learned the blacksmith trade under the direction of his brother George and followed that pursuit for twenty years, or until the fall of 1887, when he became a candidate for the office of county clerk. He was defeated at that time, but the following year he was elected surrogate by a majority of eight hundred, his term continuing until 1893. He was then re-elected by a majority of two thousand and held the office until 1898, discharging his duties in a most creditable manner, which fact was indicated by the increased vote given him at his second election. Since his retirement he has been engaged in the real estate business and is also connected with other business enterprises, for he is a man of resourceful ability and his efforts have contributed to the prosperity of several commercial concerns. He is now president of the Crystal Ice and Cold Storage Company and a director of the Bridgton Gas Company. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and is now chairman of the executive committee of his party, while in





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former years he long served as chairman of the county board of assessors. He is past master of Brearley Lodge, F. & A. M. and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In all life's relations he has commanded the respect and esteem of his fellow men and is one of the prominent and influential residents of Bridgeton. He was married September 30, 1870, to Margaret K. Stetser, who was born June 2, 1850, and died October 29, 1898. They had three children: Erkuries, who was born February 4, 1872, is now assistant supervisor of the Camden & Amboy division of the Pennsylvania Railroad; James Hampton, and George Washington are the younger members of the family. Two daughters have passed away—Martha W., who was born July 3, 1876, died on the 23d of August of the same year; and Maggie L., born December 16, 1890, died on the 3d of January, 1891.

The youngest son of the family is Dr. Fithian, of this review. He was born in Greenwich, Cumberland county, New Jersey, July 3, 1870, and pursued his literary education in the high school of Bridgeton and in the West Jersey Academy, being graduated from both institutions with high honors. Desiring to engage in the practice of medicine as a life work, he began preparation for practice in 1895 as a student in the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated in the class of 1899. Soon afterward he was appointed resident physician and surgeon of the Cooper Hospital and on the expiration of his term of service in that capacity he began the practice of his profession in Perth Amboy. He is a member of the Nu Sigma Nu, a medical fraternity, and is widely recognized as one of the most capable among the younger physicians of this part of the state. He reads widely and understandingly and is accurate in applying his knowledge to the needs of suffering humanity, so that his efforts are attended with most gratifying success.

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#### HON. WILLIAM S. JACKSON.

Hon. William Scott Jackson, a pharmacist and mayor of Belmar, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born November 13, 1845, in Fulton township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, a son of J. Morris and Eleanor J. (Scott) Jackson. He traces his English ancestry, who were of Quaker persuasion, back over two and a half centuries. Isaac Jackson, a son of Anthony, emigrated to the United States in 1725 and settled in London Grove, Chester county, Pennsylvania. The father of this founder was a devout Friend, and both in England and Ireland had suffered imprisonment on account of his religious principles. The line descends from Isaac, born in 1665, through William, born in 1705; John, in 1748; Joel, in 1776; and Jonathan, born September 13, 1810, who became the father of Hon. William Scott. Among these ancestors, John Jackson was a scientific man and a botanist of promise; Joel Jackson, his son and the grandfather of Hon. William Scott, inherited his father's love of nature and was a man of exceptional intellectual endowments. He inherited the homestead farm, a domain of five hundred and thirty-two acres. He was prominent in the society of Friends and was a literary man of local distinction. Jonathan Morris Jackson, in turn, inherited the homestead farm, was educated in the Friends' school, was prominent in the society, was twice married, and by his first wife, Eleanor, had six children, and by his second marriage, to Margaret Wright, had three children.

William S. Jackson attended the public schools and the Millersville Normal School. The Civil war breaking out while at the latter school, young Jackson threw down his books at seventeen years of age, and in July, 1862, joined Company B, First Maryland Light Artillery, Captain Alonzo Snow commanding. This company

was attached to the Sixth Corps, Army of the Potomac, and was sent into the Shenandoah valley of Virginia and took part in Hunter's raid, during which young Jackson was captured and sent to Andersonville. During his imprisonment of ten months his weight was reduced from one hundred and fifty to seventy-four pounds, and he received disabilities from which he has never recovered. Resuming his studies at the Millersville Normal School at the close of the war, he was graduated in the class of 1868. He soon afterward sold his interest in the Lancaster farm and lived in retirement until 1885, when he removed to Belmar, New Jersey. Here he became associated with H. H. Yard as superintendent of outside work in the conduct of his real estate improvements, continuing until the winter of 1894. In 1895 he purchased the pharmacy of F. B. Philbrick in Belmar, and in connection with it now operates another pharmacy during the summer months at Hotel Columbia.

Mr. Jackson is a member of the Penn Hill Friends' Meeting of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, is an influential Republican, is a member of the county committee, of which he has been secretary for a number of years, and since his residence in Belmar has served on the board of education and as district clerk of the board. He was for seven years assessor of Fulton township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and at Belmar was borough commissioner for five years. In 1895, without opposition, he was elected mayor of Belmar, and has been continuously re-elected to that position since that time. In 1897, under President McKinley's administration, he was appointed postmaster of Belmar. He is a member of Captain Snow Post, No. 461, G. A. R., at Pleasant Grove, Pennsylvania; of Washington Lodge, No. 156, F. & A. M., of Quarryville, Pennsylvania; of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., and Commandery No. 13, of Lancaster; and of Silver Lake Council, No. 92, J. O. U. A. M., of Belmar.

In November, 1877, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Hannah R., a daughter of Andrew Stuart, of Christiana, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

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#### JOHN BROWN.

There are few men who can more justly claim the proud American title of a self-made man than John Brown, who at the early age of fourteen years started out in life for himself. His educational privileges were limited and no special advantages fitted him for the cares and responsibilities of life. He was industrious, determined, ambitious and resolute, however, and these qualities stood him instead of fortune, enabling him to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward to the plane where success places the laurel upon the victor's brow. He to-day ranks among the leading farmers of Monmouth county, and his creditable life work has won him the respect and commendation of all who are familiar with his history.

Mr. Brown is a native son of Monmouth county, his birth having occurred on Shark river, on the 22d of October, 1819. His parents were William and Jemima (Newberry) Brown. The father was a farmer by occupation and was a soldier in the war of 1812, while his father, John Brown, also followed the tilling of the soil as a means of livelihood and was a gallant soldier in the Revolutionary war. On the maternal side our subject's ancestors were among the early settlers of Monmouth county. At the early age of fourteen years John Brown, the subject of this review, left the parental roof and went to sea as a cabin boy, and for fourteen years was employed as a common sailor, several times visiting South America and the West

Indies, and also made a voyage to Mexico and Central American ports. In 1845 he was united in marriage with Miss Jane Newman, and two years later, at the age of twenty-eight years, he decided to engage in business near his old home, where he has since been engaged in fishing and farming. His farm is a beautiful tract of land situated in the outskirts of Belmar, and he has now divided a part of his land into city lots, which have become very valuable. Mrs. Brown was called to the home beyond on the 21st of October, 1870, after a long and happy married life. They were the parents of thirteen children, six of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. Hannah White, a resident of Asbury Park; Eveline, the wife of John Pierce, keeper of the life saving station of Avon; Anthony, John and Garrett, who are painters by trade; and Russell W., baggage agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Asbury Park. Mr. Brown is now the oldest living resident of Belmar, and throughout his active career he has been prominently identified with the interests of the county, standing to-day as one of its most honored and highly esteemed residents.

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#### HERBERT SUTHERLAND COOLEY, M. D.

Herbert Sutherland Cooley, M. D., is a member of the medical profession, residing and practicing at No. 42 Atlantic street, Keyport, New Jersey. He is the son of George F. and Kate T. (Sutherland) Cooley, and was born in New Paltz, Ulster county, New York, on November 12, 1872. He acquired his primary education in private schools, and subsequently attended the Peekskill Military Academy and the Vicland Preparatory School. He later studied law at the Columbia Law School and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, at Fifty-ninth street, New York City. After graduating he served in the Roosevelt and Sloan Maternity Hospitals, the Vanderbilt Clinic and the New York Lying-in Hospital, and was in 1897 resident physician to the New York County Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island. Since then Dr. Cooley has been engaged in private practice.

Doctor Cooley married Elizabeth N. Avery, daughter of Thomas N. and Eliza Avery, and to this union three children have been born, two of whom are living. The Doctor is a member of a number of medical societies and fraternal organizations, and is enjoying a very extensive practice.

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#### REV. CHARLES EVERETT.

The life and achievements of him whose name heads this sketch, worthily illustrate what may be attained by persistent and pain-staking effort. He is a man of progressive ideas, noted for nobility and integrity of character, gentleness of manner and promptness in all things. He has "high and peculiar gifts of nature," impelling his mind to creative imagery of the highest type, which enables him to reach conclusions seemingly by intuition. As a minister Mr. Everett has few superiors in the east. Although versatile he is not superficial; exactness and thoroughness characterize all his attainments. His intellectual possessions are unified and assimilated; they are his own.

Charles Everett was born near Princeton, New Jersey, and is the second son of Charles R. and Julia Ann Everett. Shortly after his birth the parents removed to Dayton, where they still reside. After completing the public school course Charles

attended the Brainard Institute, of Cranbury, New Jersey, for three years, after which he entered the Rutgers College grammar school, of New Brunswick, where he was subsequently graduated. He then entered Rutgers College, graduating in that institution in 1878 and receiving the degree of B. A. In the following autumn he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in 1881, and also received from his alma mater the degree of M. A. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Monmouth in April, 1880, and was ordained and installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Englishtown, New Jersey, on the 14th of June, 1881. On the 8th of the following September he married Miss S. Ella Polhemus, of Middlebush, New Jersey. At the close of the year 1892 Mr. Everett resigned his pastorate of the Englishtown charge in order to take up the labors in the First Presbyterian church of Belmar, New Jersey, where he was installed on the 1st of February, 1893, and three years later, in 1896, Rutherford College conferred on him the honorary degree of D. D.

In the early history of Belmar a Union church was built on Tenth avenue, where all denominations worshipped and toward which they all likewise contributed. In this Union church building, on the 20th of March, 1877, the First Presbyterian church was organized with eight members, and for some time this newly organized church continued to worship in the Union building, but later their services were held in Bitner Hall, on the corner of Ninth avenue and F street. Their first church building was erected for summer service, on the corner of Seventh avenue and A street, in which the first service was held on the 4th of July, 1880, and since that time services have been regularly held during the summer months for the benefit of the population who sojourn here during the heated season, the character of these services being undenominational and fraternal. In the year 1881 the building on the corner of Ninth avenue and E street was erected, where during the larger part of the year the regular services of the church are held. The work of the church has been continuous, and its influence has been marked and beneficial. The present pastor of the church is the Rev. Charles Everett, D. D., who began his labors here on the 1st of January, 1892, and is the third pastor of the church. He has made of life a grand success, and were one to seek for its secret it would be found in that persistent purpose which has been a motive power in his life, to make the world brighter and better by putting to the noblest and best use, under Divine guidance, all that he is and has.

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#### HENRY D. SCOTT.

Henry D. Scott, who owns a beautiful farm in Raritan township, Monmouth county, was born near Arrowsmith's Mills, now Raritan township, on the 13th of February, 1831. He is a son of the late Daniel and Mary (Long) Scott. The father was a millwright by trade, following that occupation throughout his entire business career. Both he and his wife were natives of New Jersey, their ancestors having been among its colonial settlers. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a commissioned officer in the war of the Revolution, and rendered valuable service to his country, but was unfortunately drowned while fording a stream with his command. Unto Daniel and Mary Scott were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, but our subject is now the only survivor of the family. The father passed away at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother reached the eighty-seventh milestone on the journey of life.

Henry D. Scott became a millwright in early life, and for many years was



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also employed as a carpenter and builder, but in later life he abandoned those vocations to engage in the tilling of the soil, which he has ever since continued. He now owns a valuable tract of land in Raritan township, which is devoted to the raising of fruit and vegetables, and in this line of business he has become eminently successful. As a companion on the journey of life he chose Hannah Smith, who was born January 7, 1844, but this union was terminated in death on the 21st of August, 1871, when the wife was called to her final reward. She bore her husband six children. Mr. Scott has been a second time married, January 26, 1875, when Mrs. Ada L. (Eastmond) Havens became his wife. She was born on the 5th of September, 1846, and is a daughter of Langford and Anna M. (Bridgeman) Eastmond. Mrs. Scott's first husband was Charles Gordon Havens, who died May 14, 1869. Her paternal grandfather, John Eastmond, at one time owned a very large tract of land, which extended from Raritan Bay south, and contained over a thousand acres. Her maternal grandfather, Thomas Bridgeman, was a florist and gardener, and was also a writer of much ability, having been the author of several books pertaining to those subjects, while her mother was also a well known authoress. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with two sons,—Langford E., who was born November 2, 1875, and Grover C., born February 16, 1886, and both are still under the parental roof. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church at Keansburg. In his political relations Mr. Scott is identified with the Republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had little attraction for him, as he prefers rather to devote his time and attention to his business affairs. He is numbered among the esteemed citizens of his locality, and is a progressive and successful fruit grower and gardener.

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#### PETER VAN KIRK.

Peter Van Kirk, of Heddas Corners, New Jersey, was born March 26, 1845, at Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey. The first ancestors of the family to settle in this country emigrated from Holland. There were two brothers; one having settled on Long Island and the other took up his residence in Coltsneck, Monmouth county, New Jersey, where he was one of the earliest settlers. The grandfather of Peter Van Kirk resided in Coltsneck and followed farming as an occupation. He was married and became the father of the following named children: Joseph, Stephen, John, Ann (wife of A. S. Church), Mrs. Oliver Greene, Henry and Mrs. Morris. The father of these children died in Coltsneck at an advanced age. Henry Van Kirk, father of Peter Van Kirk, was born in Coltsneck, where he resided all his life, pursuing the occupation of farming. He served for three years in the Fourteenth Regiment of New Jersey, under Colonel Truix, and participated in several engagements. He was also a member of the staff of Colonel Truix. He died while in active service at Malvern Hill, being then between the age of forty and forty-five years. He was married to Miss Amy Crawford, and their children were: Alexander; Peter; James, who was a member of the Second Regiment of New Jersey, was taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison, from there being transferred to Memphis, Tennessee, where he died in 1863, from the exposure he endured while confined in prison. He was unmarried. Charles married Mary Alice Patterson, and they are residents of Red Bank, New Jersey. The mother of these children is still living, and is now seventy-eight years of age.

Peter Van Kirk, second son of Henry and Amy Van Kirk, received his education in the public schools of his native town, and then turned his attention to acquiring

the trade of black-smith, which he has followed as an occupation, taking up in addition agricultural pursuits on a small scale. On August 30, 1862, when then only seventeen years old, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Twenty-ninth Regiment of New Jersey. His regiment participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, where he contracted typhoid fever, and was confined in the Patent Office Hospital at Washington, D. C. He received his discharge from the army February 28, 1863. He is a member of the John N. Arrowsmith Post, No. 61.

Mr. Van Kirk married Miss Mary Elizabeth Alley, daughter of J. George and Gertrude (Thompson) Alley, of Monmouth county. Their children are: Amy L.; Elizabeth, wife of Augustus Crevin; James H., who married Miss Mary H. Plank, of Brooklyn, New York; George B., who died in infancy; Sarah Catherine, wife of Asher L. Tilton, who reside at Red Bank, and their children are Raymond L. and Blanche; George A.; Mary; John and William.



#### L. D. VANNOTE.

J. H. Vannote is a prominent business man of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, who in public service has contributed largely toward the development and prosperity of that village. He is a native of the place and was born February 25, 1855. His father, William Vannote, was for many years actively connected with the life saving service, stationed at Chadwick, in which he distinguished himself on many notable occasions, and was awarded several medals of honor, conferred under authority of Congress. He retired from the service some sixteen years prior to his death, which occurred at Point Pleasant at the age of seventy-four years. He was a Democrat in politics. He was married to Lydia Burge, and they became the parents of five children: Mrs. Mary Britton; L. D. Vannote, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Adelia Rickitts; Mrs. Julia Erickson; and Warren Vannote, who is engaged in the express and livery business at Point Pleasant. Peter Vannote, the paternal grandfather, was also a resident of Point Pleasant, where he died at the advanced age of one hundred and four years. The maternal grandfather, Myrick Burge, was a farmer at Manasquan, and was twice married. By his first wife were born two children Myrrick and Sarah Ann Conover. His second wife, Harriet Allen, bore John, Harry, Fanny and Samuel.

J. H. Vannote was educated in the public schools of his native town. He followed various industrial pursuits as a boy, and later was a sailor on coasting vessels for about two years, his business consisting of sailing along the coast, making trips as far south as South America. He was later engaged in the ice cream and confectionery business at Point Pleasant, in which he continued until taking up the hotel business in which he has since been engaged.

He is a Democrat in politics, and has for many years taken an active interest in local public affairs, being a recognized leader of his party in that section of the county. He has served three terms as mayor of Point Pleasant. In 1893 he was a candidate for that office against William Sagain, receiving one hundred and twenty-one votes, tying his opponent, in favor of whom he withdrew. He was again a candidate in 1894 and defeated his former opponent, Mr. Sagain, by twenty-four votes in the poll of one hundred and forty votes. He was re-elected in 1895, over O. S. Haven, whom he defeated by fourteen votes, and served for two years. In 1897 he was re-elected over E. H. Murphy, defeating him by fifty-eight votes in a poll of one hundred and forty-five or fifty, and served another two-years term. During



his administration as mayor many important public improvements were brought about, among which was the introduction of trolley cars to Point Pleasant, and the building of an electric light plant: besides which, many important streets were opened and much paving was done. His was altogether the most successful and useful administration in the history of the village. He was elected assessor in 1899, by a large majority, having previously served for three years as a school trustee. He is a member of Metideconk Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men.

Mr. Vannote married Ella Egbert, a daughter of John W. Egbert, and of this marriage were born five children: Marion, William E., Marion Scott, Beulah May and Deborah Eldo.

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### TALI ESEN MORGAN.

Tali Esen Morgan, of Ocean Grove, is well known not only as a master of his art in musical circles, but as a veritable genius in his great ability for organizing and maintaining successful choral societies, not the least of his endeavors in this line being the Ocean Grove Festival Chorus, which numbers nearly five hundred voices.

Mr. Morgan was born at Llangynwyd, shire of Glamorgan, South Wales, just one day after the birth of President Roosevelt. The Morgan family originally owned large tracts of land in the glen or valleys of the country, from whence the name of Glamorgan originates. His father, Thomas Llyfnwy Morgan, was a noted historian, in fact probably the greatest writer of local history the provinces ever produced. Prior to his coming to the United States he conducted business in the town of Maesteg. In 1876, with his family of ten sons and one daughter, he came to this country and located at Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1884. The latter years of his life were spent in quiet retirement, he having abandoned active business pursuits. He was prominently and widely known in Welsh musical circles by his literary nom de plume of Llyfnwy, and never as Mr. Morgan. He was an extensive contributor to various Welsh newspapers in this country. He was a member of the Congregational church, and was also well known as a leader of the various Welsh societies. He possessed great executive ability and untiring energy. He died at the age of seventy years, and his widow, who bore the maiden name of Gwen Bevan, is still living at the age of sixty-nine years. Their ten children are as follows: John; Tali Esen; Cyhwyd; Caswallon; Aneurin; Cadivor; Glyndwr; Emrys; Golyddan and Olwen.

Tali Esen Morgan, second son of Thomas and Gwen Morgan, was educated in the public schools of Maesteg, Wales. He completed his schooling at the age of sixteen years, at which time he began to learn the art of printing in connection with the publishing business, in which line he has been more or less identified all his life, having published at different times "The Cambro-American;" the "Saturday Review;" and the "Pennsylvania People," a weekly paper, all at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Prior to his career as a publisher, in 1887, he went west to Cherokee, Iowa, where he was engaged as a clerk until he returned to Scranton. He established the National Press Bureau in New York City in 1892, which he personally conducted for eight years, and while thus engaged originated many methods that are yet practiced by the International Press Association, the successor of the business of his establishment.

Music had occupied more or less of his attention, and it was at this time he entered more particularly into this line of work, and shortly thereafter he organized a choir in the Washington Square Methodist Episcopal church, which under his leadership proved most successful. At the same time he taught classes in sight

reading and musical theory. As a teacher he became so popular and his classes increased in membership so rapidly that he was obliged to give up his newspaper and literary work to devote his entire time to music. Anton Seidel, Walter Damrosch and others equally celebrated in the world of music were among his admirers, and recognized in him one of the greatest masters in the control of voices in chorus. At the present time he has over two thousand choral singers under his direction; his specialty is teaching sight reading of music. Aside from the great work just described he has established an International Correspondence School of Music, in which his method of teaching is peculiarly his own. A few years ago he came to Ocean Grove with Mr. Damrosch as the conductor of his chorus, and the impression he created was so favorable that he was sought by the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to become musical director of its entertainments and concerts, a position which he accepted in 1886, and which he has continued to fill with ever increasing popularity and success ever since. His Ocean Grove Festival Chorus numbers nearly five hundred voices, and has rendered many oratorios, including such works as "Elijah," "Messiah," "Creation," "Holy City," "Stabat Mater" and many others. Mr. Morgan is not only the musical director, but is in full charge as manager of all the concerts and entertainments given under the auspices of the Ocean Grove Association. He also manages the commercial affairs, and is in touch with all the details connected with that immense corporation, both financial and professional. Aside from his work at Ocean Grove Mr. Morgan has conducted some of the greatest concerts ever presented to the American public, having paid as high as one thousand dollars a night for a single artist. At the present time (1902) his orchestra numbers fifty-five. His celebrated festival choir is well known in New York City, where he has given several concerts in Carnegie Hall.

Mr. Morgan also occupies the responsible position of president of the board of trade of Ocean Grove, and under his control and direction the entire institution has undergone a complete revolution along practical lines. He resides permanently at Ocean Grove. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Jones, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Their six children are as follows: Ethel; Edith; Oscar; Kays; Paul; and Marion Morgan.

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#### GEORGE ALBERT BOURGEOIS.

George A. Bourgeois, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, who has won a position of prominence as a member of the Atlantic county bar, is a native of New Jersey, born in Mauricetown, Cumberland county, May 15, 1864. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Morristown, and this was supplemented by a two-years course in the Woodstown Academy. Early in life he determined to follow the law as a profession, and after completing his academical course, he entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the year 1888, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In June of the same year he began the practice of his profession in the courts of Philadelphia. He subsequently entered the law office of E. B. Leaming, of Camden, New Jersey, and after reading law there for one year, in 1889 he was admitted to practice as an attorney in the courts of the state, and in 1892 he became a counsellor.

Prior to his admission to the bar Mr. Bourgeois taught school in New Jersey for years. He has been throughout his life a most intelligent student, well read in professional and general literature, and possesses special gifts as a mathematician and accountant. For three years he was professor of mathematics in Peirce Business College of Philadelphia, a position in which he acquitted himself most creditably.

Mr. Bourgeois, through patient and untiring application to study and research along the line of his work, and with intelligent enthusiasm and energy, has attained a foremost place in the ranks of his profession, and a position of recognized usefulness in the community. Mr. Bourgeois is one of the board of directors of Chelsea National Bank and solicitor for that institution.

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#### COURTNEY HILLIARD.

Captain Courtney Hilliard, who in early life followed the sea, but for many years has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, is a well known and prominent resident of Madison township, Middlesex county, and is of English lineage. He traces his ancestry back to William Hilliard, who was a native of England and with his brother John came to the new world in colonial days. When the country became involved in war with Great Britain in an attempt to secure the right which the mother country had denied, John Hilliard, not desiring to engage in strife, returned to England, but William remained, and joining the Colonial army fought for liberty and independence. His heroic conduct at the battle of Trenton is a matter of history. He first became associated with the army in the capacity of sutler, but subsequently entered the ranks and was in active service until honorably discharged. Mr. Hilliard located in Middlesex county and was united in marriage to Miss Mary Berlew, through whom he inherited some real estate. Their children were: Peter, Nathaniel, William, Margaret, Hannah, Mary and Margaret, the second of that name.

Of this family William Hilliard was the father of our subject. He was born in Middlesex county in 1799 and devoted much of his time to the coasting trade, owning the vessel which he sailed. Finally he abandoned a sea-faring life for that of farming and became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of rich land, which he profitably cultivated. He married Hulda Lambert, of Lambertsville, New Jersey, and they became the parents of the following named: James, who was born in 1826, and is deceased; Mary A., who was born in 1828 and has also passed away; Sarah C., whose birth occurred in 1831 and who has now departed this life; Mercy, who was born in 1832 and is now dead; William, born in 1837; Courtney, born in 1840; and Lucinda, born in 1843. The father died August 12, 1857, and the mother, surviving him for a number of years, passed away on the 1st of January, 1871. They were Baptists in religious faith.

Captain Courtney Hilliard was reared and educated in Madison township and in early life followed the example of his father and became a sea-faring man. He owned and commanded a vessel which plied between South Amboy and various northern ports. For ten years he was thus engaged and in 1805 he began farming. He owns fifty acres of land in his home farm and this is devoted to the production of grain and the vegetables best adapted to this climate. In addition he also has valuable tracts of clay and sand producing land and some town lots. In public affairs in his community he is prominent and has held the office of township committeeman, commissioner of appeals and for ten years was school trustee, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend.

The Captain was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia Asore, a daughter of Stephen and Dela Asore, the wedding being celebrated on the 20th of March, 1873. They have had no children of their own but early adopted Amelia Hilliard, who on December 20, 1807, became the wife of LaFayette C. Millspaugh, and they have one child, Courtney H. Millspaugh, born October 20, 1868. Mr. Millspaugh was born in

Monmouth county, August 23, 1870, and is a son of Charles H. and Jennie E. (Conover) Millspaugh. The former was a son of a clergyman of the Reformed church and the latter was a daughter of LaFayette Conover. LaFayette C. Millspaugh is now operating the farm upon which his accomplished wife was reared and they, together with Captain Hilliard and his estimable wife, constitute a happy and highly respected household.

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#### JOHN FORG REYA.

There are not living within the borders of Monmouth county, New Jersey, many men of French nativity, but most of them do credit as citizens alike to the American republic and the French republic. One the best known of these is John F. Reya, a prominent farmer and fruit grower near Matawan.

John F. Reya was born April 15, 1856, in France, where he was reared and educated in the public schools and where he learned the silk weaver's trade, at which he worked until, at the age of sixteen years, he came to America. For several years he was employed at his trade in Jersey City and Paterson. He then engaged in farming and fruit growing and in 1893 purchased his present place, which he planted largely to peach and pear trees. He is a successful and enthusiastic fruit grower, a genial and companionable friend and neighbor.

Mr. Reya was married March 7, 1880, to Anna M. Schenck, a daughter of Peter I. and Elizabeth (Randolph) Schenck, and a native of Holmdel, who was born June 25, 1861. Peter I. Schenck was a successful farmer near Morrisville, Monmouth county, and he was a direct descendant of the Schencks of Holmdel, a distinguished family, which is represented in different biographical sketches in this work. He died January 25, 1879, aged fifty-one years. His wife, Elizabeth (Randolph) Schenck, was a native of Jersey City, and was descended from the famous family of Randolphs, of Virginia, which bore such a conspicuous part in the early history of our country and of which John Randolph of Roanoke was the most distinguished member. She died in 1888, aged sixty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Schenck possessed fine abilities and the highest character, and were useful, honored members of society.

John F. and Anna M. (Schenck) Reya have children as follows, mentioned in the order of their nativity: Lizzie A., born June 2, 1881; Clara, born January 31, 1884; George F., born August 10, 1886; William O., born March 14, 1889; Alice B., born August 24, 1892; and Gladys, born July 30, 1899. The family are zealous members of the Baptist church of Holmdel. Mr. Reya is a Democrat in politics, but he does not take an active interest in the affairs of his party.

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#### STEPHEN HEARN.

Stephen Hearn, the popular proprietor of the Central Hotel at Morristown, Middlesex county, is a native of Keyport, this state, his birth having there occurred in 1853, his parents being John A. and Hannah (Reynolds) Hearn. He was reared and educated in Kingsbury, New Jersey, attending the common schools, and in early life he followed agricultural pursuits, but finally began dealing in oysters and clams, the excellent oyster beds in this region furnishing ample opportunity for that line of trade. Mr. Hearn owned his own sloops, the A. J. Hegerty and the



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Armegien Terry, and in a short time he had gained a very extensive patronage, and therefore enjoyed a very liberal income. Eventually he removed to Keyport, where he became interested in the hotel and bottling business. For five years he conducted his dual enterprise and in the hotel were found many patrons, while the products of his bottling establishment were widely sold. In 1892, however, he left Keyport and came to Morristown, where he has continued in the same line of business, being the proprietor of the Central Hotel and also owner of bottling works. Around his hotel are grounds large enough to enable him to raise his own vegetables, which are therefore brought to the table fresh. The cuisine is all that could be desired and everything about the place is kept in first class condition. Mr. Hearn earnestly desiring to please his patrons and therefore putting forth every effort for their convenience and comfort.

While residing in Keyport Mr. Hearn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hines, the wedding being celebrated on the 28th of December, 1878, and unto them were born two children: Joseph, who was born in 1880; and Francis, born in 1881, but the latter is now deceased. The mother was a native of Keyport and her death occurred in that city. In 1892 Mr. Hearn was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Annie (Loesch) Johnson, who by her former husband had two sons, Joseph and Francis Johnson. In his social relations Mr. Hearn is connected with the Independent Order of Red Men, of which he is a past sachen. He is a gentleman of unflinching courtesy, of genial manner and jovial disposition, and is a most popular landlord, winning many friends among his patrons as well as in the community in which he resides.

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#### ADELBERT S. D. LEIGH.

Adelbert S. D. Leigh, a prominent citizen and ex-mayor of the town of Neptune City, now Avon, has gained his position in the community through earnest work and honest endeavor, and though he has walked by devious paths, and turned his hand to occupations widely differing from each other, at the present time he has a large and constantly increasing patronage as a dealer in flour, hay and feed. Mr. Leigh was born in Hopewell township, Mercer county, New Jersey, on September 8, 1842, and was educated at Mt. Rose and the public schools of Hopewell. When he was sixteen years of age he entered the retail store of Jonathan Stewart of Trenton, New Jersey, where he remained for only one year; then deciding that he would like to become a machinist he entered the locomotive works of Van Clif & Kane, at Trenton; here he continued as an apprentice for eighteen months; the name of the locomotive works was then changed to the Trenton Arms Company, for the purpose of manufacturing ordnance for the United States government during the Civil war; his employment continued in this place for two years. From Trenton he followed his trade in railroad shops at Lambertsville, South Easton, Pennsylvania, South Amboy, New Jersey, and Elizabethport, New Jersey, spending fourteen years of his life in this employment. It was in 1882 that he took up his abode in Avon, New Jersey, then Neptune City, where, tired of his former occupation, he engaged in first one pursuit and then another, namely, the grocery business, then the livery and express business, and a line of stages for city business, and finally started in his present line, his place being situated at the corner of Main street and Sylvia avenue, Avon.

Mr. Leigh is a Democrat in his political views, and his worth as a public-spirited citizen, and one whose opinions in town affairs is considered valuable, is demonstrated in the fact that he has for eleven years served on the borough council of Avon, and

for one year acted as its mayor. He is a member of Lodge No. 134, F. & A. M., at Elizabeth, New Jersey. He is also a member of the First Methodist Protestant church of Avon. His marriage took place on February 28, 1864, to Miss Margaret A. Selover. Three children have blessed their union, viz.: Adalbert V., born September 4, 1865; Lizzie S., born August 5, 1867; Herbert M., born July 4, 1870.

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#### HARRY J. ROCKAFELLER.

Harry J. Rockafeller, son of John and Susan (McQuade) Rockafeller, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1866. His boyhood was passed in Philadelphia until 1880, when the family moved to Asbury Park, New Jersey. He was educated in a common school and Friends school in Philadelphia and the Asbury Park high school. In 1887 he went to Philadelphia to take a position with a wholesale drug house of French, Richards & Company. Shortly thereafter he returned to Asbury Park, and became an employe of Steinbach Brothers. From 1889 to 1891 he was associated with his father in the management of Sunset Hall. In the latter year he opened a men's furnishing goods store, which he conducted until 1897, when he became proprietor of the Gramercy, which he conducted for four seasons. In 1901 he took charge of Sunset Hall, which under his management has enjoyed the largest patronage that it has ever known. Sunset Hall has a capacity of 300 guests. Mr. Rockafeller is an owner of a large amount of the electric light plant. He is a member of the Republican party and a chosen freeholder of Asbury Park. He was married October 22, 1890, to Catherine McCabe, of Newark; they have four boys: John, Eugene, Harry and Thomas.

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#### WILLIAM K. WARDEN.

There are not among the prominent families of New Jersey many persons who are descended from Virginian ancestry. William K. Warden, a prominent retired farmer at Red Bank, Monmouth county, is thus distinguished. William Warden, his grandfather, was born in Virginia of English parents, and they removed to Monmouth county about 1771. He became an extensive farmer and a man of powerful and beneficent influence. His wife, Catharine, bore him three children, two of whom died without issue. His son, William, was born in Monmouth county in 1786 and was an experienced builder whose work has stood the tests of time and the ravages of the elements, and who was employed at Allaire continuously for seven years; but he later purchased a farm of one hundred acres, to the cultivation of which he devoted the closing years of his life. William Warden married Mary Brower, who bore him ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch and Miss Sarah E. Warden are the only survivors. The father died in 1874, his wife in 1884.

William K. Warden was born in Monmouth county, New Jersey, February 27, 1833, and was educated in the public schools and reared to farm life and for thirty years was a successful farmer. He began life independently at the age of twenty years and his whole career since that time has been a demonstration of what may be won by a man of good character, who is determined to succeed and applies himself diligently to his chosen business. Both as a farmer and as a business man he has been pre-eminently successful. He removed to Middletown in 1854 and lived there three years. Thence he went to Marlboro township, where he purchased a farm



of eighty-five acres, on which he lived six years, and which he sold in order to remove to Middletown township, where he bought a farm of two hundred acres, which was a part of the old Grover estate. This he managed successfully for seven years until 1873, when he retired from farm life with its many cares and went to New York. There, in company with his brother, he opened an office for the transaction of real estate and other business. But in time, his old liking for the soil gained ascendancy over him and he returned to Monmouth county and at Red Bank bought a farm of fifty acres, which he has since superintended.

In politics Mr. Warden is a Republican and in a religious way he is a lover of truth and an advocate of righteousness in its true form. His interest in the progress and prosperity of his township and county has always impelled him to take such action as characterizes a patriotic and public-spirited man. He married Miss Cora Sandford in 1852 and she died in 1863, after having borne him children named Ella, Cora, John C. and Margaret.

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#### WILLIAM HANCE.

No history of Atlantic township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, would be complete without adequate mention of the family of Hance, of which William Hance, proprietor of the Atlantic Stock Farm, is a worthy representative in his day and generation.

William Hance's grandparents in the paternal line were Edwin and Mary Hance, farmers and the owners of two hundred acres of good land in Atlantic township. Of their nine children, two are living at this time. One of them was Henry Hance, father of William Hance and of Frank Hance, a biographical sketch of the latter of whom appears in this work: he was a native of Monmouth county, who married a good woman, named Alice Smith, who bore him four sons, named Edwin, William, Joseph and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Hance were members of the Reformed church and Mr. Hance was an influential citizen, who was devoted to the principles of the Republican party. He died in 1897, his wife in 1890. The family of Hance is of Dutch extraction and its representatives have in all generations been men of intelligence, thrift and influence.

William Hance, son of Henry and Alice (Smith) Hance, was born near Tintonfalls, Monmouth county, New Jersey, May 25, 1857, and was reared and educated in public schools near his home. After his school days were over, he turned his attention to the care, development and training of man's best animal friend, the horse, to which he took naturally because he liked horses, and in which, perhaps for the same reason, he prospered even beyond his own expectation. Not only is he a thorough stockman but a thorough farmer as well. His farm of two hundred and twelve acres of rich land is devoted entirely to his stock raising enterprise, and is provided with every kind of building and accessory which is necessary to its success. Mr. Hance's residence, which came into his possession in 1893, is a building of palatial appearance, which was erected by Mr. Stevens, of New York City, an extensive contractor.

Mr. Hance, who is regarded as one of the wide-awake men of his neighborhood, has been too busy with his private affairs to accept the responsibilities of public office. His keen perception and wide knowledge of men and events, no less than his love of horses, have made him successful in breeding and handling stock. The stock on his farm is much of it imported, and all of it is of superior quality. His horses are road and race or running horses, and his racers are swift of foot and

are attractive, pure blooded animals, which commend themselves to horse lovers at sight. His road horses are of superior breed and, being well gaited and of fine carriage, they are in quick demand. His herd of eighteen pure blooded Jersey cattle has received the highest praise.

In 1878 Mr. Hance married Miss Catharine Grant, who was born near Morrisville, New Jersey, and is a daughter of Edward and Harriet Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Hance have three children—Hattie, Alice and William.

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#### EDWARD F. FENTON.

Fenton is a well known name in Middletown township, the first one of that name to locate in this vicinity being John Fenton, who owned a farm many years ago at what is now known as Nut Swamp. The paternal grandfather of Edward F. Fenton, our subject, owned a small farm, in the above named place, where he resided with his wife, Leydia Harris Fenton. His son Edward, father of Edward F. was born in 1832. He married Miss Esther Harris. For fourteen years he was proprietor of the Leedsville Hotel, during which time he satisfactorily catered to the wants of the traveling public. He subsequently removed to the place now occupied by his son, Edward F., which consisted of one hundred acres of productive farm land; here he remained to the time of his death, which occurred in the winter of 1806. His wife, Esther Harris Fenton, died the year following. Their family consisted of seven children, of whom six are now living: Jennie, John, Frank, Josephine, George and Edward F.; the deceased child was a daughter, Sarah.

Edward F. Fenton was born at Leedsville February 9, 1864. He enjoyed the advantages of a public school education. Since beginning his career in life he has continuously followed the occupation of a farmer; he has made it a perpetual study until it has become an art with him, in which he takes an artist's delight.

On February 22, 1899, he married Jessie, daughter of Charles F. Allen, of Oceanic, where Mrs. Fenton was born. Mr. Fenton is an esteemed member of the Knights of Pythias, and enjoys the full confidence of his townspeople.

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#### PETER JAMES McCLEES.

Peter James McClees, a leading agriculturist and oyster planter in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born December 25, 1841. He is a son of Peter and Sarah (Brown) McClees, both natives of Middletown township and of Scotch descent. The late Peter McClees was a son of John and Ann McClees, and both of these were Middletown township farmers. No member of the McClees family has had political aspirations, but each has been in turn a staunch adherent of the Democratic principles, and well affiliated religiously with the Baptist church, of Middletown, of which our subject has been a member for thirty-six years, and of which his parents were consistent members and generous supporters. Peter McClees died June 8, 1882, his wife May 11, 1862. Of their ten children four arrived at maturity, Peter J. McClees; Mary Elizabeth McClees, a resident of Monmouth county; Charles McClees, who was a hardware merchant at Toms River, and who died March 25, 1895, and John McClees, of Middletown township.

Peter J. McClees, the eldest of these and the immediate subject of this review, had his initial schooling in Middletown township, this being supplemented by two



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and a half years' attendance at Freehold Institute. The years of his later youth and early manhood were spent in the cultivation of his father's farm. On March 11, 1868, he married Elizabeth R. Morris, daughter of Edmund and Mary Morris, of South Trenton, Oneida county, New York. In 1869 he built his present home, on seventy acres of land, then a part of his father's estate, but subsequently inherited by him. Much of this land is under a high state of cultivation and is utilized especially in the culture of fruits and vegetables.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. (Morris) McClees died April 16, 1872, and on November 16, 1874, Mr. McClees married Miss Emma J. Morris, a younger sister of his deceased wife. To this union have been born three children: Charles McClees, born October 13, 1875, attended Red Bank high school and Coleman's Business College, Newark, and is at present an employe of the Phoenix National Bank, New York; Peter J. McClees, Jr., born March 5, 1876, was educated similarly to his brother, and is associated with his father in the agricultural and oyster planting business; and Miss Sarah McClees, born February 18, 1881, resides at home.

Mr. McClees was one of the charter members and stockholders of the Bay View Land Improvement Company, and the Bay View Cemetery Company; served several years as commissioner of appeals, and had the distinction at the time of his election to this office of holding the largest number of votes received by any candidate at that election. He was one of the investors of the railroad operating between New Monmouth station and Atlantic Highlands, now one of the connections of the New York & Long Branch Railroad. He was for a time also principle owner of a schooner traffic between New York and Red Bank. The home of Mr. McClees is one of the beautiful and picturesque places of residences that adorn the world's famous Shrewsbury river, and is located on the north side of the river, opposite McClees' creek.

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#### NELSON M. BROWN.

Nelson M. Brown, night dispatcher for the New York and Long Branch Railroad Company, is one of the prominent citizens of Little Silver station, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and occupies a beautiful residence, which commands a fine outlook over the water front at that point and is located on property once a part of the Parker estate. Mr. Brown was born in Eatontown, Monmouth county, February 27, 1860, and was married October 5, 1887, to Miss Irene Conover, daughter of Garrett S. and Delia Conover. Mrs. Brown was born in the house in which she now lives, in 1863. Her grandfather in the paternal line was Tiley Conover, a farmer of prominence. William Conover, brother of Tiley Conover and grand uncle of Mrs. Brown, was in his day a man of much influence, political and personal, who represented his fellow citizens in the New Jersey legislature. Mrs. Brown's great-grandfather in the maternal line was a silversmith, whose certificate was number three hundred and twenty-seven and was dated March, 1792. The Tallmans, who were Mrs. Brown's maternal ancestors, were participants in the Revolutionary war, and one of them received from the United States government a land grant as a gift for his loyalty and bravery in defense of the struggling infant republic.

Mr. Brown was reared at Eatontown and in the public schools of that place laid the educational foundation for his future usefulness. He began active life as a messenger boy. The New Jersey Southern Railroad Company offered him his next opportunity, and he served that corporation in various capacities for a number of years, during which he built up for himself a reputation for honesty and faithfulness which paved his way to his present position, which he took in 1885.

the responsibilities of which he meets to the entire satisfaction of his employers. During his sixteen years' connection with the New York and Long Branch Railroad company, he has lost but one week's pay, a fact which speaks much for his industry and faithfulness. He is a worthy member of Washington Lodge, No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons of Eatontown, which, as its number indicates, is one of the oldest Masonic lodges in New Jersey.

Nelson M. Brown is a son of Charles and Lydia (Gilson) Brown, both of whom are of Scotch descent and both of whom are natives of New York, and his father was long known in New York as an experienced jeweler. While not an active politician Mr. Brown takes a lively interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare and his readiness to assist all movements for the general benefit has made him known as a young man of much public spirit. As a Mason and as a citizen he is popular in a wide circle of acquaintance and he is well and favorably known to the telegraphic fraternity of the east.



#### ALEXANDER MULLEN.

Alexander Mullen, of Avon, New Jersey, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 24, 1852. His schooling was acquired at Scott's school of Burlington, New Jersey. His early manhood was spent in farming, first, in the vicinity of Long Branch, and in 1874 he took charge of the farm owned by Henry M. Bennett, which is located near Avon. Here he remained for ten years, giving his utmost care and attention to properly tending this fine piece of farm land. After leaving Mr. Bennett's employ, for one year he engaged in the fishing business; then went to Avon and entered the milk trade, in which line he has continued up to the present time, his place being located on Woodland avenue, corner of Fifth avenue, Avon.

Mr. Mullen has taken quite an active part in the affairs of the borough of Avon, and also of the borough of Neptune City when Avon formed a part of that borough. A Democrat in his political adherence, his constituency did him the honor to elect him mayor of the borough of Neptune City. He was elected to serve in the same capacity a second term, and when the borough of Avon was formed, he was duly elected mayor of the new borough. Besides these honorable positions, he has served as marshal of the borough of Neptune City, also in the capacity of school trustee. Fraternally he is a member of the Tecumseh Tribe, No. 60, Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Mullen, on February 10, 1874, was united in marriage to Sarah Laveina Vannote. Five children were born, but only two of them are now living, Ida Bell and Clara Louise. Their only son, Jay Edwin, born November 1, 1881, died March 15, 1901. This was a sad blow to the little household, for the young man gave every promise of a successful career, being highly respected and favored by his many friends and acquaintances.



#### A. JUDSON BRAY.

The name above is that of a prosperous farmer, of Phalanx, Atlantic township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, who was born in that vicinity May 24, 1853, a son of James and Elizabeth Bray. James Bray was a native of Keyport, and his wife was born in Middletown township. He bought from the Frenches about sixty-seven acres of land, which formerly belonged to the North American Phalanx Association,



*A. J. Bray*





to which he added one hundred and eight acres by subsequent purchase, making an aggregate of one hundred and seventy-five acres, which he has devoted partially to general farming, but largely to fruit growing. His wife, Elizabeth, who died in 1895, bore him five children, David H., James Jr., Catherine L., A. Judson and William, four of whom are living. Catherine L. married Joseph W. Thompson, of Lincroft.

A. Judson Bray, who is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres, most of which is profitably fruit bearing, was educated in the common schools of his native township and was for three years a student at the Peddie Institute, at Hightstown, New Jersey. His first venture in active life was as a farmer, in which he was successful from the outset; but, being ambitious and anxious to accumulate money as rapidly as possible, he embarked in business in New York City as a commission merchant, and for six years handled all kinds of country produce there with satisfactory pecuniary results. Since then he has devoted himself exclusively to farming. He is in the best sense of the term a practical farmer, and his farm is one of the best equipped and stocked in its vicinity.

Previous to his removal to New York City Mr. Bray was a resident of Middletown township, where greatly to his own credit and to the satisfaction of his fellow citizens he held several important township offices. For six years he was supervisor of roads; for five years he was a member of the board of education, and for four years was clerk of the board. He removed to Atlantic township in 1897, in which year he purchased his present farm. He is a member of and one of the sergeants of the Second Red Bank Cavalry Troop, and from time to time has been identified with other local organizations. He has in various ways demonstrated that he is a man of public spirit, who is solicitous for the welfare and advancement of the community in which he has cast his lot.

Mr. Bray was married in 1875 to Miss Jessie Oliver, a native of England and a daughter of Richard and Jane Oliver, who has borne him five children: Alice and Jessie, both now deceased; William; Jennie and Maud.

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#### WILLIAM H. THOMPSON.

From a long line of tillers of the soil comes a worthy representative of a sturdy ancestry in William H. Thompson, the subject of this brief article. He, too, is a toiler in the fields, owning a splendid farm of sixty-five acres, which he has taken pride to cultivate to the highest extent. His farm and residence are located at Lincroft, Middletown township, New Jersey, where his family have lived for generations. His paternal grandfather was Cyrenus Thompson and his grandmother was Catherine (Ray) Thompson; the former was a native of Wales, the latter of Scotland; they were the possessors of about forty acres of land, and were held in great respect among their neighbors. They had a family of six children, two of whom are now living; one, Joseph Thompson, is the father of William H., our subject, and was born on the old homestead on August 23, 1808. His wife, Melvina Jones, was born August 3, 1814. Their marriage occurred January 23, 1833. They generally confined themselves to the cultivation of the soil, although Joseph was by trade a shoemaker. Their farm, though small—only forty acres—was well tilled and produced bountifully. While living the conventional farmer's life, unproductive of any great events, yet he was honored by his fellow men for the many sterling qualities he possessed, among them honesty and integrity in his intercourse with those about

him. Twelve children were born to them, eleven girls and one son, William H.; seven of this number are now (1901) living.

William H. Thompson received a common school education, which amply fitted him for the life of usefulness he has lived. He is a man of determination and energy, not afraid of putting his shoulder to the wheel and assisting it along the path of life, or of persisting in surmounting the obstacles which often obstruct the way. For ten years Mr. Thompson kept a general store in Leedsville, now Lincroft, during which time he also occupied the position of postmaster. For thirty years he was township trustee, which fact bespeaks volumes for the high esteem in which he was held by his townspeople. For five years he was a freeholder, and occupied other offices of minor importance, which an appreciative public constantly thrust upon him. He proved himself worthy in all respects of the confidence reposed in him, amply justifying by the faithful discharge of every trust the high opinion in which he was held by his fellow citizens.

As a member of the Masonic fraternity, Mr. Thompson occupies an enviable position; he is connected with the Mystic Brotherhood of Red Bank, in which organization his congeniality makes him a favorite member. Through his marriage in 1860, with Mary, daughter of Hesia Smith, Mr. Thompson has had born to him three children, Joseph W., Anna V. and Lydia A.

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#### THOMAS ELWOOD SNYDER, JR.

The name of Snyder has long been connected with the hotel business in Monmouth county and the gentleman whose name heads this review is known as the genial and popular host of the Metropolitan Hotel in Eatontown. From his earliest youth he has been familiar with this line of activity, for his father, Thomas E. Snyder, Sr., was for many years proprietor of the Colt's Neck Hotel, which he successfully conducted. He is now living retired, at the age of seventy-seven years, making his home with his son. He is of Quaker ancestry and has lived a quiet, helpful life, being widely known as a respected and prosperous citizen, who has won success through honorable business methods.

Mr. Snyder of this review was born in Atlantic township, Monmouth county, July 13, 1871, and in the country schools obtained his preliminary education, which was supplemented by a course in the Freehold high school, where he was graduated with the class of 1889. Soon afterward he became associated with his father in the hotel business and thereby gained the practical experience which is now manifest in his able control of the Metropolitan Hotel, which he purchased in 1895. A hotel has stood upon this site for more than half a century, the first building having been erected by John Wheeler. About thirty years ago it was destroyed by fire, but another hotel was immediately built and it was this which came into possession of Mr. Snyder by purchase in the year mentioned. He remodeled and largely refitted the place and partly refurnished it. He also put in first-class water connection and bath rooms supplied it with excellent plumbing and sanitary arrangements and now has one of the best equipped hotels in this part of the state. It is a three-story brick structure, occupying a pleasant location and everything is kept in first-class condition, Mr. Snyder personally superintending the management of the hotel and looking after the comfort of his guests.

On the 18th of May, 1896, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Breese, a daughter of Emerson and Elizabeth (Anderson) Breese, and unto them have been born two children—Lewis D. and Florence S. Mr. Snyder is a member

of the Washington Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., of Eatontown, in which he has taken three degrees. He also has membership relations with the Order of United American Mechanics and the Improved Order of Red Men. In his political views he is a Republican and for one term he served as assessor of his town, but has never been an aspirant for official honors, as his attention is largely demanded by his business interests. Of cordial, courteous manner and genial disposition, qualities which render him an agreeable host, he is winning prosperity and enjoys the high regard of his patrons.

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#### JAMES HUBBARD.

We glance back three and a half centuries in tracing the genealogy of this illustrious family—back to the time of James Hubbard, son of Henry and Margaret, natives of Langham, England, who with others emigrated to this country in 1643 and settled in the New England states. Even here they were not free from that religious persecution which had so warped existence for them in the old world as to make life there intolerable, and so they were again compelled to seek a place where freedom of religious thought could be indulged without fear of engendering fanatical opposition. Hence, they made their way to Gravesend, Long Island, where a more peaceful existence awaited them. Here James, known as "Sargeant James," was made a magistrate of the town for 1650-51-52-53 and 1663. At a convention held in New Amsterdam, November 20, 1853, "to devise and recommend measures for the public security," he acted as the town's representative. His death is recorded as having occurred prior to 1693. On December 31, 1664, he married Miss Elizabeth Bailies, by whom he had the following children: James, Rebecca, Elizabeth, John and Elias. James was born December 10, 1665, and by his wife, Rachel, had children as follows: Jacobus, Samuel, Tunis, Elias and John. Jacobus was born May 23, 1744, and took for wife Rebecca Swart, of Monmouth, New Jersey, on November 17, 1765. Their son, Samuel, married Miss Margaret Stoutenboro, who was a native of Coltsneek, while Samuel was born at Middletown. He was a cabinet maker by trade, of a quiet, retiring disposition, a man well read and informed on general subjects, and well liked by those about him for his many pleasing characteristics and his integrity in dealing with his fellow men. He served as justice of the peace almost all his life after reaching his majority, which speaks volumes for the high esteem in which he was held in the community.

One of his children was James, the subject of this article. He was born in Middletown township on September 20, 1822, was there educated in the public schools, and after reaching young manhood gave his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, following the same all his life. He now owns a fine farm of one hundred acres of land at Red Bank, New Jersey, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation through his persistent effort to have his property excel in quantity and quality of its production. Mr. Hubbard retired from active work in 1887, but being an all round practical farmer he exercises a general supervision over his extensive interests still. His life, though marked by no very eventful chapters, has been one of usefulness, and if, as is the view of the more thoughtful minds, to be useful is to be great, he is not without a title to distinction.

Mr. Hubbard was united in marriage to Miss Jane R. Bannan, daughter of William and Rachel Bannan, of New York, on March 25, 1850, by whom he had four daughters: Agnes F., Isabelle, Alice B. and Anna G. Mrs. Hubbard was born March 2, 1832.

## JOHN FENTON.

John Fenton is the possessor of extensive farm lands at Lincroft, New Jersey, where fifty acres are kept in cultivation; besides these broad fields he hires sixty other acres, which are also under his watchful and practiced eye. Out of his large experience as a farmer he makes his land produce from sixty to one hundred fold. He is a native of Rumson, New Jersey, and was born November 5, 1845. From the public schools of Leedsville he gained such general knowledge as amply fitted him for his career of activity. When he was twenty-six years of age he began to carve out for himself his plan of life work, and judging from his present delightful surroundings one must conclude that he attained what he desired. Since 1883, the time at which he purchased his present property, he has continued to improve the same by adding every up-to-date convenience, until it now stands in its present state of perfection. He has spared nothing in carrying out his ideas in respect to what a place of its kind should be, and the result is a consummation of what was once an ideal.

His wife is Elizabeth, daughter of John H. and Catherine Hadlem, a native of Lincroft, who bore him two children: Henry H. and Bessie.

John Fenton is the son of Edward and Esther (Harris) Fenton; his father for fourteen years was proprietor of the Leedsville Hotel, was born in 1832 and died in 1890; his mother died the year following. John Fenton is one of six children, the other five being Jennie, Frank, Josephine, George and Edward F.

John Fenton possesses, as he deserves, the good will of all who know him, and is a worthy representative of his family and the society in which he moves.

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 GEORGE B. TWIFORD.

One of the best manufacturers of toilet brushes of exceptionally fine quality is George B. Twiford, the subject now under consideration. His factory and residence are located at 221 Spring street, Red Bank, New Jersey, in which town Mr. Twiford was born May 29, 1858. He is the son of Charles and Ellen Louise (Dudley) Twiford, the former being a native of Sussex county, Delaware, where he was born May 12, 1828, the son of Rev. Bartine and Sarah (Perttman) Twiford, also natives of Sussex county, Delaware. Charles Twiford, being the son of a clergyman, received his early education at various places, owing to the necessity which occasioned his father to locate at different points from time to time. With his parents he made Red Bank his home in 1842.

In early life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, as well as various other occupations at different places but finally took up his residence in New York, where he acquired his trade, that of brush making. Ten years of his life were spent in New York City. In 1856 he returned to Red Bank, and there established himself in the brush manufacturing business, in which he was wonderfully successful, building up an extensive and paying trade, until advancing age incapacitated him for further active work, and in 1896 he sold out his interest in the business to his son, George B. He married Ellen L., daughter of George and Ann Dudley, in 1855. Three children were the outcome of this marriage: Arabeila, George B. and Alforetta. While Mr. Twiford is well along on the road of life, he nevertheless takes an active interest in the things about him, retains his ambitious spirit even to the extent of occasionally working at his trade.

Rev. B. Twiford the father of Charles Twiford, and the grandfather of our immediate subject, was the founder of the Methodist Protestant church at Fair Haven.

He was at one time president of the New Jersey conference of that denomination. His family consisted of nine children, five of whom are now living, Charles being the second by order of birth. Rev. B. Twiford lived to the advanced age of ninety years, passing away in 1886. His father was also a native of Delaware, and his grandfather, the great-great-grandfather of our subject; was a native of England and one of the early settlers of the colony of Delaware.

George B. Twiford received his preliminary education in the common schools of Red Bank, after which he served an apprenticeship in his father's brush manufactory. After working for several years in his father's employ he finally succeeded to the business, in 1800, as previously stated, since which time the enterprise has greatly prospered under his efficient management.

On November 21, 1881, he was united in marriage to Laura J., daughter of Daniel B. and Jane E. Stillwagon of Red Bank. Two children have blessed this union, Olivette A. and Jane E.

Mr. Twiford is a consistent member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Red Bank, of which body he is recording steward. His name is also enrolled among the members of the Order of the Shrewsbury K. of P., No. 72, of which order he has occupied the position of master of finance. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, in which body he held the office of regent.

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#### FRANK H. HODGES.

Frank H. Hodges, who springs from good New England stock, was born in New York City January 28, 1868, the son of Henry S. and Maria M. Hodges; his father was a native of Vermont and his mother of Massachusetts. Our subject received his education and business training in the great metropolis. He showed a wonderful aptitude for quickly mastering his studies and applied himself so diligently to his books that at the early age of sixteen he was fitted to take up the greater problems of life. His present line of business presented itself as a field of promise, and without fear or hesitation he launched out for himself, shouldering responsibilities of a business which few youths of his years would even attempt to face; the line he chose then he has ever since continued in, and his business has grown until it can be said of him that he is a pre-eminently successful business man, enjoying an enviable reputation among the wholesale merchants of the West side. His place of business is located at 75 Warren street, New York, where he deals in butter, cheese, eggs and poultry to the trade.

Mr. Hodges' parents had long resided in New York, but in 1800 they removed to Jersey City Heights; thence they removed to Red Bank in 1808, where Frank H. had purchased the old Borden homestead from Mrs. Mary Hendrickson. The homestead is situated between Red Bank and Little Silver. This beautiful spot has been converted into a perfect Eden by Mr. Hodges, who has spared no expense in making it conform to his high ideal of what his home should be. It now attracts many visitors, as it is one of the interesting features of a section widely known for its beautiful residences, private parks, and magnificent estates. The Borden homestead is one of the old land marks located on that delightful Branch avenue, and its charms are greatly enhanced by the magnificent old trees which, in their majestic strength impress one with a sense of grandeur which corresponds favorably with the splendor of the place.

Since locating in Red Bank, Mr. Hodges has been extensively engaged in the poultry business. Last year he raised by incubators over one thousand broilers. He

is likewise interested in the raising of fancy pigeons, and has upon his place many of the finest breeds, by which he sets great value.

In his political views Mr. Hodges is a staunch Republican, having proved himself loyal to the principles of his party. He received the appointment of captain of the Ninth assembly district, New York, in which office he labored diligently in the interests of his party. He was also a member of the Ninth Ward Pioneer Corps, New York, of which he was trustee, besides acting as secretary and treasurer. Socially Mr. Hodges is exceedingly popular; he has affiliated himself with the Royal Arcanum of Long Island Council, and is a volunteer fireman, as well as a member of various other organizations.

Mr. Hodges was united in marriage in August, 1900, to Miss Mattie E., daughter of Charles Williams, of Eatontown, New Jersey.

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#### ALFRED N. RADLEY.

During the colonial epoch in our country's history the Radley family was founded in America, the original ancestor coming from Ireland to the new world. It is claimed that the name was at one time spelled Bradley, but that the first letter was finally eliminated. The great-grandfather of our subject was John Radley, whose son, Benjamin Radley, was born in 1790 and died in 1874, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was the father of Squire Radley, the father of our subject. Squire Radley was born in Westfield, New Jersey, September 5, 1812, and throughout his active business career carried on farming in this locality. In 1833 he married Miss Susan Ann Woodruff, and unto them were born the following named: Charlotte, Mary C., Ann M., Alfred Newton, Priscilla E. and Hannah E. The father has passed away, his death having occurred February 19, 1900.

Alfred Newton Radley, whose name introduces this review, is indebted to the public school system of his native town for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He was born in Westfield, April 10, 1841, and remained on his father's farm until twenty-five years of age, during which time he became familiar through practical experience with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He then began farming on his own account and later was proprietor of a hotel. His next venture was in the ice business, handling that commodity for five years, when he became engaged in the coal trade. For the past ten years he has engaged in dealing in coal and as his reputation as a reliable business man was already established, he did not find it difficult to work up a trade. He now enjoys a very liberal patronage and derives therefrom a substantial income.

On the 16th of June, 1866, Mr. Radley was married to Miss Ellen A. Mears, who was born in England, September 29, 1845. Their children are Lizzie J., who was born August 19, 1867; Squire B., born September 10, 1868, and died December 31, 1894; Susan A., who was born July 4, 1870, and died August 2, 1891; David A., who was born October 19, 1871, and died March 27, 1874; Grant, who was born November 4, 1872; and died March 4, 1873; William M., born November 22, 1876; Newton, born December 7, 1878, and died July 8, 1885; Mabel, born June 23, 1880; and Ellen, who was born April 5, 1882, and died December 2, 1883. Since 1877 the family have resided in Carteret and are numbered among the best citizens of that place.

To the Democracy Mr. Radley gives his political support and upon the issues of the day he keeps well informed. He has served as road overseer in his township





*Alfred, N, Radley*





SQUIRE E. RADLEY.



and also as a member of the board of election. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed and in business circles he sustains a reputation which is above question.

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#### GEORGE K. MAGEE.

The popular "Columbia Hotel" has been made so by its genial and affable owner and proprietor, George K. Magee. No hostelry in Eatontown, New Jersey, has so excellent a reputation for hospitable treatment as has the "Columbia." The hotel was originally built by members of the Washington Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., on the property of Dr. John P. Lewis. Dr. Lewis bought the lodge's interest in the house, so that the entire property stood in his name. It was then successively run by Joseph Doty, Kruser Suediker, John Rodgers, Capt. John S. Leifbunow, and others. George K. Magee, the present proprietor, purchased the property in 1900 from Edward Throckmorton. The hotel will accommodate twenty-five guests, is conveniently located amid pleasant surroundings. Courtesy and a determination to meet every wish of his guests mark the proprietor of the "Columbia Hotel" as a man who knows how to cater to the general public in the way best calculated to win their good will and command their continued patronage.

Mr. Magee was born in Monmouth county in 1866, and there was reared and educated in the public schools. He is the son of Jerome and Catherine (Willett) Magee, both of whom are natives of Monmouth county, and who now (1901) reside on their farm in Atlantic township.

During his early career Mr. Magee turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which vocation he followed continuously and successfully up to within a few years, when on account of defective eye-sight he was compelled to abandon what to him had always been a congenial and delightful occupation.

His wife, whom he married in 1887, was Minnie, daughter of Charles and Ann Martin, who bore him two children, Clarence R. and Mabel S. Mrs. Magee is a native of Monmouth county also.

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#### EDGAR SCHENCK

Prominent among the representative farmers of Monmouth county is Edgar Schenck, who owns and operates one hundred and fifty acres of rich land in Holmdel township, where his entire life has been passed. He was born on the farm which is still his place of residence, first opening his eyes to the light of day on the twelfth of May, 1853, his parents being George S. and Eleanor (Conover) Schenck. Both parents trace their ancestry back through several generations to Holland emigrants who came to America in the early part of the seventeenth century. John Schenck, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a captain in the war of the Revolution and served for seven years in the cause for independence,—a valiant and courageous soldier. George Schenck, the father of our subject, was a man of high principles and moral worth, and was beloved by all who knew him on account of his upright life. He followed agricultural pursuits and prospered in his undertakings as the result of his energy and thrift. In his political views he was a stalwart Democrat and for two successive terms was elected to the state legislature, where he served on several important committees, proving himself to be a man of excellent judgment concerning affairs of state. He labored untiringly in support of those measures which he believed would contribute to the general good, and in all life's relations he manifested

his loyalty to the principles in which he believed. He died March 6, 1892, at the age of seventy years, and his wife, a most estimable and highly esteemed lady, passed away on the 30th of May, 1885, at the age of sixty.

Upon the home farm Edgar Schenck was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and thus becoming well prepared to carry on farming on his own account at a later day. He is now engaged in the cultivation of one hundred and fifty acres of arable land, planted to the crops best adapted to this climate, and annually he harvests good crops as the reward of his labor. His time is mostly devoted to general farming but some attention is given to the raising of fine horses and cattle. An air of neatness and thrift prevades the place and is indicative of the enterprising spirit of the owner.

On the 22d of November, 1877, Mr. Schenck was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Craig, who was born February 10, 1855, a daughter of William R. and Jane E. (Vanderveer) Craig, of Freehold. In early life her father was connected with the wholesale drug business for a number of years in New York City, but the close confinement to the store proved detrimental to his health and caused him to turn his attention to farming, which he carried on extensively and successfully. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schenck have been born two sons: Norman C., who was born August 5, 1882, and is now pursuing a four-years course of study in Princeton College; and George R., who was born August 4, 1886, and is at home. The family are members of the Dutch Reformed church at Holmdel. In his political views Mr. Schenck is a Democrat, but has never been an aspirant for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his attention to the pleasures of the home and to his business affairs, in which he is meeting with creditable and gratifying success.

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#### WARREN WEBSTER.

Warren Webster, an enterprising agriculturist of Middletown township, operates one of the finest farms in the locality, formerly the property of Daniel C. Hendrickson. The place contains one hundred acres, and is now devoted principally to the raising of fruit and vegetables. Mr. Webster was born in Philadelphia, June 8, 1845, a son of David and Syndonia (Walton) Webster, whose family numbered five children,—Aaron, Mary, Thomas, Byron and Warren. The forefathers of the paternal grandmother of Mr. Webster came to America with William Penn. The paternal grandparents of him whose name introduces this review were David and Elizabeth Webster. The latter was captured by the Chippewa tribe of Indians and remained in captivity from her twelfth to eighteenth year, on the expiration of which period she was ransomed and became the wife of David Webster.

Warren Webster was eighteen years of age when he came to New Jersey, and was for seven years connected with greenhouses of the Essex Company, at Orange, and during his residence in Monmouth county has followed various occupations, but has principally devoted his time and attention to farming. He has been very successful in his chosen vocation, his crops always bringing the highest market price, and he now takes rank among the leading agriculturists and horticulturists of Monmouth county.

Mrs. Webster was in her maidenhood Miss M. Matilda Willett, their wedding being celebrated on the 24th of December, 1868. She was born at Harmony, New Jersey, on the 17th of March, 1850, a daughter of John and Catherine Willett, who were members of old and prominent families of the state. The father, who was



*Warren Webster*



born in Monmouth county, August 25, 1813, was a light-house keeper at Compton Light for a number of years, and his family numbered the following children.—Humphrey, William, Charles, Matilda, Martin, Ellen Rebecca, and Catherine. The grandparents of these children were Garrett and Rebecca (Stillwell) Willett, of Long Island. Unto our subject and wife have been born three children, namely: William, born in 1870, who is now deceased; Jesse G., born June 5, 1880; and Kirk E., born September 14, 1883.

Mrs. Webster died May 15, 1902, in Red Bank. She had left her home in usual health to attend to some shopping, and about nine o'clock in the morning had made her last purchase, and yet had her change in her hand, when she was stricken down with a heart ailment, and died without a groan or struggle. She was a most estimable woman and her sad demise was a sorrow and a shock to the entire community.

The family are highly esteemed in the community in which they make their home and are active in all good work. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Belford, upon the board of stewards of which Mr. Webster served for some years. During the years 1881-2 Mr. Webster was temporarily at Beaufort, North Carolina, superintending the construction of the fish, oil and guano works for C. B. Dye, and a second plant of the same kind for Ralph Howland.

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REV. WILLIAM N. BAILY.

A bit of interesting history attaches to Christ church of Shrewsbury, of which the Rev. William N. Baily is rector. Christ church is among the earliest of the old colonial churches. Two centuries have passed since the first effort was made to give it a permanent existence. It seems that its inception dates back to the time when William III, King of England, granted a charter creating a corporation organized under the name of "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" on June 16, 1701.

Shortly after the formation of this society in England, a petition was drawn up and presented to that august body by Colonel Morris on September 19, 1701, praying them to dispatch a missionary to Shrewsbury with as little delay as possible. The memorial of Colonel Morris was successful, and Rev. George Keith was duly appointed by the society as said missionary. It was not until a year later, however, June 11, 1702, that he, with others, arrived in Boston, nor did he reach Shrewsbury until October 27. This, then, may be considered the beginning of the church in Shrewsbury. From the most authentic sources of information it seems positive that the first church was built at Shrewsbury between the years 1703-1705, the second church in 1748 and the present building in 1760. In the year 1708 during the ministry of Rev. Alexander Innes, Queen Ann presented the communion service which is still in use.

An important bequest, which materially benefited the financial condition of the church, was made by Mr. William Leeds, in 1735, who left his estate to the Shrewsbury and Middletown churches, of which Shrewsbury still holds the larger part of her share. In 1733 the Rev. J. Forbes succeeded Rev. Geo. Keith, and in turn he was succeeded in 1738 by the Rev. John Mbl. It was at this time, on June 3, that Governor Burnet granted the church its charter in behalf of George II. In 1740 a new missionary entered this field in the person of Rev. Thomas Thompson; following him came Rev. Samuel Cook in 1757, who was the last of the missionary laborers in the field. It was during his ministrations in 1752, that the large Bible now in use (dated 1717) was presented to the church by Robert Elliston. It was also during Mr.

Cook's incumbency, in 1709, that the present church building was erected. In 1842 the chancel was built. The present windows were put in place in 1867, the chancel window having been presented by George De Haert Gillespie, of New York, in memory of the De Haert family. From the time of Mr. Cook's retirement the pulpit remained vacant until 1788. During the Revolutionary war the globe and royal crown of George III, which to this day surmount the steeple of the old church, were frequently made a target of by patriot soldiers. In 1788 Rev. Henry Waddell became rector of the church. His successor was Rev. H. Andrew Fowler, who took up his labors there in 1799. He was succeeded in 1809 by the Rev. John Croes. The Rev. Eli Wheeler took up his pastorate there in 1824, and after him in 1830 came Rev. Harry Finch, who died in 1864. His successor was Rev. William B. Otis. Rev. Benjamin Franklin officiated as rector from 1875 up to the time of his decease, in November, 1898. The one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the present church was celebrated on July 21, 1869. In October, 1902, the old church celebrated the bi-centennial of its existence as a parish.

The present rector of this historic church, the Rev. William N. Baily, is a son of Major Thomas C. J. (of the Regular Army) and Caroline Potter (Ladd) Baily. He was born at Wilmington, Delaware, December 16, 1863; received his early education in Orange, New Jersey, at a later period studying law in Newark, New Jersey, and was admitted to the bar on June 3, 1886. He practiced law for a short time in the city of Newark, but had always felt that his true vocation was the ministry, and in 1893 he graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School. The same year he was ordained deacon by Bishop O. W. Whitaker, of Pennsylvania, and was placed in charge of the church of the Holy Comforter, West Philadelphia. In 1894 he was ordained priest, and was called as assistant to the rector of Grace Church, Manchester, New Hampshire, in 1895. His pastorate at Shrewsbury began in 1899. His ministrations here continue under the most favorable circumstances.

Mr. Baily was married in 1893 to Miss Anna Levick Crew, daughter of J. Lewis Crew, of Philadelphia. To them has been born one son, Alleyne William.

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#### HENRY JOHN TATNELL.

Enterprise and determination are strong elements in prosperity, and they are found among the salient characteristics of Henry John Tatnell, who is the proprietor of the Lakewood Carpet Cleaning Works and is also the owner of a carpet store in Lakewood, Ocean county, New Jersey. His advancement in business has been through his own efforts entirely, and to-day he is enjoying richly merited success, while the future is bright with promise.

Mr. Tatnell is a native of England, where his birth occurred April 21, 1872. Six years later his parents came with their family to this country, where he has since made his home. The public school system of this land afforded him the educational privileges which he enjoyed and when a youth of fourteen years he entered upon his business career in the employ of a carpenter. Working with the saw, plane and hammer did not prove entirely congenial, and his salary of one dollar per week seemed scarcely sufficient, so he abandoned the building art, and in 1888, when sixteen years of age, was made foreman of the carpet store owned by the firm of Mullens & Son, one of the largest establishments of its kind in Jersey City. There he remained for two years and in 1890 he entered the employ of W. and J. Sloane, of New York City, in the service of which firm he remained for nine years, acting as foreman of that house for seven years of that period, his conduct of its affairs.





*Henry J. Tattell*



giving entire satisfaction to the firm, who had implicit confidence in his integrity and in his ability. In 1868, in response to an urgent request from citizens of Lakewood, he located at this place.

Here he established his present business. He is a very enterprising young business man, with a very promising future before him, if his past is a guarantee of his ability. He owns his own cleaning plant, which is operated by power for steam cleaning and has a capacity of one thousand yards per day. During the season he cleans approximately one hundred thousand yards of carpet. In addition to his cleaning establishment, he has a carpet store on Main street, in which he carries a large and well selected line of carpets, linoleums, shades and other goods of that character. His cleaning establishment, situated on Laurel avenue, is very spacious, having been recently enlarged to meet the necessities of a rapidly growing business. Socially Mr. Tatnell is connected with the Royal Arcanum. He is a young man of genial disposition, energetic and resolute in business, and of cordial nature, and these qualities render him popular with his many friends.

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#### CHARLES J. SMITH.

Charles J. Smith, proprietor of one of the leading meat markets of Oakhurst, was born at Cream Ridge, New Jersey, October 22, 1866. He is a son of Ruluf and Lydia (Herbett) Smith. Charles J. Smith received his education and early training at his native place, and until his twenty-first year he worked on his father's farm. He then removed to Long Branch, New Jersey, where for twelve years he was engaged on a hack line, after which he became the successor of J. C. Johnson in the meat business in Oakhurst. Since entering upon this line of trade his efforts have been attended with a gratifying degree of success. His place is clean, neat, and inviting, and his patronage is large and lucrative, his books showing an annual sale of eight thousand dollars.

The marriage of Mr. Smith was celebrated on the 18th of April, 1888, Miss Lulu Horner becoming his wife. She is a native of Vanhiseville, Ocean county, New Jersey, born in 1871, and is a daughter of Charles and Ella Horner. One child has blessed this union, Franklin L., who was born July 20, 1880. The family own and occupy a beautiful home in Oakhurst, which is noted for its charming hospitality, and the inmates have the warm regard of a large circle of friends.

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#### WILLIAM H. GARRIGAN.

William H. Garrigan, the genial proprietor of the Park Hotel, Oceanport, New Jersey, conducts one of the most popular resorts along the Jersey coast. His well appointed house will accommodate as many as twenty-five guests, while his bountiful tables cater to a limitless throng. The hotel is an old and well established one, having been originally built by the Misses Edwards and conducted as a high-class hostelry by men well versed in the hotel business from that time to this. The present proprietor is not the least successful of those who have been established there, in fact, his peculiarly well adapted characteristics and affability of manner make him a host most attractive to the traveling public.

Princeton, New Jersey, was the scene of Mr. Garrigan's birth, which occurred on April 26, 1862. He is the son of P. H. and Elizabeth (Gray) Garrigan, both natives of Ireland, whence they came to this country in 1850, taking up their residence in

Princeton, New Jersey, where they followed agricultural pursuits. While there the family formed a lasting attachment for the late Dr. Hodge. In 1883 they removed from Princeton to Long Branch, thence to Oceanport in 1889, where the family now reside.

Mr. W. H. Garrigan received his early education in his native town of Princeton, later supplementing same by a practical manual and mental training which went a long way toward fitting him for the position which he at present occupies, his incumbency of which has lasted since 1893. Mr. Garrigan is unmarried, a matter of deep concern to his solicitous friends.

His father's family consisted of twelve children and in this family of twelve there were two pairs of twins. Their children were as follows: W. H. and James (twins), Bessie, Michael, Mary (deceased), Thomas (deceased) and Ann (twins), Luke (deceased), John, Kate, a daughter (deceased) unnamed, and Douglas Garrigan.

The Garrigans are members of the Roman Catholic church and are worthy citizens of the commonwealth. Mr. Garrigan is a member of the I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, and the I. O. R. M.

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#### JOHN C. SCHANCK.

The Schancks of Monmouth county, New Jersey, are all descended from one Ruloff Schanck Van Nydeck, who, with his brother Jan, emigrated to America from Holland in the year 1650. It is deemed probable that they were born at Doesburg in the province of Guelderland. Ruloff Schanck Van Nydeck was married three times—first in 1660 to Nultje Van Cowenhoven; the second time in 1675 to Annetje Wyckoff and the third time to Catharine Cregir, November 30, 1688. He had three sons, Martin, John and Garrett. Martin, the first born, remained on Long Island, where his father settled, and John and Garrett removed to Monmouth county, and from them were descended many men and women who in successive generations have been good and useful citizens.

Garrett Schanck married Neltje Voorhees and had ten children, among them Garrett, who was born August 30, 1712, and who married Jane Conover. Garrett and Jane (Conover) Schanck had three sons named William, John and Garrett. John, the son of the second Garrett, was born August 28, 1745, married Maria De Nise, and ardently embraced the patriotic cause in the Revolutionary war. He became a captain of militia and made a record as a brave and devoted officer, who harrassed the enemy greatly to their loss and discomfort and who at one time was severely wounded. John and Maria (De Nise) Schanck had nine sons. From this illustrious ancestry sprang hundreds of loyal citizens of our great republic.

John K. Schanck, the grandfather of John C. Schanck in the paternal line, married Anna Van Clees, who like him was born in Monmouth county, New Jersey. Of their family one son was Gilbert, born April 20, 1816, who married Micah Conover in 1803, and had children as follows: John K., who died at the age of seven months in 1805; John C., who was born September 26, 1866; Mary P.; and Lydia A., born in 1800, died in January, 1873. Gilbert Schanck died August 3, 1882. Mrs. Micah (Conover) Schanck was born December 31, 1829. Gilbert Schanck was a practical and successful farmer, a man loyal to his convictions, but without political aspirations.

His son, John C. Schanck, was reared and educated in Atlantic township and was taught practical farming on his father's farm, which is now his home. He married Miss Arianda Curchin, daughter of William and Malvina Curchin, of Fair Haven, who was born February 5, 1882, and who has borne him one child, Harold,

who was born August 27, 1900. Mr. Schanck's grandparents in the maternal line were Isaac J. and Alkey (Bennett) Conover. His grandfather was born September 13, 1795, and his grandmother July 30, 1798.

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#### THOMAS MALCOLM WALLING.

The name of Walling has long been a familiar one in Monmouth county, New Jersey, and it is well represented at Shrewsbury by Thomas M. Walling, who as a dairyman has attained considerable business prominence and has become known as one of the successful young men of the town.

Thomas M. Walling was born at Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, April 22, 1870, a son of Eugene and Margaret Walling and a grandson of Peter H. Walling, a native of Keyport, who became widely known as a mechanical genius. Eugene Walling and his wife, who have lived at Shrewsbury since 1884, have had five children, two daughters and two sons of whom are living.

When his parents removed to Shrewsbury Thomas M. Walling was fourteen years old. He had already acquired a rudimentary education in the public school near his former home, and he studied further in the public schools at Shrewsbury, where he made gratifying progress. When he left school he gave his attention to farming, which he continued for ten years with marked success both as to practical experience and financial advantage. In 1890 he bought property of Mrs. Chasey and established his dairy enterprise, in which he was reasonably successful, gaining the confidence of a wide circle of patrons. He has recently re-embarked in agricultural pursuits at Scobeyville.

Mr. Walling was married November 28, 1899, to Miss Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Daniel Cook, of Tintonfalls, who on the 22d of December, 1900, bore him a daughter, whom they named Mary.

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#### CHARLES THOMAS WHITE.

In the vicinity of Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, there have been few families which in successive generations have been more highly respected than those of White and Wolcott, which are represented at this time by Charles Thomas White and his mother, Maribah (Wolcott) White, and some of their relatives. Charles T. White is a son of the late Thomas White and a grandson of Jacob and Catharine White, who were born at Eatontown. Mrs. Maribah White is the daughter of John and Lydia Wolcott and John was a son of Henry and Abbie Wolcott. The Wolcotts, who were of English extraction, were Quakers or Friends, and were successful farmers and citizens of good influence. Jacob White was a Quaker, a truthful and positive man of retiring disposition, whose word was literally as good as his bond. His farm was large and well kept for the comparatively early day in which he lived, and by his wife Catharine he had five children, all of whom are dead. Thomas White, son of Jacob and Catharine, was born at Eatontown, February 21, 1822, and died August 12, 1888. He married Miss Maribah Wolcott in 1849, and they had one son, Charles T. White, who is the immediate subject of this sketch. Thomas White was a worthy man of upright life and character, a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and a Quaker in faith. He held several township offices, among them that of surveyor of highways. His farm contained two hundred acres

of land and he was a practical farmer and a progressive and prosperous business man. The Whites of the present day are Baptists.

Charles T. White, a successful farmer and one of the influential citizens of Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born January 6, 1853, and married Eliza Hubbard, daughter of Robert and Henrietta Hubbard, June 6, 1874. Mrs. White, who was born at Long Branch in 1854, has borne her husband two children, Susie M., March 12, 1877, and Maribah Henrietta, November 12, 1879. Susie M. died January 7, 1879. Mr. White, while not an active politician, takes an abiding interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the township and county and has in many ways demonstrated the fact that he possesses much public spirit. He has been a generous contributor toward the support of the Baptist church at Eatontown, of which he is one of the board of trustees, and has been liberal in his aid of other religious bodies.

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#### PETER TILLMAN.

Prominent among the energetic, far-seeing and successful business men of this part of the state is Peter Tillman, who is the chosen freeholder of Rahway township, Union county. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and his connection with the various business enterprises and industries have been of decided advantage to the community, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Tillman was born in Raritan, Somerset county, New Jersey, April 28, 1860, a son of Augustus and Magdalina (Hollander) Tillman. His paternal great-grandfather, Peter Tillman, was the first gold and copper smelter in this country and built many of the first smelters erected here. The father of our subject, who was well known as a superintendent of mines, died in 1897, but the mother is still living.

In the public schools of his native town Mr. Tillman acquired his early education. During his youth he entered the employ of the Jersey City Street Car Company as an engineer, and remained with them until 1880, when he leased and operated the Incline Plane at Jersey City for seven years. He assisted in organizing the New Jersey Portland Cement Company of Perth Amboy, to which enterprise he has since given the greater part of his time and attention, being at present a stockholder, director and superintendent of the company, which was incorporated in 1897 with H. B. Needham of New York City, president; William Kolbe, treasurer; Harry Robinson, secretary; Mr. Tillman, superintendent. On becoming connected with this concern Mr. Tillman went to Perth Amboy and equipped the plant, and under his capable management the business has grown so rapidly that they now employ about seventy-five hands and ship their product all over the country. At different times Mr. Tillman has become identified with several other business enterprises as side issues, owning a plant for the manufacture of bicycles at Jersey City and also a carpet cleaning establishment at that place.

Mr. Tillman was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Barber, and to them have been born three children, namely: Eva Brooks, Peter K. net's and Sarah Dorothy. He made his home in Jersey City from 1882 until 1898, when he purchased an elegant residence in Rahway, and here he has since lived. He and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian church of this place and he is now serving as one of its trustees. As a Republican he takes quite an influential part in local politics; is president of the Rahway Republican Club; and in 1901 was



*Peter Tillman*





ected chosen freeholder. He is also a member of the excise board of the city and is its present chairman. Socially he belongs to the Rahway Club; the Business Men's Bowling Club; Bergen Lodge, No. 42, A. F. & A. M.; the Royal Arcanum; and the Loyal Additional. He is popular in social, as well as business and political circles, and no citizen in the community is more honored or highly respected.

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#### WILLIAM IRVEN GREEN.

William Green, senior partner of the firm of Green & Borden, of Shrewsbury, New Jersey, who operate the carriage shop known so well as the Van Schaick shop, because of its formerly having been owned and run by Robert Van Schaick, is a native of Hunterdon county, New Jersey, where he was born September 29, 1852, the son of Joseph H. and Rachel M. (Fisher) Green. Joseph H. was a blacksmith of exceptional skill and experience; it was under his instruction that William I. learned his trade. His education was acquired at the public schools of his native town, where his studious habits early fitted him for a life of usefulness. When nineteen years of age he was able to do good work in his father's shop, where, as well as in other places, he worked for a number of years.

In 1874 he removed to Pattenburg, New Jersey, where he started business on his own responsibility, which prospered. He removed then to Milford, New Jersey, then to Durham, Pennsylvania, Sparta, New Jersey, Suffern, New York, Hopewell, New Jersey, and finally in 1889 removed to Shrewsbury, where he purchased some property and established his own home. In 1898 he formed the connection mentioned above with Mr. Borden. Mr. Green as a mechanic is decidedly successful, having mastered every detail of his interesting trade, and besides is an astute business man; combining these qualifications, he is, of course, at home in any department of his carriage works and capable of looking after every interest, though he has personally taken charge of the blacksmith department for seven years. The firm of Green & Borden sell agricultural implements, while Mr. Green carries on a general blacksmithing business and manufactures vehicles of all kinds. One can feel that in sending work to them, or having work done by them, it is sure to prove satisfactory in all respects.

Mr. Green was united in marriage to Emily H. Fisher in 1874; there were born to them five children: Eva A., Joseph N., Lucilla, Bessie M. and Rachel R. Mr. Green is an active member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

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#### ANTHONY TAYLOR TRUAX.

Anthony Taylor Truax, of Long Branch, a former hardware merchant and real-estate dealer, and now lumber merchant with Isaac H. Cramer, under the firm name of Truax & Cramer, lumber merchants and dealers in building material, was born October 17, 1847, at Poplar, Monmouth county, New Jersey, son of the late Anthony and Tenty Ann (White) Truax. The family had its American founder in one of the early Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam, and the name is conspicuous in the annals of New York City; the first male child born on Manhattan Island is said to have been a Truax. Elias, the paternal grandfather, born at Shrewsbury, Monmouth county, July, 1788, owned a large farm in Hamilton, was an old-line Whig, but later

a staunch Republican. He served throughout the war of 1812. He enjoyed exceptional health, never experiencing a day's illness until attacked by pneumonia, to which he succumbed, June 2, 1881, in his ninety-fourth year. His wife, who was Hannah Layton, died four years later, also at the age of ninety-four years. They had four children: Anthony, John and Sarah Ann, who became Mrs. Hamilton Banta. The fourth died in infancy.

Anthony Truax, father of A. T. Truax, was born at Hamilton, July 17, 1810, and arriving at man's estate removed to Poplar. He there added speculative enterprises to farm pursuits and invested his profits in bank, building and loan, and other stocks. He was an active Republican and was twenty years a justice of the peace at Poplar, and for five years he was wreckmaster, which involved his charge of wrecks along the Jersey coast, having in 1850 been appointed at Freehold commissioner of wrecks for Deal district. He was a member and trustee of the Methodist church at West Long Branch. His twelve children were: Henry; Hannah, who married Mathias Woolley; Jacob W.; Elias L.; Mary Catharine, who married George Taylor; Cornelia, who married Charles L. Hulick; A. T.; George W.; Joseph Chattel; and two who died as children. Mr. A. T. Truax spent a brief period in the public schools of Poplar and thereafter assisted his father until he reached his majority. Refusing a farm which his father offered him, he entered his brother's grocery store for three years at Long Branch. In 1851 he opened a grocery store on his own account, continuing until 1862, when he discontinued the grocery branch of his business and was thereafter extensively engaged in the hardware trade. In March, 1896, he sold out his hardware establishment and did not re-embark in business until December, 1899, when he formed his present partnership, as above noted. He is a Republican, has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since fifteen years of age, and is now treasurer and a member of the board of stewards of that church at Long Branch. Mr. Truax was one of the charter members of the Citizens' Bank of Long Branch. Mr. Truax has contributed to the development of Long Branch by the erection of several business and residential properties.

Mr. Truax has been twice married. In March, 1870, he was married to Laura, daughter of Charles Hulick, of West Long Branch. She died May 11, 1885. Their children were Charles Lincoln, who died in infancy; Henry W. and Chester M. His present wife, Minnie Behr Truax, is a daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmina Brinkhauz, whom he married in October, 1887.

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#### JAMES BRAY.

The family of Bray, of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is one which has been high in honor there for many generations. Its representatives were conspicuous for their loyalty in the Revolutionary war and in the war of 1812, and at subsequent periods of our history they were patriotic to a degree that was highly creditable to them as American citizens.

James Bray, of Lincroft, Atlantic township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a son of the late David Sutton and Eliza (McClain) Bray, and was born in Middletown township, January 20, 1824. He was educated in the common schools near his boyhood home and at Matawan Academy, and early determined to be a farmer, and as such he has shown himself to be enterprising, resourceful, progressive and increasingly successful. He owns eighty acres of well cultivated and productive land and his residence, barns and outbuildings, and indeed all things about his farm, be-



*James Bray*



token taste, thrift and prosperity. While he gives some attention to general crops, he devotes his energies more particularly to the production of fruit of the choicest kinds. He has been prominent in the affairs of Atlantic township since 1851, when he removed from Middletown. He has been elected to some important offices, including those of road commissioner and commissioner of appeals. A man known for his character and widely respected for his integrity, he is a member of the Baptist church of Red Bank, in which for twenty-six years he has held the office of deacon.

Mr. Bray was married to Miss Elizabeth Grant, who bore him six children, named as follows: John A., deceased; David H.; A. Judson; James; William, deceased; and Catharine E. Mrs. Bray died August 25, 1884, and in 1886 Mr. Bray married Miss Gertrude White.

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#### CAPTAIN DAVID S. OLIPHANT.

Captain David S. Oliphant, prominent both as a soldier and in civil life, was born in Barnegat, then in Monmouth county, now in Ocean county, New Jersey, June 11, 1841, son of William D. and Eleanor (Pharo) Oliphant, both of Holland ancestry. The progenitor of the family, emigrating from Holland, settled in the Mohawk Valley, New York, during the seventeenth century, and there in 1750 his great-grandfather, Johnathan Oliphant, was born, and was a substantial farmer. The line descends through David, born January 2, 1784, son of the preceding, and William D., son of David and father of Captain Oliphant. William D. was the second child of David and Mary McDonald Oliphant, was one of the most prominent citizens of the county, held the position of justice of the peace for many years, and for four years was county judge. He was born on his father's farm in the Mohawk Valley, New York, April 15, 1809, and died in Freehold, New Jersey, February 9, 1882. Besides William P., the eleven other children of this family were: Nancy, Hope, Selah, James, Jane Ann, Hannah, Ann, George, Caroline, Elizabeth and David. William's own children were: Mohlon, Eliza L., Hope, Thomas P., Mary E., Margaret A., David S., Theodore F. and Eleanor.

Captain David S., the sixth child of the preceding, was reared on his father's farm and educated in the public schools of Monmouth county. His early life was shaped by the events of the Civil war, which broke out the year in which he reached his majority. August 7, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Sixth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, and continued in the service with many thrilling experiences until the close of the war. Up to 1863 he had served as corporal and second sergeant. In October, 1863, he was discharged for promotion and commissioned second lieutenant Company D, Thirty-fifth New Jersey Veteran Volunteer Infantry, by Governor Joel Parker. On August 1, 1864, he was made first lieutenant of the same company, and on April 12, 1865, he became captain and was assigned to Company E of the same regiment. He was mustered in as captain by special order of the Secretary of War; "Special order 378" reads: "Extract 45. To complete his record on the rolls, Second Lieutenant David S. Oliphant, Company D, Thirty-fifth New Jersey Volunteer, an escaped prisoner of war, is hereby mustered out to date April 30, 1865, and in as captain Company E, same regiment, to date May 1, 1865. By order of the Secretary of War.

"E. D. TOWNSEND,  
"Asst. Adj. General."

His final muster out at the close of the war is dated July 27, 1865. Between May 4 and August 27, 1862, the records show that he participated in the following engagements: The siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Virginia, Fair Oaks, Virginia, Pines, Virginia, Savage Station, Virginia, Glendale, Virginia, Malvern Hill, McClellan's seven days' retreat, Catlits Station, Bristoe Station, second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Virginia, and Gettysburg. At Fair Oaks, June 2nd, he was slightly wounded. At second Bull Run he was taken prisoner by Longstreet's forces, paroled, but was exchanged in time to take part in the Fredericksburg campaign.

In 1863-4, assigned to the army of western Tennessee, he took part in engagement at Meridian, Mississippi, Resaca, Georgia, New Hope Church, Big Shanty, Kennesaw Mountain, Roswell Mills, Ruffs Mills and Decatur. Captain Oliphant was taken prisoner near Atlanta, Georgia, July 22, 1864, the same day that General McPherson was killed. Transferred to various southern prisons at Macon, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina, and Columbia, South Carolina, he finally at the latter place effected his escape with three other officers; by concealing themselves in the day time and traveling nights, they arrived after a perilous journey to the Federal lines at Knoxville, Tennessee, January 17, 1865. A brother of Captain Oliphant, William D., also fought in the northern army, served through the war with an excellent record, and died soon after his return home with shattered health.

Captain Oliphant's subsequent career, devoted entirely to business pursuits in Freehold, New Jersey, has been a prosperous one. He is at present retired from active pursuits. He is a charter member of Captain J. W. Conover's Post, No. 63, G. A. R., and has been adjutant for a number of years. In July, 1867, he was married to Elizabeth Hale at Freehold. They have one daughter, who is now Mrs. Alfred Vandoren.

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#### JOSIAH A. STRATTON.

No man in Monmouth county is more widely known or is more universally popular than the subject of this review. He was born at Lakewood, New Jersey, October 10, 1861, and is a son of George B. and Margaret (Guice) Stratton. The father, who was a molder by trade, is an honest, industrious and upright citizen, and his life has been uneventfully passed, with the exception of two years which he spent in the Union army, having been a brave and gallant soldier in Company I, Thirty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. Both he and his wife are still living, and now make their home at North Long Branch, New Jersey. They became the parents of ten children, five of whom still survive,—William, Josiah A., Rachel, Josephine and Mary.

Josiah A. Stratton, the fourth child in order of birth, was reared and educated at Lakewood, his birthplace, and at the age of sixteen years he removed to Asbury Park, but shortly afterward returned to his native town in order to complete his high school education, remaining at that place for two years. In 1880 he became a resident of Elberon, New Jersey, entering the employ of Conrad T. Jones, who was one of the best known hotel proprietors in the state, and who also conducted an express office. In this office our subject spent the following five years as a clerk, after which he was given charge of the business and has ever since remained in control. For thirteen years he has served as agent for the United States Express Company, and for fourteen years has been engaged in the real-estate business. Through the careful direction of his business interests and by indefatigable industry he has acquired a handsome property, and at the same time has so conformed to the



*J. A. Stratton*





ethics of business life that he has the unqualified confidence of all with whom he has had trade transactions. For the past five years Mr. Stratton has filled the responsible office of judge of elections, discharging his duties therein with efficiency.

His marriage with Miss Eveline Sickles was celebrated November 15, 1883. The lady is a daughter of George and Catherine Sickles. Their union has been blessed with three children, but two died in infancy; the surviving daughter, Florence, was born in 1884. In his social relations Mr. Stratton is a member of Long Branch Lodge, No. 78, F. & A. M., the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of Hose Company, No. 4, of Elberon. He owns two fine cottages in this beautiful little city, one of which is occupied by the Stratton family and the other is rented. During his long residence in Monmouth county Mr. Stratton has ever possessed the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, and in this volume he well deserves honorable mention.



#### WESLEY MASON.

This well known citizen of Monmouth county resides on his beautiful farm near Keyport, where he owns eighty acres of land, to the cultivation of which he devotes his energies with excellent success. He was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, October 20, 1833, a son of John and Phoebe (Seeley) Mason, both natives of New Jersey. The father was a carpenter and builder by occupation. The paternal ancestors were of English origin, and the maternal side is Holland Dutch.

Wesley Mason learned the trade of a carriage-maker in early life, following that business for over twenty years at Middletown and Eatontown, in Monmouth county, but since 1865 has devoted his attention to the cultivation of the soil. In 1873 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, where he is extensively engaged in the raising of fruit and garden vegetables. He has one hundred and sixty apple trees, seven hundred and forty pear trees, one hundred cherry trees, and also raises large quantities of small fruits, such as blackberries, raspberries and many others. He also has about four hundred and fifty plum trees and twenty-eight hundred grape vines, and his annual sales amount to from four thousand to five thousand dollars. He is widely known as a successful fruit grower and gardener, and as the result of his well directed efforts he now has a valuable farming property, supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories.

The marriage of Mr. Mason occurred on the 21 of October, 1856, Miss Mary M. Youmans becoming his wife. She was born March 24, 1836, a daughter of Henry and Jean Youmans, natives of New Jersey, but afterward settling near Long Branch. Mr. Mason's maternal grandmother and his wife's paternal grandfather were brother and sister. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mason have been born eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Emma, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Wesley H., who passed away when two years of age; Phebe S., also deceased, dying at the age of fourteen years; Etta, the wife of Joseph Thorne; Charles W., who is engaged in farming near the old homestead; James S., who assists his father in the cultivation of his farm; Adeline S., at home; and Daniel W., a druggist of Keyport. Mr. Mason gives his political support to the Democracy, and for many years has served as township committeeman in Holmdel township, has been president of the board of education since the law was passed creating that body, and for a number of years has served as a commissioner of appeals in Middletown township. Mr. Mason was one of the founders of the Fruit Growers Association of Monmouth county, served as its

buyer for several years and has been one of its directors at intervals since its organization. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Harmony, in which he has served on its boards of stewards and trustees. Mr. Mason is a descendant and remote heir of Anneke Jans.

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### JOHN HILLYER CURTIS.

Tracing the genealogy of his family, John H. Curtis finds his paternal ancestors were natives of England, and on the maternal side spring from Spanish origin. He was born in Middletown township, April 2, 1848, a son of John and Elizabeth (Hillyer) Curtis, both families for generations having been inhabitants of the county. The father of our subject started out in life a poor boy, but by patient industry and never failing tenacity of purpose he worked himself up from a farm boy, receiving the most meager wages, to become a man of wealth and position in his section. He was twice married; his first wife died in 1850; his second wife was Elizabeth Wilson, by whom he had one daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Fitzroy Walling, of New Monmouth. He died February 16, 1899, at the age of seventy-one years.

John H. Curtis, our subject, owns a fine farm of fifty acres with homestead at Raritan, and also a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, located near by in the township of Holmdel. He raises an abundance of fruit and garden truck, and is wonderfully successful in obtaining the best results. Our subject married on October 20, 1872, Susan Clark, born September 29, 1851, daughter of Thomas S. and Susan (Walling) Clark. (See sketch of Cornelius V. Clark, and also of the Wallings.)

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have three children: Florence, born November 8, 1873, wife of Charles X. Crawford, a farmer of Holmdel; Harry F., born June 20, 1876, who married Blanche Thorn, and is a farmer of Raritan township; J. Grover, born October 16, 1884, now living at home.

Mr. Curtis adheres to Democratic principles and is quite active in political affairs, is well informed in regard to party measures and national affairs generally, has occupied several public offices with due credit to himself, and is now serving his third term as commissioner of appeals. The family are active and zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church at South Keyport.

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### TEN EYCK CONOVER AND J. DON CONOVER.

Ten Eyck Conover, of Matawan township, Freneau Postoffice, New Jersey, is associated with his brother, J. Don Conover, in the growing of fruit, particularly apples, pears, peaches and plums. Their property consists of thirty acres of very productive farm land. For the number of acres involved, the farm is considered one of the best producers in the county. This is accounted for by the progressive spirit of its owners, who are thoroughly up to date in their methods, always bringing into play such practical, scientific principles as promise the best results.

Ten Eyck Conover was born on June 28, 1855, in Madison township, Middlesex county. He is the son of Garrett W. and Tahmaroo (De Nyse) Conover, natives of Monmouth county and descendants of the oldest families of the state. Garrett W. Conover, father of our subject, was a successful tiller of the soil and a highly respected citizen. His son follows in his footsteps, as he, too, is a farmer



Gen Lyck Conover



of repute, and one who has served his fellow citizens in various capacities. Politically Mr. Conover is a Democrat; he is now (1902) serving his third term on the township committee, has been for nine years a member of the board of education, and was surveyor of highways for a number of years. He is a very genial and popular man.

Mr. Conover was married on September 29, 1883, to Miss Hollie C. Denyse, who was born June 1, 1871, and is a daughter of N. Harrison Denyse and Anna (Groser) Denyse. Mrs. Conover is a first cousin of her husband; their children are—J. Don, born August 5, 1888, and Isabella D., born May 22, 1892.

J. Don Conover, the brother of our subject, with whom he is connected in business, was born July 3, 1865, is a Democrat, and has for several years been collector for the township of Matawan. For some twelve years prior to the purchase of their present farm the brothers carried on farming in Madison township.

J. Don Conover was married in 1885, to Hattie Walker, who died in 1888; they had one child, who is deceased. Mr. J. Don Conover bears a reputation among his fellow citizens which would do credit to any man; he is a man of genial disposition, and is persistent in carrying out his undertakings.

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#### LEWIS C. ACKERSON.

One of the fine dairy and fruit farms of Monmouth county is that owned by the Ackerson brothers, Lewis C. and Jefferson. Seventy-five acres in extent, it is situated in Holmdel township and is a rich tract of land, especially adapted to the cultivation of apples and pears, which are the principle horticultural products there raised. Everything about the place is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating the careful supervision of energetic owners.

The birth of Lewis C. Ackerson occurred on this farm July 30, 1854, his parents being John T. and Catherine (Laquier) Ackerson. The former was born on the old home-stead in 1810 and died at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, whose birth occurred in April, 1811, departed this life on the 29th of April, 1890, at the age of seventy-nine years. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom reached years of maturity, while six are yet living, as follows: Jefferson, Lewis C., Abram L., Garrett, Sarah J. and Catherine A.

Reared upon the old homestead and educated in the common schools of the neighborhood, Lewis C. Ackerson has always followed farming and with his brother is an equal partner in the home place of seventy-five acres. They are widely known as successful agriculturists and fruit growers, following the most modern methods in both departments of their business and gaining a substantial financial reward for their labor.

On the 17th of February, 1891, Mr. Ackerson was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Clark, of Scotch Plains, Union county, New Jersey, born September 20, 1860, a daughter of Joseph and Harriett Clark. The father was a painter by trade, following that pursuit in order to provide for his family. In his political views he was a Republican and filled the office of justice of the peace for a number of years, his long service well indicating his ability and fidelity. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Ackerson has been born one son, Grover C., whose birth occurred January 7, 1892. In politics Mr. Ackerson is independent, supporting the candidates whom he regards as best qualified for office. For several years he has served on the board of registers, and his official career is above reproach. Socially he is connected with the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows, and wherever he is known he is held in high regard for his genuine worth, his loyalty to his duties of citizenship, and his trustworthiness in all life's relations.

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### JOHN HENRY WILLEY.

The farm of John H. Willey, near Keyport, in Monmouth county, New Jersey, consists of ninety-six acres, devoted to the culture of apples, pears, peaches, grapes, blackberries, raspberries, strawberries and other small fruits, and is one of the especially productive farms of Holmdel township. Mr. Willey bought this farm thirty years ago and since then has been constantly improving it in every way.

John H. Willey was born in Middletown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, August 5, 1844, a son of John and Harriet (Cotton) Willey, both natives of Derbyshire, England. His father was a furrier by trade, who died at the age of forty-five years in 1855. His mother died in 1863, aged fifty-five years. John and Harriet (Cotton) Willey had six children, five of whom are living: Mary Ann, who became the wife of William Tanner, of Middletown; William, who is a carpenter at Red Bank; Sarah, who became the wife of David Walling, of Keyport, and is dead; Henry, who is a farmer at Keyport; and John H., the immediate subject of this sketch.

Mr. Willey received but a limited education in the common schools of his native town. He was early initiated into the mysteries of farming. He was married September 11, 1863, to Syndonia Webster, a daughter of Aaron W. and Harriet (Smith) Webster, the former a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, the latter of Monmouth county, New Jersey. Her father was a farmer and her mother was a descendant of Penelope Stout.

Mr. Willey is a Democrat in politics and keeps himself well informed concerning the affairs of the day and is one of the influential and respected citizens of his community. Mr. Willey was one of the founders of the Monmouth County Fruit Growers Association, and has served as buyer for the organization at intervals since 1890.

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### MICHAEL CRINE.

Success has been worthily attained by Michael Crine, who is to-day accounted one of the prosperous farmers of Monmouth county. To his energy, enterprise, careful management and keen discrimination this is attributable. He started out in life a poor boy, a stranger in a strange land, and is now the owner of one of the most desirable farming properties of the locality. He was born in county Galway, Ireland, December 25, 1838. He received only meager educational advantages in his native land, and when eleven years old he left his home across the sea and came to America, landing in New York City without a cent in his pocket. His only relative in this country was an older brother, who had preceded him here by a few years, and after his arrival Michael made his way mostly on foot to near where he now resides, and for the first few years worked at any employment that would yield him an honest living. When fifteen years of age he began working at farm labor, receiving four dollars a month and his board, and with this small salary he was able in a few years to purchase seven acres of land. As the years have passed prosperity has attended his well directed efforts and in 1892 he added to his present beautiful home-stead one hundred and ninety-five acres, formerly known as the Jona-



*Michael Erine.*





than Morgan place, and located east of Morganville. His land is under a fine state of cultivation, and he is engaged in general farming and also in the raising of strawberries for the market. Energy is one of his most marked characteristics, and he prosecutes his labors with a zeal that has brought to him rich returns. Substantial buildings, the latest improved machinery, well kept fences and good grades of stock—these are among the accessories of the Crine farm.

On the 10th of January, 1857, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Crine and Miss Catherine Murphy, who is also a native of the Emerald Isle, coming to this country with relatives when a child. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crine ten survive, namely: Mary Elizabeth, at home; James, who married Mary Kelley; Delia, the wife of Michael Holland; Rosanna, wife of John Severs; Michael, who married Anna Cain; Walter, who married Kate Malloney; Theresa, the wife of John Killcommon; Robert V.; Cassie; and Agnes. Almost the entire life of Mr. Crine has been passed in Monmouth county, and he has a wide acquaintance among her best citizens, many of whom are included within the circle of his friends.

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#### JACOB E. WILSON.

Jacob Edgar Wilson has passed the eightieth milestone on the journey of life, and yet, to a limited extent, still follows his trade of carriage-making, putting to shame many a man even of much younger age, who, grown weary of the struggles of business life, would relegate to others the burdens he should bear. The career of Mr. Wilson has been a busy, useful and upright one, and his example in many respects is well worthy of emulation.

His life record began in Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, where he first opened his eyes to the light of day October 25, 1821. He represents one of the old families of this state. His grandparents were John and Rebecca Wilson, in whose family were three children: William, James and Rebecca. Of these William became the father of our subject. He was a carpenter by trade and in conjunction with his building interests he owned and operated a small farm. His life was quiet and uneventful, but true to every duty, both public and private. He married Ann Newell, a daughter of Thomas Newell, who was a valiant soldier in the Revolutionary war, loyally aiding in the cause of independence. He lost a leg in battle. When the second war with England was inaugurated in 1812, William Wilson, the father of our subject, entered the army as a defender of American rights. By his marriage he became the father of ten children, of whom three are yet living, namely: Jacob E., Joseph and Albert.

In his parents' home Jacob E. Wilson spent his boyhood days, and in his early life learned the wheelwright's trade, which he has followed to some extent up to the present time; the milling business has also occupied his attention at times. He has spent the greater part of his life in Monmouth county, but for six years was a resident of Sharon Springs, New York, and removed from there to Mount Pleasant, now Freneau, in 1850. There he purchased property, built his shop, and erected a dwelling. He also purchased the old gristmill known as Henninger's Mill, which he owned and operated for ten years. In 1801 he removed to his present place of residence, where he has for forty years enjoyed the full confidence of his numerous patrons. He was an expert machinist, who could do anything in the line of mechanical construction, and even though the snows of many winters have fallen upon his head, his hand has not yet lost its cunning; and although he is largely living retired, he often does

some piece of mechanical work that is an exposition of his skill and ability. In addition to his home property he owns other houses, which he rents, and his income supplies him with the comforts of life.

Mr. Wilson has been thrice married. He first wedded Maria Gilborn, and unto them were born two children—Frances, and an infant who died unnamed. For his second wife Mr. Wilson chose Matilda Piper, and they had one son, Edward. His third wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Warn, and they became the parents of seven children.—Emma, Florence, Minnie, Delia, Lydia, Albert and William; but the last named is now deceased. Mrs. Wilson died in 1872.

Mr. Wilson has never taken any active part in politics aside from voting for the men and measures that are best calculated to promote the general good. His declining years are spent in ease and quiet.

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#### JAMES D. AVERY.

James Denton Avery is the treasurer and general manager of the Cliffwood Brick Company and a very progressive, energetic young business man. His birth occurred at Highland Falls, Orange county, New York, April 20, 1861, and after acquiring a liberal education, which well prepared him for the practical and responsible duties of business life, he became, when nineteen years of age, interested in the brick manufacturing business with his father. He has since continued a member of the firm, which is now conducting its operations under the name of the Cliffwood Brick Company. The enterprise, energy and tireless industry of the young man, added to the broad experience and sound judgment of the father, make a strong business combination, and their ability is shown in the excellent success which attends the industry that now turns out upward of forty million bricks annually.

February 15, 1882, Mr. Avery of this review was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Billings, a daughter of Stephen and Ann Billings, of New York, and they have had five children. One son, Thomas, is deceased. The surviving children are Ann, Stephen, James and Charles.

James D. Avery is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and like his honored father holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Quick to note and improve opportunities, resolute and determined, he belongs to that class of citizens who are a valued addition to any community, contributing in a large degree to its commercial activity and thereby promoting the general welfare.

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#### MELVIN R. VAN KEUREN.

Melvin Randolph Van Keuren is a representative of an old Dutch family of Manhattan Island, which in different generations has played an important part in the history of that locality. His grandfather in the paternal line was Robert Van Keuren, who married Miss Odell, a member of a very prominent and influential family of New York. One of his great-grandfathers in the maternal line was a Price and a soldier in the war of 1812, and in the marine service he also did gallant service in defense of his country, dying while in the service. The grandmother of our subject in the maternal line was a Roberts, a member of the old Roberts family in Middletown, New Jersey, and her father was a soldier in the war of 1812, stationed at Sandy Hook. The parents of our subject were Benjamin and Mary E. (Price) Van Keuren. The father, who was born at Poughkeepsie, New York, is a



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prominent business man in Jersey City, where he has served his fellow citizens as police commissioner, as alderman, and as commissioner of public works. His wife, who died in 1891, bore him seven children, three of whom are living.—Charles, who is chief engineer of Jersey City; Melvin R., the immediate subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Day,—Mrs. Day's brother-in-law represents the United States government as consul at an English port.

Melvin R. Van Keuren, a civil engineer, is one of the most prominent citizens of Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He was born in New York City, January 19, 1855, and received his primary education in the public schools of Jersey City. Later he took up the study of engineering at the Hasbrook Institute, of Jersey City, and completed the course at Cooper Institute, New York. He adopted civil engineering as a profession and succeeded in building for himself an enviable professional reputation. From 1872 until 1876 he was employed as assistant in the engineering corps of Jersey City, and was then successively employed in the auditing department of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, as engineer of construction for the Jersey City and Albany roads; he then went to western Pennsylvania as resident engineer for the Pittsburg, New Castle & Lake Erie Railroad, now a part of the Pittsburg & Western system. He was afterward chief engineer of the Pittsburg, Marion & Chicago Railroad, and in 1882 went to Tennessee, where he built the Knoxville & New River Railroad, of which he was the projector, a stockholder and also the chief engineer and president. Soon after the completion of that line he sold his interest therein and returned to New Jersey, and for a short time lived near New Brunswick, where he owns a farm, and there also built a large modern house. From there he went to Eatontown, where he was associated with and employed by the Monmouth Park Association as its engineer, in which capacity he laid out its grounds, located its buildings, and fitted its park for its intended use. In 1893 the act of the New Jersey legislature prohibited racing, thus causing the dissolution of the Monmouth Park Association, and its grounds were purchased by Mr. Van Keuren, who returned to Jersey City and is now employed as contracting engineer.

In 1897 he purchased his present home, which is beautifully situated on a slight elevation at the border of the quaint old village of Eatontown. His estate consists of six hundred acres of land, the limits of which touch Shrewsbury, Little Silver, Ocean Port and Eatontown on the south and west. Mr. Van Keuren's object, to which he is devoting his best abilities as a civil engineer and his extensive knowledge of landscape gardening, is to so beautify the locality as to induce suburbanites to seek residence places on this estate. He is a man of much public spirit, and wherever he has lived has devoted himself zealously to the public good. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., of Eatontown, and of the Palma Club of Jersey City.

Mr. Van Keuren was married September 15, 1880, to Mary Emma Coriell, a daughter of Abner S. and Catharine Coriell. She was born near Plainfield and is descended from old and honorable New Jersey families. Mr. and Mrs. Van Keuren have five sons, named respectively Melvin R., Walter C., Raymond, Benjamin and Valentine.

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JOHN HENRY SCHULTS

The sturdy, enterprising quality of the English character, which has become apparent wherever Englishmen have settled in America, has been manifested in Monmouth county, New Jersey, by several prominent citizens, notably by John H.

Schults, a merchant farmer, who lives and does business at Pine Brook, and whose postoffice address is Tintonfalls.

John H. Schults is a son of John and Caroline (Brown) Schults, natives of England, who emigrated to America and located on the farm of seventy-five acres which is now the home of their son, the subject of this sketch. They had children named John H., Joseph, Carrie, Lydia, Ann and Frank. William Brown, Mr. Schults' grandfather in the maternal line, was an Englishman, who married an Englishwoman named Mary White. He was a millwright by trade and became a prominent figure in Monmouth county, where he erected a number of mills, which have been in constant operation to this day. In every way he was a man of usefulness and influence in his adopted country and ably filled the office of justice of the peace, and otherwise served his fellow citizens in a public way. William and Mary (White) Brown had children named Job, William, John, Margaret, Mary A. and Caroline, the last mentioned of whom was Mr. Schults' mother.

John H. Schults was born at Pine Brook, Monmouth county, New Jersey, August 30, 1856, and was educated in the public schools and early initiated into the mysteries of practical farming, a pursuit to which he has devoted himself during all his active years. His farm, consisting of sixty acres of valuable land, is devoted to miscellaneous crops and garden stuff. In 1901 he bought a store at Pine Brook and is achieving a satisfactory success as a merchant.

Mr. Schults married Miss Rose Dean, a daughter of John and Mary Dean, who was born in Shrewsbury township, and who has borne him children named James, Mary, William, Maggie, Henry and Kittie. Mr. Schults is a member of the Ben Hur society, takes a patriotic interest in political affairs and is a citizen of much enterprise and public spirit.

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#### WILLIAM H. POTTER.

The Potter family, of which our subject is a worthy representative, is one of the oldest of Hunterdon county, New Jersey. Pottersville was first settled by, and the town derived its name from, this family. William H. Potter, the son of Jonathan and Carolin (Crater) Potter, was born at Pottersville on July 3, 1859. Here he received his early mental training at the public schools, and later he took up a course of study at the Cornell Preparatory School, at Somerville, this state. He early commenced his commercial career as a clerk in his father's store, where he remained until 1878. He then located in Asbury Park, New Jersey, and entered the employ of Steinbach Brothers, dry-goods merchants. For six years he continued in this position, when in 1884 he entered the dry-goods business on his own account, locating at North Spring Lake, this state. In addition to, and in connection with, his well established trade, in 1885 he took up the real-estate and insurance business, and since then has successfully carried on his widely differing business enterprises up to the present time.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Potter has occupied positions of trust and responsibility of a public character, having been collector for the borough of North Spring Lake from 1884 to 1893, also having occupied a position in the borough council of North Spring Lake, extending over a period from 1893 to the present time, and is vice-president of the First National Bank of Spring Lake, New Jersey.

Socially he is affiliated with Wall Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., of Manasquan, New Jersey, and with Wall Castle, No. 57, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Spring Lake. He has been a member of the First Presbyterian church of Asbury Park ever since its organization.

It can be said of Mr. Potter that he is a self-made man, and so well and proportionately has he carved out his career that it would be difficult to discover any flaws in the pattern he has set himself.

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#### DARIUS VANDEMARK.

A well known and respected resident of Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is Darius Vandemark, who was born in Sullivan county, New York, September 28, 1851. His parents were Washington and Harriet (Dutcher) Vandemark, and he was reared and educated in the public schools of his native place. Mr. Vandemark early displayed ability in the handling and rearing of stock, particularly horses, and has owned some celebrated ones, among which may be mentioned Mambrino Pilot, Jr., time 2:22; Beauty, time 2:16. A number of his horses have won some most hotly contested races in the state, and he is regarded as an authority on the good points and probable speed of the racing horses in this vicinity. Mr. Vandemark has handled stock for market very extensively, also selling and exchanging. Prior to 1895 he owned a fine farm in Westchester county, New York, but after selling that property he came to Monmouth county and purchased a valuable farm of Mr. Smock, consisting of seventy acres, in Shrewsbury township. This tract has been greatly improved by Mr. Vandemark, and he has already shown that he is a thorough and capable agriculturist.

On March 2, 1881, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Ida L. Umpstead, a native of Brooklyn, New York, who was a daughter of Andrew and Mary Umpstead. To this union have been born three children, namely: Flora D.; Winfield, deceased; and Anna B.

Mr. Vandemark is a self-made man and has been prominent in public affairs wherever he has lived. In Sullivan county, New York, he took a leading part in county politics, and was both assessor and road commissioner. Since his location in Monmouth county he has made many warm personal friends, has established a reputation as a true horseman and has become a valued citizen.

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#### HOWLAND REYNOLDS.

Howland Reynolds, who is identified with the building interests of Monmouth county, resides south of Eatontown, near the farm on which his birth occurred November 5, 1866. He is a son of Robert and Anna L. (Howland) Reynolds. The father was born near Eatontown in 1844 and made farming his life work, always following that occupation, with the exception of a few years which he spent in New York City. His parents were James and Phebe (Dangler) Reynolds. The grandfather of our subject was the first of the name to locate in Monmouth county. He owned a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Eatontown and was a man of excellent business ability and capable management. His industry, enterprise and keen sagacity brought to him success and as his financial resources increased he invested his money in farms, which he left to his children, eight in number, namely: Mrs. George Mount, Mrs. H. Chamberlain, John, Robert, William, Mrs. A. T. Metzger, Mrs. Charles A. Post and Mrs. Solomon Gardner. The ladies named above are all residents of West Long Branch, and the brothers of Eatontown. James Reynolds

died September 1, 1889, but his wife, who was born in 1815, still (1902) survives. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds are also living and make their home in Monmouth county upon their farm near Eatontown. Their children are: Howland; James, deceased; Cora M., deceased; Phebe A., deceased; Calvin R.; and John H., deceased.

In the neighborhood where his birth occurred Howland Reynolds was reared, his time being passed in the usual manner of farmer lads of the period. He acquired his early education in the common schools, and it was supplemented by a course in Freehold Academy. During the summer months he assisted in the work of the home farm and continued to aid in the labors of the fields until his twentieth year, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade. The occupation proved congenial and he soon mastered the business, which he has since followed with excellent success; for as the years have gone by he has secured a constantly growing patronage, many residents of the community desiring the benefit of his skill and experience in building and repairing.

On September 4, 1892, Mr. Reynolds led to the marriage altar Miss Ann Dangler, a daughter of Joseph C. Dangler. She was born near her present home, and by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Elsie, who was born November 17, 1894. The family have a very attractive home, which was remodeled by Mr. Reynolds in a modern style of architecture and is supplied with all modern conveniences, while the lawn and other surroundings are very tasteful. Mr. Reynolds belongs to Mizpah Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is the vice grand, and to the Order of Red Men, filling the chair in the latter order. He enjoys the good will of his brethren of these fraternities, while in business circles his word is as good as his bond.

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#### RICHARD WILSON.

Richard Wilson, an enterprising business man of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, also prominent in various fraternal societies, and a Civil war veteran, is a native of the state, born in Burlington, March 18, 1834. His parents were William and Caroline Wilson. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native city, and was amply sufficient to enable him to transact all the business in which he has been engaged during a busy life. He performed farm labor until he was nineteen years of age, when he undertook to learn the trade of a wheelwright, and devoted to it two years, during which time he obtained an excellent practical knowledge of that important department of mechanics. For two years afterward he was again engaged upon a farm. He then located in Florence, New Jersey, and took employment in the pattern department of the foundry in that place. He had developed fine ability for that particular class of work, involving something of the talent of the artist as well as the skilled labor of the finished mechanic, and had he persisted in his calling, he would undoubtedly have attained to distinction. The Civil war, however, moved him to take up arms in defense of his country, and incidentally gave to his life a new direction.

In the early summer of 1861 he enlisted in the First Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Cavalry. He had acquired considerable knowledge of horses while upon the farm, and he was made a non-commissioned officer and placed on duty in the important position of battalion veterinary surgeon, and he served in that capacity until October, 1862. His usefulness in this department had been amply demon-





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strated, and on the latter date he was transferred to the quartermaster's department in Washington, where he was charged with the responsible duty of inspecting and treating horses for field service, an indispensable prerequisite to the efficiency of the cavalry arm. During this period, the government employes were formed into companies and regiments for the defense of the capital, and he was commissioned captain of the company known as the Meigs Guards, thus named for Quartermaster General Meigs; he served in that capacity, often under arms and on guard duty, until November, 1866, when he was mustered out, the war having ended.

Captain Wilson then returned to Florence, New Jersey, and conducted a hotel for four years. In 1870 he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and entered the employ of the Kniekerboecker Ice Company, with which he remained for ten years. In 1880 he took up his residence in Ocean Grove, which has since been his place of abode and the scene of his effort. He immediately engaged with the Ocean Grove Association as a carpenter and as superintendent of their ice business, and for fourteen years his service for that company was continuous and useful. In 1894 he established an ice business on his own account, which he has since prosecuted with entire success. In his business relations he enjoys the confidence of all, and he is held in esteem throughout the community as a man of unimpeachable integrity and a public-spirited citizen. He maintains his business office at his residence, the building which he has occupied from his first coming to Ocean Grove, at No. 108 Heck avenue.

He is prominent in various of the leading social and fraternal organizations, holding membership in C. K. Hall Post, No. 41, G. A. R.; in Coast City Council, No. 813, Royal Arcanum; and in the following named bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows: Neptune Lodge, No. 84; Atlantic Encampment, No. 22; Canton Atlantic, No. 7, Patriarchs Militant; and Atlantic Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 2. He has held official position in all these orders, and frequently in the latter named.

Captain Wilson was married December 25, 1855, to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Richardson, daughter of James B. and Mary Richardson, of Florence, New Jersey. Born of this marriage were the following named children: James R., born January 9, 1857; Harriet H., born April 10, 1858; William R., born November 13, 1860; Benjamin F. and Richard, twins, born July 13, 1863, who died, respectively, March 10 and March 13, 1864; George W., born May 9, 1865; Sarah E., born March 31, 1867; Richard, born October 31, 1871; Mary E., born September 17, 1873, and died September 25, 1886; Samuel S., born December 17, 1870, and died April 5, 1882; and Frank T., born December 27, 1878.

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#### JOHN SHEEHAN

One of the most popular and prominent citizens of Red Bank is John Sheehan, the well known proprietor of the Abbott House, on Shrewsbury avenue, where he has carried on business for twelve years. He is a native of Monmouth county, New Jersey, his birth having occurred in Shrewsbury town-ship, December 25, 1840, his father being Patrick Sheehan, who emigrated to America from the Emerald Isle in 1845. Educated in the schools of his locality, John Sheehan in his early business career was engaged as foreman for James M. Lowree, a prominent contractor for the building of water works in various cities, operating largely in the southern states and erecting many important plants of this character. Mr. Sheehan in this

capacity gained a wide reputation for efficient workmanship and for the fidelity with which he lived up to the terms of his contracts, thereby winning for his employer a liberal patronage. About twelve years ago he erected the Abbott House in Red Bank and has since conducted the hotel, which has become a favorite with the traveling public on account of the comforts and conveniences which the guests are there enabled to enjoy. Parlors, dining room and sleeping apartments are all well equipped and the genial and obliging landlord wins many friends among his patrons.

In public affairs Mr. Sheehan is an active and prominent figure and his influence is always on the side of progress and improvement. He votes with the Democracy and on that ticket was chosen a commissioner of the town of Red Bank. He has filled the position for two terms and at a recent election ran as an independent candidate, not having been nominated at the primaries, and was elected by the largest majority ever given any candidate for the office, and by far the largest vote ever polled at a city election. Nearly all of the leading business men gave him their support and influence. His record is one of which he has every reason to be proud and indicates that he has a host of warm friends.

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#### LYTTLETON WHITE.

The well known resident of Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, whose name is above, is an honored representative of two old families who have lived on the New Jersey coast for three centuries. The Whites are of English descent and trace their origin to Samuel White from Deal, England, who came early to America and settled on the present site of Deal, New Jersey. Of Quaker faith, the Whites were of that sturdy stock who adhered to those primitive principles, simple yet sufficient, which when carried into practice elevate the standard of humanity and bring it nearer to its Creator.

Robert R. White, the paternal grandfather of Lyttleton White, was born near Red Bank, New Jersey, and became a prominent and respected farmer in Shrewsbury township. He married Clemence Dennis, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Dennis, and had children named Elisha, Lyttleton, Ashur and Ann. In politics he was a Whig and in religious affiliation he was a Friend. He died September 16, 1815, his wife March 8, 1847, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Elisha White, son of Robert R. and Clemence (Dennis) White, was born near Red Bank in 1791. After he left school he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked at Eatontown and later at Red Bank. He was a mechanic of unusual skill, and his reputation brought him such a lucrative patronage that he was enabled to amass a considerable fortune. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and by political affiliation was a Whig. He married Miss Mary Lewis, who was born in 1798, and who bore him children as follows: Reding L., dead; John P., dead; Foreman, dead; Anna E., dead; Gordon D., dead; Catharine, dead; Mary C., dead; Lyttleton; Barzilla; Catharine, dead. The father of these children died in March, 1868, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Mr. Lyttleton White's great-great-great-grandfather on the maternal side was Samuel Dennis, and his wife's Christian name was Increase. He came to this country from England in 1675, and died in 1723, and was the founder of Mr. White's American ancestry in the maternal line. He was the father of Jacob Dennis, whose wife was Clemence. They had a son Jacob, whose wife was Margaret, and their daughter, Clemence Dennis, married Robert R. White, who was Mr. White's grand-



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father in the paternal line. Jacob Dennis was a Whig and was a staunch supporter of the cause of the colonies in their struggle for independence. He was a fearless soldier in the ranks of the continental army and a price was set on his head by those who sought to compass his downfall. At one time he was taken prisoner, but he was finally liberated. Before the Revolutionary war he held the office of magistrate under the king of England, and after the independence of the colonies had been recognized he was elected a member of the colonial assembly, and in that body and elsewhere proved himself a man of worth and influence. His descendants in successive generations have been good and loyal citizens.

Lyttleton White, of Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, son of Elisha and Mary (Lewis) White, was born April 7, 1833. He acquired a primary education in the common schools and was later a student at the high school at Red Bank, then learned the tinner's trade, at which he worked for a time in his native town. Later he removed to Long Branch and finally settled at Eatontown, where, in the enjoyment of the confidence of his fellow citizens, he is likely to spend the remainder of his days. Since he retired from business in 1892 he has been honored with various offices of trust. He was for several years a school trustee and for nine years a freeholder and is now the incumbent of the office of county auditor of Monmouth county, which he has filled for six years with great credit. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church and is an influential member of its vestry, and he affiliates with Oceanport Tribe, Improved Order of Redmen.

Lyttleton White married Miss May Lambertson, February 4, 1853. Mrs. White, who was born in Middlesex county, New Jersey, in 1835, a daughter of Joshua Lambertson, has borne her husband three children: Their daughter, Anna E., is dead. Their son, William L., is a prominent business man of Easton, Pennsylvania, and ex-comptroller of that city. Their son, Harry, is a minister of the gospel, of Unitarian faith, having a charge at Duluth, Minnesota.

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#### ADON LIPPINCOTT.

Adon Lippincott has been identified with the beautiful city of Asbury Park during the period of its history in which it reached that high development which has made it an ornament among seaside resorts, sought by European as well as American tourists. In that work he bore a full part, and to him is awarded, by common consent, a large share in the credit due for praiseworthy accomplishments. He also enjoys the high distinction of having been specially honored by the war department for faithful and gallant service during the Civil war.

Mr. Lippincott was born at Harrisonville, Gloucester county, New Jersey, May 25, 1839, son of Chalkly and Phoebe Lippincott. He received a public school education, and he assisted his father on the home farm until he attained his majority. At the outbreak of the Civil war, in 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Forty-eighth Regiment, New York Volunteers, and re-enlisted at the expiration of the three years' term of service, being mustered out at the end of the war, April 16, 1865. He rose through the various grades to a full captaincy, and was brevetted major of volunteers, his commission bearing the signature of the President. During the earlier part of the war he served in the department of the South, and in the latter portion in the department of the James. The engagements in which he participated were those of Hilton Head, Port Royal Ferry, Fort Wagner, Olustee, Drury's Bluff, Cohl Harbor, Peters-burg, Chapin's Farm, Fort Fisher, Wilmington and Raleigh.

After leaving the army Major Lippincott engaged in carpentering and worked at the trade first in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then in Camden, New Jersey. In 1878 he took up his residence at Asbury Park, New Jersey, and began contracting and building, an occupation which he has successfully followed, and in which he is yet engaged, with his offices at No. 907 Main street. During all these years he has been busily engaged, and in the extension and beautifying of the city with modern residence structures he has contributed a full share. In all his transactions he has displayed the qualities of a discerning man of affairs and of eminent uprightness. He is remarkably well preserved, despite the hardships and exposures he encountered during four years of service in the field in time of war, and gives promise of many added years of usefulness.

Mr. Lippincott is a member of the First Congregational church. In politics he is an ardent Republican. April 10, 1868, he was married to Miss Anna C. Clark, daughter of William P. Clark, of Philadelphia. She died April 8, 1894, leaving one son now living, Walter C., born February 27, 1871, now associated with his father in business. Mr. Lippincott was married April 18, 1901, to Miss Irene Wilson, daughter of Hon. Arthur Wilson, a prominent citizen of Asbury Park.

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#### A. PETFORD CRANSTON.

A Petford Cranston, who has held the office of superintendent of the Commercial Cable Company building in New York City since the formation of the company, was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 17, 1865, a son of Alfred and Elizabeth H. (Petford) Cranston, the latter mentioned being a native of the state of Ohio, and the former being born in Georgia; the father removed to Brooklyn when quite a young man, and decided to make his home there; he enlisted with the Fourteenth Regiment, and served all through the Civil war; for his bravery and daring during that trying ordeal he was appointed to a captaincy. He and his wife still reside in Brooklyn.

A Petford Cranston, who resides at the present time in Colonia, Woodbridge town-ship, New Jersey, spent his youth and early manhood in Brooklyn, and Morristown, New Jersey. He acquired his education in the common schools of the latter named place, and upon attaining manhood he became interested in railroading in Arizona, and subsequently engaged in building smelters for copper in Arizona and other parts of the southwest. During the same period he was also engaged in government service, in connection with Indian affairs. He came to New York City about nine years ago, when the Postal Telegraph Building was being erected, and became connected with that company; he remained with them until 1897, when the position he now holds was offered him and accepted.

In 1894 Mr. Cranston decided to purchase the Jones Mill place at Colonia, New Jersey. There had been some litigation about an ancient title to the property; Mr. Fullerton, who was a man of considerable consequence, and the first schoolmaster in Woodbridge, claimed it, as did also Jeffrey Jones, who finally appealed to the King of England; the king sustained the claim and Mr. Jones took possession in May, 1695, as the old grant shows. It remained in the Jones family until bought by Mr. McDonald, who left it to Samuel McDonald, from whom Mr. Cranston purchased it.

Mr. Cranston has been a member of the Woodbridge township school board. He is a member of the Masonic order of New York City, Lodge No. 67, and of the



Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Artistic Lodge, No. 101, of Prookly. Mr. Cranston married Miss Florence A. Lovatt. Mrs. Cranston was a daughter of Mr. William Lovatt, for many years a prominent manufacturer in Newark.

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NICHOLAS WILLIAMSON, M. D.

To know Dr. Williamson is to esteem and honor him. He occupies a position in the ranks of the medical fraternity never attained except by men of pronounced ability, and, moreover, in the affairs of the city he has been a most important factor, filling the office of mayor for three consecutive terms; his administration has won him the highest commendation of men of all parties, for his course has ever been characterized by reform, by progress and improvement. New Brunswick has benefited by his efforts in large measure, and she justly honors the man who has so greatly promoted her welfare.

The Doctor is a native of New York City, his birth having there occurred on the 9th of March, 1845. He has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, including James Abeel, one of his great-grandfathers, who served as deputy quartermaster general under Washington in the Revolutionary war and rendered valuable aid to the colonies in their struggle for independence. His father, Nicholas Williamson, was for some time paying teller in the Bank of New York and afterward president of the Novelty Rubber Company of New Brunswick, an industry which proved an important factor in the upbuilding of this city. His death occurred in 1862. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Rebecca Burlock, was a native of the West Indies.

Dr. Williamson spent part of his youth in New Brunswick, but after his father's death the family returned to New York City, spending three years in the metropolis. On the expiration of that period they again came to Middlesex county. The Doctor pursued his education in private schools, having been a pupil of the present Judge Jonathan Dixon. He entered Rutgers College in 1862, but finding an opportunity to go into business with his father in the Novelty Rubber Company, he gave up college. He remained in business until 1866, when he left that enterprise in order to prepare for the practice of medicine, which he had determined to make his life work. His preceptor was Dr. Henry R. Baldwin, a distinguished member of the medical profession of Middlesex county. He further continued his studies in the University of New York, in which he was graduated with the class of 1871, and he is also a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. A man of Dr. Williamson's nature could never content himself with mediocrity—the highest degree of perfection attainable being his goal. To this end he pursued an advanced medical course in Edinburgh, Scotland, being graduated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of that city, with the class of 1879. He has always been a deep, earnest and discriminating student of his profession, continually broadening his knowledge by reading and investigation, and using with excellent result those medical agents known to the calling. The large patronage accorded him stands in unmistakable evidence of his ability, for people do not risk their most priceless treasure, health, in the hands of the unskilled or incompetent.

The Doctor has been twice married, his first wife being Sarah, the daughter of Dr. George H. Cook. She died in 1878, and on the 2d of June, 1881, Dr. Williamson was joined in wedlock to Miss Clara A. Gurley, of Troy, New York, a daughter of William Gurley. Their children are Clara C., born March 21, 1882; Ruth A.,

whose birth occurred May 31, 1886; Charles Gurley, born February 23, 1888; and Mary Agnes Burlock, July 29, 1891.

In addition to his professional duties the Doctor has other business interests, being a stockholder and director in the New Brunswick Savings Institution. His social relations connect him with Union Lodge, F. & A. M., with the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Rutgers College, and with the Sons of the Revolution. He belongs to the Second Reformed church of this city. In the line of his profession he is connected with the Middlesex County Medical Society and the New Jersey State Medical Society; and American Medical Association. He is always deeply interested in anything that promises to disclose the key to the mystery which we call life, and to aid him in his important work in the restoration of health. But while professional prominence has been won by him, Dr. Williamson has also been honored in other ways by his fellow townsmen, for in 1882 he was elected to represent the fifth ward in the city council and was continued in that office until 1886. In 1895 he was chosen by popular suffrage to the highest elective office within the gift of his fellow townsmen, and for two successive terms was re-elected mayor of New Brunswick. The city has never had a more capable officer, for while his course has been progressive, his administration has been practical and free from extravagant expenditures. He has labored earnestly and effectively for improvement along substantial lines, and while a staunch Republican, has never been biased in his official acts by his party allegiance. Not only men of his own party, but those in the opposition praise him for his wise and judicious management of the city affairs. He commands public confidence and respect in every walk of life and in New Brunswick there is no man more honored or more deserving of honor than Dr. Williamson.

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#### GEORGE WILKINS.

Atlantic township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is the home of several retired farmers who are recognized as leading citizens, but none of them is known more favorably than George Wilkins, Sr., who began life without the advantage of a good education and without financial backing, and has accumulated sufficient to make him more than well off.

Mr. Wilkins was born in England, March 24, 1828, a son of John and Mary (Needle) Wilkins. His parents brought him to the United States when he was a year and a half old, and his father, who was an able veterinary surgeon, located at Matawan, New Jersey, where he long practiced his profession and where after a useful yet uneventful life he passed away at the ripe age of eighty-one years. His wife died six weeks earlier than he, aged seventy-one years. They had three children, named William, Elizabeth and George.

George Wilkins, Sr., son of John and Mary (Needle) Wilkins, was reared and educated in Marlboro and Freehold townships, Monmouth county, and early evinced a natural aptitude for his father's profession, in which he has become so expert that his skill in the treatment of diseases to which the horse is subject surpasses that of many college-bred veterinary surgeons; yet with all his skill and all his success he makes no pretensions to special prominence, and has given to farming such time as has not been demanded in the practice of his profession. His first purchase of real estate was sixty acres. Later he bought fifty acres more and still later fifty-six acres, and he has since bought a farm of eighty-six acres and several wood lots of from ten to fifteen acres each. He is the owner also of real estate at Long Branch and at Freehold, New Jersey.



GEORGE WILKINS.



Mr. Wilkins was married December 24, 1851, to Miss Paulina Cottrell, daughter of William T. and Eleanor Cottrell, who was born in Monmouth county, November, 1830. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins have been born children as follows: Job, Hannah M., John T., George, Jr., Sallie E. and Wellington. Mr. Wilkins' inclinations have never led him to active partisanship in a political way, but he has pronounced opinions upon all questions of public policy and is a man of more than ordinary public spirit, who is ever ready to exert himself to the utmost for the up-building of the interests of his community.

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LEONARD FURMAN

Over the official career of Leonard Furman there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. For eight years he has filled the position of surrogate of Middlesex county, and his long retention in the office is unmistakable proof of his ability, promptness and trustworthiness. His patriotic spirit is manifest in the active, progressive way in which he administers the county business,—a public office being to him a sacred trust and not an avenue for personal gain or self aggrandizement.

Mr. Furman was born in South Amboy, New Jersey, March 20, 1851, and in the schools of that place he began his education, which was continued in the high school of Lawrenceville, New Jersey. At South Amboy his father had established a clay business in 1844, and after putting aside his text books our subject began assisting his father in business, and in 1886 was admitted to a partnership, which was maintained for two years, when Noah Furman, the senior member of the firm, was called to his final rest. The business then passed into possession of our subject, who is still the sole owner. He is engaged in getting out clay, which is used in the manufacture of stoneware, sewer pipe and moulding sand; the large potteries in this part of the state make an excellent market for those who own and operate extensive clay fields. The business had grown to be a very important one, and Mr. Furman through this line of activity is meeting with very creditable and richly deserved success. He furnishes employment to a large force of workmen and his products are extensively shipped to many points in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Furman has long been prominent in public affairs in his county. For two years he was collector of taxes at South Amboy and for a like period he was a member of the township committee. In politics he is a Democrat and was elected surrogate in 1892 and again in 1897, so that his incumbency will cover ten years. He is a man of high social standing, his business qualifications and untarnished reputation, his unassailable record in office and his pleasing qualities in social life winning him the respect and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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CLARENCE M. LIDDLE

In an analysis of the character of the successful man we find that there is no unusual cause which leads to his prosperity, but that it has come to him through enterprise, close application and diligence,—qualities which may be cultivated by all and which never fail to win the desired result. It has been along these lines that Mr. Liddle has gained a place among the leading business men of Woodbridge, where he deals in ice, enjoying a liberal and well merited patronage through the season

Mr. Liddle is a native of Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, New Jersey, born September 30, 1871, his parents being Joshua and Anna L. Liddle. His paternal grandfather, Joshua Liddle, Sr., was born in Westmoreland, England, March 8, 1807, and when a young man crossed the briny deep to the new world, locating in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Subsequently he purchased land in Woodbridge township and turned his attention to farming, which he followed with creditable success. The place is now owned by his son, Joshua Liddle, Jr., who was born October 3, 1840, and is the father of our subject.

Clarence Melick Liddle acquired his education in the public schools of Woodbridge, but at the age of fourteen entered the employ of his father, who was engaged in the ice business at Woodbridge. At the age of eighteen he became manager of the business and has since been associated in the enterprise with his father and his brother, Arthur M., giving his personal supervision to the trade. In February, 1897, he extended the field of his business endeavors by entering into partnership with his brother-in-law, William H. Pfeiffer, in the livery business at Perth Amboy, which association has been maintained to the present time.

On the 17th of September, 1891, occurred the marriage of Mr. Liddle and Miss Clara M. Pfeiffer, a daughter of John Pfeiffer, of Metuchen, New Jersey; she was born November 2, 1871. They have two sons, Clarence Kelley, born September 24, 1895, and William Pfeiffer, whose birth occurred on the 27th of February, 1899. The family home is pleasantly located on Main street in Woodbridge. Mr. Liddle is quite prominent in political circles as an advocate of the Republican party, and he labors untiringly for its welfare and success, believing firmly in its principles. He is a member of the township committee of Woodbridge township and has filled the position for six years, being secretary of the board at the present time. In 1899 he was appointed treasurer of the township. He belongs to the First Presbyterian church of Woodbridge, and socially he is connected with the Royal Arcanum and with the Order of Red Men. His interest in the town is shown in his advocacy of all measures tending to promote the general welfare.

In his business life he is regarded as strictly upright and reliable, and the fact that many of his warmest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood is proof that his career is worthy of respect.

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#### C. HERBERT WALLING.

At all times and in all places the conscientious teacher has rightly commanded the respect of his fellow citizens. This is especially true of C. Herbert Walling, principal of the high school at Oceanic, New Jersey, who fitted himself for his position by the most careful, systematic training, and whose success has been so great that throughout Monmouth county he is regarded as a leading educator, whose promise of success in the years to come is most brilliant.

C. Herbert Walling was born at Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 20, 1873, a son of Thomas B. and Henrietta (Stoney) Walling. He was graduated from the Keyport high school in 1891, and then entered the State Normal School (Trenton), where he thoroughly mastered a three years course in two years, and from which he was graduated with honor in February, 1894. He began teaching at Saddle River, New Jersey, and remained there two years, when he resigned his position to accept a position at Keansburg, Monmouth county, where he began his labors in September, 1896. In 1897 he accepted a call to the Navesink public



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school, where he served so faithfully for two years that he was re-elected for a third year, but declined the honor in order to accept his present position, which he has filled since September, 1890, with entire satisfaction. He has under his charge two hundred and twenty-five pupils and four competent teachers.

Mr. Walling was married in August, 1890, to Miss Josephine T. Covert, a native of New York City, daughter of George Covert, long a resident at Keyport. Mrs. Walling has borne her husband three children.—Herbert R., Helen and Dorothy, the first mentioned of whom is dead. Mr. Walling is a member of the Monmouth County Horticultural Society, in which he holds the office of secretary; he is secretary also of the Oceanic Social Club and of the Oceanic hook and ladder company. He is a member of Bayside Lodge, No. 191, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has taken the patriarchal degree and is past chief patriarch of his organization. He is record keeper of finance in the Keyport organization of the Order of Maccabees, and is a member of Narum-unk Tribe, No. 148, Improved Order of Redmen, in which he holds the office of chief of records.

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#### WILLIAM MASON.

This venerable citizen, who almost reached the ninetieth milestone on life's journey, was always a resident of Monmouth county, his birth having here occurred in Millstone township, December 15, 1812. His grandparents were residents of the county at the time of the Revolutionary war, and thus from colonial days the name of Mason has been connected with the agricultural interests of the county. James Mason, the father of our subject, was born in Manalapan township and always engaged in the tilling of the soil as a means of livelihood. His death occurred prior to 1860, and his wife, Mrs. Catherine Mason, who was also a native of Monmouth county, died about 1870, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Ten of their children, five sons and five daughters, have now passed away, namely: Joseph, Samuel, James, Charles, Annie, the wife of William Cravatt, Catherine, the wife of William Shomay, Betsey, Margaret, William, and Mary, wife of John Hulse, of Hightstown. All were residents of Manalapan township. Only one of the family still survives, Gertrude, who makes her home in Hightstown.

Throughout the long years of an active business career William Mason followed farming. He was industrious, energetic and enterprising, and as the years passed he acquired a handsome competence which supplied him with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. In 1835 he was married to Mrs. Rebecca (Wyckoff) Herbert, who died in November, 1890, after they had traveled life's journey together for thirty years. She left but one (adopted) child, Ella, the wife of John Gagen, who reside on the farm and have two children, Raymond and Betsey; Elizabeth I. is dead.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Mason manifested his loyalty to the Union and deep interest in the welfare and safety of the country by enlisting in August, 1862, as a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Infantry, with which he served until mustered out on the 20th of June, 1865, after the practical cessation of hostilities. He participated in the hard-fought battle of Fredericks-burg, in December, 1862, and the battle of Chancellorsville, May 2-3, 1863, and was in other engagements where his bravery was fully tested. Although he was never wounded his health was greatly impaired by his army service. His was an upright life, devoted to his business interests and to his duty, whether it called him to the battlefield or led him in the quiet walks of the world. Through almost nine decades he watched the progress

of the country. He was born during the presidency of James Madison and voted for the twenty-fifth President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. Wonderful changes have occurred in all these years in inventions, in science, in business, and political life, and though well advanced in years Mr. Mason always felt a keen interest in the progress of his country, which he ever loved and honored as a loyal citizen.

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WILLIAM H. WHITE.

William H. White, of Red Bank, New Jersey, is one of the highly esteemed citizens and a descendant of one of the oldest families on the Jersey coast. This family has been a power in the Methodist church and has always stood for temperance, law and order.

Grandfather Robert White while following his trade of blacksmith served also as a minister in the Methodist church, and in all his worthy efforts was seconded and assisted by his estimable wife, Sarah. Twelve children were born to them, and five sons of the family became preachers. James J. White, one of the sons of Robert White, became the father of our subject, and he was born in Ocean county, New Jersey. He married Miss Adaline Mount, who was also born in Ocean county, and they reared a family of twelve children, all of them becoming consistent members of the Methodist church. Eight of these children still survive, estimable members of society, but the father passed out of life in 1898, the beloved mother still living.

William H. White was the fourth in the order of birth in the family of his parents, and he was born in West Philadelphia in January, 1854. He was reared and educated at Cream Ridge and was early interested in agricultural pursuits. Mr. White, however, inherited some mechanical skill and decided to encourage it by becoming a carpenter, and in 1893 began to learn this valuable trade, cherishing a reasonable hope that it might prove a leader into a high line of work. This hope was justified, for he later became associated with the Deering Company in the manufacture of harvesters and other agricultural machinery, and so well did he satisfy his employers that he remained with that company for a period of twelve years. His natural ability had play and his work was far beyond that of an ordinary carpenter. Since that time Mr. White has been engaged in contracting and building very successfully, his own fine residence, which he erected about 1899, in Red Bank, testifying to his ability.

Mr. White was first married to Miss Mary E. Smith, and at her death, on August 4, 1892, she left two children,—Albert G. and Lillie A. Mr. White's second marriage was on February 11, 1901, to Mrs. Anna Layton, who was a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth La Valley, who were natives of France.

Like his forefathers Mr. White is active in the Methodist church, while Mrs. White is a consistent Presbyterian, both of them most highly regarded. Fraternally Mr. White has long been a member of the I. O. O. F. order. In business as well as social and religious circles he is numbered among the best and most respected citizens of Red Bank.

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MILO C. GRIFFIN.

Milo C. Griffin, a prosperous contractor and builder of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, was born at Greenville, Green county, New York, April 14, 1854. His early mental training was acquired at the public schools, later supplemented and fortified by a course

at the Greenville Academy. For some time after the completion of his studies he worked upon a farm, thus affording his body a good physical development, which, with his strength of intellect, admirably fitted him to successfully cope with the exigencies of life. He selected as his vocation the trade of carpenter, devoting his time up to his twenty-sixth year in acquiring a thorough mastery of the business; it was at this time that he located in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, where for three years longer he worked as a journeyman; he then opened up business on his own account as a contractor and builder, and has succeeded in steadily developing and increasing same, until at the present time he has a large and lucrative patronage. He spent three winters on contracts for construction work in the state of Florida. His residence is at No. 66 Heck avenue, Ocean Grove, where he also has his office. Mr. Griffin is a Republican; he takes no part in party strife, however, simply exercising his right of franchise as an American citizen. He is a member of several popular fraternal organizations, namely: Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. & A. M.; Neptune Lodge, No. 84, I. O. O. F.; Park Lodge, No. 38, A. O. U. W.; Tecumseh Tribe, No. 60, Improved Order of Red Men; Atlantic Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F.; and is also a member of Washington Fire Company No. 1, of Ocean Grove.

Mr. Griffin married Miss Amanda F., daughter of Oscar and Sarah E. Hoffman, of Rahway, New Jersey, on February 14, 1882. Their three children are as follows: Carl M., born July 22, 1885; Alice E., born October 16, 1893; Oscar D., born December 26, 1899.

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#### WILLIAM CAMPBELL KELLY

William Campbell Kelly, whose residence is at Oak Tree post office, Raritan township, Middlesex county, New Jersey, one of the most useful and enterprising residents of that region, and whose activities have been exerted successfully in other and more distant fields, is a worthy descendant of one of the oldest families in that portion of the Raritan valley.

Daniel Kelly, paternal grandfather of William Campbell Kelly, was born January 15, 1769, and died May 17, 1849. Of his marriage with Rhoda Drake (January 9, 1798) was born a son, Christian L., April 8, 1811, at Oak Tree, in that part of Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, which is now Raritan township, in the same county. Christian L. Kelly was married, October 17, 1832, to Jeannette E., daughter of Henry Campbell, born April 9, 1814, and died September 13, 1893; he was a successful farmer and an honored citizen, and died June 10, 1850. The children born to Christian L. and Jeannette (Campbell) Kelly were: George Henry, born December 20, 1834; Elizabeth, born February 20, 1836; William C., born August 17, 1837; Alexander C., born February 2, 1839; Rachel Ann, born May 10, 1843; and Oliver, born November 11, 1847.

William Campbell Kelly, the second son in the family last named, was born on the family homestead near Oak Tree. His education was limited to that afforded by the neighborhood school, and his attendance ended with his fifteenth year. He made excellent use of his opportunities, however, and established himself in the common branches so well that he was enabled to advance himself in later years to the acquisition of knowledge amply sufficient for the conduct of large business affairs. When fifteen years of age he began to learn carpentering at Plainfield, and followed that calling for about five years. When twenty years of age he and his brother Alexander opened a general store at Oak Tree. Their combined capital amounted to twenty dollars, William's contribution being eight dollars. The brothers, however, bore

excellent character, which afforded them credit sufficient for a beginning, and through their close application to business they were soon well on the high road to success. At the end of five and one-half years the partnership was dissolved, William selling his interest to his brother for the sum of three thousand dollars. William then went west, returning at the expiration of a year, when he bought a farm, which he soon sold. He then returned to the west and purchased pine lands in Wisconsin and Michigan, besides setting up at Manistee, in the latter named state, a mill for the manufacture of building lumber for shipment to eastern markets. He further extended his operations by forming a partnership with Palmateer Brothers, at Asbury Park, New Jersey, where they established a lumber yard to handle a portion of the Michigan mill product. This venture was successful from the first, and the business expanded to such an extent that Mr. Kelly found it expedient to locate at Asbury Park in order to give it his personal attention. At the expiration of seven years he returned to Oak Tree and bought a fine farm. He was not content, however, to confine his attention to farming interests, and he associated with himself four others and purchased ninety-six thousand acres of pine and cypress lands in the south, nearly one-third of the area being fine cypress. This property they sold in 1899.

Mr. Kelly, as is to be discerned from the foregoing, is an eminently capable business man. In all his transactions he has maintained an unsullied reputation for sterling integrity, and his simple word is held by him as binding and obligatory as would be his bond. In his home neighborhood he has ever been a leader in all worthy causes for the advancement of the community. He is a Democrat in politics, and has no affiliation with any order or society.

Mr. Kelly was married in November, 1863, to Miss Bessie M. Palmateer, daughter of Albert and Loriania (Jones) Palmateer, of Albany county, New York, where she was born October 2, 1845. Born of this marriage was one daughter, Eva L. Kelly. She was married to John H. Campbell, and their children are: Bessie Kelly, born April 25, 1890; and William K., born June 2, 1896.

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#### DANIEL GATES.

As a general auctioneer and furniture dealer, our subject, Daniel Gates, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, has established one of the most successful and substantial businesses along the Atlantic coast. Out of a life of varied experiences in many places, and in pursuing lines of business that have materially differed, he deserves credit for having persevered until he has placed himself in the right position to attain the object of his ambition.

Mr. Gates is a native of England, where he was born on April 8, 1853, in Bradford, Yorkshire, England; he is the son of Charles L. and Sarah Gates. The course of his education was followed in his native town, the knowledge then attained being supplemented in later life by experience gained by contact with the world. After the completion of his studies he entered the tailoring trade, which he followed up to the time of his determination to seek for a wider range of opportunity in America, for which he sailed in July, 1882. Arriving here he located in Rahway, New Jersey, where for eight years he continued to follow his trade. Still feeling, however, that he was not yet launched in the business best suited his ability, he moved to Perth Amboy, New Jersey, where he started in business as an auctioneer and dealer in furniture; this he carried on for about seven years, when he recognized the fact that Asbury Park offered greater promise for a man engaged in his line. For him to





*E. Schützler*

arrive at such a conclusion meant the immediate execution of his idea, which has since proved its wisdom. He located on Main street, and is among the foremost business men of that growing section.

Mr. Gates is an adherent of the Republican party, and while not in any sense seeking its patronage, he is interested in its success. He is a member of the First Episcopal church of Asbury Park, in whose work he takes a keen interest. His marriage took place December 25, 1878, to Miss Mary Ann Harrison, also a native of Bradford, Yorkshire, England. Their living children are as follows: Herbert W.; Martha W.; Pansy; and Pearl.

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### ERNEST SCHNITZLER

The history of Asbury Park and the other seashore resorts of New Jersey has been written in general terms upon other pages of this work. In all that enters into the kaleidoscope scene presented there is no feature more captivating than the amusement halls and pavilions which are found at every little interval. Among them are some which are contemptible and others which are objectionable. Others there are which are in every sense pleasure-giving and refined, and their conductors are deserving of praise, for man can confer no greater boon upon his fellows than to provide amusements which are exhilarating and innocent, and in which his children and their mother may participate with him. This proposition was never so true as it is in the present times, when the pressure of business and the exactions of



### PALACE OF AMUSEMENT.

society are so intense, making more necessary than ever before some new attraction which will afford diversion to the mind and work no injury to good morals.

The one mammoth and leading Pleasure Palace at Asbury Park—the largest, most unique and most complete under one roof of all found on the Atlantic coast—is that established, owned and conducted by F. Schnitzler. This establishment is

at the same time an exceptionally refined place of amusement, admirably well adapted for ladies and children, and has been delightfully visited and revisited by thousands of foreigners as well as Americans.

The completeness of the establishment may be imagined, in a degree, when it is said that it represents an outlay of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and the employment of inventive and constructional skill of the highest order. From a great distance are visible the lofty observation tower and its gigantic revolving wheel. These are so combined that when a car on the wheel has reached its greatest elevation, the passenger may ascend one flight of steps to the tower, which commands a wonderfully broad view of ocean and shore, affording a bird's-eye view of Asbury Park, and glimpses inland of outlying towns. The great merry-go-round is of itself a work of art and mechanical ingenuity, and cost sixteen thousand dollars, and another remarkable fact is that during over nine years of operation not a single accident has occurred. A remarkably attractive feature is the bewildering maze, with its countless multiplying mirrors, among which one is lost among the countless duplications of himself and deceptive passage ways visible to the eye, but which afford no egress when closely approached. The entire structure is brilliantly illuminated with myriads of electric incandescent lights of every conceivable hue, giving to the interior a peculiarly dazzling and spectacular aspect, and especially when the rooms are thronged (as they are at all open hours) with an ever moving panorama of pleased and wondering human beings. While the eye is thus delighted, sweet sounds come to the ear from various directions, from instruments of exquisite construction, capable of giving strains of æolian softness and sweetness, or the full volume of a gigantic brass band or orchestra. These orchestrians and other instruments cost ten thousand dollars.

Mr. Schnitzler, the creator of this great Palace of Pleasure, was the pioneer of such amusements in Asbury Park. He came in 1888, and made his first small beginning, when the place was altogether destitute of all which he had in mind. He began with a modest merry-go-round, and he made additions from time to time as his means would permit. He was first in New Jersey to introduce magic mirrors, and he was the first private individual to erect an electric light plant. This, put up to illuminate his Palace of Pleasure, comprises two six-hundred-light-power dynamos, and is of sufficient capacity to light the entire city if necessary.

Mr. Schnitzler, who has introduced and maintained this splendid aggregation of innocent and inspiring amusements, is a modest, unassuming gentleman of sterling character. He was born May 26, 1852, in Cologne, Germany. When he was only six weeks old his parents came to the United States, settling in Camden, New Jersey. His father, Anthony Schnitzler, was closely related to Dr. Schnitzler, the distinguished German surgeon and chemist. Anthony Schnitzler was a college bred man, of excellent business qualifications, and he conducted a mercantile establishment in Camden until the time of his death, at the age of sixty-eight years. He served in the Crimean and other wars before coming to America, and while a resident of Camden, New Jersey, his deep knowledge of military affairs led to his being commissioned captain of a militia company. By his marriage with Margaret Hilgers he became the father of three children: Ernest, Charles and Alfred.

Ernest Schnitzler, eldest son of Captain Anthony Schnitzler, was educated in the public schools of Camden, and afterward entered college, from which he withdrew in order to assist his father in his business. After the death of his father he became interested in a hotel and sea-water bathing business at Atlantic City. This he soon disposed of to purchase and operate a merry-go-round in the same



place. A year later he sold the property and removed to Asbury Park to engage in the business of which we have previously written.

Mr. Schnitzler was married to Miss Mary Gunning, of Philadelphia, and a daughter, Mary, was the fruit of this marriage. The parents are members of the First Presbyterian church of Asbury Park, in which Mr. Schnitzler has been a trustee for the past five years. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of the best of the permanent residents of the city, and acquaintance with an army of people of all sections of the country—among them many of national reputation in the professions, in commercial and financial affairs, and in politics—to whose pleasure he has contributed and who also value him for his worth as a man.

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#### TAULMAN ALLAIRE MILLER.

Taulman Allaire Miller, the well known cashier of the Ocean Grove National Bank, is the son of Ozias N. and Hannah Conover Miller, and was born on March 19, 1869, on the Peter Drummond farm near Asbury Park, Monmouth county, New Jersey; his father, Ozias N., came from Westchester county, New York, and settled on the Drummond farm in 1855. Our subject's early education was acquired in the public schools, where he remained until his seventeenth year, finishing his studies with a fair general knowledge, which has served him in good stead during his active business career. In 1886 he secured a position with the First National Bank of Asbury Park, which position he retained until the organization of the Ocean Grove National Bank, which was consummated on June 6, 1900, when he became cashier of that institution, which responsible position he still holds.

His sympathies, politically, are with the Republican party, although he does not engage personally in its activities. In church relations he is identified with the First Methodist Episcopal church of Asbury Park. On October 5, 1897, Mr. Miller was joined in marriage to Miss Edith May Finch, daughter of Cornelius and Mary A. Finch.

Mr. Miller is not only well known but exceedingly well liked by the people of his community; he has won his way in the business world by the honest and faithful carrying out of the duties assigned him and of the many responsible commissions given him to fulfill; in all these he has not been found wanting in integrity, and he has fairly won the honorable position he now holds.

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#### J. EDWARD FLITCROFT.

J. Edward Flitcroft, of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, is properly to be named among those whose energy, business tact and public enterprise have made them important factors in the development and improvement of one of the most important and popular summer resorts and residence places on the Atlantic coast. His effort has not been in the field of finance, nor in the promotion of great schemes employing vast capital, but it has been in the walks of ordinary business and social life, in those undertakings upon which are built the entire structure of social order and free institutions; in short, in the labor near at hand, faithfully performed, and of real and enduring value to the community.

He is a native of New Jersey, and was born November 18, 1860, at Farmingdale, son of James and Anna (Smith) Flitcroft. He received his education in the public

schools of his native town. At the age of sixteen years he left school to learn plumbing and tinsmithing under the instruction of his brother, who was established in business in Ocean Grove. He occupied a subordinate position in the shop for six years, during which time he became a skillful workman, familiar with every detail of the trade, and amply able to perform any work in his calling. He then became partner with his brother, and this association was maintained for five years, when he purchased his brother's interest, and has since conducted it alone. Not only a master mechanic, but an accomplished business man, he has succeeded in placing his establishment in the forefront of its class, surpassing in volume of business and character of contracts fulfilled all competitors on the New Jersey coast. With such a record, it may be estimated how important has been his part in the building up of his town and adjacent villages and in the equipment of the many elegant villas and cottages in their vicinage. His place of business is located on Pilgrim Pathway, opposite the post office.

Mr. Fliteroit was married, November 11, 1891, to Miss Mary E. Winstanley, daughter of James and Rachel Winstanley, of Hoboken, New Jersey, and to them has been born a daughter, Gladys, May 10, 1894.

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#### ISAAC B. WHITE.

Isaac B. White is one of Oakhurst's most widely known and highly respected residents. He was born at Oakhurst on April 23, 1848, and is the son of the late Samuel T. and Rebecca (Tallman) White, then residents of Oakhurst. Both of his parents were of English extraction, his paternal grandfather being Robert White, and his maternal grandfather Ellis Tallman.

Samuel T. White, the father of Isaac B., in early life followed agricultural pursuits; later his attention was given more exclusively to gardening, in which he was wonderfully proficient and successful. His family consisted of nine children, six of whom are now living, namely: Rachel, Hannah, Ozella, Bloomfield, Margaret A. and Isaac B. Among his deceased children the Rev. Samuel T. White was one of the most promising young divines of the Methodist conference of New Jersey. He was born at Oakhurst November 18, 1857. He was admitted to the conference in the year 1882, and was ordained deacon the same year in which he died, his death occurring December 28, 1884.

Isaac B., the subject of this chapter, received his early mental training in the public schools of his native town. During his early manhood he engaged in various pursuits, having been employed by some of the most prominent men of his section. An incident of peculiar interest occurred in the year 1870, which affected in a marked degree his whole after life. While the young man was on an excursion to Toms River, and while crossing the river the bridge parted without warning sufficient to enable pedestrians to seek safety, and precipitated those upon it into the water. Here it was that Mr. White showed his daring and courage by his gallant rescue of two ladies who might otherwise have been drowned; they were Mrs. Julia (Stillwell) Spinning and Miss Cornelia A. Pettie. Mr. White's act of heroism did not go unrewarded. Miss Pettie presented him with the most precious gift she possessed, that of a true and loving heart. Two years later, in 1872, they were united in marriage, a happy culmination of a romantic episode. To them have been born two sons: Charles P., born in 1874, and Albert T., born in 1878.

During these years Mr. White busied himself in mastering the painter's trade;



*Isaac B White*



this accomplished, in the fall of 1882, he became a contractor on his own account, his first contract being for work on the Elberon hotel. Since that time he has uninterruptedly pursued this business, and has deservedly become both prominent and popular because of the superiority of his workmanship. Among his patrons are numbered such men as L. B. Brown, C. T. Cook, W. Wilson and E. W. Gawtery. When such men as these accord him the preference, it certainly speaks well for his ability to please the most fastidious. In the same year (1882) in which he launched out on his independent business career, he purchased a lot in Oakhurst, upon which he erected a neat but commodious cottage, which he takes special pride in making attractive, not only to the eye of the passer-by, but in its interior decorations and furnishings.

In the religious field Mr. White has gained a wide reputation for his consistent and zealous work in behalf of the church of his adoption. As a mere lad he was susceptible to religious influence, and at the age of fourteen he became a convert; two years later he joined the Methodist Episcopal church. He has remained stanch and true to his membership ever since that early time, and has successively filled every office of the church except that of steward. For the past six years he has held the position of superintendent of the Sunday-school, and for twelve years past has acted in the capacity of local preacher, in that time having filled the pulpits of the various Methodist Episcopal churches in and around Long Branch. Indeed it is safe to say that no ordained minister in the New Jersey conference is more widely known than Mr. White.

Mr. White is an honored member of the Junior O. U. A. M., and also of the Knights of the Order of the Eagle. He has been for a number of years a member of the school board, of which he has been since 1898 president. Last year the board erected a school house at a cost of twelve thousand dollars; this was a unanimous movement on the part of its members, there not being one opposing vote.

In 1901 Mr. White took a trip to California; this will live in his memory as one of the most delightful experiences of his life, as his artistic nature fully and heartily appreciated the beautiful scenes through which he passed, and nature's God seemed more clearly revealed to his spiritual vision than ever before; and this, to a man of his temperament means pleasure immeasurable.

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#### GRANDIN JOHNSON.

Grandin Johnson, a representative of a family that were among the earliest settlers of Farmingdale, New Jersey, was born at Howell, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 20, 1877, a son of Austin P. and Mary E. (Chapman) Johnson. John K. Johnson, paternal grandfather of Grandin Johnson, was a resident of Farmingdale, and by occupation he was a farmer. He was united in marriage to Charity A. Taylor. He died in August, 1860, aged forty-five years, and he left a widow, at the present time (1902) aged seventy-six years, and the following named children: William L., Austin P., Grandin V., Elizabeth, and J. N. Johnson. John H. Chapman, maternal grandfather, resided at Howell, Monmouth county, New Jersey; he followed farming as an occupation, and was also at different times by election in positions of trust in the township, all of which he filled most acceptably. He was a member of the New Jersey state militia. His wife was Eleanor L. Throckmorton, by whom he had three children, namely: Mary E., Anna T. and Frank M. Chapman.

Austin P. Johnson, father of Grandin Johnson, was born at Farmingdale, Mon-

mouth county, New Jersey, and learned the carpenter trade, but never pursued it to any extent. He is acting in the capacity of marshal of the town of Freehold, appointed in 1885, and is also at the present time (1902) sergeant-at-arms of Monmouth county, New Jersey. He also served as first lieutenant of Company E in the Seventh Regiment, National Guard, New Jersey. He is a member in high standing in the following lodges: Freehold Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Pythias, Adelpia Lodge. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Chapman, and the following named children were born to them: Grandin V., Harry N., Ella C. (deceased) and Howard A. Johnson.

Grandin Johnson acquired his education in the high school of Freehold, from which he was graduated with the class of '93. He then engaged as a clerk with Duryee & Conover, druggists, conducting business at Freehold. While he was in their employ he entered the New York College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1899; in the spring of the same year he passed the state pharmacy board. He continued in the service of his old employers until he accepted his present position as pharmacist with C. A. Pittenger at Englishtown, New Jersey. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Alumni Association of the New York College of Pharmacy. He belongs to the Dutch Reformed church of Freehold.



#### JAMES E. WORTMAN.

James Edward Wortman is numbered among the most useful and influential residents of Asbury Park, and is recognized as one pre-eminently worthy of honor for the important part he has taken in promoting the development and improvement of that charming little city, known to tourists from all countries upon the earth.

Mr. Wortman was born at East Millstone, Somerset county, New Jersey, October 7, 1857, son of Peter P. and Margaret A. (De Mott) Wortman. His education was begun in the public schools at his home, and was completed at Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he was graduated in 1873, at the early age of sixteen years. His record in the latter named institution was phenomenally creditable. He was one of but three graduates out of a class of forty-nine, and he was one of the two who graded the full one hundred of perfection in his class standing, and in each of his individual studies. To achieve this commendable success, not only did he apply himself closely to his books, but he passed the vacations of his college years as errand boy in a clothing store in New Brunswick, which he entered when thirteen years of age, in order to defray the expenses of his schooling.

In 1879 Mr. Wortman opened a real estate and insurance office at Asbury Park. He was diligent and careful in business from the beginning and his conduct won such regard from those with whom he came in contact that he soon had substantial foundation laid for the important part he has long taken in commercial and financial affairs. His judgment as to real estate values is regarded in the community as all but infallible, and he has been the factor in many of the largest real estate dealings in that place for a number of years. Energetic and public spirited, he has constantly exerted himself to advance public interests, aiding in the establishment of all that could conduce to the development and added attractiveness of the place and its surroundings, and his leader-ship in all such efforts has received general recognition. Attestation of this is found in important public positions to which he



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has been called and in which he has rendered useful and creditable service. For two terms he represented the city of Asbury Park on the board of chosen freeholders for Monmouth county, and he was for two terms commissioner of appeals for the city.

Mr. Wortman affiliates with the Republican party, and he has ever maintained its principles and policies with intelligent enthusiasm. He is a member of the Republican Club of Asbury Park, which he joined in 1876 at its formation with but fifteen members, and he was its first secretary; for fifteen years past he has been a member of the executive committee.

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#### WILLIAM A. BELL.

William A. Bell, who during a long and active career has given diligent and successful effort to advancing the material interests of Atlantic City, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1859. Upon the completion of a general course in the public schools he set about learning intimately the carpet business. His first employment was in a prominent carpet house in Philadelphia, where he worked diligently for several years, and succeeded in mastering all the details of the trade. He came to Atlantic City in 1875, and became associated with his father in the carpet business under the firm name of E. S. Bell & Son. Prosperity attended the two, father and son, from the beginning, and in 1890 the senior member of the firm, well content with the competence he had been able to accumulate, retired, leaving the son to continue the business. The junior Bell then associated with himself Mr. L. P. Scott, under the style of Bell & Scott. By mutual agreement this partnership was discontinued in 1896, and the business was conducted under the present name of Bell & Gorman.

From the first, Mr. Bell took a keen delight in matters of public interest. Appreciation of his public spirit was manifested in 1896, when he was made a member of the board of education, in which position he rendered most useful service. He was one of the first members of the board of directors of the Real Estate and Investment Company. From the outset his career has been one of progress, and he has long been identified with every important movement of local interest, and, in association with others, his zeal for the expansion of the city has proved most successful and advantageous. No more fervent testimonial is needed by a man than that tribute which is paid his business thrift and integrity by a people who have recognized his worth and made him one of the custodians of their advancing interests.

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#### CHARLES HANKINS.

Charles Hankins, a well known resident of Ellerton, New Jersey, was born in Freehold, New Jersey, the son of James and Sarah (Anderson) Hankins. James Hankins, the father of our subject, was one of eight children, and was born near Freehold in the year 1801. He carried on farming as an occupation, spending a quiet, uneventful life until the time of his death, which occurred in 1881. His wife bore him eight children, namely: David, Zachariah, Eliza, Elmira, Elias, Charles (our subject), Joseph W. and Sarah Jane.

The father of James, the grandfather of our subject, Zachariah Hankins, took an active part in the Revolutionary war, displaying intrepid heroism and dauntless cour-

age in defense of his country during the dark and trying days of the struggle for independence. He participated in the battles of Valley Forge and Princeton, being severely wounded in the latter battle. At the battle of Monmouth he had a very narrow escape, his gun being cut in two by a bullet, shattering it in his very grasp. Nothing daunted by the occurrence, he stooped and picking up a gun lying beside a fallen comrade continued in the thickest of the fight. This gun was his constant companion during the rest of the war, and is now in the possession of his grandson, our subject, Charles Hankins. It is in perfect condition, and is as capable in the hands of its present owner as it was in the days of that bitter contest, when it performed its deadly mission. For his patriotic devotion to the cause of liberty Zachariah Hankins received a pension of twelve dollars per month during his life time. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years.

Our subject, Charles Hankins, received his early education in Freehold, New Jersey, where he also served his time learning the trade of carpenter. Here he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Pettie, of Hightstown, on January 11, 1863. To them were born: George G., June 2, 1864, now occupying the position of inspector of electrical supplies, his headquarters being in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Bennington H., born November 26, 1866, now a resident of Elberon, New Jersey, who is also an electrician.

In 1863, shortly after his marriage, Mr. Hankins removed from Freehold to New York City, where for twenty-five years he successfully followed his vocation as a contractor. In 1889 he returned to New Jersey, this time locating at Elberon. He purchased a delightfully located plot of ground upon which he erected an attractive and commodious cottage, where he now resides. Mrs. Hankins departed this life November 3, 1899.

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#### CHARLES A. SMITH.

Among the prosperous farmers of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is Charles A. Smith, who has proved that a small farm well cultivated can be much more productive than one of much larger area, if neglected or farmed in a careless manner. Mr. Smith owns fifty acres of fertile land, located just north of Port Monmouth, and here are raised many of the succulent vegetables and flourishing plants which finally reach and delight the patrons of the city market. He understands his business thoroughly and has every appliance and modern invention to assist in the successful conduct of it, his hot houses covering about three thousand square feet; he has one-half acre of frames covered with glass, which are filled with plants that supply the farming community.

The birth of our subject, Charles A. Smith, occurred in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on September 17, 1843, and he is a son of Henry and Phebe A. Smith, the former of whom was a native of Morristown, New Jersey, although he resided in Monmouth county from early youth and lived to the age of eighty-two years. A family of eight children were born to Henry and Phebe Smith, but only two still survive, our subject and his brother, James M.

Charles A. Smith was reared and educated in his native township, and selected agricultural pursuits as his business in life, a choice which has proved to be a wise one. The outbreak of the Civil war determined our subject's career for a considerable period, as he entered Company D, Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, in 1862, in time to take an active part in the great battle of Fredericksburg, under General Hooker, and he lived through the dreadful slaughter at Chan-



Chas. A. Smith



cellorsville. In 1863 he was honorably discharged and returned once more to peaceful pursuits. He remained for some time on his father's farm, but later purchased his present desirable property.

The marriage of Mr. Smith occurred on August 9, 1868, to Miss Mary Wood, who was born at Keansburg, New Jersey, and is a daughter of Charles and Joanna Wood. The father was a native of England, and for a number of years after locating in America he was a merchant in New York City, carrying on a ship chandlery store. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Joanna Pew, was a native of Monmouth county, New Jersey. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Steven W., Adelaide D., Joanna W., Lydia A. and Charles L.

Mr. Smith is well and favorably known both in Port Monmouth and Keansburg, being actively connected with the Methodist church in the latter town, in which he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school for thirty-seven consecutive years. This flourishing school is the result of his zealous and conscientious effort. When he took charge, the assembly room was an old school house, and the attendants numbered only fifteen pupils, but the interest he was able to arouse has resulted in the erection of a commodious new edifice and the gathering together of two hundred children. This surely reflects great credit upon Mr. Smith as a Christian leader. He has long had the best interests of the church at heart and has served both as trustee and as steward. In public affairs he has also been prominent in his locality, holding the office of judge of elections for ten years; he is equally valued in the various fraternal orders, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belonging to the grand lodge of the state, and also to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and to the Grand Army of the Republic. Throughout his neighborhood he is valued as a man of integrity and high principle. He has been successful in his business because he has given time and attention to it, thoroughly studying every phase and giving his patrons the benefit of his experiments and successes.

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#### WILLIAM H. CASE.

William H. Case, a veteran soldier in the service of his country, was born near Medford, Burlington county, New Jersey, March 22, 1828, son of Lewis and Susan Case, both natives of New Jersey. His father, Lewis Case, a chair-maker by trade, was born in 1787 and died in 1860. His mother died during the manhood of William H.

William H. received an ordinary education in the common schools of his day, and at sixteen years of age was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade in Trenton, New Jersey. His apprenticeship lasted five years, and having become a master workman in 1855 he came to Freehold, where he afterwards followed his vocation as a carpenter and builder.

Mr. Case's war record is connected with the record of Company E, Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, in which he enlisted September 3, 1862. He was with his regiment in the mid-summer campaign of Fredericksburg, Virginia. For three days and nights he was in the trenches and sustained such injuries therefrom as to wholly disable him from work. Chronic deafness and rheumatism resulted. He took part in the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 2 and 3, 1863, and was mustered out of service in June, 1863.

Mr. Case is a member of the Conover Post, G. A. R., of Freehold, and was one

of its organizers; and is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church of Freehold. In May, 1858, he was married to Sarah Roberts, who died in 1894. They had four children, Eleanor, Margaret F., William H. and Emma C. Emma C. was married in Freehold, in 1888, to John F. Sickles, a carpenter and contractor, and son of David H. Sickles, a substantial farmer of Monmouth county.

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#### HARRIET ARROWSMITH THORNE.

The subject of this sketch, who lives in Raritan township, near Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is the widow of the late Garrett Thorne, who was born November 5, 1828, and died May 24, 1897, aged sixty-nine years. Mrs. Thorne, who was born June 17, 1831, was married to Mr. Thorne January 26, 1852.

Mr. Thorne's ancestors were among the early settlers of Monmouth county. He was a successful business man of the most sterling integrity, and politically he was a Democrat, but he was personally so popular that his advice was sought in township matters by the leading men of all parties.

Mrs. Thorne was a daughter of George and Catharine (Flynn) Walling. The ancestors of the Wallings of Monmouth county were Dutch and settled there at a very early period; the family has been prominent in New Jersey and New York for successive generations. One of Mrs. Thorne's cousins long held the office of chief of police of the city of New York. George Walling, popularly known as Captain Walling, was for several years commander of a vessel in the coasting trade between New York and Virginia and the Carolinas. He was associated with his relative, Captain Thomas M. Walling, whose home was on the shore of Raritan bay, and spent his declining years on the farm on which Mrs. Thorne now lives and where she was born.

Garrett and Harriet A. (Walling) Thorne had three children. Their son George married Harriet Clark, by whom he had six children, three of whom reside with their grandmother and three are married. Their son Theodore R., who is a farmer in Holmdel township, married Emma Van Brakle, daughter of James M. Van Brakle, who is represented in a biographical sketch in this work. Their son, Holmes, died March 15, 1897, leaving one child.

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#### JOHN H. TUZENEW.

John Tuzenew, farmer of Freehold, was born in Wall township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, May 31, 1841, son of Stephen and Annie Tuzenew. His grandparents were natives of Quebec, Canada, and his father, Stephen Tuzenew, was the first of the family to settle in the United States. He was born in Quebec, December 25, 1812, and when twenty-one years of age, came to Monmouth county and engaged in farming, which he followed throughout his life. He died May 12, 1901; his wife died in 1884.

John Tuzenew was educated in the district schools of Wall township, Monmouth county, and followed farming from the time he was a boy. At the outbreak of the Civil war, responding to the call to enter into the service of his country, he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-ninth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers. The military record of this regiment dates from September, 1862, until the spring of 1863. On September



*Garret Thorne*





28, 1862, they left Camp Vredenburg, on the old Monmouth battle field, and being attached to Casey's division in defense of Washington, they did duty along the Potomac, in Virginia, opposite Washington, until November of that year. Being next sent to Aqua Creek, Virginia, they did provost and guard duty along the railway until December, and during that month were attached to the Third Brigade, First Division, First Corps. They were subsequently engaged in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, the latter occurring on May 2 and 3, 1863. Mr. Tuzenew was mustered out with his regiment on June 30, 1863. Since the war he has been a resident of Freehold. He is a member of Conover Post, No. 68, G. A. R., of Freehold.

In September, 1867, he was married at Eatontown, Monmouth county, to Louisa Sater. They have had nine children: Louis E., born January 29, 1868; Franklin H., July 6, 1870; Kinnoth F., born March 19, 1872; Emms A., born February 23, 1874; Asher B., born January 17, 1879; Caroline M., born October 4, 1876; Sarah J., born February 24, 1880; Hannah E., born August 29, 1882; and Bertha M., born June 24, 1888. Of these Emms died October 13, 1875; Caroline died September 10, 1877; Asher died September 19, 1880; and Sarah J., March 24, 1881.

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#### MRS. GEORGE W. EVANS.

The lady whose name opens this sketch belongs to one of the oldest and most substantial families of Monmouth county, New Jersey, one which has become well known in both social and business circles and especially conspicuous in military life. In all of the wars for the preservation of freedom and human rights this family has taken a part, ever since its founder came from Holland and established a home on these shores.

An early ancestor named John Hendrickson was born about 1700 and his son, Daniel Hendrickson, was one of those who took a prominent part in aiding the Colonies to attain independence in the dark days of the American Revolution. Daniel was born in 1735 and married Nellie Van Mater, who was born on August 4, 1735, and the children of this union were: Anna, born on February 14, 1761; Cyrenus, born on May 3, 1766; and John, born on June 13, 1773.

Daniel D. Hendrickson, born in 1786, was the grandfather of our subject and figured conspicuously in the war of 1812, holding the commission of a captain, and he raised the largest company of any in the county for service during that time of peril. By trade he was a cabinetmaker, and he was also a successful farmer. He married Catherine, a daughter of Thomas Bedle, and they reared a family of thirteen children, one of the number becoming the mother of our subject.

Mrs. Elma B. (Hilyer) Evans, the subject of this sketch, was born at Middletown, New Jersey, on August 11, 1861, and she was a daughter of John and Emma (Hendrickson) Hilyer. On December 27, 1882, she was united in marriage to George W. Evans, and to this union have been born children as follows: Percival H., born on June 24, 1885; Emma H., born on January 17, 1894; and George W., Jr., born on October 11, 1895.

George W. Evans is one of the substantial and well-known farmers of Monmouth county. His birth was at Nut Swamp, November 16, 1858, and his parents were Thomas and Ann (Prothero) Evans, who emigrated from England in 1851 and located at Nut Swamp, where Mr. Evans purchased a farm which was his home until the time of his death on November 26, 1896, his widow still surviving. Mr.

Evans received an excellent common-school education at Lincroft and his inclinations have always been in the direction of agriculture. At the age of nineteen years he commenced his business career, and in 1884 he bought his present productive farm.

Mr. Evans belongs to a family of eight children, who are among the most highly esteemed residents of the county. They are: Ella, born on June 4, 1850; William H., deceased, born on November 9, 1852; Margaret A., born on September 27, 1854; John P., born on October 29, 1856; George W., born on November 16, 1858; Sarah E., born on May 8, 1863; Joseph B., born November 13, 1866; and Edwin T., born December 18, 1866.

Mr. Evans is well known through the country as a very successful farmer and his tract of fifty-two acres, located near Chapel Hill, shows in its improvements and cultivation that he takes a great interest in the raising of fine fruits and vegetables. He is one of the highly esteemed citizens of this locality, both he and wife numbering friends among all with whom they become acquainted.

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#### THOMAS H. GRANT.

Thomas H. Grant, a prominent civil engineer of Middletown township, is descended from an old English family. He traces his ancestry back to Edward B. T. Grant, his great-grandfather, who, in 1793, emigrated to the United States with his family, locating on Long Island, where he remained for two years. He then returned on a visit to France, spending three years in that country, after which he again came to the United States and purchased a tract of land on Rumson Neck, making his home thereon until his death. He married a Miss Butler, and they had four children,—Lucy, Elizabeth, Martha W. and John. John Grant was born in England, January 31, 1781. He was united in marriage with Ann Hance, who was born on the 10th of October, 1786, and their family consisted of the following named children: Thomas, born in 1809; Martha, born in 1810; John, born in 1813; Edward, born in 1815; Caroline, born in 1818; and William H., born December 24, 1820. John Grant was engaged in various pursuits during his active business career, being first a teacher, afterward a merchant and finally a farmer.

William H. Grant, the father of the subject of this review, took an active interest in the affairs of his township, which led to his nomination to many responsible offices. In 1884 he was elected to the state legislature, where he was instrumental in securing the appropriation for the Monmouth battle monument, and while a member of that body served on several important committees. In his social relations he was a member of the State Horticultural Society, and in his religious views was a member of the Christ Protestant Episcopal church of Middletown, in which he served as a vestryman and business manager for many years. His death occurred on the 3rd of November, 1897. In 1854 he was united in marriage with Anna Morford, and they had two children.—Laura, deceased, and Thomas H., the subject of this review. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond on the 5th of March, 1868, and on the 22d of April, 1875, Mr. Grant married Mrs. Eliza J. Watson, of New York City.

Thomas H. Grant was born on the farm where he now resides, October 1, 1858. He entered Rutgers College in 1877, and graduated with the class of 1881, taking the Bradley mathematical prize in his senior year. From the date of his graduation until 1895 he followed railroad engineering exclusively. In that year he established an independent engineering practice, his attention being mainly directed to railway terminal

and water front work and foundations. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Mattano Club of Elizabeth, the Jersey City Club and many of the local social organizations. He is a Republican, and an Episcopalian, connected with Trinity church of Red Bank, and Christ church of Middletown. He devotes a part of his time to the management of a two-hundred-acre farm and the various business interests with which he is connected. Mr. Grant takes considerable interest in public questions and improvements, and in several of the field sports, which he follows to some extent for exercise and recreation.

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#### EDWARD M. COOPER.

Agriculture forms the principal occupation of Edward M. Cooper, and the wide-awake manner in which he takes advantage of all methods and ideas tending to enhance the value of his property, has had a good deal to do with his obtaining the competence which he now enjoys. Personal popularity results from the industry, perseverance and close attention to business which a person displays in the management of any particular branch of business, and in the case of Mr. Cooper this is certainly true, for he has closely adhered to the above mentioned pursuits, and he has gained the high esteem of all. His property and interests are located in Monmouth county.

Mr. Cooper was born on the farm on which he still resides, on the 22d of November, 1855, and is a son of George F. and Elizabeth (Applegate) Cooper, whose history will be found on another page of this volume. Edward M. was reared and educated in his native township, and as a life occupation he chose that of a farmer. He has been very successful in his ventures in this direction, and has done much toward developing the agricultural interests of his community. He has never sought or desired the emoluments of public office, preferring rather to give his undivided attention to his business interests, but as a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, and every movement calculated to prove of public benefit receives his hearty support and co-operation.

In 1884 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah L. Patterson, who was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, in December, 1862, a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Hance) Patterson. Unto this union have been born three children: Frederick L., born on the 10th of January, 1885; Guy, born July 26, 1887; and Robert A., born on the 20th of June, 1895. The family is highly esteemed by the people of their locality, and they enjoy the hospitality of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### JAMES HARVEY, SR.

This venerable gentleman, although he has passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey, is still actively engaged in farming, and such a career should put to shame many a man of half his years, who, grown weary of the struggles and cares of business life, would relegate to others the burdens he should bear. Mr. Harvey resides in Ocean township, Monmouth county, and in that township he was born December 24, 1818. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Rachel (Bennett) Harvey. The former was at first a farmer, subsequently built a forge and upon the destruction of the forge by fire entered into the milling business, at one time operat-

ing the Old Ocean Mills. His family numbered six members, who became prominent citizens: Isabelle, Catherine, Rachel, Samuel, James and Gavine. The last named was the father of our subject. After arriving at years of maturity he married Sarah Jackson and they had nine children, of whom Thomas, James, Samuel, Benjamin, Gavine and Ann reached years of maturity, the others dying in infancy.

James Harvey is now the only surviving member of his father's family. He was educated in the common schools and in early life followed the business of burning and selling charcoal, working for himself and others; he did shad fishing in the spring. He is a self-made man in the best sense of the term. By close application and through honest dealing he has secured for himself an enviable character, which riches could not buy. In 1865 he purchased a small place, to which he has been adding from year to year until at the present time he owns forty acres of land. This he devotes to the raising of garden produce and his land yields a good return for the cultivation bestowed upon it. His vegetables, being of excellent quality, command a good price on the market and provide him with a very desirable income.

In 1844 Mr. Harvey married Miss Susan King, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine King, and unto them have been born five children, of whom four are living: John, Charles, William L., and Sarah (wife of Edward T. Brand, of Long Branch); while one died in infancy. The mother departed this life January 2, 1896. In public affairs Mr. Harvey has taken a deep and abiding interest and served for many years as commissioner of appeals for Ocean township. Since 1843 he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has served as trustee and steward. In its work he takes an active interest and his life has ever been in harmony with his professions.

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#### ALBERT C. SMITH.

That cleanliness is next to godliness seems to be evidenced most clearly by the success which attends generally upon any properly projected laundry enterprise. This line of business has been followed by our subject, Albert C. Smith, of the firm of Smith & Smock, at Red Bank, New Jersey, where he established himself in 1868. His plant is known as the Red Bank Steam Laundry and is located at No. 64 White street.

Mr. Smith is a native of Keyport, New Jersey, where he was born in 1867. He is the son of Holmes W. and Jane A. (Baily) Smith. His early education was acquired in the common schools of Keyport. In early life Mr. Smith acted as clerk in a grocery store, which line he followed up to 1891, when he took up the laundry business at Asbury Park, New Jersey. Here he continued for three years, at the end of that time, in 1895, removing to Freehold, New Jersey, where he conducted an extensive laundry business. His present profitable business was established as above set forth in 1898, with Mr. Smock as partner. Their plant is capable of turning out five hundred dollars' worth of business weekly. During the summer season they employ as many as twenty hands. They run a twenty-four-horse-power boiler and a twelve-horse-power engine; two wagons are kept on the road continually collecting and delivering. The business has grown to extensive proportions under its able heads, and promises to outstrip even its present standard. Mr. Smith is so well versed in the laundry business, that he is capable of running any branch and attending to its numerous details. His thorough understanding of his business is one of the causes of his success, coupled with his determination to treat his customers fairly and honestly. While there are several laundries in Red Bank, both of foreign



*Albert C. Smith*



and native origin, yet the Red Bank Steam Laundry leads them all in popularity, superior workmanship and despatch in the execution of the work.

Mr. Smith has one son, Lester, by his wife Charlotte L., whom he married in 1892. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Edwin and Mary Bawden, of Freehold, New Jersey.

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#### JOSEPH TAYLOR BURROWES.

Joseph Taylor Burrowes, a lumber merchant of Monmouth county, New Jersey, and prominent citizen of Red Bank, was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, July 7, 1839. His parents were Richard and Mary (Taylor) Burrowes. Richard Burrowes was a soldier in the war of 1812, and two of the same stock fought for the independence of the American colonies in the war of the Revolution. Richard Burrowes was a successful agriculturist of Monmouth county up to the time of his decease in 1850; his wife survived until 1874. Their son, Joseph Taylor Burrowes, received a common school education and was thereafter, up to his twenty-second year, engaged with his father in the cultivation of the latter's farm. In 1858 he went to California, where he was variously employed for seven years. Returning to New Jersey he became associated in 1868 with his brother Thomas in the lumber business at Keyport, Monmouth county, under the firm name of T. & J. T. Burrowes. This partnership continued until 1875, when the junior member withdrew therefrom, and in 1877 established himself in the same business at Red Bank, New Jersey. Here Mr. Burrowes continues in the successful conduct of one of the leading industries of his community, to the development of which he has contributed, among other material ways, by the erection of a number of substantial dwelling houses. Mr. Burrowes is a stalwart Republican, but without aspiration for political preferment. He served efficiently for two years as commissioner of Red Bank. He married Sarah, daughter of the late James Lemmon. Three children born of this union survive, viz.: James Albert, Harry and Miss Ada Burrowes. Their deceased children are Edward, George and Joseph; of these the last named married Miss Sarah Hance, who resides at Red Bank and has one child, Joseph Taylor Burrowes, who was born in September, 1894. Harry Burrowes is associated in business with his father.

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#### JAMES COOPER, JR.

James Cooper, Jr., secretary of the board of education of Red Bank, and a leading druggist of the Jersey coast, was born in Monmouth county, August 10, 1858. He is a son of the late John Patterson Cooper and Catharine Kerr (Pringle) Cooper, natives of New York City. Jehu Patterson Cooper was a prominent agriculturist of Monmouth county and from the time of attaining his majority up to the close of his life was a stalwart Democrat. He was continuously elected clerk of Middletown township for a total period of thirty years, and was a freeholder for Middletown for ten years. He was one of the distinguished Freemasons of the state, having been grand high king of Royal Arch Chapter. James Cooper, Jr., received public school and academic courses of instruction, and as a youth entered the employ of F. T. Chadwick, druggist of Red Bank, with whom he remained nine years. He then established himself in business at Broad and White streets, Red Bank, where he conducts one of the best equipped wholesale and retail drug houses in Monmouth county. He is also

a member of the firm of Antonides & Cooper, druggists, Main street, Atlantic Highlands. Mr. Cooper is a member of Mystic Brotherhood, No. 21, F. & A. M., Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., is past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, member of the Independent Order of Foresters, Ancient Order of Foresters, and other social organizations, including the local clubs. He married Laura, daughter of George W. Vanderveer, of Freehold, New Jersey. Mrs. Cooper died December 31, 1896, leaving three children, James Oakley Cooper, George Vanderveer Cooper and Jehu Patterson Cooper.

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#### MORRIS PACH.

Morris Pach, wholesale and retail dealer in cigars and tobacco, Red Bank, was born in Berlin, Prussia, April 3, 1837. He came with the remainder of his father's family to the United States in 1853, locating in Boston, Massachusetts, whence they removed in 1864 to Long Branch, New Jersey. Five years later Morris Pach established his present business at Red Bank, where he has met with a success that has placed him in the forefront of the men of affairs in Monmouth county. He served efficiently for one term as commissioner of Red Bank. He was married in 1863 to Miss Rosa Libko, a native of Austria. Mr. and Mrs. Pach have four sons, all of whom are graduates of the high school at Red Bank. They are Alexander Pach, superintendent of Pach Brothers; Mortimer Pach, associated with his father; Lester Pach, law student; and Ernest Pach, also associated with his father in business.

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#### JAMES G. CRAWFORD.

James G. Crawford, who is a prosperous farmer residing near Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, traces his ancestry as far back as 1672, when John Crawford emigrated to America from Scotland, settling in the state of New Jersey and locating at the hamlet of Holmdel, his numerous offspring still being among the most prominent residents of the locality. The emigrant John was accompanied by three brothers and they first stopped at New Haven, Connecticut, but during the French and Indian war, John Crawford moved to this state, buying in 1686 two hundred acres of land near Morrisville. One of the maternal ancestors of our subject was named William Frost, and both he and Richard Crawford, on the father's side, took part in the Revolutionary war, the former suffering imprisonment and the latter being wounded.

The paternal grandfather of James G. Crawford was also James G., and was born in Holmdel in 1794. He was a prosperous and extensive farmer, a leader in the Democratic party, and he was also identified with the Baptist church. His marriage was to Elizabeth Smith, whose death occurred in 1883, and their children were: James, William, Ann, Caroline, Elizabeth, Mary and John.

John J. Crawford, the father of James G. Crawford of this sketch, was born at Holmdel, on February 22, 1820, and acquired his education first in the primary schools of his locality, but later enjoyed the advantages afforded by the Glenwood Institute at Matawan, and after his return settled down to the life of an agriculturist. During his whole life he was an active and devoted member of the Baptist church. In 1855 he was married to Miss Mary Frost, who was a native of Chapel Hill, where she was born in 1832, her death occurring in 1872, Mr. Crawford surviving until 1888.



The children born to our subject's parents were as follows: John, James G., William, Sarah, Caroline, Mary, Esther, Theresa and Emma.

James G. Crawford was born near Holmdel on September 2, 1860, where he was reared and educated. His occupation has principally been that of farming and he has attained high excellence in this chosen pursuit. His fine property consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he has improved and placed in a fine state of cultivation, causing it to be counted among the most productive tracts of land in the county.

Mr. Crawford is unmarried. In politics he is an active and ardent supporter of the Democratic party and has been of signal use in its local councils. He was reared in the Baptist faith and is a consistent and worthy member of that church, and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Holmdel, where his family has so long been a leading one.

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#### ADDISON HENRY RIGGS.

The Riggs family of New Jersey had its origin in ancestors who came from Scotland far back in the colonial days, and their sturdy traits of character—integrity, industry and persistency—are discernible in their descendants to the present day.

The ancestral immigrants were three brothers, who settled at that famous Revolutionary war spot, Baskingridge, in Somerset county. Lewis Riggs (great-grandfather of Addison H. Riggs) taught a school at Cheesequake, in Middlesex county, in his young manhood. He afterward removed to Hightstown, Mercer county, where he conducted a store, and then to Perrinville, Monmouth county. He subsequently returned to Hightstown and occupied a large farm, and there died. By his marriage with Miss Ida Bergen he became the father of the following named children: George, William S., Elias, and a daughter who became the wife of John Chamberlain.

Elias Riggs, youngest son of Lewis Riggs, was born near Hightstown, and lived his entire life in that locality, and died there at an advanced age. He was a man of strong and exemplary character, and was a deacon in the Presbyterian church; for many years he was a justice of the peace. He married Rachel, a daughter of Captain David Baird, of Manalapan, who bore him the following named children: Lewis, David Baird, John C., and Ida, who became the wife of Charles H. Perrine.

Lewis Riggs, oldest son in the last named family, was also born at Hightstown, where he received a common school education. For some years he was successively in the employ of the Camden & Amboy Railroad, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Companies. He married Margaret E. Allen, a daughter of John Allen, and of this marriage were born the following named children: Addison Henry; Frank P., who married Alma Herbert, and to them were born Frank P., Jr., and Frederick; Mary Blanche, who married Joseph P. Lisk, of Palmyra, New York, now a mechanical draftsman and consulting engineer in New York City, residing in Brooklyn; and Drucilla, who is unmarried. The father of these children died at the age of forty-four years, and the mother is living in Brooklyn at the age of sixty-six years.

Addison Henry Riggs, eldest son of Lewis and Margaret E. (Allen) Riggs, was born near Hightstown, Mercer county, New Jersey, in 1857. He began his education in the public schools in his native village and took a special course in the Peddie Institute. He entered the employ of Wannamaker & Brown, in Philadelphia, with whom he remained for two years. His experience during this period was highly advantageous to him in after years. He was subsequently engaged in a general store at Hightstown, which he left in 1879, and removed to Ashbury Park. In the

city last named he served in a clerical capacity in various leading establishments, among them those of J. S. Ferguson and George Farmer, coal dealers. At the death of the latter named, a corporation was formed under the name of the G. P. Farmer Coal and Supply Company. Of this Mr. Riggs became a member, and he was elected treasurer and manager. The company conducts a coal, wood, lime and cement business at Asbury Park, and a coal, wood, hay and feed business at Belmar. Their transactions extend over a wide scope of territory, and aggregate a large sum annually. Methodical and thorough in his business affairs, Mr. Riggs is enabled to direct and over-see all promptly, and with thoroughness and accuracy. He occupies a highly creditable position in the business community and his name is a synonym for integrity and public spirit. His influence has been extended to every laudable enterprise, and he has borne a full share in the development of all municipal improvements, without seeking personal advancement. In politics he is a Republican.

April 14, 1888, Mr. Riggs was married to Miss Nora L. Allright, a daughter of Frank Allright, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and this marriage has resulted in one child, a son, Earl, now aged fourteen years.



#### ALFRED F. SOFIELD.

One of the leading men of Avon, New Jersey, and one, too, who has gained his present position of prominence by indefatigable labor and perseverance, is Alfred F. Sofield, whose name heads this sketch. The early ancestors of the Sofields were natives of England. It is supposed that there were several of them, and these settled along the Raritan river in New Jersey prior to the war of the Revolution. The grandfather of our subject was Runyon Sofield. He was born on his father's farm on the Raritan river, where he lived and died. Enos Sofield, the father of our subject, was born on his father's farm, subsequently removed to Perth Amboy, where he engaged in the business of growing oysters. He carried on this business on a large scale for many years, and died September 4, 1880, at Perth Amboy. His wife was Mary E. Sofield and to them were born two sons and five daughters.

Alfred was born July 30, 1848, at Perth Amboy. Such elementary knowledge as he acquired in his boyhood was imparted by the schools of his native place. Young Sofield early entered his father's line of business, which he followed up to the year 1883, carrying it on during the later years in his own name. Not, however, feeling satisfied that this was the field of labor in which he could accomplish the best results financially, or yet satisfy his ambitions, Mr. Sofield disposed of his oyster interests and went to Avon, where for a while he contented himself with keeping boats for rental to pleasure parties during the summer months; this only bridged over an unsettled period, however, until he should find something more to his liking. He was ever on the alert for the opportunity that he felt certain would present itself sometime; in this he was not disappointed; in 1901 what he had always desired was brought about, and he began to handle and ship sand to steel foundries in various parts of the country for use in sand blasts and core-sands. His sand blast material is pronounced by experts to be the best and finest for the purpose to be found in the country. He also furnishes clays of different kinds suitable for all sorts of purposes.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Sofield has the honor of being a member of the borough council of Avon, in which capacity his voice is always raised in advancing those propositions which look to the betterment of the town and to the best interests



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of its inhabitants. He is an esteemed member of Freedom Council, No. 116, Jr. O. U. A. M.

His marriage to Miss Mary Ella Page, daughter of Edward C. and Anna Maria (Blackney) Page, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, was solemnized on October 26, 1869. Six children have been born to them, as follows: Francis A., born December 10, 1871; Leroy, born March 18, 1874; Isabella H., born June 26, 1877; Emma G., born December 28, 1881; Howard S., born May 12, 1888; Hilton W., born August 13, 1890.

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#### E. H. PRICE.

Among all the summer resorts on the New Jersey coast Pleasure Bay stands pre-eminent for its natural advantages and for those pleasing accessories which large means and cultivated taste will command. All these and the famous aquatic opera are written of at length in a chapter of this work.

Chief among the founders of this resort is Captain E. H. Price, proprietor of the palatial hotel known by his name. His family has been prominently identified with Monmouth county. His father, John Price, a man of sterling character, was a native of the county, and was throughout his life a well-known and successful seaman. He served before the mast and became a capable ship commander, sailing vessels from his home to New York, in the coasting trade, and at times extending his voyages to the Gulf of Mexico. He was an Odd Fellow; in politics he was a Whig. He was married to Miss Mary Lane.

Born of this marriage was E. H. Price, May 6, 1827, at Oceanport, Monmouth county, where he was reared and educated. He had the sailor instincts of his father, and he went to sea at the early age of twelve years. In course of time he became a master and owner, and for several years his "Triton" was famous in New York bay and adjacent waters.

In 1854 he retired from this life and took up his residence at Pleasure Bay, where there were but two cabins. In the beginning he established and conducted a stopping place for lumbermen, which was well known as "The Kitchen." The bay was then only inhabited by men engaged in cutting timber for ship building, and was known as "The Sheep Pen." The region was a veritable wilderness, just as it was known to the Indians, and no one was bold enough to prophesy the future which was destined for it. After a time transient visitors engaged in lumbering interests came to the place, and they were so well pleased with Captain Price's "Kitchen" that they made it known in New York, and it became quite a resort. Among the first who thus came and were instrumental in spreading its fame, were Dr. Kane, the Arctic explorer, Frank Leslie, the well-known publisher, Eddie Stephens and other celebrities.

In 1850 Captain Price built the present commodious Price's Hotel, and this has long been known to all visitors to the New Jersey coast as one of the most homelike and pleasant places of entertainment in the entire region, and is much sought by the best class of summer sojourners, and especially by picnic and excursion parties. It is picturesquely situated upon a beautiful tract of three acres contiguous to the bay and to the beautiful park and grand-stand, reaching almost to the water's edge, from which may be witnessed the unique aquatic performances upon a stage erected in the stream. The hotel contains sixteen rooms, beautifully furnished, and the cuisine is all that the most exacting epicure could desire. The resort is reached by the Patten Line steamers, and has trolley connection with all other resorts on the coast.

An accomplished landlord, Captain Price is also a genial gentleman, and his social traits have endeared him to multitudes who have enjoyed his hospitality. He is an ardent sportsman, and delights in contributing to the enjoyment of the gunner and fisherman. He was for seven years a member of the Long Branch Company in the New Jersey State Militia. He is a Freemason and an Odd Fellow, and it was his unusual distinction to initiate his four sons into the mysteries of the former named ancient and honorable craft. In politics he is a Republican.

Captain Price was married to Miss Anna West, daughter of Mr. Elisha West, a former proprietor of the Newbold Hotel, Long Branch. Ten children were born of this marriage—Mary Eliza, Melissa, Elisha W., John Lawrence, William, Crystal, Clark, Edith, Blanche and Thomas Frazier. Of these named, Clark, and Edith and Blanche (twins) are deceased. The mother, a most notable woman and devoted wife and mother, died January 10, 1868, aged sixty-four years.

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#### JOSEPH H. C. SCHENCK.

The last war in which the United States was engaged found Captain Schenck of this review among the defenders of the nation's flag and the cause it represented. He is well known in military circles on the Jersey coast and in Long Branch and Monmouth county is numbered among the enterprising young business men. His birth occurred at Point Pleasant on the 28th of March, 1871. It is thought that Peter Schenck, a very wealthy merchant and an importer of foreign goods, was his great-grandfather. He was of Dutch lineage. His residence and place of business was New York, where he carried on an extensive trade. Elias Schenck, the grandfather, was an experienced mariner and throughout his business life was connected with the sea. He married Harriet Newman and their only child was Zacharias Schenck, the father of our subject, who was born at Manasquan, New Jersey, April 17, 1838. He wedded Margaret J. Harvey, and they became the parents of five children: Henry E., a painter of Long Branch; Elias E. and George E., both of whom are deceased; Thaddeus R., who is engaged in the painting business in West Long Branch; and Joseph H. C. Schenck, also a painter and decorator.

The public schools of his native town afforded Joseph H. C. Schenck, his educational privileges, and his youth was passed amidst play and study in a manner not unlike most boys of the period. After leaving school he was variously employed, working for a time in a pharmacy and later as a machinist. Other occupations also claimed his attention, but eventually he began to learn the painter's trade, and in due course of time became thoroughly proficient in the work, his services giving excellent satisfaction and securing for him continuous employment. During the summer season he is employed as bathing master or life saver—a position of importance on the coast, where so many summer visitors spend a large amount of time in bathing in the Atlantic, who in ignorance of danger would frequently venture too far, were it not for the watchful care of Mr. Schenck.

When the country became involved with Spain in the war of 1898, he was among those who readily offered their services to strike a blow for liberty, and enlisting in Company B, Third New Jersey Infantry, he served for nine months with credit. He is now captain of Company K, Third Regiment of the New Jersey National Guard, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Order of Red Men, in both of which he is a past officer. He was married October 15, 1899, to Miss Hannah Wardell, who was born at Long Branch, August 15, 1874, a daughter



Joseph H. Schenck





of John H. and Emily Wardell. They now have an interesting little daughter, Clara S., who was born November 27, 1900. Captain Schenck, by his pleasant, genial manner, has made many friends, is popular in military circles, and trusted in business life.

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WILLIAM TUCKER HOPPER.

Monmouth county, New Jersey, is favored in having represented upon its list of officials, individuals whose endowments fully capacitate them for the discharge of the responsible duties which devolve upon them. The subject of this review has held a number of important offices, to which he has been appointed by those high in authority or elected through the suffrage of the Republican party, in whose interest he has rendered timely and effective service, being known as one of the stalwart and uncompromising advocates of the principles of that party.

Now a resident of Long Branch City, William T. Hopper was born in West Long Branch September 12, 1837. His grandfather, John Hopper, was a native of New York City and was the first of the name to locate at West Long Branch, where he purchased property of Alexander McGregor. The town was then called McGregor, but later became known as Hoppertown, and subsequently by various names, now West Long Branch. Mr. Hopper owned about fifty acres of land beside other property. He began merchandising there and continued in that line of business up to the time of his death. He was a baker by trade and had followed that pursuit in New York City, but after coming to New Jersey was actively identified with merchandising for many years. He was a very consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his home was the place of entertainment for all the traveling preachers who visited the neighborhood. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eunice Russell, shared with him in all good works in which he bore a hand. There were two children in the family, Maria and Abraham.

Abraham M. Hopper was born in New York City in 1798. He engaged in the baker's business, and was also the owner of a vessel which plied between various ports along the seaboard. After his father removed to West Long Branch he assisted in the management of the store and thus became a well known figure in business circles there. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Deborah McGregor, by whom he had four children, three of whom grew to maturity. For his second wife he wedded Miss Mary Tucker, and they became the parents of eight children, three of whom survive: R. F., Egbert and William T.

In his native town William T. Hopper of this review received his education and training for a life of future usefulness. In the early years of his manhood he followed farming, but subsequently turned his attention to politics and has been a most earnest and efficient worker in the ranks of the Republican party. He has creditably served in a number of official positions, including that of constable, his incumbency covering a period of nine years. He was a coast inspector of customs of the Perth Amboy district for seven years, and during that time also filled the position of freeholder. For three years he was assessor, was collector of port customs under President Harrison for four years, has been judge of elections and was coroner for a period of three years. His official service has ever been most commendatory, for at all times he has been prompt and notably reliable in the discharge of his duties and has therefore won the approval of even his political opponents.

On the 12th of March, 1861, Mr. Hopper married Miss Henrietta Brown, and unto them have been born seven children, of whom five are living: Britton T.,

Eunice, Henry T., Charles H. and Frances. Those who have passed away are Louis B. and Elizabeth. Mr. Hopper had been married little more than a year when he left his young wife and went to the front in defense of the Union, enlisting on the 7th of September, 1862, as a member of the Twenty-ninth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers. He was made commissary-sergeant and remained at the front until the regiment was discharged June 30, 1863. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum. He has a wide acquaintance in Monmouth county, where his trustworthiness and reliability have won for him high regard.

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#### GEORGE W. BOWMAN.

George W. Bowman, proprietor of the Sunnyside farm, which is located one and a half miles west of Long Branch City, is a practical farmer and an enterprising business man. He was born at Coltsneck on the 4th of October, 1831, a son of Samuel and Charlotte (Matthews) Bowman. The father was a weaver by trade and was an honest and upright man. His family numbered four sons and four daughters, and of this number George W. and Andrew J. are twins, the latter of whom is now a resident of Kansas.

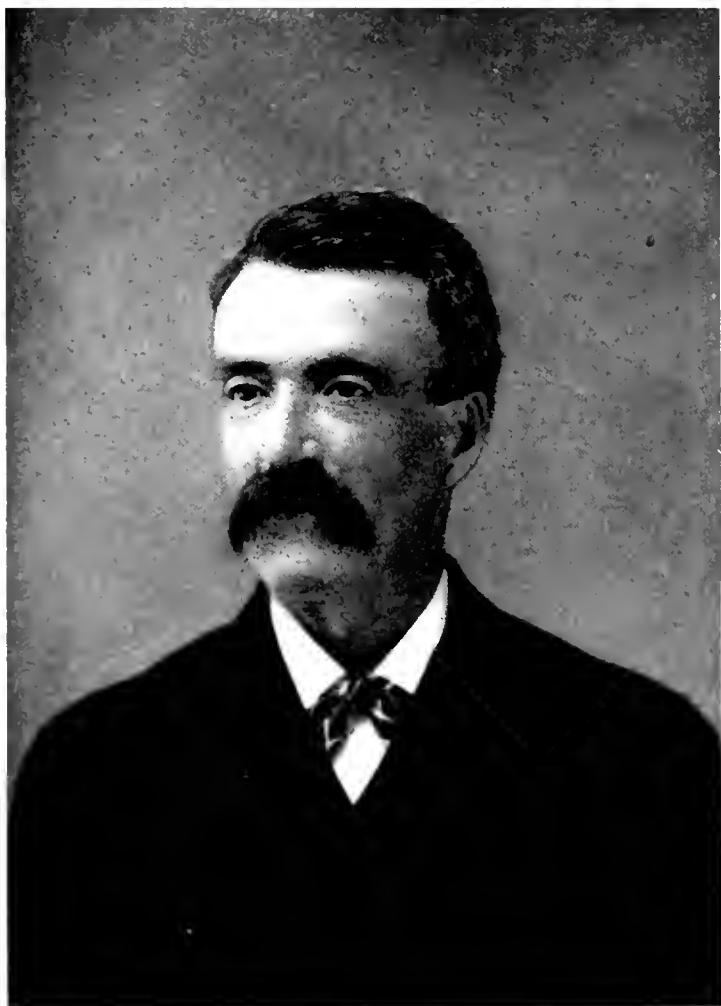
George W. Bowman received the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of his district. During his youth he spent much of his time in working on neighboring farms, and later he farmed on rented land. In 1865 he purchased the land on which he now resides, known as the Sunnyside farm, which is one of the most beautiful places on the road, and a glance at its neat and thrifty appearance indicates to the passer-by the supervision of a progressive owner. On the 4th of December, 1858, Mr. Bowman was united in marriage with Miss Mary Bennett, who was born in Atlantic township, Monmouth county. Her grandfather, John L. Bennett, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and for nine months of his army career was confined in the British prison in New York, the old Dutch church, Broadway and Ann streets, being used for that purpose. Mrs. Bowman is a daughter of Logan and Mary (Holmes) Bennett. Unto our subject and wife have been born the following children: Samuel L.; Sarah, who became the wife of C. J. Bridge; and two sons who were named George, but both are now deceased. Mr. Bowman has always been an industrious man and a good manager, and the result of his long years of careful toil is a beautiful homestead, well improved and well kept. He has contributed his share toward the public improvements of the county, and he stands to-day as one of the representative men of his locality.

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#### JOHN EDGAR MONTGOMERY.

One who has gained public favor through conscientious labor in the public's interests is he of whom this brief sketch treats, John Edgar Montgomery of South Amboy, New Jersey, who has deservedly attained a prominent place, not only in local, but in state affairs as well. He was born at Old Bridge, New Jersey, on May 13, 1844, a son of John and Ann Montgomery. The family is an old one in that section; the grandfather, John Montgomery, was an active and energetic old-line Whig, well known and highly respected throughout the county.

John Edgar Montgomery's school days were spent at his home in Old Bridge.



*John Edgar Montgomery*



Soon after the completion of his studies he entered the employ of John W. Foreman, as a clerk, next with Foreman & Disbrow, and later with Ward C. Perrine, with whom he was finally associated as a partner in business. About eighteen years ago he opened a general merchandise store at South Amboy, which he has since carried on with more than ordinary success, and is to-day one of the oldest establishments in the town.

During his busy life he has found time to interest himself in local affairs generally, and so valuable has he proved to the Republican party, that they honored him by electing him in 1900 to the assembly by a handsome majority. He fulfilled the trust reposed in him so satisfactorily to the people whom he represented, that he was re-elected to serve a second term. He was also made chairman on labor and industries, railroads, canals and printing, and did most effective work. He was elected in 1901 for a third term. Seldom is any person elected in Middlebury county for three terms. He served again as chairman of railroads and canals.

Mr. Montgomery is a Mason and a member of St. Stephens Lodge, No. 63, of South Amboy, and a member also of the Lincoln Club. He married Miss Elizabeth L. Hayes, and has one son, John L. Montgomery.

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#### HENRY W. MIELKE.

The field of business is wide and the opportunity for advancement lies before all who have the will to dare and to do. That so comparatively few win success is the result of a lack of application or of business sagacity to direct their labors, but in both these particulars Mr. Mielke is well qualified, and added to this is a thorough knowledge of the business to which he directs his energies. He is a noted florist of Long Branch, whose fame in his chosen calling has spread far and wide, and to-day he is conducting a very extensive and prosperous business.

A native of Prussia, he was born in 1854 and was reared and educated there. His father, Henry W. Mielke, Sr., was forester to Bismarck, and at the age of fourteen years our subject began to learn the florist's business, serving for three years in the greenhouses of the Iron Chancellor, there becoming thoroughly acquainted with all the various phases of the work, the needs of all kinds of plant life and the best methods of supplying these needs. He next entered the service of Emperor William I as an experienced horticulturist, and remained in charge of important floricultural interests on the palace grounds for twelve years. In 1882 he determined to seek a home and fortune in the new world, and crossing the Atlantic he spent about one year in travel in the west, visiting many scenes of beauty and interest. In 1883 he took up his abode in Greenville, but after a short time went to Englewood, New Jersey, where he was married. On the 1st of March, 1887, he removed to Long Branch and entered the service of D. S. Brown as landscape gardener, and so beautified his place that it came to surpass anything on the sea front. In 1887 he saw the necessity of establishing himself in a business of his own in order to meet the demands of patrons who sought the most superior skill in his line. Accordingly he purchased his present location, erected his residence, his conservatories and his greenhouses, and embarked in what is now a most extensive and profitable business. He handles cut flowers, potted plants, palms and indeed everything in his line, raising many very choice and valuable specimens, and as a landscape gardener he also has a very extensive patronage, receiving a very large share of the business from the constantly growing population of the various towns along the coast. He has about fifteen

thousand square feet of space under glass, containing beautiful specimens of all kinds of flowering and ornamental plants, and continually is he adding to his stock and enlarging his facilities to meet the demands of a constantly growing trade.

In Englewood, New Jersey, in 1885, Mr. Mickle was united in marriage to Miss Dorothea Mecklenburg, a most estimable lady, and unto them have been born five children: Alice, Caroline (deceased), Henry, Otto and Elsie. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

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#### DAVID M. WILLETT.

David M. Willett, one of the leading business men of Belford, and a native of that place, was born February 21, 1856. He is a son of the late William and Susan (Walling) Willett. He was reared and educated in the place of his nativity, enjoying in his youth the educational privileges afforded by the district schools of his neighborhood. Being of a studious mind, he applied himself closely to his studies and, thus, early in life fitted himself for a clerkship, entering the store of Charles Montanye when eighteen years of age. This gentleman was the first to establish a store in Belford, in 1855, beginning business in a very small way, but at that time sufficiently large to supply the demands of a sparsely settled community. Mr. Willett continued to fill the position of a clerk for seven years, and then, in company with Mr. Lohsen, he purchased the store, beginning business under the firm name of Lohsen & Willett. In 1888 this firm rebuilt, beautified and enlarged the store, it being now forty by forty-two feet, with a large store room attached. In addition to this store and entirely independent of it, they have built and are operating a drug store, which is modern in all of its appointments, and the entire establishment is furnished with the best goods that can be procured in the market. This enterprising firm is now enjoying a large and constantly increasing patronage, the result of honorable business methods and earnest desire to please their patrons.

The marriage of Mr. Willett was celebrated in 1882, when Miss Amelia A. Lohsen became his wife. She is a daughter of the late Lohder and Margaretta (Wendelcke) Lohsen, and a native of Belford. Two children have blessed this union, Harold and Meta L. In his social relations Mr. Willett is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a man of pleasing manners and of a winning disposition, traits of character which go far in making the firm a successful one from a business standpoint. Both members of the firm command the good wishes and esteem of all with whom they have business or social relations.

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#### TUNIS SUYDAM BARKULOO.

The value of an upright character and a good business reputation has been demonstrated most clearly and explicitly in the career of the well known citizen of Oceanic, Monmouth county, New Jersey, whose name forms the caption of this brief sketch. Tunis S. Barkuloo was born in Brooklyn, New York, June 8, 1851, a son of Abraham and Amelia M. Barkuloo. His parents removed to Oceanic, New Jersey, when he was three years old, and he was there educated in the public schools. He was early initiated into the mysteries of farming, which he followed more or less regularly for some years, until about a third of a century ago he became associated

with the manufacturing enterprise with which he has won his enviable success in life.

In 1849 John S. Midwinter and son opened a factory at Oceanic for the manufacture of mops of every description and of superior workmanship. During the entire period of the history of the concern its products have been sought in the market. John S. Midwinter died in July, 1876, and the business was carried on by the widow of John S. Midwinter until her death, the son having died in 1872. May 18, 1897, A. H. Midwinter succeeded her mother, Sarah F. Midwinter, in whose name the business is still carried on under the management of Tunis S. Barkuloo, who has had it in charge for more than thirty-three years. The plant has an annual capacity of fifteen thousand mops and from every point of view the enterprise is a profitable and a successful one.

Mr. Barkuloo enjoys in the highest degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. He is a man of much public spirit, who takes a deep interest in all the affairs of his town. He is a charter member of the Oceanic hook and ladder company, of which for twenty years he has been treasurer, and he is a charter member and treasurer of Narumunk Tribe, No. 148, Improved Order of Red Men. He is a charter member of Seaside Lodge, No. 217, K. of P. (Scabright), and member of Mystic Brotherhood Lodge, No. 28 (Red Bank), F. & A. M.

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ALBERT DENNIS.

The reader of mature years who has traveled much can easily picture to himself a hotel keeper whose geniality is so pronounced that his very presence breathes hospitality and good cheer. Such a "Landlord" is Albert Dennis, proprietor of the oldest hotel at Tintonfalls, Monmouth county, New Jersey. Mr. Dennis, who from his youth has been a hotel man and a horseman, was born at Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, June 7, 1857, a son of Hubbard and Elizabeth H. Dennis. His father, who was a harness-maker by trade, removed from Eatontown to Red Bank, and eventually removed from Red Bank to Tintonfalls to take charge of the Tintonfalls Road House. That was in 1881, and he managed the house successfully for twenty years, making for it and for himself many friends, some of them from remote parts of our great country. He was a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, who lived up to the beneficent teachings of the order as fully as it was possible for any man to do, and he was known to his fellow citizen- as a man of unusual public spirit. He died in 1892.

Mr. Dennis is descended from an old Scotch family, his branch of which has been represented on the New Jersey coast for three generations. He was educated and trained for the practical business of his life at Red Bank. From his youth he has been fond of horses and he has always loved to handle them and to care for them, and it may be said that he has made the horse a lifelong study. Some of the horses which have been trained by him and have passed into the racing circuit are marvels of speed. The following named well known horses, trained by him, are only a few of the many which have been under his care: Beldie has a record of two minutes and fourteen and one-fourth seconds; Puddie has a record of two minutes and twenty-two seconds; Senator is a promising young horse, the property of a New Yorker; Dannie A. has a pacing record of two minutes and nineteen seconds. The records given represent the best training time of the animals mentioned, which as soon as they have been well started by Mr. Dennis are taken away and put on real contest work. Mr. Dennis owns Carrie C., whose time is better than two minutes and twenty

seconds. Mr. Dennis has been proprietor of the "Tintonfalls Road House" for thirteen years, during which time he has managed it so much to the satisfaction of the traveling public that he has made it one of the most popular of the public houses in its vicinity.

Mr. Dennis married Miss Carrie Gulliedue, a lady of American and French parentage, in 1899. He is a popular member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

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#### WILLIAM E. PALMER.

William E. Palmer is a wealthy and representative farmer of Monmouth county, his residence and well cultivated farm lands being located in West Long Branch. His success along agricultural lines is not due to his having been reared in an atmosphere of such pursuits,—for he was born in the city of New York, November 19, 1850,—but to an inherent love for a vocation toward which his every inclination leaned. His parents were Gilbert and Sophia (Gorton) Palmer, both natives of New York City. Gilbert Palmer, father of our subject, was a butcher by trade, for many years successfully conducting a stall in Old Tompkins Market. He was a sturdy, upright and honorable man of business, to which fact his prosperity is due. His father, Stephen Palmer, also an uncle, Henry Palmer, took an active part in the war of 1812.

As already stated, William E. Palmer was born in New York City, where his education was acquired. After completing his studies, he learned the cigar manufacturing business, which he followed for some time both in New York City and in Brooklyn.

On July 11, 1875, Mr. Palmer was joined in marriage to Miss Ellen F., daughter of Henry G. and Ellen (Fulton) Julian, residents of West Long Branch, but both natives of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were blessed with ten children: George F., Elwood T., Henry W., Charles G., Louis G., Walter E., Lillian F., Albert J., Florence E. and Ellen J. Mrs. Palmer died December 10, 1896. George F. is a graduate of the New York Homeopathic School of Medicine.

It was in 1882 that Mr. Palmer took possession of his present farm, on which was located the old Methodist parsonage, and which still remains standing in a good state of preservation, notwithstanding its old age. Near the old house stands an ancient tree, which for years guided the mariners of the coast before the present improved system of beacons was instituted. It was in 1885 that Mr. Palmer erected his present palatial residence, which commands a wide and interesting view of the ocean with its constantly varying scenes, bearing its wonderful burden of sailing craft to and fro, some engaged in commercial pursuits, others on pleasure bent. The same reason assigned for the prosperity which attended the efforts of the father of our subject can be ascribed to the son, for in all respects he has been a man of unimpeachable character, energetic, honorable and justly favored with the good will of his fellow men.

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#### ASA WILLIS.

The raising of fruits for the New York market occupies the attention of a large number of excellent horticulturists in Monmouth county, and one of these is Asa Willis, who is the subject of this biography. The birth of Mr. Willis was in New





*Wm. E. Palmer*



York, and for twenty years he was there engaged in the commission business in Washington market.

Captain Asa Willis, who was the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Mystic, Connecticut, and was a deep-sea mariner of extensive experience, and was also the owner of several vessels which sailed to foreign ports. In 1841 he removed to Keansburg, Monmouth county, and there he bought a small farm and on it made his home until his death, in 1858. His marriage was to Deborah Burrows, and their children were as follows: Abel, Asa, Daniel, William B., Lavina, Nancy, Mary and Weltha.

William B. Willis, the son of Captain Asa Willis and the father of our subject, was born in New York on March 20, 1823, and he was the first man to locate on the ground upon which was situated the West Washington market. During the Civil war he became a member of the United States navy and was made purser on the transport Cossack, serving faithfully on this vessel for two years. After the close of the war Mr. Willis returned to the south in a business capacity and engaged as a shipper for seventeen years; his death occurred on August 7, 1897, when his useful and busy life ended. His marriage had been to Miss Catherine Hendrickson, of New York, a lady of social position and estimable character, who still survives him, and these children were born to them: Asa, born on December 17, 1852; William B., born in April, 1856; John D., Charles R., Robert, Deborah, Weltha, Fannie, Saphronia and Ida.

Asa Willis, of this sketch, is associated with his brother, William B., in the trucking business in Monmouth county, and they are most successful growers of all kinds of fruit possible to the climate. Their product finds ready sale, and the business under their able management brings them handsome returns. Mr. Willis is considered an excellent man of business and is socially connected with the J. O. U. A. M. Both he and brother are unmarried.

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#### WILLIAM L. JONES.

Among the successful farmers of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is William L. Jones, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of fine land, located in Atlantic township, this tract being known as the old Van Mater homestead. The birth of Mr. Jones was in this township, February 14, 1833, and he was a son of Hon. Samuel W. and Letty Ann (Smock) Jones, the former of whom was born in Burlington county, in 1808, and the latter in Monmouth county in 1806.

The maternal ancestry of our subject reaches as far back as 1654, when Hendrick Smock left his home in Holland and came to the United States, bringing with him his wife, formerly Geerje Hermans, who died in 1708. Mr. Smock settled in New Utrecht, New Jersey, purchasing land in 1665. In 1687 he took the oath of allegiance to the new government and served as a magistrate until 1689. His children were as follows: Matthias, Johannis, Marritje, Lecudert, Sarah, Martyntje and Rebecca. Johannis Smock removed to Monmouth county and in 1672 married Catherine Barents, to whom were born: Hendrick, Barnes, Martje, Anna and Femmeke. Hendrick Smock, son of Johannis, was born in 1668 and died on May 30, 1747. He married Mary Schanck in 1721, and eight children were born to them. John Smock, son of Hendrick, was born in 1727, and in 1747 married Elizabeth Conover, who bore twelve children, of whom George, the direct ancestor, was born on November 24, 1754, married his first wife, Sarah Conover, in 1770, and on November 27, 1794, married his

second wife, Margaret Van Deventer. The children of the first marriage were as follows: John, Aaron, Hendrick, Peter, George, Mary and an infant; and the children of the second marriage were these: Jacob; Janett; Sarah; Elizabeth; Jane; Letty Ann, the mother of our subject; Isaac J.; and Eleanor.

Hon. Samuel W. Jones, who was the father of our subject, was one of the leading Democratic statesmen of Monmouth county. When a mere boy, he was brought to Monmouth county and lived in Vanderburg for some seven years, engaged in farming in the county, and was here married to Letty Ann Smoock, as above stated. In 1839 he returned to Burlington county, but in 1846 returned to Monmouth county, which was his home until his death in 1885, his wife surviving until her eightieth year. Samuel W. Jones was a man of energy and industry, and applied himself to the improvement of his five hundred acres of land. Prominent in public affairs and enjoying the confidence of his fellow-citizens, he was called upon to fill many of the minor offices, and in 1850 he was made assemblyman and filled that honorable position with a dignity and efficiency which reflected credit upon him and also upon his constituency. His early training in religious matters had been in a community of Friends, but later he became associated with the German Reformed church. His family of children numbered ten; nine of these grew to maturity, and eight still survive.

William L. Jones, who is the subject of this biography, was the second in order of birth in the family of his parents. He attended school both in Burlington and Monmouth counties, but has resided continuously in Monmouth county since he was thirteen years of age. By trade Mr. Jones is a carpenter, but he is more than that, being in reality a natural mechanic, handling the tools of both carpenter and wheelwright with more than usual skill. For twenty years he has been engaged in building in Holmdel, and in addition has demonstrated, since 1892, that he is also a practical and successful farmer. His specialty is the breeding of fine strains of poultry, and he owns great numbers of fancy and full-blooded birds, some of these bringing the highest prices ever paid in this county.

The marriage of Mr. Jones was in 1863 to Miss Catherine Holmes, and to this union two sons were born, namely: Jonathan H., who is a merchant in Vanderburg; and Charles W., who manages the poultry business on his father's farm. The family are connected with the Dutch Reformed church, where they are constant attendants and to which they are liberal supporters. Mr. Jones is well known in this locality and enjoys the esteem of the neighborhood in the highest degree.

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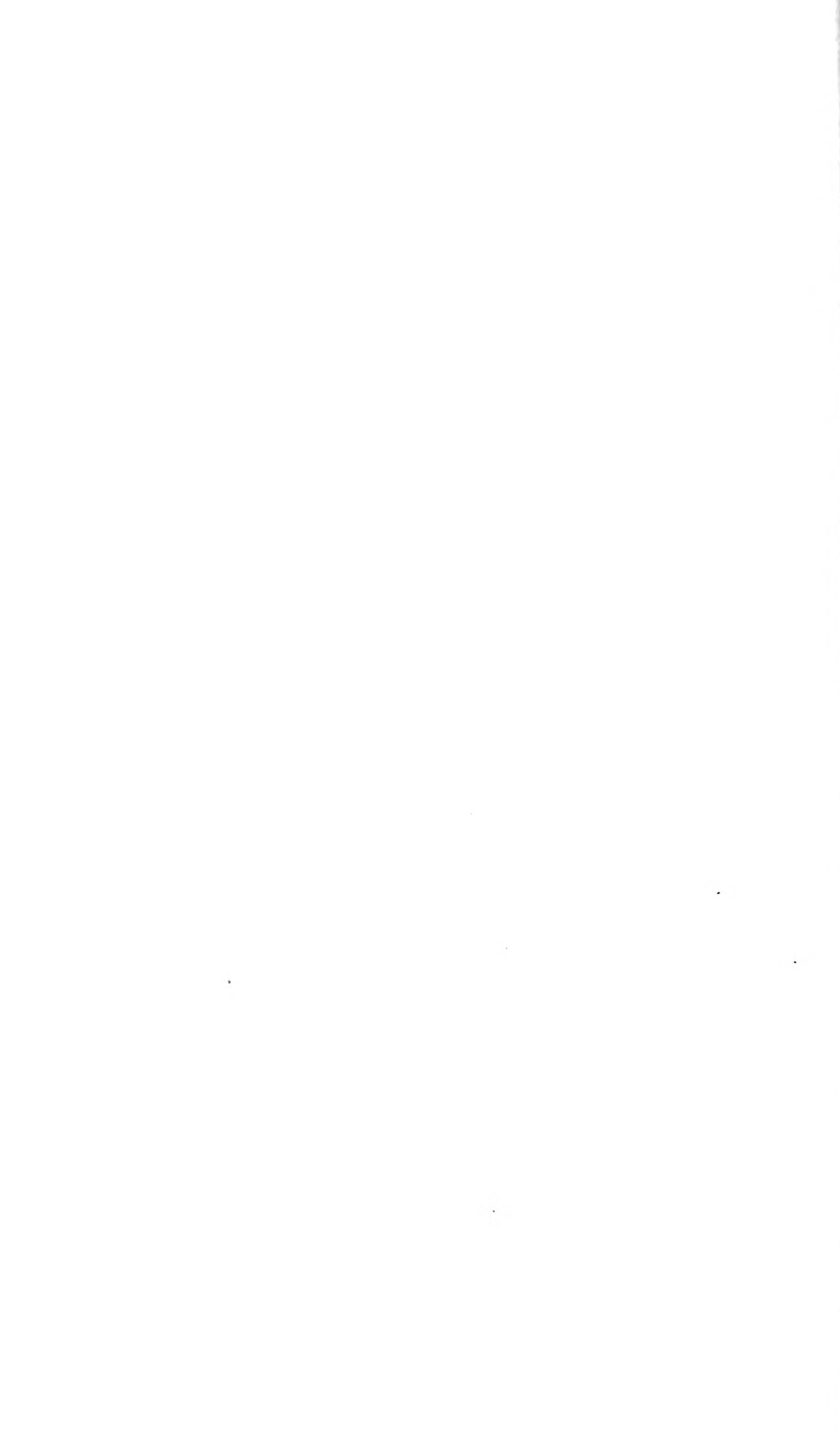
#### CORNELIUS ACKERSON.

Cornelius Ackerson, one among the prominent financiers and useful men of Monmouth county, residing at Keyport, comes of honored Dutch stock of the early colonial times.

The first three generations of the family in America are named in "The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record" for July, 1876. According to this authority, Jan Thomaszen j. m. Van de Manhattans, who came from Holland, married (November 8, 1865) Appolonia Cornelis, daughter of Cornelis Claeszen Sintz (Sintzart, Wit-) and of Ariento (Gefinnie Adrian) Cornelis—she was baptized October 25, 1648. The issue of this marriage was twelve children, and in each case the baptismal record gives the name of the father as Jan Thomaszen. About the year 1692 he assumed the surname of Ackerson, and this form was retained by his children as their family name. It is to be noted, however, that in the Dutch church



*Cornelius Anderson.*



records of New York the name variously appears as Echons, Eckens, Eckes, Eckerson, Ekkisse, Etkins, and with other modifications.

Cornelis Eckerson, third child of Jan Thomaszen (Eckerson), was baptized April 9, 1671. August 24, 1693, he married Wilentje Vlierboom j. d.; both lived at Tappan, New York. Their children were: Jan, baptized June 26, 1695, died in infancy; Malthye, baptized November 8, 1696, married, first, Margrietje Blauvelt, second, Jannetje Straat; Jan, baptized March 22, 1696, married Geesie Straat; Cornelis, baptized January 12, 1701, married Rachal Blauvel; Jacob, baptized February 28, 1703, married Tryntje (Catherine) Hartje; Thomas, baptized March 3, 1706, married Elizabeth Meyer. The marriages herein noted are believed to be as given, but are not of record.

Jan Eckerson, third child of the above named Cornelis Eckerson, by his marriage with Geesie Straat became the father of the following named children, as appears from church records: Cornelius, born August 14, 1723; Dirk, born February 12, 1728; Jan, born October 18, 1730; Treyntje, born March 6, 1734, died in infancy; Jacob, born November 30, 1735, married Susanna Sarven; Tryntje, born January 5, 1739; Garret, born February 24, 1743.

Garret, youngest child of Jan Eckerson and Geesie Straat, born in Rockland county, New York, gave the family name its present form of Ackerson. He served with gallantry in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, as it is attested by the fact that he rose to the rank of captain. He died May 30, 1811, aged sixty-eight years, three months and six days. His remains were interred in the Warwick cemetery, and his memory as a patriot soldier is honored on Decoration Day, as are those of other heroes of later wars. Captain Garret Ackerson married Doreas Springsteen and removed to Warwick, Orange county, New York. Seven children were born of this marriage: James, John, Garret, Cornelius, Jane, Betsy and Mary. Cornelius, the fourth son in this family, born in Warwick, New York, in 1782, married Sarah, daughter of Elijah Townsend, of Dutchess county, New York, and they became the parents of five children: John T., deceased; William W., deceased; Maria A., who became Mrs. Joseph Hoff; Henry E.; and Ann Eliza, who became Mrs. Joseph H. Gibson.

Henry E. Ackerson, third and only surviving son of Cornelius Ackerson, of the last named family, was born July 24, 1821, at Warwick, Orange county, New York. When he was quite young his parents removed to Monmouth county, New Jersey. His educational advantages in the common schools were limited, and his youth was principally occupied in farm labor. On attaining his majority he farmed with his father on shares, and when the father died he inherited a share of the paternal estate, and purchasing the remainder continued to manage the farm from that time forward. For a time, beginning in 1865, he was also interested in a stock company which owned the propeller "Holmdel," and for two years he was master of that vessel, which plied between Keyport and New York City. In 1840 he was united in marriage to Mary, daughter of William Hyer, of Matawan, and their children were: Sarah, who became the wife of Daniel I. Stillwell; Cornelius; and Margaret, who became the wife of George H. Melville.

Cornelius Ackerson, only son of Captain Henry E. and Mary (Hyer) Ackerson, and sixth in direct descent from Jan Thomaszen (Eckerson), the founder of the family in America, was born in Holmdel township, near Hazlet, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 11, 1852. He received his initial education in the district schools of his native place, and during his eighteenth year entered Packard's Business College, in New York City, from which institution he was graduated with a thorough training in a commercial course. He afterward became a farmer, a voca-

tion which he successfully pursued for sixteen years. He removed to Keyport, April 1, 1890, to become identified with the People's National Bank of that place, subsequently retiring from the directorate to accept the position of assistant cashier, in which capacity he served until July 1, 1900, when he was advanced to his present position of cashier. Mr. Ackerson is a member of the board of water commissioners of Keyport, and is also treasurer of that body, and is a member of the Keyport board of education. In various other ways he has rendered material aid in advancing the business and general interests of the town. Careful and exact in his methods, dispassionate in judgment, and of uncompromising integrity, he is regarded as especially trustworthy in all financial concerns. He is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally he is connected with Coronal Council, No. 1456, Royal Arcanum, in which he is past regent.

On February 3, 1875, Mr. Ackerson was married to Miss Anna B. Stilwell, a daughter of John S. Stilwell, of Hazlet. Two sons were born of this marriage, Henry E., Jr., and Cecil S. Ackerson.

Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., oldest son of Cornelius and Anna B. (Stillwell) Ackerson, was born at Hazlet, Monmouth county, New Jersey, October 15, 1880. He was graduated from the Keyport high school on June 8, 1898, and from Packard's Business College, New York City, on June 7, 1900, with honors in each instance. He entered upon the study of law in the New York Law School, and on June 12, 1902, was graduated from that institution with honors and at the head of his class of one hundred and forty members, winning the highest distinction, the fellowship prize. His splendid success was the more pronounced in view of the fact that in the competitive examinations of the course the majority of his classmates were college bred men of more mature years. Immediately after his graduation, on June 14, he registered for the New Jersey bar from the law office of Blair, Crouse & Perkins, of Jersey City.

Cecil S. Ackerson, second son of Cornelius and Anna B. (Stilwell) Ackerson, was born at Hazlet, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on October 28, 1887. He was promoted with honor to the senior class of the Keyport high school on June 4, 1902.

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#### RUFUS OGDEN WALLING.

Rufus Ogden Walling, pharmacist of Keyport and Matawan, New Jersey, was born October 11, 1879, at Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He is the youngest of the children of the late Alfred and Henrietta (Ogden) Walling, whose personal memoirs are contained in this volume. Rufus Ogden Walling was graduated from Keyport high school in 1895. While a student at Keyport he was during a portion of his time from 1893 associated in a clerical capacity with a cousin of the late Alfred W. Hoff, pharmacist of Atlantic Highlands and Keyport. Determining upon the adoption of the pharmaceutical profession Mr. Walling entered the New York College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. In 1898 he purchased from the A. W. Hoff estate the Keyport drug store, in the successful conduct of which he has since been engaged. In 1901 he added a branch establishment at Matawan, purchasing, restocking and generally improving the American Bell store at that place. Mr. Walling is president of Raritan Hose Company No. 2, of Keyport, a member of Bay Side Lodge, No. 193, I. O. O. F., and of Caesarea Lodge, of Keyport, F. & A. M. He was married December 2, 1901, to Miss Mary Hanson De Groff, daughter of William P. De Groff, of Keyport, whose personal history is contained in this volume.





Rufus O. Walling.



## JUDGE ALFRED WALLING, JR.

The late Judge Alfred Walling, Jr., was a grandson of Cornelius Walling, who was one of the prominent and successful agriculturists of Raritan (now Middletown) township, Monmouth county. Cornelius Walling married Elizabeth Murphy, a member of one of the oldest families of the county. The children of this marriage who lived to attain maturity were Alfred, Eusebius, Elizabeth (widow of Thomas V. Arrowsmith, of Keyport), and Amelia (wife of Thomas B. Stout, also of Keyport). Of these but one, Mrs. Arrowsmith, survives. Mr. Walling was an influential citizen of the county, having represented his district in the state legislature and filled various offices of lesser importance.

His son, Alfred, whose birth occurred at the homestead in Raritan township on the 10th of June, 1812, at a later period of his life removed to Keyport, where he resided until his death, having been among its earliest citizens and largely identified with its development and progress. He was for years associated with Leonard Walling, Esq., as a merchant, and later adopted the profession of a land surveyor. His services were also much sought in the settlement of estates and the execution of important trusts requiring not only financial ability but marked integrity. He was elected to the state legislature in 1844, and was especially active in affairs of a local character. His death occurred on the 8th of November, 1875. Mr. Walling married Elizabeth, daughter of John Stout. Their children were: Matilda, wife of Jeremiah Hoff, resides at Keyport; Eusebius died at the age of eighteen; and Alfred Walling, Jr., the immediate subject of these memoirs.

Judge Alfred Walling, Jr., was born on the 26th of October, 1845, at Keyport, Monmouth county, where, with the exception of two years spent in mercantile life in New York, he continued to reside up to the time of his decease, November, 1897. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, and for ten years associated with his father as an engineer and surveyor, combining with this pursuit the business of conveyancing. Meanwhile, having begun the study of law, he was admitted to the bar in 1874, and at once became established in practice in Keyport. He continued the successful pursuit of his profession until 1879, the date of his appointment as law judge of Monmouth county by Governor McClellan, an office which he continued to fill by successive gubernatorial appointments until 1890, serving with marked ability. Judge Walling manifested his patriotism at the age of sixteen by enlisting for the late Civil war; but being a minor, his services were rejected. He, however, was identified with the state militia as captain of Company G, Third Regiment National Guards of New Jersey, in 1860, and as major of the same regiment, which commission was also received during that year. Judge Walling was identified with the material, social and moral interests of Keyport, and co-operated in various enterprises tending to advance the development of the place. He was for several years president of Monmouth Trust Company, Asbury Park. He was a director of the First National Bank of Keyport, having formerly held the same relation to the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Matawan. His political affiliations were with the Democracy, by which party he was in early manhood nominated for a legislative position, but which he at the time declined. Subsequently he was nominated and elected to the assembly and served one term.

A prominent member of the bar of Monmouth county paid the following tribute to Judge Walling during the latter's lifetime: "As a man he is mild and unassuming in his manner, yet very resolute and inflexible when once convinced as to his proper course. He is courteous in his relations and honorable in his dealings, having established an enviable reputation both as lawyer and judge. Since presiding on

the bench he has examined with great care both the law and the facts in the various cases under his jurisdiction. Impartial in his dealings, he has commanded the unanimous approval and respect of the Monmouth county bar." Judge Walling, on the 9th of January, 1867, married Henrietta, daughter of Rufus Ogden, whose personal memoirs are contained herein. Their children were Alnetta, who became wife of Dr. R. W. Jewett, of Keyport; and Rufus O. Walling (see sketch in this volume).

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#### DANIEL HENDRICKSON ROBINSON.

Among the well known farmers of Raritan township, Keansburg Postoffice, the name of Daniel H. Robinson deserves a conspicuous place. Mr. Robinson was born near Old Bridge, on July 28, 1836. He is the son of the late George G. and Catherine (Hendrickson) Robinson. His father was born December 28, 1806, and departed this life November 15, 1871. The mother of our subject was born December 1, 1809, and died July 12, 1859. Their children were as follows: Ann L., now deceased, who was the wife of John J. Antonides, a farmer; Thomas W., now residing in Iowa; Ellen H., who died in childhood; Elmira, wife of John McGrogan, of Paterson, New Jersey; our subject, Daniel H.; Mary E., wife of Albert Polhemius; James H., who met his death during the Civil war; Marsenia, wife of Joseph Pope, of New York City; Henrietta, wife of John Polhemius, both now deceased; and John Franklin Robinson, of Asbury Park.

For many years the father of our subject was proprietor of a hotel, which he erected on the shore of the bay at Keansburg, a location not far distant from where Daniel H. now lives, a business in which our subject was interested in early manhood. On the maternal side our subject's grandfather, Daniel D. Hendrickson was a captain in the war of the Revolution, and made for himself a splendid record, which is a source of pride to his descendants.

Daniel H. Robinson, the subject of our sketch, purchased the farm which he now devotes successfully to the cultivation of fruit trees, the raising of a general line of garden truck, and the growing of asparagus.

He was united in marriage July 7, 1857, to Ellen Hayward, daughter of John and Ellen Hayward, of New York City, where she was born February 23, 1834. Four children were born to them, namely: Emma, born May 7, 1859, who died March 14, 1875; George G., born June 7, 1864, died June 2, 1866; William B., born December 2, 1861, a farmer, who married Eva Eastmand, daughter of Thomas J. Eastmand; and Inez, born in March, 1866.

In politics Mr. Robinson is a Democrat, but he has preferred to live a quiet and retired life rather than engage in political strife. Mrs. Robinson's parents were natives of Sheffield, England.

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#### JAMES P. B. BENNETT.

Among the prosperous and highly-esteemed young agriculturists of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is James P. B. Bennett, who was born in Middletown township, this county, on May 28, 1862. His parents were the late John O. and E. L. (Conover) Bennett, the former of whom was one of the excellent farmers of this locality. By his second marriage, with the mother of our subject, he acquired this excellent farm,

which was formerly a part of the Conover estate. Mr. Bennett was noted for his fine horses and took great pride in possessing a number of high-bred animals. The two surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are our subject and his brother, William.

James P. B. Bennett received his early education in the public schools of his native township and later enjoyed higher advantages in the New York City Grammar School, No. 59. In 1886, about the time of his marriage, Mr. Bennett bought the home farm. It is situated near Vanderburg and consists of one hundred and thirty-five acres of the most desirable land, under great improvement and a high state of cultivation. The principal crop that Mr. Bennett raises is asparagus, his proximity to large cities insuring ready sale and great demand for this delicious vegetable.

The marriage of Mr. Bennett was to Miss Maggie P. Conover, a native of Atlantic township, where she was born on July 7, 1867, and was a daughter of D. Rezeau and Eleanor Conover. To this union these children have been born, namely: Nellie L., born February 3, 1887; Emma W., born on July 4, 1888; Ada C., born on January 31, 1890; Maggie, born on March 3, 1891; Charles A., born on October 9, 1892; Bertha, born on January 17, 1894; and John O., born on April 17, 1895.

Mr. Bennett is one of the energetic and popular young men of his township and the confidence of his fellow citizens was shown by his election to the office of school trustee, in which position he discharged the duties to the satisfaction of all through three years. He is thoroughly representative among the excellent citizens of Monmouth county.



#### JOHN HENRY SMOCK.

The threads of the history of the family of Smock, of which John H. Smock, a prominent farmer of Holmdel, whose postoffice address is at Matawan, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a representative, reach back into those events which make up the early history of that part of the state. Mr. Smock's farm of two hundred and thirty acres has been owned in his family for four generations.

Mr. Smock's great-grandfather in the maternal line was Cornelius Cowenhoven (Conover), a Hollander, who emigrated to America about 1692, bringing with him a brother and sister, who married into the Schenck family. Together they took up about one thousand acres of land and each built a house which is standing at this time in good condition. A part of the residence of Mr. Smock is one of those old houses which was rebuilt by Mr. Smock's father over eighty years ago. The Smocks came over from Holland about the year 1700, and the original progenitor of the family here is believed to have been Mathias Smock (then spelled Shmolek), who brought with him a coat of arms dated about 1654, which is held to be certain evidence that the family was related to royalty. With the Smocks came members of the families of Vandever, Polhemius, Leffert, Van Mater, Romine and Aten. The farm now owned by John H. Smock came into the ownership of his uncle, Daniel G. Schenck, from whom it passed to his father, George G. Smock, whose first wife was Sarah S. Smock, who bore him five children, named as follows: Eleanor S., married Garrett G. Polhemius, and both are dead; Garrett G., Daniel G. and Robert C. are dead; John H., who is the immediate subject of this sketch. George G. Smock's second wife was Ellen, a daughter of Ruloff and Mary (Van Doren) Smock, who bore him no children. They were zealous members and supporters of the Dutch Reformed church at Holmdel.

John H. Smock was born on the farm on which he now lives, October 10, 1827, and was educated in the common schools near his home. He early took up the life of a farmer, and was married January 13, 1870, to Jane W. Van Doren, who was born March 14, 1845, a daughter of Isaac P. and Eleanor Conover (Hankinson) Van Doren, of Marlboro township.

The Van Dorens were of Holland-Dutch ancestry. The original progenitors came to America about 1690, and a member of this family is said to have been the first white child christened in the county of Monmouth; the ceremony is believed to have been performed in the Baptist church at Middletown. Peter Van Doren, a Hollander, and a grandfather of Mrs. Smock, was the original progenitor of the family in New Jersey. He was a zealous supporter of the Dutch Reformed church and was an active factor in the organization of "the old brick church." He married Jane Williamson, who bore him eleven children, named: Arthur, William, Jacob, Peter, Isaac, Polly, Sarah, Albert, Ann, Williampe E. and Jane. Isaac, the father of Mrs. Smock, received a good education and early in life was a farmer, but eventually he became a millwright and as such achieved extraordinary success. He was deeply interested in political affairs and as a Democrat was elected to many important township offices. He married Eleanor Conover Hankinson, daughter of Captain Kenneth Hankinson, who between 1760 and 1790 owned most of the desirable land, amounting to several thousand acres, in what is now Manalapan. He was an extensive farmer, miller, distiller and lumberman, and in his time was known as one of the wealthy men of the state. He fought for American independence in the war of the Revolution with the rank of captain. Mrs. Smock's grandfather Van Doren and her father were soldiers in the war of 1812, and three of her brothers fought for the Union cause in our late Civil war. Her brother William enlisted as a private and was elected first lieutenant of his company and for gallantry was afterward promoted to be its captain. Mr. Smock's grandfather Smock fought seven years during the American Revolution for the cause of the colonies and his father was a soldier in the war of 1812. Peter and Eleanor Conover (Hankinson) Van Doren had four daughters and two sons. Their posterity is now quite numerous, and some of their descendants have attained uncommon prominence, one of their grand-sons having been the late Governor William A. Newell, who is distinguished as the inventor of the life-saving service now in use by the United States government, one of the most beneficent and practical inventions of the last century.

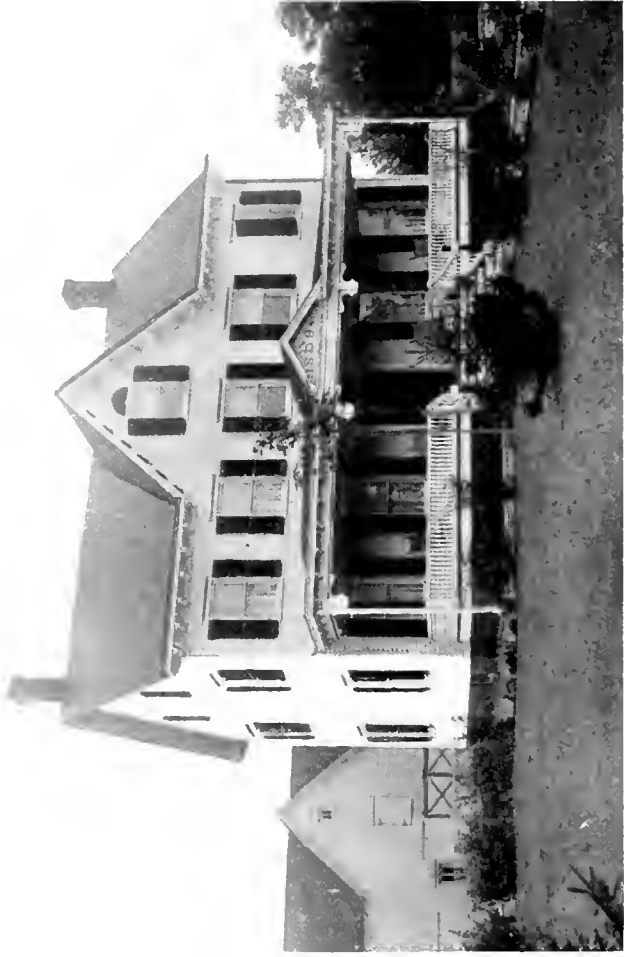
Mr. and Mrs. Smock have in their house many ancient relics, all of which are from two to three hundred years old and some of which were brought from Holland by the original American ancestors of the family. Among these articles are many odd pieces of furniture, including chairs, sofas and clocks, together with a warming stove for the feet, curious dishes, a "gossiping stick" and numerous other things of interest.

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#### ROBERT L. BROWN.

Classed among the prominent and enterprising farmers of Raritan township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is found the subject of this review, Robert L. Brown, who is a native son of this state. He is a son of Henry P. and Eliza (Byers) Brown, both natives of the north of Ireland, the former born in 1828 and the latter in 1830. They were married in their native land, and in 1850 came to America, locating on land which is still owned by members of the family. The father passed away in this





RESIDENCE OF JOHN E. BECKMANN.





JOHN E. BECKMANN.



county in 1883, but the mother is still living, having reached the age of seventy-one years. They had a family of nine children, all of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Joseph, a commission merchant of Denver, Colorado; Mary A., the deceased wife of William Coe; William, a farmer of Raritan township; Jane, deceased; Eliza and Emma, who make their home with their mother; Robert L., our subject; Elsie, a resident of Asbury Park; and Richard, who resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead.

Robert L. Brown was born on the farm on which he still resides, on the 4th of July, 1861. He received his education in the common schools of the locality, and early in life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, having since been engaged in the tilling of the soil. He now conducts his farm in a scientific manner and is extensively engaged in the raising of vegetables and small fruits. He was married on the 14th of April, 1896, to Anna Walling, who was born March 15, 1897, a daughter of William R. and Marie (Nivison) Walling, both natives of Monmouth county, their ancestors having been among its earliest settlers. He has followed agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, and is now employed as superintendent of the poor farm at Keyport. Unto our subject and wife have been born two children.—Laura and Robert. Mr. Brown votes with the Democracy, and religiously the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Keansburg. The family is one of prominence in Monmouth county, where they have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### JOHN EIBE BECKMANN.

Most of the prominent citizens living at and about Coltsneck, Monmouth county, New Jersey, are descendants of old New Jersey families. A notable exception are the Beckmanns, John Frederick and John Eibe, who are natives of Germany, and possess all those sterling qualities which mark the German character.

John E. Beckmann is a merchant doing business at Brooklyn, New York, who has established a palatial summer residence near Coltsneck, near the elegant home of his brother, John F. Beckmann, who is a wealthy farmer. John E. Beckmann was born in Germany in 1852 and came to America in 1869 and located in New York City, where for six years he was engaged in the grocery business and for three years after that in the dairy business. He began business life for himself in 1878, when he established a grocery, which he managed successfully until 1889. After taking a vacation, during which he made an extensive tour through the west and a voyage to his native land, in which he traveled extensively, in 1891, he again established himself in the grocery trade at 1031 Flushing avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which he has built up to large proportions. He purchased his place at Coltsneck in 1897, in the following year built the handsome structure and outbuildings which constitute his summer home, and has since devoted much of his spare time to its improvement. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has passed through all the chairs of his lodge. Since 1885 Mr. Beckmann has been a member of the New Jersey Corps of Schutzen.

John F. Beckmann, elder brother of John E. Beckmann, was born in Germany in 1846, and emigrated to America in 1866, and for a short time lived at St. Louis, Missouri. Then locating in New York, he was in the milk trade there until 1868, when he removed to California, where until 1889 he was employed as delivery clerk and baggage agent for the Southern Pacific Railway Company. He then re-

turned to his native country, where his daughter was finishing her education, and that same year purchased a farm of sixty acres, which he named Silver farm; this was his home until 1895, when he removed to his present beautiful place near Colts-neck. He married Miss Augusta Kemps in 1874, and she bore him a daughter named Ann Sophie. By his present wife, who was Miss Johannah Snedeker and whom he married in 1890, he has a daughter named Harriet L.

John E. Beckmann has made repeated trips to the land of his birth, which have necessitated his crossing the Atlantic ten times, and counting his first voyage over he has crossed eleven times. Notwithstanding Messrs. Beckmann are patriotic lovers of their fatherland, they are at the same time thorough Americans, alive to the interests of their adopted country and solicitous for its progress and prosperity. The parents of these wide-awake German-American citizens were Henry F. and Sophia Beckmann.

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#### ALFRED H. MORTON.

Alfred H. Morton, treasurer and general manager of the American Rice Food & Manufacturing Company, was born July 12, 1853. He is the son of the late James and Jane Morton, natives of England, where they were married and from whence they came to the United States, locating in New York City. James Morton was a manufacturer of glass, with offices in Duane street, New York City. He is now deceased, but his widow survives him and lives at Matawan with her son, the immediate subject of this sketch.

Alfred H. Morton was educated in the schools of Monmouth county, New Jersey. His first business connection was in a clerical capacity at Matawan, and he was then for a number of years employed as traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house in New York City. Since 1896 his business associations have been in connection with the manufacturing of Cook's Flaked Rice. The plant is at Matawan, New Jersey, and for particulars concerning this industry see sketch of Mr. H. H. Longstreet, in this volume. Mr. Morton was married, in 1893, to Minnie, daughter of the late Sidney Walling, of Matawan, and they have one child, Mildred Morton. The family reside at Matawan and attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### AZARIAH CONOVER HURLEY.

Azariah Conover Hurley, city surveyor of Red Bank and Atlantic Highlands, who pursues his profession of civil engineering principally in Monmouth county, New Jersey, with offices and home at Red Bank, was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 25, 1857. He is a son of the late Hudson and Eleanor (Bennett) Hurley, natives of Monmouth county and descendants respectively of the early Scotch-Irish and German colonial settlers of New Jersey. The late Hudson Hurley was one of the prominent agriculturists of the community and he died April 30, 1880, while his wife, Eleanor S. Hurley, died April 27, 1881. Of their children three survive: Margaret A., wife of James Allen, of Red Bank; Lafayette Hurley, also a resident of Red Bank; and A. C. Hurley, the immediate subject of this sketch.

The last named received a common-school education, assisted in the cultivation

of his father's farm and was thereafter variously employed up to 1881, when he entered the service of George Cooper, a civil engineer. Under his especially competent preceptorship Mr. Hurley thoroughly mastered the profession which he has since followed. He was continuously associated with Mr. Cooper up to the time of the latter's decease, in 1896, and during the following year attended to the winding up of the latter's business as manager for the widow of the deceased. He has since been engaged in the same pursuit. The late George Cooper laid out Atlantic Highlands, and with him in his work Mr. Hurley was associated. Later he very naturally succeeded Mr. Cooper to the surveyorship of the place named. He was appointed surveyor of Red Bank in 1897. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party and his fraternal connection is with the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, the Order of the United American Mechanics, the Improved Order of Heptasophs and the Independent Order of Foresters. He was married January 6, 1887, to Margaret A., daughter of Cyrenius V. Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley have four children, Frederick T., George C. D., Azariah C. and Howard J., and the family reside at the corner of Bridge and Herbert avenues, Red Bank:

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JOHN B. GROVER.

A vein of romance threads its way into the early history of the founders of the Grover family in this country. John B., our subject, traces his line of ancestry from James Grover, who came into possession of six hundred acres of land, situated in Monmouth county, New Jersey, by will of his uncle, an early settler of Shrewsbury, to whom these lands were originally granted by King James II of England. The unique and romantic condition imposed on the legatee was that he should marry at the age of eighteen years. From time immemorial conditions of equal and surpassing strangeness have been laid upon gifts of this character, but few have been much easier of fulfillment than the one imposed upon young James Grover. Therefore, looking about for a suitable helpmate, he selected Deborah, daughter of William Vorhees, whose family consisted of twelve promising children, nine of whom arrived at maturity.

James Grover was one of the first citizens of Leedsville. His popularity was attested by his being selected by the people of Monmouth county to represent them in the New Jersey legislature. His wise conduct of the affairs of the office and his close adherence to the interests of those he represented reflected credit not only upon himself but upon those who had made him their mouthpiece. He was a prominent and interested member of the Presbyterian church, a devout man who contributed generously to every holy and righteous enterprise of the church of his choice.

John B. Grover, whose name precedes this chronicle, was born on the old Grover homestead, situated in Middletown township, on July 27, 1830. His education was acquired in the public schools. His initiation into business was among agricultural lines; this he abandoned in 1858 for mercantile trade, which he followed successfully at Red Bank up to the year 1876, at which time he determined to carry on farming again; this he continued for some time, but finally disposed of his property, interesting himself extensively in building-sand, a large bank of which he owns. He is also interested in other real estate.

The old Grover homestead in which our subject was born and received his early training was originally built by his granduncle in 1736; this date is authentic, since it is plainly cut into the old shingles of the roof which still form ample protection against wind and weather.

Mr. Grover married Miss Sarah A., daughter of William and Elizabeth Borden, in 1854; to them were born six children, four of them being now living, viz.: William B., Elizabeth B., James, Abbie L.; Charles C. and Caroline are deceased. Mrs. Grover is a native of Monmouth and a member of an old and illustrious family, of whom mention is made in this work. Mr. Grover and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Red Bank.

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#### JUDGE JOHN REMSEN.

No man in Monmouth county became the ideal citizen, attained the affection of his neighbors or the lasting regard of the Democratic party in a higher degree perhaps than Judge John Remsen. The uprightness of his private life, his simple, unassuming ways, his keen, analytical mind, and shrewdness as a political manager placed him among the eminent men of his locality.

Judge Remsen was born in New York City in 1819, a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Palmer) Remsen. The father was an officer in the war of the Revolution. The family is of Holland Dutch descent and came to America many years prior to the memorable struggle for independence. The Judge remained in the place of his nativity until reaching middle life, having been engaged in mercantile pursuits, and after coming to New Jersey he was engaged for several years as wrecking master along the coast of Monmouth county and at the station at Spring Lake. He was subsequently appointed to the responsible position of judge, in which he served for two terms, and it is needless to say that he proved an able administrator of the affairs of this important office. He was a man of stalwart simplicity and fine discrimination between right and wrong, and an accurate reader of human character.

Judge Remsen was united in marriage with Jane F. Osborn, of Spring Lake, a daughter of Captain Forman and Elizabeth (Bailey) Osborn, the history of whom is given with that of Abram Osborn, a brother of Mrs. Remsen. Four children were born unto this union, namely: Carrie, the wife of Dr. Abram E. Frantz, of Wilmington, Delaware; Bessie R., wife of Gilson S. Humphrey, a retired merchant of Binghamton, New York; Edward W., who married Miss Flora Campbell and lives in retirement on his farm at Spring Lake Beach, Monmouth county; and J. Howard, who married his cousin, May Osborn, and is a retired farmer in Manasquan, Monmouth county. In political matters the Judge allied his interests with those of the Democracy, and was an active and influential worker in the ranks of his party. He was always considered an impartial and fair-minded judge, as well as a prosperous and influential business man, and when called from the scene of earth's activities, on the 17th of November, 1884, the community mourned the loss of one of its truest and best citizens. His life was characterized by energy, perseverance and determination, and as a man of business and as an honorable Christian gentleman no man had a clearer record or was more highly respected than he.

The widow of Judge Remsen makes her home at Spring Lake, Monmouth county, New Jersey, where she has a beautiful cottage.

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#### FREDERICK ELISHA HALL.

There is scarcely a more popular man in Belmar, New Jersey, than the subject of this sketch, Frederick Elisha Hall, who was born at Farmingdale, New Jersey, on July 2, 1872. He is the son of Edwin Louis and Mary Anna (Stillwell) Hall. The





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first of the family to settle in America was a native of Scotland, who located at Farmingdale, New Jersey, where Britton Hall, the grandfather of our subject, was born. Up to the time of Edward Louis Hall, father of subject, the family followed agricultural pursuits. Edward was born at Farmingdale, where he was reared, and early began the mastery of the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he located at Spring Lake, New Jersey, where he was a contractor and builder for some years. He is now employed as superintendent of the Montana Gold Dredging Company, of Bannock, Montana. From 1886 to 1900 he served as the justice of the peace for Wall township, and no man could have more faithfully or honestly performed the duties of the office. He organized the Spring Lake volunteer fire department, was its first chief, and also a member of council of the borough of Spring Lake for several years, which he was instrumental in organizing.

Mr. Hall, our subject, was educated at the public schools of Como, New Jersey, and graduated from the high school in 1887. He has been employed for fifteen years in various positions on the New York & Long Branch Railroad; was station agent at Como from October, 1896, to May, 1899; he was promoted to the responsible position of agent of the New York & Long Branch Railroad at Belmar on June 1, 1899, which he fills most acceptably. He is also agent for the Adams Express Company, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company and member of the firm of Dillon & Hall's Express. Mr. Hall takes quite an active interest in political affairs, being a member of the Wall township Democratic executive committee for Belmar. There is every promise that his career will be a brilliant one, if present indications count for anything. He is president of Good Will Hose Company No. 1, of Belmar, which proves the high esteem in which as a man of ability and intelligent foresight he is held.

Fraternally he is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Manasquan and of the Tribe of Improved Order of Red Men of Belmar, New Jersey. He is a member also of the Methodist Protestant church of North Spring Lake, of which he was elected trustee in 1898, and in which capacity he served three years.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage on August 17, 1892, to Miss Carrie Louise Algor; their three children are: Mildred Jennie, born March 15, 1894; Anna Lillian, born June 5, 1896; and Cora, born in August, 1898.

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#### T. FRANK APPLEBY.

None of the residents of Asbury Park has labored more industriously to advance the interests of the city than he whose name heads this sketch. From the time that he reached his majority he has not only been active in business and municipal affairs, but has also been foremost among those to whom the material prosperity of the city is largely due.

T. Frank Appleby, son of Theodore F. and Margaret S. (Mount) Appleby, was born October 10, 1864, at Old Bridge, Middlesex county, New Jersey. In 1875 the family moved to Asbury Park, where the father of our subject, in addition to pursuing his occupation as a merchant, invested in real estate. He built the Appleby house on First avenue, north of which streets had not then been laid out. He afterward built the Hotel Bristol.

The boyhood days of our subject, until his eleventh year, were passed at Old Bridge. He was educated at Pennington Seminary and at Fort Edward Collegiate

Institute, from which he was graduated in 1885. While at the Collegiate Institute he was deeply interested in athletics, and while at Pennington acted as captain of the football team. His summers were passed at Asbury Park, and during those months he was not idle, doing many small things that brought him a few dollars.

At the age of twenty-one he began his business career by becoming a member of the real estate and insurance firm of Willisford, Dey & Company. He at once became active in his line of business, and from the start gave indications of what the future would bring. Having unbounded confidence in the increase of the value of property along the New Jersey coast, and being willing to back his opinions by making investments in property, he found it necessary to sever his connections with his partner. Therefore in 1887 he established himself in business without a partner, and since then has conducted a large and profitable real estate and insurance business. He has bought large amounts of property, and has sold much thereof profitably. In 1886 he built the Appleby building, and in 1897 enlarged it by adding an additional story. It is the only office building with passenger elevator service in the city. He was one of the original company that laid out Allenhurst, and associated with Mr. Winsor, he laid out Bradley Park. His business extends up and down the coast for many miles and is by no means confined to the limits of Asbury Park.

For ten years he was a member of the board of education, during which time he served as president and district clerk, and as chairman of high school building committee. He also held membership on the state board of education for seven years, and by his splendid qualifications and activity made himself prominent in school affairs throughout the entire state.

In 1898 Mr. Appleby was elected to the city council, of which he is now president, and it was chiefly through his efforts that the local water rate was lowered from three dollars to one dollar a thousand cubic feet. He was also largely instrumental in changing the methods of conducting the financial affairs of the city and succeeded in reducing the interest charges. He is also president of the Wesley Engine Company; a director of both the Asbury Park Building & Loan Association and the New Jersey Fire Underwriters Association, a director of the Asbury Park & Ocean Grove Bank, and member of the board of directors of the board of trade. He takes an active interest in the doings of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and is also a member of the local Masonic lodge. Being a foremost real estate dealer, he is thoroughly informed on all matters pertaining to improvement, and is an acknowledged authority on such subjects.

A Republican in politics, he is classed as a conservative in local affairs, but has not confined his efforts in behalf of his party to this vicinity. In 1899 he was a delegate to the national Republican convention, and stumped the state for President McKinley. He also has been delegate to most of state and county conventions since 1896. He was one of the party that accompanied the President on his trip from Vice-President Hobart's home to Ocean Grove in 1899, when the auditorium at the latter place served as a rostrum for a number of talented speakers. At the big political meeting in Asbury Park in July, 1900, Mr. Appleby was temporary chairman, while Senator Mark Hanna filled that position permanently.

Mr. Appleby has been chairman for several years of the Joint Carnival Association, which conducts the carnival held annually on Wesley Lake. He was chairman of the Fourth of July celebration committee in 1900 and 1901, and at the celebration in the latter year read the Declaration of Independence. Possessed of a powerful and magnetic voice, together with natural declamatory ability, his delivery of

the forceful lines of Jefferson was received with marked interest and attention, and received words of praise from Dr. Talmage, who was the orator of the day.

In 1889 Mr. Appleby married Miss Alice Hoffman, of Lebanon, Hunterdon county, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Appleby are the parents of three children, Stewart, Harry and Theodore. He is a member and trustee of the First Methodist church and is deeply interested therein.

The career of Mr. Appleby as illustrated above proves most forcibly the power of energy and perseverance. He has made himself a success, and although devoted to his business, he has ever been willing to give of his time and means to all worthy public enterprises. No man has been more zealous in behalf of enterprises organized for the advancement of Asbury Park or for the well-being of its inhabitants.

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#### G. G. HOAGLAND, M. D.

Dr. G. G. Hoagland, one of the most capable and highly regarded physicians in the state, was born on February 16, 1857, at Griggstown, Somerset county, New Jersey, a son of John S. and Rachael (Garretson) Hoagland. He is descended from Holland Dutch ancestors, from one of four brothers who emigrated to America in 1638.

Lucas Hoagland, grandfather on the paternal side, was also born at Griggstown, and attended the public schools of that place; he then became a farmer in Hillsborough township, and spent the remainder of his life there. He was an old-line Whig in his political views, and he believed in the doctrines of the Reformed church. Mr. Hoagland was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Staats, and three sons were born to them, namely: Christopher and Peter, both deceased; and John S. Hoagland.

John S. Hoagland, father, also claims Griggstown for his birthplace, where he was reared and received his education. Upon the completion of his school days he worked for several years with his father on the old farm, but possessing excellent business qualifications and sound judgment, he was often requested to settle the estates of deceased farmers in the vicinity. He took an active interest in all municipal affairs, and his sympathies were with the Republican party. He filled most acceptably the office of justice of the peace for several years, and in the assembly of New Jersey he represented Somerset county for three successive terms. He was one of the founders of the Reformed church at Griggstown, and one of its most consistent members. He married Rachael Garretson, and the following three daughters and two sons have been born of this union: Cynthia, deceased; Phoebe, deceased; John, deceased; Dr. G. G.; and Maggie, deceased. Mr. Hoagland died on June 12, 1870.

Dr. G. G. Hoagland, son of the above named, attended the public schools of Griggstown, subsequently becoming a student at the Voorhees Institute at Middlebush, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1876. He then served as clerk in the drug store of William Rutt, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, in the meantime diligently pursuing a course of reading in medicine. He afterward entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, in 1881, and was graduated in 1884. He began the practice of his chosen profession at Franklin Park, New Jersey, and for ten years he ministered to an ever increasing and appreciative class of patrons. November 1, 1894, he removed to Keyport and engaged in the building up of a new practice there, which he has successfully accomplished through his ability as a physician and his genial and kindly manners.

Dr. Hoagland does not take an active part in political affairs, but his affiliations are with the Republican party. He is a member of Sir Walling Lodge, No. 109, Knights of Pythias, Cesarea Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M., Coronet Council, No. 1456,

Royal Arcanum, and is highly regarded by all his fraternal brethren for his many good qualities.

Dr. Hoagland was joined in marriage to Mary Beekman, daughter of Theodore Beekman, of Middlebush, New Jersey, on June 9, 1886. Their five children are as follows: Marjorie, Kathlene, Gardena, Barbara and Frederick Hoagland. Mrs. Hoagland died July 8, 1901.

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REV. JOSEPH NELSON BROWN.

Joseph Nelson Brown, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal congregation worshipping at West Creek, was born in Log Salem, Norfolk county, Ontario, July 23, 1850, of pious, industrious Scotch-American parents. He began his education in Walsingham, Ontario. In 1860 and 1861 he studied at Leon, West Virginia; in 1862, at Gallipolis, Ohio; in 1863-1864, again in Walsingham, Ontario; from 1865 to 1868, in Hudson, Michigan, and the following year in White Pigeon. In 1871 he was a matriculant in the Michigan State Normal, at Ypsilanti, where he remained for two and a half years; in 1874 and 1875 he pursued collegiate work in Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan, and from 1876 to 1880 at the Drew Theological Seminary, in Madison, New Jersey, from which institution he then graduated.

After his graduation he served as supply preacher on the Methodist charge, at Adrian, Michigan, and the following year entered the Methodist itinerancy in the Genesee conference, serving as pastor in the following churches in New York state: Lindley, six months as supply; thence as a member of the conference he was stationed at Hartsville in 1881; North and East Gainesville, in 1882; West Sparta, in 1883; Machias, in 1884; Centerville and Eagle, in 1885 and 1886; and Short Tract, in 1887. The following year he was transferred to the Newark conference and stationed at East Millstone, New Jersey; in 1889 and 1890, at Coolbaugh, Pennsylvania; in 1891 and 1892, at Mount Freedom, New Jersey; at Broadway, New Jersey, in 1893 and 1894; and at South Centerville, New York, in 1895 and 1896. In 1897 he was transferred to the New Jersey conference and stationed at Windsor, where he remained for two years; in 1899 and 1900, at Crosswicks; and in 1901 at Hamilton, where the membership numbers about one hundred. It is the only religious organization in the village and one of the oldest of its denomination in the county of Monmouth, its history extending back to the beginning of the nineteenth century. In its early days its services were held in school houses, after the manner of the times, and in 1836 its first house of worship was erected by Jonathan Yomans, a member of the board of trustees, and was known as Yoman's Chapel. The present house of worship has been standing twelve years and is one of the most sightly rural public edifices along the Jersey coast.

Pastor Brown considers West Creek, to which he was appointed in March, 1902, the most promising field of labor he has yet served. With his well-to-do, well inclined, genial, appreciative, industrious, talented band of co-workers, inspired by many inviting open doors of opportunity and urged on by convictions that now is the time to act, most welcome victories are brightening the church's horizon all around.

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GEORGE T. COMINGS.

George T. Comings, a veteran soldier of the great Civil war, was born at Petersburg, Morris county, New Jersey, May 23, 1841, a son of Gilman T. and Rhoda (Worthington) Comings.

Gilman T. Comings, the father, was born in New Hampshire, where he acquired

his education in the common schools. He turned his attention to the trade of millwright; he subsequently purchased a farm and mill, which he successfully managed for sixteen years, when he sold his property and took up his residence on a farm which he bought in Middlesex county, New Jersey. He resided there and cultivated his farm until his death, which occurred in 1870. In early life Mr. Comings yielded his allegiance to the Democratic party, but later became a Republican. He married Rhoda Worthington, and six children were born to them, namely: George, deceased; Elvira, wife of Henry La Forge; George T.; Jeanette and Martin L., both of whom are deceased; Daniel G. Comings. Mrs. Comings died in 1882.

George T., son of Gilman T. Comings, was born and his early life was spent on his father's farm. He secured his education in the public schools of his native town; he then worked upon the farm until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the renowned Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, and participated in the campaigns projected for the capture of Richmond, taking part in many of the desperate battles fought in Virginia, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor and various others. Mr. Comings served throughout the entire war, and at its close he was honorably discharged and returned to peaceful pursuits. He resided for three years on the farm, and then located in Woodbridge, where he remained until 1872. He followed farming in Kansas for three and a half years, when he again returned to the old homestead and farm life. In 1885 he settled in Perth Amboy and engaged in a livery business, building up a large and lucrative trade through his popularity and fair, honest dealings. In his politics Mr. Comings was a Republican, and also an energetic member of the G. A. R. post of Perth Amboy.

His marriage to Miss Sarah Cory took place in March, 1867, and eight children have been born to them, namely: Virgil C., deceased; Ella C.; Worthington G.; Robert M.; Frank C.; G. Raymond; Harry E.; and Walter W. Comings.

Mr. Comings's death occurred February 12, 1911, at the time of which he was engaged in the insurance business and was also a member of the board of chosen freeholders of the county of Middlesex.

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#### ARTHUR WOOD BOSTWICK.

The expression "the dignity of labor" is exemplified in the life record of this gentleman, who attributes his success to earnest work and close application. He is a man of strong force of character, purposeful and energetic, and his keen discrimination and sound judgment are shown in his capable management of one of the most important industries of South Amboy, being agent at that place for the Westmoreland Coal Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bostwick is a native of the Empire state, born at Sandy Hill, New York, on the 10th of February, 1840, and a son of Rev. S. B. Bostwick, now deceased, who was pastor of the Episcopal church at that place for thirty-one years. Our subject's brother, E. B. Bostwick, is now principal of one of the public schools of South Amboy, New Jersey, and is a man of much experience as an educator, having previously taught in some of the best private schools in New York and Massachusetts; he was a private tutor for several years, having traveled abroad as such for some time.

Our subject had good educational advantages during his youth and attended school at Sandy Hill, New York, and later the Fort Edwards Collegiate Institute and the Glen Falls Academy. He began his business career as an employe in paper mills

of New York state, but about thirty years ago came to South Amboy, New Jersey, and entered the employ of R. H. Rathbun, who was then agent at this place for the New York coal shippers, remaining with him some time. Having become thoroughly familiar with the business, he then began dealing in coal on his own account, and at length accepted a position with the Westmoreland Coal Company of Philadelphia, with which he has now been connected for about fifteen years, and is their present agent at South Amboy; he has charge of all their shipments, which are extensive, this being the largest coal shipping point on the Atlantic coast. In one year the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has shipped as high as three million tons of coal from this place alone; the Westmoreland Coal Company is one of the largest companies shipping through their wharves, and much of the success of the business is due to the untiring, energetic efforts of Mr. Bostwick, who is a very wide-awake and progressive business man.

In his political views he is a pronounced Republican and has taken quite a prominent and influential part in local politics. Fraternally he is connected with St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 63, A. F. & A. M., of which he is past master, and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, the American Mechanics, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, having held the highest office in all but two of these. He is also a member of the Episcopal church, and takes quite an active part in church and Sunday-school work.

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#### BENJAMIN D. DAVISON.

Among the representative citizens of Jamesburg, New Jersey, is Benjamin D. Davison, who is a prominent lumber, coal and furniture dealer of that city. He was born June 28, 1847, and is the son of Abraham Snyder and Ursula (Voorhees) Davison. The Davison family is of Scotch ancestry, and were among the earliest settlers of that section of Middlesex county, then called South Amboy township, but now included in Monroe, Cranbury and part of East Brunswick township.

William Davison, the grandfather of our subject, was born in South Amboy township, where he spent his entire life, engaging in farming. He married Sarah Doughty, by whom he had four children: Nancy, who married Cornelius Mount; Margaret, who married Davison Applegate; Rebecca, the wife of John Applegate; Abraham Snyder, the father of our subject. Abraham S. Davison was born in Jamesburg, New Jersey, and engaged in farming in Middlesex county, where he resided throughout his entire life. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Peter V.; Benjamin D.; Sarah Virginia, the wife of Asa Applegate; Isaac Snyder, who married first Louisa Marsh and for his second and present wife Elizabeth Scarlet; William H., who married Lauretta Davison; and Annie M., wife of Robert D. Whitlock. The eldest son, Peter V., born October 26, 1845, received his education in the public schools and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life, and has held the office of township commissioner. He has never married.

Benjamin D. Davison, the subject of this review, was educated in the common schools, and upon leaving his studies at the age of fourteen years accepted the position of clerk in a store. In 1878 he engaged in business as a partner with Joseph C. Magee. This partnership was dissolved in 1892, and Mr. Davison has since carried on the business alone.

In April, 1878, Mr. Davison was joined in wedlock to Miss Eudora Worts, a





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daughter of Charles S. and Mary E. (Van Pel) Worts. This union has been blessed with two children—Mary Elizabeth and Roscoe Glenn. Mr. Davison is a member of Daphne Council, No. 1366, R. A. He is well known throughout the community as a successful business man and consistent Christian, upright in all his dealings, devoted to his family, and at all times he enjoys the confidence of his many friends. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Davison having filled the offices of trustee and treasurer. He is a most worthy citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of the community, and is honored and respected by all who know him.

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#### THOMAS NASH AVERY.

The history of a country is no longer a record of wars and conquests, but is the account of industrial and commercial development, leading to the upbuilding and progress of various sections, the united forces of which form the prosperity of the nation. Along the Jersey coast are many important industries and among these is numbered that conducted and owned by the Cliffwood Brick Company, of which Thomas N. Avery is the president. Entering upon his business career in a very humble capacity, he has steadily worked his way upward and with marked ability has extended the enterprise which has contributed not alone to the individual success of the stockholders, but has in large measure increased the material prosperity of this locality.

Mr. Avery was born at Highland Falls, Orange county, New York, January 1, 1837, his parents being King and Hannah (McClellan) Avery. His maternal grandfather, Hugh McClellan, was one of the Revolutionary patriots, who aided in driving the British soldiers from the land and making this a free and independent nation, which now takes its place among the great powers of the world. Hugh McClellan, among other things, rendered significant service by stretching the chains across the Hudson river from West Point to Constitution Island, thereby preventing the passage of the vessels of the British up the river; and it is traditionary in the family that he it was who carried General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, who was wounded, to a place of safety at Stony Point. King Avery, the father of our subject, was a loyal soldier in the war of 1812, and his discharge, bearing the date of February 25, 1819, is in the possession of his grandson, James D. Avery.

In the common schools of his home district Thomas N. Avery pursued his education, and in early life,—following his inclinations, which seemed to tend in that direction—he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for some time. In 1877 he became interested in the manufacture of brick on the Hudson river, which he has continued subsequently in New Jersey with almost phenomenal success. The excellent clay beds found at many places along the Jersey coast offer splendid opportunities for brick manufacture, and the industry has become a very important one. Mr. Avery purchased a plant owned by Watson Stillwagon, which was then turning out three million brick annually. Under the skillful management of Mr. Avery the output has been increased almost fifteen fold. The increased business is due to two causes, the excellence of the product sent out and the reliability of the company, whose business integrity is never questioned and whose word is as good as any bond that was ever characterized by signature or seal. Of Mr. Avery, the president, it might be said, as it was of Goldsmith's village preacher, that "e'en his failings leaned to virtue's side." His honesty is proverbial, and he has never been known to overreach any one even in the smallest business transaction.

In 1857 Mr. Avery was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Carroll, and their home was blessed with six children: Catherine, who married Charles Carman, secretary of the Clifford Brick Company; James D.; George, who is now deceased; Grace, the wife of Frank M. Dam, of Peekskill, New York; Thomas, who also has passed away; and Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. H. S. Cooley, of Perth Amboy. Mr. Avery and his family attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has long been a faithful member, and for a number of years he has served as trustee. He has never been prominent in political circles, preferring to devote his entire attention to his business interests, in which he has met with very gratifying success. His enterprise and determination have enabled him to overcome all obstacles and difficulties, and his transactions have ever been conducted according to the strictest commercial ethics. His example is certainly well worthy of emulation, and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard.

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#### CORNELIUS OSBORN.

Among the prominent business men of Monmouth county who have attained success and are counted among the most worthy and honored citizens, may be mentioned Cornelius Osborn. No name stands more properly placed in the history of the county than his, for he is not only one of its progressive business men, but is of such a social, genial nature that he has made many friends.

Mr. Osborn was born on the old home farm at Spring Lake, on the 29th of January, 1843, a son of Forman Osborn, mention of whom is made in the sketch of his brother, Abram Osborn. Our subject received the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of his neighborhood, and after laying aside his text-books to engage in the active battle of life, he chose as his occupation the quiet pursuits of the farm. He now owns about fifty acres of the finest land to be found in Monmouth county, which was formerly the property of his father, and in its cultivation his efforts have been attended with a high and gratifying degree of success. He is energetic, honorable, and cordial, and all who know him esteem him for his sterling worth. In political matters he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, but he has never taken an active interest in public affairs, although he has ever been a loyal and public-spirited citizen.

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#### THEODORE BAILEY QUACKENBOSS.

The business of burying the dead has been developed into a profession, practically speaking, which commands the enterprise and abilities of many first class men. The successful undertaker must be first of all a gentleman, and beyond that he must be a man of tact and resource. Such a man is Theodore Bailey Quackenboss, the leading funeral director of South Amboy, Middlesex county, New Jersey, who conducts a large undertaking business after the most modern and approved methods, with all opportunities known to the profession.

Theodore Bailey Quackenboss is a son of James and Caroline Quackenboss, and was born at Princeton, New Jersey, July 23, 1856. He was educated in the public schools of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and after leaving school, was for three years engaged in the coal trade, then spent four years as superintendent of letter carriers in the New Brunswick postoffice.

After that Mr. Quackenboss engaged in the undertaking business in association with his brother William at New Brunswick, and March 14, 1901, he purchased the undertaking business of the late Edwin Applegate, of South Amboy. He is a member of the Relief Council, No. 40, Order of United American Mechanics, of New Brunswick; of Joel Parker council, No. 60, Junior Order United American Mechanics of South Amboy; of Washington Commandery, No. 1, of New Brunswick; and of Washington Engine Company, No. 1, of New Brunswick.

July 6, 1899, Mr. Quackenboss married Emma, daughter of Lewis D. Wood, and has a daughter named Elizabeth Annie, and a son, Theodore Quackenboss, Jr. He is a progressive man, who has a happy faculty of making and retaining friends, and his personal popularity commands for him a very satisfactory patronage at South Amboy, where he has in more than one way demonstrated a very commendable public spirit. In addition to conducting his undertaking business, he is proprietor of the street sprinkling enterprise in his village.

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#### THOMAS ALSOP, M. D.

One of the prominent members of the medical fraternity now in the successful practice of his profession in New Brunswick, New Jersey, located at 422 George street, is Dr. Thomas Alsop, who was born in the city of Richmond, Virginia, on October 14, 1872.

The early education of Dr. Alsop was acquired in private schools in his native city, and he later graduated at the Virginia Military Institute, in Virginia. At a still later period he entered the University of Virginia, where he studied medicine, and there he also graduated with honor in 1895. Two years were then spent at the City Hospital, New York City, and there he graduated in 1897, having carefully studied both general and special cases, and becoming thoroughly instructed in every branch.

With this thorough preparation Dr. Alsop soon succeeded in gaining the confidence of the citizens of New Brunswick, where he located for practice and where he has continued ever since.

Dr. Alsop is a member of the Middlesex County Medical society, the Kappa Alpha fraternity, and a visiting physician and surgeon of the John Wells' Memorial hospital of New Brunswick.

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#### REV. STEPHEN SZYMANOWSKI.

The important Roman Catholic church of St. Stephen's, in the city of Perth Amboy, whose congregation is composed of natives of Poland, a frugal and industrious class of tradesmen and wage earners, and of their children, owes its organization to the effort of one of their own nationality, the Rev. Father Stephen Korwin Szymanowski, who has been their beloved priest and friend from its beginning to the present time.

Father Szymanowski was born March 10, 1854, in the city of Kutais, once the capital of Imerethia, but now the chief city of a Russian province in the Caucasus. His parents were John and Salomea (Me-arkoff) Szymanowski. The father, a native of the city of Warsaw, was an officer in the Polish army, and was one of the patriotic band which engaged in the glorious but disastrous insurrection of 1831. For this he was exiled by the Russian government to the Caucasus. His expatriation was for life, yet his condition was not altogether miserable, his high character, intelligence, and

former position enabling him to enter into friendly relations with many excellent families in the city of Katsa.

The son, Stephen, was placed in the parochial schools of the city to which his father had been banished, and in which he himself had his birth. Of studious disposition, his advancement was rapid, and when nine years of age he entered the Aleksandrowkaya, a governmental collegiate institution in Kerch Epikale. He subsequently entered upon a course of study in theology under private instruction, and afterward attended the School of Theology of Adrianopolis. September 14, 1879, when somewhat more than twenty-two years of age, he was ordained to the priesthood, and was sent by the Patriarch of Babylon to the charge of the mission among the Nestorians. After four years of useful labor in this field, he returned to his native land and was appointed to a rectorate in the city of Stawropoli, where he remained for about seven years. In 1887 he made a tour of Greece, Italy and France, which occupied about a year, during which time his observant and studious habits enabled him to acquire a fund of knowledge which was soon to serve him to a useful purpose. His attention meantime had been directed to the United States, and realizing the necessities of his countrymen in that far-off land, he determined to seek it and endeavor to minister to their wants. Accordingly, September 29, 1888, he left Paris, sailing by way of Liverpool, England, and arrived in New York on October 6. He at once proceeded to Buffalo, and his credentials so commanded the respect of the Right Reverend Vincent Stephen Ryan, that he was appointed to the position of assistant to St. Stanislaus church in that city. His service in this position was so acceptable that in little more than a year, on February 1, 1890, he was appointed by the Right Reverend William O'Hara, Bishop of Scranton, to the rectorate of St. Mary's church in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, and the following year he was appointed rector of a more important parish at Camden, New Jersey.

His translation to Camden almost immediately introduced him into a field of great usefulness, and eventually brought him to his present station. At Camden he found quite a number of his countrymen who, without knowledge of the English language, were necessarily deprived of the spiritual teaching which they craved, for want of a priest speaking their own tongue. In their interest he contemplated the formation of a Polish congregation, but at this moment more urgent necessities of a similar character turned his attention to Perth Amboy. A committee of Polish Catholics of that city had waited upon the Right Reverend O'Farrell, bishop of the diocese, urging the great needs of their people, and he delegated Father Szymanowski to visit the place and investigate the conditions.

April 26, 1892, Father Szymanowski began a three days' mission in St. Mary's church, Perth Amboy. During this time he ascertained that there were so many as one hundred and thirty-five Polish Catholic families in that parish, and he determined upon the establishment of a church which should be their real spiritual home. He secured the use of Schiller's Hall, in which he arranged a temporary chapel, and therein he celebrated mass on May 8, 1892, and thereafter until a church edifice was provided. Within a short time he purchased a lot on State street, and on October 16, 1892, the erection of a plain but substantial and comfortable building was begun. Work was expedited as rapidly as possible, and February 5, 1893, less than a year after the coming of Father Szymanowski, he celebrated mass in the new, although as yet uncompleted, building, in the presence of a deeply affected and grateful congregation. May 30, of the same year, Bishop O'Farrell officiated at the dedicatory services, which were attended by many priests and members of other parishes.

Early in the same year the residence of Mrs. Alfred Hill, adjoining the church edifice, was purchased at an outlay of six thousand five hundred dollars for use as

a rectory, and it was occupied May 1. In October following Father Szymanowski formed a parochial school with about 45 pupils. At the present time St. Stephen's Parish numbers some three hundred and sixty-five families, and a congregation of over two thousand souls. At the same time, the school has been largely increased in numbers.

Father Szymanowski took a deep interest in the upbuilding of the new public library, and Mayor Compton solicited him to become one of the seven trustees of that institution, and it was largely through his effort that Mr. Carnegie's munificent donation of \$20,000 was secured for it. He is also one of the board of managers of the Perth Amboy Savings Institution, appointed to the position by Mr. Thomas K. Johnston, of the department of state banking, in full knowledge and appreciation of his great influence and ability to add to its prestige.

The record of these great accomplishments would be incomplete without suggestion of the fact they were only possible through the most unremitting labor on the part of the devoted priest whose effort is here feebly narrated, and through the piety and devotion of a congregation holding him in the most affectionate regard. Deeply beloved by them, he is also held in honor in the community at large for the useful part he has taken in contributing to the welfare of a large and well-deserving element of its people, and to the beautifying of the city. Notwithstanding his long and useful service, Father Szymanowski is yet in but middle life, with mental and physical powers unimpaired, and gives promise of many more years of earnest and intelligent effort in behalf of the people to whom he is so deeply attached.

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#### JONATHAN EDGAR BROWN.

The sons of Scotland have ever been noted for their loyalty to the duties of citizenship, their devotion to principle and their industry and perseverance in business affairs. These traits have through succeeding generations down to our subject been manifest in the members of the Brown family, since George Brown, a native of Scotland, left the land of hills and heather and established his home in the new world. He settled in Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, New Jersey, and became identified with its farming interests. He also aided in promoting its religious activity and was one of the trustees of the first Presbyterian church organized in Woodbridge. His son, John Brown, and grand-son, Thomas C. Brown, like the progenitor of the family in the new world, devoted their energies to farming. The latter was the father of William H. Brown, who was the father of the subject of this review, and was born on the old family homestead in Woodbridge township, February 9, 1823. He acquired his education in the schools of that period and has made the pursuit to which he was reared his life work, being accounted one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his community. In politics he is a Republican, having given an unwavering support to the principles of the party for many years, and of the township committee he has served as a member. For almost a half century he has been an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Woodbridge, with which his ancestor, George Brown, was so prominently connected.

On the 24th of October, 1855, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Susan Edgar, a most estimable lady, and their home was blessed with five children, of whom three are now living: Jonathan Edgar, Frederick Clark and Lillian. The elder daughter, Caroline, has passed away, also William H. The mother also passed away on November 25, 1893, dying in the faith of the Presbyterian church, in which she held membership.

Jonathan Edgar Brown, the eldest of his father's family, was born on the old

family homestead in Woodbridge township, August 9, 1858, and in the public and private schools he acquired the education which fitted him for life's responsible duties. He worked in the fields in early youth, and since attaining his majority he has continued to follow farming, whereby he annually gains a good income as the result of his care and diligence in cultivating his fields.

On the 30th of November, 1881, Mr. Brown was joined in wedlock to Miss Nettie E. Walker, a daughter of Sidney Walker, of Rocky Hill, New Jersey, and they now have two children, a daughter and son: Edna Jane, born April 23, 1883, and Percy Edgar, born October 9, 1885. The family attend the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Brown is a trustee. Socially he is connected with the Royal Arcanum and politically with the Republican party, warmly endorsing its principles. He keeps well informed on the issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position with intelligent argument. He is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman and a worthy representative of one of the oldest families in the township.



#### MICHAEL HENRY PARKER.

"What's in a name?" Well, where it is an old and honored one, there is much to make a man proud that bears it. Mr. Michael H. Parker takes great pride in tracing his ancestry back to as early a period as 1607, when two brothers, Peter and George Parker, emigrated to this country from England, preferring life here in the unknown western world rather than to live under the tyrannical rule of a despotic sovereignty.

Peter Parker, of whose branch of the family this chronicle treats, settled in New Jersey. In due course a son, William, was born to him, who in turn had a son, also named William. The last mentioned William's wife's name was Ann. It was this William who built the house now occupied by his direct line descendant, the subject of this sketch, Michael H. Michael, the son of William and grandfather of Michael H., was born at Little Silver on the old homestead on the 5th of February, 1774. His wife Ann, also a native of the same place, was born in 1778. Jacob C. Parker, the father of our subject, and his wife, Julia A. (Morford) Parker, are also natives of Monmouth county, the former having been born at Little Silver, November 17, 1816, the latter in Red Bank on May 6, 1819. Jacob C. Parker was a highly successful cultivator of the soil; a mercantile life appealing to his fancy, however, he lost no time in establishing a store in the little village of Little Silver, being the first to start a business venture of that kind in the place. Success marked the enterprise from the beginning, and he continued to carry it on up to 1853. He was a man who stood high in the estimation of the community in which he lived and held the good opinion of his fellow citizens, which fact manifested itself substantially on several occasions, when he was urged to accept public office. He was no office seeker, however, and ever maintained his position as a private citizen. His death occurred in 1855; his wife still survives him (1901). Their family consisted of four children, two of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Theo. Sickles and Michael H.

The fact that the land upon which the Methodist Episcopal church of Little Silver (the oldest church in this section) is erected, was presented to the church by Michael, the grandfather of Michael H., is one in which there is pardonable family pride.

Michael H. Parker is a man entirely worthy of the ancestry to whom he looks back with so much pleasure as men of exemplary character. He first saw the light of day in the old homestead, where he was born on October 25, 1852, and where he





SAMUEL J. BENNETT.



was reared, educated, and has since passed an uneventful life, engaged principally in attending to his well cultivated fields. He is a man of practical thought, and one in whom his neighbors have implicit confidence, and hold in the highest esteem.

He was married on November 30, 1884, to Susan E., daughter of Louis and Angeline Smith, of Oceanport, New Jersey. Their children are: Louis K., October 6, 1885; Henry C., December 13, 1886; Frank L., June 30, 1888; Helma (deceased), April 6, 1892; George D., February 20, 1894; Stanley, April 20, 1895, and Julia, October 26, 1899.

Mr. Parker and family attend the Episcopal church, of which he is vestryman. He is a trustee of St. John's Chapel, and is also a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

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### SAMUEL JAQUETT BENNETT.

A veritable landmark at Tinton Falls, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is that represented in the Tinton Falls flouring mill, one of the oldest enterprises of its kind in this section of the state and one which, with its modern equipment, has a capacity for the output of fifty barrels of flour per day, while it has the best facilities for the grinding of all kinds of grain. The mill was formerly owned and operated by the firm of Hendrickson & Combs, and subsequently the senior member of the firm assumed full control, while the enterprise has been under the management of its present proprietor, the subject of this review, since 1891. As thus identified with the industrial activities of his native county and as one of its representative citizens it is signally consonant that we here incorporate a brief review of the career of this worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of the state.

Samuel Jaquett Bennett was born in Atlantic township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on the 15th of December, 1849, being the second son of Sidney and Ann (Wainwright) Bennett, there having been three sons and three daughters in the family, of whom five attained years of maturity and are living at the present time. Sidney Bennett was likewise a native of Monmouth county, and in his earlier years he followed the carpenter's trade, but eventually turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in this county, and in this connection his efforts were attended with gratifying success. He was one of the prominent and influential citizens of his county, where he was made the incumbent of various township offices of trust and responsibility, while he was a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party as exemplified by Jefferson and Jackson. He was a man of sterling character and ever retained the unqualified confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His death occurred in the year 1894 and his widow still survives, residing on the old homestead and being a woman of noble and gracious character, one who is loved and venerated by a wide circle of friends.

Samuel J. Bennett was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, and he continued to be identified with agriculture until he had attained the age of twenty-four years, though during the last decade of the period noted he gave his attention to carpenter work during the winter seasons, having served a thorough apprenticeship in this line. In 1872 Mr. Bennett left the homestead and took charge of a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres on Shelter Island, New York, where he remained until the following year. He had received an excellent common-school education, and had developed that self-reliance and maturity of judgment which led him to undertake the exploitation of an essentially different line of enterprise, and in 1873 he opened a general store at Tinton Falls, in his native county, his stock

including groceries, dry goods and hardware. Two years later his elder brother, John W., was admitted to partnership, and thereafter the enterprise was successfully conducted under the firm name of Bennett Brothers, this association continuing until 1891, when our subject disposed of his interests in the business and purchased the flouring and grist mill in Tinton Falls, the business of which he has increased very materially, making the enterprise one of the important industries of this section. Within his regime the mill has been completely remodeled, entirely new machinery, of the most modern and approved type, being installed, and by his correct business methods, progressive policy and marked executive ability Mr. Bennett has made of the venture a success of no indefinite order, the mill now handling more corn than any other in the county, while its products in the line of high-grade flour find a ready demand on the market, being recognized for superior excellence. The mill draws its trade throughout Shrewsbury and several adjacent townships, and Mr. Bennett is now the most extensive shipper of corn products in the county, while his position is assured as one of the influential business men and honored citizens of the community. He enjoys marked personal popularity and in many ways has demonstrated his public spirit. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party, and fraternally he is a prominent member of the local organization of the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he has been incumbent of several of the important offices.

On the 15th of October, 1874, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Susan Roberts, the third daughter of William L. and Susan Roberts, of Matawan, New Jersey, and of this union two children have been born,—Reginald S. and Cora E. To the son has been accorded the best of educational advantages and he has duly profited by and appreciated the same. He was graduated in the high school at Red Bank and later in the Glenwood Institute, while he subsequently passed a year as a student in Rutgers College, in New Brunswick. Having determined to prepare himself for the medical profession, he was then matriculated in the medical department of the Columbia University, in the city of New York, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1899, and since that time he has been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Asbury Park, being a young man of sterling character and marked professional skill. The daughter of our subject took a thorough preparatory course of study at Red Bank, under the discriminating direction of the Misses Calahan and Chamberlain, and she is now prosecuting her studies in Vassar College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, being a member of the class of 1906.

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#### JOHN H. FIELDER.

By becoming masters of a trade, so many men have not only won for themselves the respect of their fellow men, but success of a pecuniary nature has almost invariably crowned their efforts.

Mr. John H. Fielder is one who, through his perfect understanding of his trade of carriage building, has gained such renown in his section for first class workmanship, that his services are in great demand by New York's capitalists, many of whom make their homes in Monmouth county through the year.

His place of business is located at Fair Haven, New Jersey, where he occupies a two-story building covering an area of 60 x 30 feet. In 1871 he succeeded John Vanderveer, who formerly owned the business, started in a small shop erected some

time in the fifties; Mr. Fielder has added such improvements from time to time as have made the place an up-to-date carriage factory. He gives employment to five experienced mechanics, and sees that nothing but the best class of work is turned out. It is his conscientious adherence to honest principles that has made his popularity; and then again his reputation as a thorough master of his trade gives his patrons a confidence that they never find misplaced.

Mr. Fielder is a native of Monmouth county, New Jersey, where his birth occurred in 1851. His parents are John and F. Phoebe (Van Note) Fielder. He received his education in the common schools of Monmouth county, which amply fitted him for his vocation in life.

Mr. Fielder was united in marriage to Miss Etta L., daughter of Joel W. and May Ayres. Their union has been blessed with three children, namely: Stanley J., Eunice W. and Addie. Mrs. Fielder is a native of New York state.

Socially Mr. Fielder enjoys the love and esteem of those with whom he mingles. He is actively connected with the following fraternal organizations: I. O. O. F., No. 39, Navesink Lodge; Royal Arcanum, Grand Patriarchs and the Jr. O. U. A. M. Politically he is a staunch adherent of the Republican party.

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### JOHN DAVISON.

We now come to a consideration of the peculiarities and principal points in the life of one of Monmouth county's most illustrious citizens,—one prominent on account of his fine family connections, his success in business, and his honorable principles in all of life's activities. A native of this county, born in Wall township, he has passed his entire life here, and is therefore well known to his neighbors, and during all of this time he has steadily maintained his high character.

Mr. Davison was born on Shark river, near where he now resides, on the 5th of April, 1833 and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Jackson) Davison. The father, who was born in Englishtown, New Jersey, came to Wall township when three years of age, where he became a successful farmer and a representative citizen. He held the office of justice of the peace for many years, and was an active member and a deacon in the Baptist church. He was a son of John Davison, who was a large land owner, having at one time about one thousand acres in Wall township, which he afterward sold to James P. Allaire, and then purchased land at Shark river. He was an influential and respected citizen in his locality. His father was a native born Scotchman, having come to America prior to the Revolutionary war, and in that struggle for independence his son John was a brave and gallant soldier.

John Davison, the immediate subject of this sketch, received his educational advantages in the common schools of his locality and after putting aside his textbooks to engage in the active battle of life on his own account, he chose the vocation of farming. He later also learned the mason's trade, and for twenty years followed that occupation as a journeyman and as a contractor, many of the fine buildings of New York City standing as monuments to his thrift and ability. He acted as superintendent in the building of the Presbyterian Hospital, the Old Ladies Home and Lenox Library of that city, and in the rebuilding of the Orphans' Home. In 1880 he turned his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, locating on the fine farm which he yet owns and which he had previously purchased. He and his wife now own over six hundred acres of the finest land to be found in Monmouth county. Mr. Davison is also a director of the First National Bank of Belmar.

On the 18th of May, 1858, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth White, who was born October 13, 1834, a daughter of Peter White of Belmar, whose history

will be found in that of D. F. Van Nortwick in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Davison have had a family of four children, one of whom is deceased, and those living are: John F., a physician of Asbury Park; Robert W., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead; and Fred M., a clerk in the First National Bank of Belmar. Our subject and his wife are members of the Baptist church at Manasquan, of which he is a liberal supporter and a deacon. Wherever known, he is held in high regard, and in Monmouth county, where his entire life has been passed, he has a host of warm friends.

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#### GEORGE TURNER.

George Turner is well fitted for the occupation which has received his attention up to the present time, that of plumber, steam and gas fitter. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, July 13, 1807, where he acquired his education in the public schools, and upon the completion of his school life he learned the trade of plumber, and in 1824 he removed to Asbury Park, New Jersey, and worked as a journeyman at his trade. Three years later he decided to start in business for himself, and he established a general plumbing, steam and gas fitting business. This has proved so successful and has grown to such an extent that he now employs as many as fifteen workmen, and his returns amount up to twenty-five thousand dollars annually. This prosperity is due to the fact that all his work is performed in the best possible manner, as no man is kept in his employ who is not a capable and thorough workman. Mr. Turner has secured the contracts for work of this kind in a number of the largest hotels and private residences of Asbury Park and vicinity, as they know that he can be trusted to perform his work satisfactorily. Aside from his business he has invested considerable money in different ventures, from which he derives a goodly income.

Mr. Turner is a man of pleasing personality, quiet, unostentatious, and devoted entirely to his business interests. He is what might be termed a self-made man, as he has risen to his present position solely through his own energy and perseverance, thus proving that it does not require wealth to start with in order to make a success in life.

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#### REV. ROBERT BELL, B. D.

Rev. Robert Bell, B. D., has the distinction of being rector of one of the oldest churches in Middlesex county, New Jersey; the church is St. Peter's, located at Spotswood. Mr. Bell is a native of Ireland, the son of William and Margaret Bell. His rudimentary studies were followed at the common school of his native town; subsequently he entered the Glasgow high school in Scotland, after which he completed his college course at University of Glasgow. His theological studies were followed at the Episcopal School, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, from which institution he graduated, receiving the degree of B. D. It was in the year 1803 that he was made deacon, and in 1804 he was regularly ordained a priest. After his ordination in 1803 he became curate of Calvary church of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. From 1806 to 1809 he acted as curate of St. Mark's church, at Frankford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the year 1800 he was made rector of the church of the Redeemer of Sayre, Pennsylvania, which pastorate he left in 1901 to take up the work of his present church, St. Peter's, of Spotswood, New Jersey.

Rev. Mr. Bell was united in marriage in April of 1800 to Eleanor, daughter of

George S. R. and Mary Wilbraham Wright, of Philadelphia. To them has been born one daughter, Anne Wilbraham Wright Bell.

A concise account of the church of which Mr. Bell is pastor will not be amiss at this point. Its age entitles it to a conspicuous place in the annals of church history, antedating, as it does, to the Revolutionary war, and for this reason should claim our interest. In 1720 the English society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, despatched a missionary to New Jersey, to take charge of the work already begun at New Brunswick, Freehold and Spotswood. In 1700 a new missionary was placed in the field in the person of Rev. M. Kearn, who divided his time ministering to the people at the three points above mentioned. At this time the communicants of the Spotswood congregation numbered twelve. In 1708 another change in the pastorate occurred, this time Rev. William Ayres being appointed by the society to minister to the spiritual needs of the parishes. During this time twenty-two children and two adults were baptized. About the same time ground was purchased at Englishtown by the congregations of Freehold and Spotswood, where the missionary dwelt up to 1779, when a separation between the two above named congregations took place. Mr. Ayres was succeeded by Rev. Andrew Fowler, who retained the charge but fifteen months, being succeeded by Rev. Mr. Cotton. From 1802 to 1809 the Rev. John Croes served the New Brunswick and Spotswood churches co-jointly (he was made a bishop later). In the year 1816 the church was thoroughly remodeled and refurnished, making it a more comfortable place of worship; before this time it amounted to little more than a simple enclosure. In 1822 Rev. John M. Ward was installed as the regular rector of St. Peter's; for fifteen years he carried on his work among this people, resigning his duties in 1837. Rev. Thomas Tauser then took up the work, but in 1838 he was succeeded by Rev. Robert B. Cross, who served for two years, and then resigned. The work was next taken up by Rev. Isaac Smith in 1842, he resigning five years later. Then followed Rev. Joseph S. Phillips, who remained as rector up to the year 1858. It was during his rectorship that the present church building was begun and completed, the work being in progress from 1850 to 1857. Following Mr. Phillips came Thomas Lyle, John Stevens, A. J. Stewart, Mr. Crow, Mr. Bird, Rev. Dr. Compton, Mr. Russell and Rev. A. W. Cornell, under whose supervision the church was enlarged and a parish house constructed. Mr. Cornell was followed by Rev. W. E. Daw, and he in turn by the subject of this sketch, Rev. Robert Bell.

The communicants of the church at the present time number one hundred and twenty, and the property is valued at \$11,000.

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#### PETER J. DEY.

Peter J. Dey is a direct descendant of Lawrence Dey, who was a soldier of some repute during the Revolutionary war; he followed the fortunes of the Colonial army under Washington, particularly displaying his valor at the battle of Monmouth, although he was engaged in many other fierce conflicts in which his valiant behavior was acknowledged. Lawrence Dey was an extensive land owner in both Middlesex and Monmouth counties. His family consisted of four children, namely: Joseph, William, Catherine and Lawrence. His son Joseph is the grandfather of our subject, Peter J. He (Joseph) was born in Monroe township, and was quite a lad during the struggle of the Colonists for independence. He was twice married, his first wife being Euphemia Chuseman, who bore him six children, as follows: Matthew R., Lawrence, Margaret, Mary, William and Joseph. His second wife was Elizabeth Middleton, who gave birth to two children, namely: Peter J. and Elizabeth.

Matthew R., the father of Peter J., whose name heads this chronicle, was born

in Middlesex county on September 10, 1792. He married Achsah E. Herbert, also a native of Middlesex county, born on April 5, 1802. Their marriage occurred on January 20, 1822; they had the following family: Joseph, born March 17, 1823; John P., born February 23, 1825; William H., born February 10, 1827, died in 1831; Matthew K., born March 1, 1829; Peter J., born April 18, 1831; Allason E., born October 12, 1833, died in 1844; Elizabeth M., born October 12, 1833, (twins); Sarah A., born January 22, 1836, died in 1838; Achsah E., born July 3, 1839; and Margaret A., born July 27, 1841. Matthew, the father, departed this life on March 3, 1865; his wife, Achsah, survived him until February 18, 1875. Matthew R. was an extensive farmer, an upright man, and one who believed in the practical application of the "Golden Rule" to every day life. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and in politics a staunch Republican.

The son of this worthy gentleman, Peter J., our subject, is a resident of Monroe township, where he was born, reared and educated. He is a carpenter by trade, having mastered it in early life and continuously followed this line of business ever since. He is every inch a mechanic, and one whose workmanship is considered among the best. Aside from his carpentering business, he carries on in a practical and up-to-date manner the cultivation of his farm lands, which consists of forty acres of valuable and productive ground; for the past forty years he has made his home upon this property, which he devotes to the raising of general farm products.

As a public man Mr. Dey has been honored by the people of his community with election to various township offices, which he has filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. For thirteen years he has occupied the position of clerk of the district school board, and for a number of years has been overseer of highways. Mr. Dey has not lived entirely within the bounds of his native place, having had occasion to travel to distant points from time to time, thus widening and deepening his view of life; in this connection he has performed many offices of trust and responsibility. At one time he was employed by a Philadelphia house as collector.

On January 1, 1860, Mr. Dey was joined in wedlock to Miss Caroline E. Acklay, of Philadelphia. Six children were the result of their union, viz.: Clara, born March 8, 1861; Florence, born May 23, 1863; Irene, born March 18, 1868; Ray, born August 5, 1870; and two other children, who died in infancy. Mrs. Caroline E. Dey was born in Philadelphia in 1833.

Mr. Dey is naturally proud of having descended from men of Revolutionary distinction, and exhibits with keen satisfaction a sword now in his possession, but once the property of Captain Conover, who did valiant service for the cause of freedom in many hotly contested battles.

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#### DANIEL A. MOUNT.

Daniel A. Mount is proprietor of what is known as "Pine Tree Farm," which contains about twenty acres of land, which Mr. Mount devotes exclusively to the raising of the finest breeds of poultry. He was born in Monroe township, Middlesex county, in the year 1830, the son of Joseph B. and Margaret (Applegate) Mount. Of this branch of the Mount family, of the preceding generation, only an aunt still survives (1902). The earliest recollections of Daniel A. Mount carry him back to life upon the old farm, and for many years he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits; this, however, he abandoned to enter the mercantile trade, in which his efforts were crowned with success; he built up a fine and lucrative business, but his health failing, he was forced to relinquish the business that promised so well, and in 1885





Walter D. Brown



he commenced operations along his present line of business, beginning in a small way, however, and in conjunction with other matters in which he was at the time interested. In 1887 he turned his attention exclusively to poultry raising, which since that time, under his careful and thorough supervision, has grown to enormous proportions. His operations have been carried on at Jamesburg since 1895. His stock consists of turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens; four thousand chickens can be properly cared for in the commodious space set apart for their breeding. His buildings cover about thirty thousand square feet of ground, while his fences, enclosing his pens, extend for about two miles. Mr. Mount exhibits his superior stock in the largest cities only, viz.: Boston, New York and Philadelphia, where invariably he is awarded first prize. During the World's Fair at Chicago, he carried off both the first and second prizes on some of his fine specimens of white turkeys.

Mr. Mount was married on September 10, 1873, to Helen E., daughter of Samuel N. Stillman; they have had but one child, namely, Otto R., born on September 10, 1877. Mr. Mount is a member of Jr. O. U. A. M., is a highly respected citizen, an excellent neighbor, and one whose sagacious business capacity is evidenced by his well regulated establishment.

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#### WALTER RANDOLPH BRINLEY.

Walter R. Brinley, of Long Branch, a descendant of one of the oldest families in that section, was born on October 31, 1844, at Long Branch, Monmouth county, New Jersey, the son of Henry and Jane (Wilson) Brinley. His education was acquired at the public schools, and his first experience in the commercial line was in the manufacturing and bottling of mineral waters, which he carried on in his native town: his was the first establishment of this kind in Monmouth county. Since that time he has been in the hotel business, was from 1874 to 1880 a merchant at Long Branch in the clothing and boot and shoe business, and his latest venture was in the real estate line, in which he has met with success, and is still engaged in it.

As a public man, he has acquired distinction from the fact of his having been elected in the spring of 1876 justice of the peace, which official position he has continuously held, through re-elections, up to the present time (1902), a period of twenty-six years. He has always been a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, in whose interests he has been actively identified ever since attaining to majority, serving as campaign committeeman and delegate to numerous conventions.

In November of the same year that he was elected justice of the peace he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet De Nyse, daughter of W. H. and Hannah De Nyse, of Long Branch. Mrs. Brinley died September 30, 1880, in giving birth to her son, who is now (1902) a student at Cornell University.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY PALMER.

Among the prosperous farmers of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is William H. Palmer, of Keansburg, Middletown township, where he was born November 7, 1852, his parents being Dr. Warren W. and Weltha A. (Mason) Palmer, both of whom belonged to highly respected families of New Jersey.

Captain William Mason, who was the maternal grandfather of our subject, was prominently identified with the shipping interests of the coast, owning and sailing

a vessel plying between Port Monmouth and New York City. He also engaged in the mercantile business both in New York and at the same time in Keansburg, near which latter place he owned a large and productive farm. It was largely through the efforts of Captain Mason that the public school was established at Keansburg, and through life he was one of the most progressive and public-spirited men of his section. Captain Mason was born in 1794 and died in 1865, while his wife, Malvina, born in 1800, survived until 1883. Their children were: John W. and Weltha, the latter becoming the mother of our subject.

Dr. Warren W. Palmer, the father of William, was one of the prominent physicians as well as a useful citizen of Monmouth county. During his younger days he was a justice of the peace and had the transacting of much legal business. Dr. Palmer became a large land owner, his property consisting of farms, houses and lots. His family consisted of five children, these being: William H., our subject; Dr. Warren, a practicing physician of Brooklyn; Annie W., wife of John E. Giberson, of Keansburg; Dr. Charles A., of Farmingdale, New Jersey; and Sarah D., wife of Aaron E. Johnston, of Freehold.

William H. Palmer acquired his education in the public schools of his native town and then prepared himself for the vocation of teacher, following this profession from 1868 until 1895, with credit to himself and much advantage to those under his careful and scholarly instruction. He has been identified with public affairs, taking a deep and intelligent interest in all enterprises which promise to be of benefit to his county or state. Mr. Palmer has served in a number of useful capacities for the public and has long been town committeeman.

The marriage of Mr. Palmer took place in 1870, to Miss Louise Thomas, who was born at Harmony, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and to this union have been born the following named: Willard N., born in 1871; Mary F., born in 1875, died in 1896; E. Judson, born in 1876, now in the employ of the United States government as inspector at Governor's Island in New York City; Abbie L., born in 1879, now Mrs. Edward Bennett; and Annie W., born in 1885. Mr. Palmer is fraternally connected with the Atlantic Highlands Anchor Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F., and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Keansburg.

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#### IRA T. SPENCER, M. D.

From no professional man do we expect or exact so many of the cardinal virtues as from the physician. If the clergyman is austere we imagine that his mind is absorbed with the contemplation of things beyond our ken; if our lawyer is brusque and crabbed, it is the mark of genius; but in the physician we expect not only a superior mentality and comprehensive knowledge, but sympathy as wide as the universe. Dr. Ira Thorp Spencer in large measure meets all of these requirements and is regarded by many as an ideal physician. He is a young man, studious, ambitious and resolute and already he has won enviable success.

The Doctor is a native of Martinsville, Somerset county, New Jersey, born July 28, 1870, his parents being Aaron and Anna (Drury) Spencer. The family is an old and distinguished one of New Jersey, having been founded in the state several generations ago. The first of the name of whom we have record is Caleb Spencer, the great-great-grandfather, and his son, also named Caleb, was the founder of the family in Somerset county, where his descendants are still found. He had two children, John and Ann, the wife of Peter Martin, who are still residents of that locality. The former is the grandfather of our subject and is still living near Martinsville at

the age of eighty years, but his wife passed away about two or three years ago. One of their children was Aaron Howe Spencer, the father of the Doctor. He was born in Martinsville, Somerset county, in 1840, and in early life was connected with commercial pursuits, conducting a feed store in Rahway, New Jersey, and a grocery store in Elizabethport, but during the great financial panic of 1873 financial reverses overtook him and he located upon a farm near Martinsville, where he is still engaged in the cultivation of peaches. He has been quite active in politics as a supporter of the Democratic party and has filled various township offices. Of his four children three are living, the Doctor being the eldest. The others are William A., a practicing attorney of Perth Amboy, and Musette, the wife of Charles Skillman, of Skillman Station, New Jersey. The youngest child, a daughter, died in infancy.

Dr. Spencer pursued his education in the schools of Pennington and the University of Pennsylvania, being graduated from the latter institution in the year 1893, having completed the medical course. He began practice in Harlingen and in 1895 came to Woodbridge, where he has since been engaged in general practice. He is a member of the State and County Medical societies; has for four or five years been a member of the board of health of Woodbridge; was township physician for four or five years, and is medical examiner for a number of societies and four or five insurance companies. In addition to this he has a large general practice, and the ability he has manifested in handling the cases entrusted to his care has won for him a position of prominence among the representatives of the medical fraternity in Woodbridge. He is a stockholder in the Carteret Electric Light Company.

In 1897 Dr. Spencer was married to Miss Anna Ensign, a daughter of Albert and Anna (Potter) Ensign, and they now have an interesting little daughter, Madeline. Socially the Doctor is connected with several societies, belonging to the Athletic Club; American Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M., in which he has held the office of junior deacon; the Knights of Pythias lodge of Woodbridge, in which he is past chancellor; and Court Carteret, of the Order of Foresters. He was also one of the stockholders in the Woodbridge Athletic Association. His home is a handsome residence on Upper Main street and the functions there held are an important part of the social life of the city. Widely known, the Doctor possesses those sterling traits of character and sterling worth which everywhere command respect and good will.

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#### J. WESLEY CROSS.

After a career of many changes and vast experience, our subject, J. Wesley Cross, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, is at last enjoying a season of well merited peace and quiet. Born in Baltimore county, Maryland, December 31, 1843, the son of Andrew and Amelia Cross, his education was acquired at the public schools of Baltimore. At the time of the breaking out of the Civil war he was too young to enlist in the ranks, but with all the ardor of youthful ambition he desired to take his place in defense of his country's honor; if he could not do this in one way, he determined to seek another, and to win by hard work a place for himself where he could substantially demonstrate his patriotism. First, in order to accomplish something for the cause in which he was greatly interested, he served for one year in the sutler department; this, however, did not give him the opportunity he sought, so he made up his mind to prepare himself to become an engineer in the United States navy; with this object in view he took up a course of study, and after considerable hard work and close application he successfully passed the examination, and on September 25,

1863, he became a duly commissioned engineer, and was ordered almost immediately to do duty on the "Zouave" at Fortress Monroe. Here he participated in General Grant's assault on Petersburg, and from this time on saw more or less of the dangers and horrors of actual and deadly warfare. Shortly after the Petersburg conflict he was transferred to the sloop-of-war Shenandoah and engaged in the assault on Fort Fisher which resulted in its final capture. Next he was ordered to Charleston, South Carolina, and as the captain of his vessel was senior commanding officer, it happened that Mr. Cross was vouchsafed the privilege of being the second man in the navy to enter that city after its evacuation by the enemy. He then returned to Philadelphia on waiting orders. His next berth was aboard the Paul Jones, on which gallant vessel he served for two years; this he left to take up his quarters at the Washington, D. C., navy yard, on the Talapoosa, which was then known as the President's yacht, where he remained until his discharge in 1868. He then returned to Baltimore, where he entered the commercial field, which line of business he carried on at that place for fifteen years; during the great conflagration there, which destroyed so vast a section of that city, he was unfortunate enough to lose the greater part of his property. Somewhat disheartened, he turned his face toward the great west to labor in an entirely new field, and to repair, if possible, his financial losses. He located in Portland, Oregon, where he remained until 1864, a period of five years from the date of his arrival there (1889). Then he again journeyed east, this time taking up his residence at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, where he established himself in the hotel business; in this he has been eminently successful, owing to his genial temperament, which enables him to make his guests feel that everything is being done for their individual comfort, as indeed it is.

Politically Mr. Cross is greatly interested in the success of the Republican party. His popularity as a citizen is attested to by his having been elected to the responsible position of justice of the peace of Ocean Grove, which position he must have most acceptably filled, judging from the fact that he now occupies the same office, which has been conferred upon him by the citizens of Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Mr. Cross is affiliated with the F. & A. M. and the Knight Templars, and is also a respected member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Asbury Park. His marriage to Miss Mary A. Westwood, of Baltimore, took place on May 2, 1867. She died May 17, 1868. Their living children are: Morton W., Herbert M., Howard W., Guy E. and Mattie M. His second marriage occurred on September 27, 1900, to Miss Carrie L. Jackson, also of Baltimore.

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#### ELDER WILLIS G. BROWN.

Coincident with the founding of the Second Adventist church of Eatontown, New Jersey, in 1853, occurred the birth of Elder Willis G. Brown, our subject, and the present efficient pastor of the church. To Mr. Edward T. Welch, Sr., of Oceanport, is credited the church's inception. So earnest was he to propagate the truth as he understood it that he set apart a room in his own house for the gathering together of those inclined to the acceptance of the then new doctrine, which he so ably and patiently taught. For twenty years these meetings continued, for which purpose the school houses where Mr. Welch and others taught were often called into service.

It was in 1862 that Elder Wolcott instituted a school of chirography, which he conducted in the Locust Grove school house. To this he added a Bible reading class;





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from this humble origin developed the present church, which was erected in 1870 and is situated midway between Locust Grove and Eatontown. The building, though small, affords ample accommodation for its membership. Elder Wolcott ministered to this people for twenty-seven years and was succeeded by Elder S. W. Bishop, who served as pastor for six years, when Elder Wolcott again took charge. The present pastor, Elder Willis G. Brown, our subject, was called to the pastorate in 1895. The church membership, though numbering only seventy, is composed of faithful, consecrated, earnest men and women, staunch and true to the faith of their adoption. About forty-five children on an average attend the Sunday-school each session.

Elder Brown is a native of Orrington, Maine, where he was born on November 5, 1853. He is the son of the late Captain Stillman and Mary (Bartlett) Brown, both of whom were natives of Maine. The title of captain was applied to Mr. Brown, the father of our subject, when he was but nineteen years of age, he having evinced such superior genius in his chosen calling that even at this early age he became the master of a vessel; from this time until he was forty-four years old he followed the sea, upon which he made many long voyages to various foreign ports. He died in his forty-fourth year. His family consisted of nine children, only two of whom are now living.

Willis G. Brown received his early mental training in the public schools of his native town. He was early recognized as a boy of thoughtful and studious mind, and by closely applying himself to his books he opened up an intellectual capacity whose continued growth he never allows to lag, as he is ever feeding it with the best literary products that the mind of genius has produced and is producing for the benefit of him whose soul craves the food on which it alone can flourish. He and his books are inseparable, and it is his well stored mind which makes Elder Brown so capable of holding his hearers and impressing them with his logical arguments. At the age of twenty-two he engaged in evangelistic work, which has occupied his attention for eighteen years. The establishment of a church at Bradley, Maine, is directly attributable to his untiring efforts. During his years of ministry he has traveled extensively throughout the New England states, and on every hand his labors have been abundantly blessed in the spread of the truth he so ardently advocates, and in the leading of many darkened mind out into the light of an inspiring faith. Not only by his preaching does he exert a wide-spread influence, but among his people who know and love him, his life speaks more eloquently than words a message none can fail to understand.

In 1878 Elder Brown married Lois Josephine, daughter of Stephen and Rebecca Holt, of Maine. Four children have been born to them—Willis H., Anna J., Susie M. and Karle E. Elder Brown is an active member of the C. B. B. A.

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#### ALBERT MORRIS BRADSHAW.

No man in Ocean county is better known than Captain A. M. Bradshaw, who has been a prime mover in the advancement and upbuilding of Lakewood. His history is so closely interwoven with that of the city that to give an account of the development and improvement of Lakewood will be to chronicle the life work of the Captain, who more than any other man has controlled the growth and instituted the improvements of this place.

Prior to 1832 the territory upon which the town now stands was known as Washington Furnace and in that year named the Bergen Iron Works, taking its

name from the industry which had been established there. A tract of land of about twenty-five thousand acres had been secured; there was a store, foundry buildings, a business and commercial system, all created and dominated by a single individual, J. W. Brick. Such was the beginning of Lakewood, but no marked progressive step was taken until July 4, 1865, when the name was changed to Bricksburg. By special act of the legislature the Bricksburg Land & Improvement Company was incorporated in 1866, with Robert Campbell as its president. Under the regime of this company the old industry gradually decreased in importance and died out. It was at this period, in 1866, that active work was done in laying out streets and avenues; the sound of saw and hammer was heard, indicating the progress of building interests; real estate was placed upon the market and land was sold under sensible restrictions. The healthful conditions of the locality being recognized, the people came in great numbers and rapid progress was made for a time, but much of the property was purchased for speculative purposes, and such a course is invariably followed by a period of depression in the growth of a town. In time, however, the work of progress and improvement was resumed and has since been carried steadily forward.

It was in 1879, in conjunction with Mr. Charles H. Kimball, that the progressive spirit of Captain Bradshaw was first infused into the development of the place, and since that time he has been a power for good in the town, which largely stands as a monument to his enterprise and business ability. In 1879 he induced New York capitalists to interest themselves in the place and then was formed the Lakewood Hotel and Land Association, under the direction of the following officers: C. H. Kimball, president; S. D. Davis, treasurer; and Captain A. M. Bradshaw, secretary. By these gentlemen a liberal system of improvements was inaugurated and the Laurel House was opened in 1880. Ten years later the Forest Hotel Company was organized with C. H. Kimball, president; Francis S. Freeman, treasurer; and Captain Bradshaw, secretary. In the same year the Pine Forest Land & Improvement Company was organized, and the same year the Lakewood Hotel was built.

All modern improvements and the accessories of a city of the twentieth century have been introduced, including an electric light plant, which was installed upon modern scientific plans; a sewerage system, in the perfection of which no expense has been spared; fine streets and avenues, which are paved and bordered with well kept sidewalks, and other progressive improvements, which made Lakewood a most desirable place of residence. The educational advantages here are unsurpassed in a town of this size, for in addition to the two large public schools, one embracing a kindergarten in connection with the grade work, there are two private schools—the Lakewood Heights School, for boys, and The Oaks, a preparatory school for girls. Lakewood also has fine churches to accommodate the large number of visitors of varying denominational preferences.

Another of the attractive features of Lakewood is the beautiful bodies of water which lie adjacent to the town, the largest being Lake Carasaljo, which was named by its old-time owner, Joseph W. Brick, for his three lovely daughters, Caroline, Sarah and Josephine. The second daughter was called Sally, and to form the name he took the first syllable of each daughter's name.

Lakewood is situated about sixty miles from both Philadelphia and New York, thus affording easy access to either city. The history of Lakewood as a winter resort dates from 1880, when the New York capitalists, through the instrumentality of Captain Bradshaw, succeeded in acquiring possession of about nineteen thousand acres of land and began the improvement of the place, making it very attractive as a residence locality. With its broad, well shaded streets, beautiful homes, excellent school and church facilities and other advantages, Lakewood may appropriately be termed



a model village. The temperature in winter is from ten to fifteen degrees warmer than in New England, the soil is sandy and the air wonderfully pure and dry. Captain Bradshaw has not only kept in touch with every line of progress here but has instituted many of the most important movements for its advancement and growth. His business ability, keen foresight, executive force and capable management have all left their impress upon the development of the town, and Lakewood may well term him its modern founder and feel grateful for his efforts in its behalf.

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#### LYMAN CRONK.

Much speculation has been indulged in concerning the futility of effort. Statistics state that ninety-five per cent. of those who enter into business for themselves meet with failure. This is doubtless due in large measure to an unwise choice of a vocation. Ability to correctly judge one's own powers, combined with a willingness to work and with keen discrimination in management,—these are the factors of success, and it is such characteristics which have won for Lyman Cronk a foremost place in industrial circles in New Brunswick, where he carries on business as a manufacturer of and dealer in lumber, sash, doors and blinds.

His life record began in Roxbury, Delaware county, New York, on the 12th of March, 1838, and it was in that county that the first American ancestors of the family, natives of Holland, located on crossing the Atlantic to the new world in 1770. The founder of the family was Lawrence Cronk, who continued his residence in Delaware county until after the beginning of the Revolutionary war, when he entered the army and gave his life for the cause of liberty. He left one son, Lawrence Cronk, Jr., who was born in Tarrytown, New York—a place immortalized through Washington Irving's beautiful "Legend of the Sleepy Hollow." After arriving at years of maturity the grandfather of our subject married Nancy Crary, and they became the parents of ten children, the fourth in order of birth being Nathaniel, the father of Lyman Cronk. Throughout his business career Nathaniel followed the occupation of farming, his life's labors being ended in death in 1872, when he was sixty-seven years of age. In politics he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks. His wife, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in 1881, at the age of eighty-four years. Their children were Harvey B., Volney, Laura, Alvah, Lyman, Dubois and Martin.

Lyman Cronk acquired his education in the common schools of his native county and was employed upon his father's farm through the summer months until fourteen years of age, after which he was employed as a farm hand in the neighborhood for seven years. It was thus he made his start in life. In March, 1861, he was employed on a steamboat, running between South Amboy and New York City, and in that position he continued until November, 1862, when he enlisted in the United States navy and was attached to the ship Commodore Morris, commanded by Captain James Gilles. The special duty of this vessel consisted in cruising around the James and York rivers and Chesapeake bay and doing picket duty in the first named river, watching especially for the appearance of the second Merrimac. He was honorably discharged from the service November 7, 1862.

Upon leaving the navy Mr. Cronk went to the west, locating in Champagn, Illinois, where he was employed as a salesman in a grocery store for about a year. On the expiration of that period he returned to New Jersey, and, establishing his home

in New Brunswick, he sought and obtained a position in a grocery store, where he remained for six years. At the end of that time he began business on his own account on John street, as a manufacturer of packing boxes, and this business he has since successfully followed, although he has extended the field of his operation to include the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds and moulding, and the sale of lumber. He did not have wealth to aid him in his business career, but he was determined and resolute, and scorned not honest labor nor that close attention to business without which success is never won. He has made good workmanship in all his manufactured products one of the characteristics of his establishment, which is also widely known on account of the honorable business policy therein maintained.

In 1866 occurred the marriage of Mr. Cronk and Miss Anna A. Clayton, daughter of James G. and Maria De Hart Clayton, of New Brunswick, New Jersey. After more than a quarter of a century of happy married life, she passed away October 28, 1892, at the age of forty-nine years. Six children were born unto them; of whom three are yet living: Hubert B., who was born May 8, 1872, and is now associated with his father in business under the firm name of L. Cronk & Son; Sadie L., born November 19, 1875; and Edwin Irving, born November 29, 1876, now a student in Hahnemann Medical College, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On the 20th of June, 1894, Mr. Cronk married Miss Carrie L. Laird, a daughter of Alexander and Hannah Laird, of Pleasant Plains, New Jersey. She is a most estimable lady and, like her husband, is widely and favorably known in New Brunswick. They have one daughter, Mildred S., born August, 1898.

In his political affiliations Mr. Cronk is a Republican and is deeply interested in the growth and success of his party. He has served on the county executive committee and for one term was on the board of aldermen of New Brunswick. He belongs to the board of trade and is identified with several fraternal organizations, including Union Lodge, No. 19, F. & A. M.; New Brunswick Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F.; and of Robert Buggs Post, G. A. R. He is a zealous and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is serving as one of its stewards and is treasurer of its financial board. Such is the life record of an honorable and upright man, who is deeply interested in the welfare and prosperity of his adopted city and is always ready to uphold the principles of municipal and national integrity.

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#### FRED VAIL THOMPSON, M. D.

It is hardly probable that a knowledge of medicine is even in the slightest degree inherited, but an aptitude for the work of a physician may be inherited and many a medical practitioner is a better physician because his father before him was a physician and many such have been students of medicine from their childhood. Dr. Fred Vail Thompson, late of Belmar, but more recently of Asbury Park and now of Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a son of Dr. Charles H. Thompson, a successful and popular physician of Belmar, Monmouth county.

Dr. F. V. Thompson was born September 12, 1866, at Freehold, and at the age of ten years was sent to a private school at South Amboy. For two years he studied there and for a year afterward was a student at a private school at Asbury Park. He then entered Freehold Institute, from which he was graduated after a five years' course, with the class of 1885. After completing his classical course he entered the medical department of Columbia College, New York City, where he studied for three years. He next entered Long Island Hospital Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1890, when he associated himself in the practice of medicine with his

father at Belmar. This relation existed for six years until, in the spring of 1806, Dr. Thompson engaged in independent practice at Asbury Park, whence a year later he removed to Holmdel, where he has a large and lucrative practice. He is physician to the board of health of Holmdel and is examining physician for the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Company, the New York Life Insurance Company and the Travelers Life and Accident Insurance Company. He is a thorough student and a painstaking physician, and is a member of the Monmouth County Medical Society and of the Practitioners' Society of Eastern Monmouth. He is thoroughly abreast of the times in new discoveries and medical diagnosis and treatment of medical diseases.

Politically Dr. Thompson is a Republican, though he is not active in the affairs of his party. He is a member of Ocean Lodge, No. 80, Free and Accepted Masons, of Belmar, and is secretary and past master of that organization. He is an active and zealous member of the Episcopal church of Belmar, in which he has held the office of vestryman from 1892 to 1897, and he is liberal in its support and active in Christian work.

Dr. Thompson was married June 14, 1804, to Grace A. Gassin, who was born July 24, 1875, a daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth A. (Kessler) Gassin, a native of New York City. Her father, who was of French ancestry, was a successful wholesale druggist in New York. Her grandfather in the paternal line was a captain in the French army and served under Napoleon the First. Her mother was of German descent.

Dr. Charles H. and Rhoda A. (Holmes) Thompson are represented in a separate biographical sketch which appears elsewhere in this work.

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#### FRANCIS CHADWICK.

The late Francis Chadwick, who in his time was one of the well known business men of Red Bank, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born there March 18, 1813, and died May 30, 1882. His father was Taber Chadwick, in his time a representative attorney at Red Bank, who was born March 7, 1773, and died October 7, 1843. His mother was Deborah Longstreet, who was born July 25, 1787, and died September 14, 1883. They had children as follows: Francis, Richard, Jeremiah, Lydia, Francis (the second of the name), Richard L., Sarah Ann, Catharine, Jeremiah (the second of the name), Deborah, Lucinda and Angeline. Taber Chadwick's father was Francis Chadwick, who was born July 18, 1741, married Huldah Taber, and died January 13, 1809. John Chadwick, father of Francis Chadwick, was born March 12, 1713, and died April, 1783. The Christian name of his wife was Martha A. John Chadwick was the son of another John Chadwick, a native of England, who came to America with Governor Winthrop's fleet in 1630, and died in New Jersey June 20, 1639, and whose wife, Johanna, died the same year.

Francis Chadwick received such education as was obtainable in the common school near his boyhood home and was self-taught to such a degree that in time he came to possess an extensive fund of useful knowledge. Early in life he became captain of a schooner plying between Red Bank and New York. He was married September 9, 1835, to Miss Margaret A. Parker, daughter of Captain Joseph Parker, of Red Bank, a descendant of the old English family of Parker in Kent. George Parker emigrated to this country in 1835 in the ship "Elizabeth and Ann," and settled in New England, but subsequently removed to Rumson, New Jersey. Peter Parker, who was born at Portsmouth, came to New Jersey with his brother, Joseph, who was constable at Shrewsbury in 1667. The Parkers of this family proved themselves worthy and loyal citizens of their adopted country, and their descendants fill various offices

of trust in the departments of human endeavor to which they have been called. Francis and Margaret A. (Parker) Chadwick had children as follows: Richard L., who is dead; Joseph P., captain of the *Sea Bird*; Mary H., who is Mrs. Wood; Frank T., a physician and druggist at Long Branch; Alvin; Margaret, who is dead; and S. Mattilda.

At his marriage Mr. Chadwick abandoned the career of a mariner and as a member of the firm of Chadwick & Parker, embarked in a mercantile enterprise, which under able management was advanced to considerable importance. In time he began to deal in lumber and eventually became interested in shipping and owned a line of vessels which plied between Red Bank and New York. In these various enterprises he was successful and came to rank commercially among the most important business men of Red Bank and adjacent towns. He continued in business until he suffered from a disastrous conflagration, and then, instead of rebuilding, he retired. Politically he was a Republican and though he was not himself a party worker he was a firm believer in the principles enunciated by Lincoln and his successors, and was much interested in every forward movement of his party. It may be said of him that his public spirit was such that he was always in the front rank of those who contributed to the progress and prosperity of his town and county. He was a Presbyterian, liberal in the support of the church and long active in Sunday-school work, for which he had a happy faculty and in which he was most efficient.

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#### JOSEPH MAGEE.

For eighty years Joseph Magee has traveled life's journey, and now, in the evening of a long, useful and honorable career, he is enjoying a well earned rest, relieved of the burdens and responsibilities of business life; for through many decades he was laying by the competence which now supplies him with all the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. He has been prominent in public life as well as in business circles and has left the impress of his individuality for good upon many lines of progress and advancement in the city of Jamesburg, where he makes his home.

A native of Monmouth county, New Jersey, Mr. Magee was born on the 8th of October, 1821, and is a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hultz) Magee, both of whom were natives of Monmouth county. The father was born February 28, 1786, and was a son of Richard Magee. He served his country in the war of 1812 and when a boy learned the blacksmith's trade, but devoted the greater part of his life to agricultural pursuits. He spent his later years at the home of his son Joseph in Jamesburg, and there died, September 15, 1861, while his wife passed away on the 10th of July, 1822. They were the parents of six children: Margaret, who was born December 9, 1810, became the wife of Mr. Stutts and died in Mercer county, New Jersey; James, born September 12, 1812, is still living; William, born March 26, 1815, died in March, 1893; Lydia, born June 22, 1817, became the wife of Daniel Taylor and after his death was again married, and is now deceased; Alfred, born January 8, 1819, died in childhood; and Joseph is the next of the family. For his second wife the father married Mrs. Ann Bartlett, a widow.

In the country schools Joseph Magee began his education and at the age of twelve years began earning his own livelihood by clerking in a general store owned by Elias C. Clayton. He subsequently became a partner in the business and four years later he sold his interest and entered into partnership with John E. Hart, a relation

that was maintained for three years, when in 1851 Mr. Magee disposed of his interest and removed to Jamesburg. Here he established a general store and later he also embarked in the lumber business. He was thus identified with the commercial interests of the city for many years and enjoyed a large and profitable trade, which was accorded him by reason of his honorable dealing, his enterprise and his earnest desire to please his patrons. He continued actively associated with the business interests which he had established until January, 1896, when he retired to private life. He has made judicious investments and is now a leading stockholder in the First National Bank of Jamesburg, of which he is serving as president, although the active conduct of the bank is left to others.

Mr. Magee has been twice married. In Philadelphia, on the 25th of March, 1846, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Elizabeth Van Atsdale, and unto them were born six children: Harriet C., the wife of Thomas E. Perrine; Mary E., the deceased wife of John Finley; Eugene V., who resides in East Orange; Anna B., the wife of E. S. Hammell, of the Jamesburg Record; and George V. and Laura J., both of whom have passed away. The mother was called to her final rest on the 22nd of March, 1866. In Monmouth county, New Jersey, on the 20th of April, 1871, Mr. Magee was united in marriage to Mrs. Eleanor Mount, the widow of Joseph Perrine, and by this union were born two children: Joseph, who died in infancy, and Aliee.

Mr. Magee has been very prominent in public affairs and has contributed in a large measure to public progress along material, social, intellectual and moral lines. He has filled the office of township collector and for two years was a freeholder. He was also honored with an election to the position of representative to the general assembly and ably labored for the interests of his constituents. He was the organizer of the building and loan association and served as its president for thirty-two years, largely promoting the growth of the institution and extending its usefulness. For twelve years he was postmaster and at one time served as president of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, served as director and vice president, and for one year has filled the position of president. A lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, he has been one of its elders for a quarter of a century and has labored earnestly and effectively for its upbuilding and progress. He was also president of the cemetery association. In politics he has ever been a Democrat and is a man fearless in defense of his honest convictions. His has been an honorable career, well worthy of emulation.

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#### JOHN H. CRAWFORD.

John H. Crawford, who is engaged in the wholesale butchering business in Tinton Falls, where his slaughter houses are located, is one of the leading business men of his locality. The birth of Mr. Crawford was on October 29, 1841, and he was a son of James G. and Elizabeth Hagerty Crawford, the former of whom was a shoemaker by trade, and with four of his sons served gallantly in the Civil war, and the latter of whom was a member of an old and respected New Jersey family.

John H. Crawford, of this sketch, was reared in Tinton Falls and there acquired his education. He began life as a farmer boy, with the intention of following agricultural pursuits, but his plans were changed, like those of many others, by the outbreak and continuance of the Civil war. In 1863 he enlisted for service in the defense of his country, entering the Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, First Army

Corps, under General Reynolds as commander, and served faithfully through his term of enlistment, being honorably discharged at its close.

Upon his return from the army our subject was engaged through four years in the butcher business in Eatontown, but then returned to agricultural life. For eight years Mr. Crawford was a farmer, at the close of which period he entered into his present business and has been successfully conducting it ever since, although since 1897 he has not been actively engaged, the firm of Crawford Brothers, his two sons succeeding him at that date. This business was founded by our subject twelve years ago and is now one of the important ones in Tinton Falls, and under the able management of John C. and Albert B. Crawford, energetic and thorough business men, promises to reach to greater proportions.

The marriage of our subject was in 1865, to Miss Rebecca A. Croxson, and the children of this marriage were as follows: Elizabeth, Hannah, Nathan, George, Louise, Dora, John C. and Albert B.

Mr. Crawford is much respected and his home is gladdened by the presence of many bright grandchildren. He built up a business which has brought an ample competency and he also established a reputation for honesty and fair dealing, which policy is still pursued by his successors.

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#### NICHOLAS BUTTERBACH.

To compel Nature to yield obedience and bring forth flower and fruit according to the will and wish of the patient and intelligent gardener, is the business of Nicholas Butterbach, the capable and enthusiastic superintendent and gardener for C. N. Bliss, of Oceanic, New Jersey. The birthplace of our subject, Mr. Butterbach, was on the classic Rhine, in Germany, and the beautiful scenery presented to his view while a child may have had an influence in forming his character and giving a bent to his natural inclinations. Mr. Butterbach was liberally educated, first at the lower schools, and later he entered the institution at Saargemund in Loraine, subsequently graduating with honors at the seminary at Montigny.

At the age of twenty-eight, in 1881, Mr. Butterbach emigrated to the United States, and located at Greenwich, Connecticut, where for a time he filled a commercial position, but later he went to New York and entered upon a successful career as a landscape gardener. For nine years he continued in this line, many of the finest estates in Manhattan profiting by his skill and taste. Since 1892 he has had charge of the beautiful estate of the Hon. C. N. Bliss, of Oceanic, this being one of the most artistic and attractive spots on the New Jersey coast.

The marriage of Mr. Butterbach was in 1886, to Miss Alice Connelly, and one daughter was born, in 1888, who bears the beautiful name of Helena. Mr. Butterbach is a most enthusiastic and accomplished member of his profession and has attained a high position in the estimation of his colleagues. He is a member of the executive committee of the American Rose Society; is a member of the Society of American Florists; a member of the New York Florists Club; and he was the organizer of the Monmouth County Horticultural Society and was its first president. Socially he is a member of the I. O. R. M. order, Navesink Tribe, No. 148, of which he is a past officer.

Mr. Butterbach is of most genial and pleasing personality, loving his work as a master does and producing some most artistic and pleasing designs; and he is also successful in making every natural resource of as much value as possible, his trained



*V. Butterbach*





eye immediately telling him what is best. In the domain of gardener he is supreme. Mr. Butterbach has contributed many valuable articles on horticulture to contemporaneous publications, horticultural papers and magazines, notably an article on "The Cultivation of the Rose Under Glass," which took the first prize of thirty-three competitors. An article which attracted much favorable comment and was widely copied was "The Cultivation of the Pineapple Under Glass." Mr. Butterbach's lecture before the State Horticultural Society in Trenton in 1899 was commended most highly.

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DAVID MURRAY.

David Murray was born in Bovina, Delaware county, New York, October 15, 1830. His parents were both natives of Scotland. He was graduated from Union College in 1852; received the honorary degree of Ph. D. from the University of the State of New York in 1863, and that of LL. D. from Rutgers College in 1873 and from Union College in 1874. He was principal of the Albany Academy from 1857 until 1863 and in the latter year was elected professor of mathematics and astronomy in Rutgers College, in which position he served until 1873.

The embassy from Japan which visited America and Europe in 1872 invited him to become the adviser to the imperial minister of education in their country in order to aid in the work of reorganizing their system of public education. This position he held from 1873 until 1879. At the time of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876, he was sent to the United States for the purpose of collecting material for an educational museum in Japan. On leaving that country in 1879 the emperor bestowed upon the Decoration of the Rising Sun in appreciation of his services.

On his return home in 1879 he was made secretary of the board of regents of the University of the State of New York. Ill health obliged him to resign this position after a service of ten years. He gave lectures on education in Japan at Union College in 1881, and at Johns Hopkins University in 1897. He wrote for the extensive book on the public service of the state of New York that portion referring to the organization and work of the board of regents. He wrote for the Putnam series "The Story of Japan," and for the bureau of education at Washington "The History of Education in New Jersey." He contributed to and edited "The Centennial History of Delaware County, New York." He also wrote for the American Historical Association an article called the "Anti-Rent Episode in New York." He has written also various papers and monographs for other publications.

Dr. Murray has been trustee of Union College and of the Albany Academy, and is now trustee of Rutgers College. He was one of the original founders of the New Brunswick Historical Club and was its president from 1898 to 1902.

In 1897 the Doctor married Martha A. Neilson, of New York City, and his present residence is in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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B. EVERETT CARPENTER.

One of the most progressive and prosperous business citizens of Woodbridge, New Jersey, is B. Everett Carpenter, who owns and operates the most complete carriage building and blacksmith establishment in this city, and is considered the best of its kind to be found in Middlesex county.

The birth of Mr. Carpenter was on June 20, 1863, at Carteret, Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, in this state, and he was a son of the late David P. and Mary (Vanwart) Carpenter. Our subject acquired his education in the public schools, graduating from there into the trade of carriage blacksmithing. After faithfully serving through a rigorous apprenticeship, Mr. Carpenter then worked as a journeyman in the business for some ten years. In 1888, in association with his brother, David P. Carpenter, he erected his present commodious shops and warerooms and since that date has been engaged continuously in a successful and lucrative business in Woodbridge. He manufactures all kinds of light and heavy wood and driving wagons, and conducts a general carriage building, blacksmithing and horse shoeing business. His methods being upright and honorable, he has placed his house on a firm foundation and is regarded with the highest confidence by the business world and the community.

Mr. Carpenter has one hobby, and that is a love of fine horses. Fortunately he is in a position to gratify his taste and is the owner of five of the fastest trotting and pacing horses in the state of New Jersey. Mr. Carpenter is still unmarried.

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#### HENRY J. CHILD.

Henry John Child, justice of the peace of Monmouth county, notary public, and commissioner of deeds, was born in Chertsey, county of Surrey, England, January 4, 1830. His parents, William and Sarah (Wall) Child, also natives of England, came to the United States in 1852, and located at Red Bank, New Jersey, where they died, the former March 2, 1882, and the latter in the early '70s. The elder Child, like the immediate subject of this sketch, most efficiently fulfilled the duties of the office of justice of the peace, which he held for a period of fifteen years. He was a Democrat in his political affiliation, but did not allow his partisanship to blind him to the interests of his community, frequently and openly supporting the nominees of his political opponents where he believed them better qualified than the nominees of his own party to occupy the offices to which they aspired. He was a valuable citizen and a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a lay preacher, and to the support of which he contributed liberally. Of his children but two survive, Henry J. and Miss Sarah Child, the latter a retired teacher, who was for many years associated with the schools of Red Bank. Of the deceased children Joseph Child attained local prominence through his active identification with the interests of the Democratic party, by which he was elected to various offices, including those of township clerk, county committeeman and judge of elections.

Henry J. Child received his initial schooling in England, and this was supplemented by home study at Red Bank. As a youth he found employment in the general store of John Hubbard, with whom he remained for seven years. For a few years thereafter he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in New York City. In 1861, in connection with his brother Joseph, he established a bakery at Red Bank, his personal connection therewith ceasing at the expiration of two years. The business thus established is still conducted by the members of his brother's family. For a number of years Henry J. Child conducted a stationery and fancy goods business at Red Bank. In 1881 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, which he has held continuously by re-election ever since, save during the year 1900, when by reason of his incumbency as a member of the board of elections he was incapacitated from filling the office of justice. He married, in 1868, Margaret, daughter of William Palmer, who was



Henry J. Child  
Red Bank, N.J.



for ten years justice of the peace at Red Bank, and who now resides in Missouri. Mrs. Child died June 30, 1808, leaving three children, Mrs. Marietta Hughes, widow of Joseph Hughes; Clara B., wife of Robert Rocap, of Bridgeton, New Jersey; and Anna, wife of Satterlee Arnold, of Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Child was a member of Navesink Lodge, No. 39, I. O. O. F., of which he filled all the offices.

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HOWARD W. PHILLIPS, M. D.

Prominent in professional circles in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, esteemed in every relation of life, and identified with educational movements in his locality, is Dr. Howard W. Phillips, who is also a veteran officer of the Civil war. His birth was in Brooklyn, New York, on July 24, 1837, and he was a son of Henry Miller and Jane Elizabeth (Howard) Phillips.

The Phillips family is of English origin and, with the Howard family, was one of the oldest to locate in eastern New York. There was a time when the Howard family owned all the land extending from Bedford to Jamaica avenues in Brooklyn, and a portion of this land is now included in Evergreen cemetery, and in this beautiful spot reposes the remains of Whitehead Howard, our subject's maternal grandfather, with his wife, two sons, and two daughters.

Henry Miller Phillips, who was the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead farm in Dutchess county, New York, and there spent his boyhood and early manhood, but he subsequently removed to the city of New York. His loyal spirit made him a soldier under General Worth, in the Mexican war, and during the Civil war he was attached to the staff of General Slocum as a veterinary surgeon. This profession he followed in private life. After the close of the Civil war he went to California, and subsequently removed to Illinois, but later returned to his native state, locating in Bath, Steuben county, where he died at the advanced age of ninety years. Two children were born to him and his wife, namely: Howard W. and Henrietta, the latter dying at the age of sixteen years.

Howard W. Phillips acquired his primary education in Clinton Street Academy, in Brooklyn, under the tuition of the late distinguished Dr. Bigelow, prepared for Columbia College, at which he graduated in 1858, and entered immediately upon the study of medicine in the old College of Physicians and Surgeons, which is now the medical department of Columbia College, and he graduated at this institution in 1868.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Dr. Phillips entered the army in Company E, Thirteenth New York Militia, and after completing his term of service, re-enlisted in the First Long Island regiment, known as the Sixty-seventh New York, and in this regiment he served as second lieutenant until 1862, when he left this regiment to accept a captain's commission in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth New York Regiment, which was formed in Brooklyn; and with this well-known regiment of brave men he served until 1864, when he was discharged at McGreedy, Williamsburg, Virginia, on account of disability, and returned home.

After a tedious convalescence, Dr. Phillips resumed his medical studies and graduated, as mentioned previously, in 1868. During the latter part of 1868 he served as an interne in the Charity hospital on Blackwell Island, and in the fall of 1869 he began the regular practice of his profession in Brooklyn, his old home, and became a successful member of the profession in that city for eleven years. Desiring a change and rest from the trying life of the physician, our subject removed to a farm

near Middletown, Orange county, New York, where he engaged in farming for a year and then went to Providence, Rhode Island, where he spent one year in practice. In 1883 Dr. Phillips located in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and since that date has been actively engaged, has built up a successful business, and has become one of the esteemed citizens. His long army experience, although not in the medical line, gave him opportunities which interested him in his chosen work, and since then he has steadily progressed along the lines of latest discovery in medicine and surgery. The Doctor is a reflective reader and a close student and has been appointed medical examiner for the Catholic Benevolent Legion, his known skill and ability having gained for him universal confidence. Dr. Phillips is connected with the U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., of Brooklyn.

Dr. Phillips was married in Brooklyn, New York, to Miss Philemon Clavel, who was a daughter of Joseph and Adel Clavel.

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#### THOMAS F. ZETTMOYER.

Thomas F. Zettlemoyer, the efficient postmaster and capable and obliging station agent for the New Jersey Central Railroad at Sewaren, Middlesex county, New Jersey, was born at Lenhartsville, Berks county, Pennsylvania.

The education of Mr. Zettlemoyer was acquired in the schools of Watsonstown, Pennsylvania, and after completing his studies, he learned telegraphy, entering the offices of the Western Union Company at that place.

Afterwards our subject entered the service of the New Jersey Central Railroad at Carteret, as station master and telegraph operator, and remained there until 1884, when he was transferred to Sewaren and has so conducted the business that he has gained the confidence and esteem of the officials of the road, as well as the high regard of the public. On May 7, 1897, he was appointed postmaster and still efficiently fills that position, with entire satisfaction to the residents of the village.

The marriage of Mr. Zettlemoyer took place at Carteret, on June 4, 1885, to Miss Lena Zinck, who was a daughter of George and Mary Zinck, and two children have been born to this union, viz.: Hattie and Walter F. Our subject is fraternally connected with American Lodge, No. 83, Masonic, of Woodbridge; Woodbridge Council, R. A.; and both he and his wife are devout and valued members of the Episcopal church.

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#### CHARLES P. WHITE.

Charles P. White, the respected postmaster of Avon, New Jersey, was born on a farm situated about three miles west of Avon, Monmouth county, New Jersey, March 13, 1836. He gained his education in the public school located near his birthplace. Farming has occupied his attention almost exclusively; his entire life has been spent in and about the place of his birth, with the exception of ten years, one year of which time was spent in the state of Connecticut, and nine years in the state of North Dakota. He returned to his native state in 1894, and in 1897 permanently settled in Avon. His appointment as postmaster was received during the late President McKinley's first term, and in 1901 he was re-appointed by him. Mr. White's political views are Republican, and while not a politician, he is keenly alive to the interests of his party. He has connected himself with the First Methodist Protestant church of Avon, of which he is an honored member.

He was united in marriage on April 30d, 1866, to Miss Catherine E. Davison; their children now living are as follows: William P. White, born February 27, 1861; Olive M., born November 2, 1862, now the wife of John Thompson of Avon; Irene, born March 7, 1865, the wife of George Harrison, now residing at Humeville, Pennsylvania; Samuel D., born September 25, 1867, now a resident of Portland, Oregon; Minnie, born March 5, 1872, the wife of Albert Hanson, residing in Wells county, North Dakota; and Charles E. White and Katharine E. White, born January 9, 1877, died March 7, 1877.

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FREDERICK DEY CLAYTON.

Frederick Dey Clayton, the well known station agent at Avon, New Jersey, came into the world at Manalapan, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on November 5, 1869, and is the son of William V. and Elizabeth B. (Tilton) Clayton. He was educated at the public schools in the vicinity of his home. Believing that a better field would open up for him in the commercial world were he to become master of some particular line of work, in 1886 he undertook to learn telegraphy. After devoting himself to studying for one year he was given charge of an office on the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania Railroad; from this he was transferred at various times to Pottswood, Riverside, Branchport and Belmar, and lastly to Avon, where he located in 1890, and at which place he is now serving as station agent. The Clayton family, of which our subject is a descendant, is one of the oldest in Monmouth county. Over two hundred years ago his forefathers, coming to the new world in search of a larger liberty and nobler manhood, settled in the county that has known them so favorably ever since.

As young as he is, Mr. Clayton has already served three terms on the Avon borough council, showing that he is a man whose opinion is valued by his fellow-citizens. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, and he is ever prompt to serve its interests whenever opportunity offers. He belongs to United Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 199, of Belmar, New Jersey.

His marriage to Miss Jennie E. Snyder, daughter of William and Louise Snyder, was celebrated on November 17, 1891. Their children are: Norma Shaw, born May 4, 1894, and Edward Carroll, born February 8, 1901.

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JOHN STEVENSON.

Numbered among the most useful and most public spirited citizens of the thriving town of Point Pleasant, is Mayor John Stevenson, whose effort has been actively devoted to the advancement of its interests from the time he became one of its residents.

He is a native of Scotland, born in Edinburgh, February 4, 1859. His parents were Walter Scott and Margaret Glass Stevenson, and his father was a member of the same family of which was George Stevenson, the great engineer, who performed such monumental work in railway and bridge building in Great Britain three-quarters of a century ago. Walter Scott Stevenson came to the United States in 1854, bringing with him his little family. He located first in Baltimore and then in Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade as a bookbinder for the firm of J. S. Lever. His children were Margaret, Elizabeth, John, Nellie, Alexander and Walter. He died in

1888, at the age of seventy-three years, surviving his wife, who died in 1884, aged sixty-three years.

John Stevenson, oldest son in this family, was five years of age when his parents came from Scotland, and his entire education was necessarily American. His boyhood was passed in farm labor in the vicinity of Bordentown, New Jersey. He subsequently engaged in railroading, and displayed such aptitude in that line, that in 1882, when he took up his residence in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, he was placed in charge of the engine house of the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, in the capacity of foreman, and he has served uninterruptedly as such until the present time, a period of more than twenty years.

Deeply imbued with a feeling of pride in the town which is his home, and having an accurate mechanical conception of conditions and necessities, he has devoted his effort in promoting the advantages of Point Pleasant and to making it an ideal residential spot. Particularly for the past twelve years he has actively aided every important public enterprise, and some of the most important owe their inception to him. In 1900 the people, in recognition of his valuable services, and in order to enable him to still further advance desirable enterprises which he had in mind, elected him to the mayoralty, and his worth and popularity were attested by the fact that he received a majority of fifty-five in a poll of one hundred and seventy-seven votes—very nearly two votes to one as between himself and the opposing candidate. He had previously served for eight years as a member of the town council, and for one term as commissioner of appeals, and in his new position he undertook to carry out more thorough development of the sewer and water systems. In this he was entirely successful, he having succeeded in securing an appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose, and the work which he effected has served to place Point Pleasant in the front rank of seaside resorts as regards sanitation and its accompanying advantages.

Mayor Stevenson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Wall Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He was married to Miss Martha A. Ferguson, a daughter of William Ferguson, of Mount Pleasant. Four children have been born of this marriage: Frances, Walter, Eva and William.

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#### MICHAEL BRADY.

Michael Brady, who resides in Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, is of Irish parentage; his parents, Terrance and Rose (McGuire) Brady, were natives of Ireland and crossed the Atlantic to America in 1861, locating at Bayonne City, New Jersey, where they both died, the father at the age of ninety-three and the mother when seventy-four years of age. Michael Brady was born March 17, 1828, in Ireland, and there he received his early education. When twenty-three years of age he came to America, locating at Easton, Pennsylvania, where he worked at railroad building. So faithfully did he labor that he soon became a railroad contractor, and for forty five years pursued this occupation. He has built railroads in many of the states of the Union, and for a number of years engaged in the manufacture of nitroglycerine and giant powder, which he used in the construction of railroads. After successfully carrying on this business he finally settled on a farm near Carteret, Woodbridge township, where he now resides. From this farm he produces mostly hay. He has also for nearly eight years been engaged in the ice business, the ice being cut from a lake which is on his farm property, and it is sold in Carteret.





*Michael Brady*



Michael Brady was joined in marriage on the 14th of August, 1854, to Catherine Fox, by whom he had eight children, namely: Rosanna; Terrance; Charles; Bridget; Michael, born 1869, died 1902; Mary; Catherine; and Thomas.

Politically, Mr. Brady is a loyal Democrat, always casting his ballot for the men supported by this party, and is also a consistent member of St. Joseph Catholic church at Carteret. He has been honored with the office of justice of the peace of Woodbridge township, which position he held for five years. He was also elected overseer of the highways, and all the duties pertaining to these offices were performed by him with promptness and fidelity, thus winning to him the confidence and commendation of his fellow citizens. Mr. Brady is a bright, intelligent man, with a ready sympathy and a hearty good-will that have made for him many friends in the community.

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#### HENRY LAKE.

Henry Lake is a descendant of the Long Island branch of the family of that name who emigrated to this country from Stockholm, Sweden, and settled in Long Island and South Jersey. Four Methodist Episcopal clergymen of the Methodist Episcopal conference of New Jersey are members of the New Jersey branch of the same family. Joseph Lake, grandfather of Henry Lake, lived at Green Grove farm, and participated in the Mexican war. He was a member of the artillery, and Henry Lake, our subject, when only eight years old, remembers the last celebration of the battle of Monmouth, when his grandfather charged with the same gun he used forty-seven years before. He was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Van Mater, and they reared a large family of children.

Joseph Lake, father of Henry Lake, resided at Freehold, New Jersey. He was a carpenter by trade, but at the breaking out of the war, he joined the Fourteenth Regiment of New Jersey, and was appointed corporal. He participated in many engagements and was struck by a bullet, which necessitated his removal to the Queens Street hospital, Alexandria, Virginia. He was killed in 1863 at the battle of Mine Run, when he was only forty-six years old. He bore an excellent record while in the service of his country. He was joined in marriage to Miss Lydia McGill, daughter of Joseph McGill, of Farmingdale, New Jersey, and the following named children have been born to them: Henry; Catherine Louise; Harris Stillwell, of Brooklyn; John and Emma, who reside at Farmingdale. The mother of these children passed away in 1881, at the age of sixty-two years.

Henry Lake, oldest son of Joseph and Lydia Lake, was born at Freehold, New Jersey, September 15, 1846. He learned the trade of baker at Freehold and New York, and worked as a journeyman baker for three years; he then started in business for himself at Farmingdale, and four years later he removed to Freeport and worked for one year; he then went to Brooklyn and remained one year; in 1874 he came to Ocean Grove, two years later went to Trenton, and finally located in Asbury Park, where he built two baking shops under one roof; the building has a frontage of one hundred feet. He has the best trade in the village, and his business extends to Point Pleasant and Red Bank. He gives employment to ten people.

Mr. Lake is a member of the Masons, Asbury Lodge, No. 142; Corson Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Royal Arcanum. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of Asbury Park until that organization went out of existence, when he joined the First Methodist Episcopal church, and acts in the capacity of steward. He also takes a great interest in the library and Sunday school attached

to the church. He has been a church member since he was seventeen years of age, and in fact there is a strong religious tendency among all the members of the family.

On November 24, 1869, Mr. Lake was united in marriage to Miss A. Irons, daughter of Cornelius Irons, of Toms River, New Jersey. Three children have been born to them, namely: Theodore, deceased; Minnie, wife of William H. Patterson, a resident of Asbury Park; their child, Willard L. Patterson, is employed as an inspector in the post office department; and William A. Lake, who married Georgia Reynolds; they reside at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

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#### GEORGE D. RUNYON.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Perth Amboy than George D. Runyon. He is an important factor in business circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy, and industry that never flags. He is public spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the city of his residence, belonging to that class of representative American citizens who, while promoting their individual success, also advance the general prosperity.

Mr. Runyon was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, February 7, 1854, and represents a family of French Huguenots who at an early period in the development of this country sought homes within its borders. The great-grandfather of our subject was Reuben Runyon, and his son, Vincent Runyon, was the grandfather. He married Asenath Buckelew, and both were lifelong residents of Middlesex county, New Jersey. John Runyon, the father of our subject, was born in New Brunswick, this state, March 21, 1824, and there spent his entire life, engaged in business as a shipwright. He was also one of the directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company and was prominent in public affairs relating to the administration of the city government and to the public progress and improvement. He served for two terms as city alderman and was also one of the water commissioners. He voted with the Democracy and did all in his power to extend the influence of his party. He was also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as a trustee, and in the faith of that denomination he died, in July, 1892. His first wife bore the maiden name of Amelia Oram, and died in 1854. There were three children by that marriage, but our subject is the only one living, the other two having died in childhood. For his second wife Mr. Runyon chose Anna Beck, who still survives him. Their children were: Ann Amelia, the wife of George W. Outcalt; W. Parker; Frank K.; John B.; May F.; and Theodore V.

George D. Runyon obtained his education in the public schools of New Brunswick, and in the Newark Business College, after which he learned the shipwright's trade, eventually succeeding his father in that line of business. In 1880 he removed his business to Perth Amboy and conducted the enterprise successfully until 1892, when he extended the field of his labors by engaging in the lumber business. The following year he sold his shipwright business and has since given his attention exclusively to dealing in lumber and building materials as a member of the Farmington-Runyon Company. Their patronage has steadily increased in volume and importance and their trade is now extensive and profitable.

On the 29th of April, 1870, Mr. Runyon was married to Melvenia Lewis, daughter of William W. Lewis of New Brunswick, and they now have six children: Lewis

P., born March 3, 1880; Cornelia, born May 11, 1881, and died November 29, 1886; Harry H., born March 2, 1885; Helen M., born June 22, 1893; Ruth A., born August 3, 1895; and G. Vincent, born October 31, 1897. Through his social and fraternal relations Mr. Runyon is connected with Good Will Council, Junior Order American Mechanics and Middlesex Council, Royal Arcanum. He and his wife, also their sons, Parker and Harry, hold membership in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is treasurer and trustee, and in its work he is deeply and actively interested. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, but takes no part in political work. In business he is energetic, prompt, and notably reliable, fully meeting every obligation and gaining success through honorable business methods and untiring industry, which qualities also insure him the confidence and regard of his fellowmen.

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#### ALONZO L. GRACE.

Alonzo L. Grace, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business in South Amboy, New Jersey, and is also serving as justice of the peace, is one of the representative citizens and reliable business men of the county. He is a son of Tobias and Jennie (Kelly) Grace, and was born in the city which is still his home on the 7th of November, 1877. He pursued his education in the public schools and after laying aside his text books entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the steamboat department, where he was continuously employed until July, 1895, when he became associated with his father in the real estate and insurance business under the firm name of T. & A. L. Grace. This business relationship was maintained until the death of the senior partner, since which time Mr. Grace has been alone. He also conducts a butchering business and has a good trade in his market, at the same time having a large clientele as a real estate agent. In business circles he is well known as a reliable, energetic and resolute man, and is enjoying success as the years pass by, his prosperity being the reward of his own labors.

Socially Mr. Grace is connected with Sterling Castle, No. 50, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and also belongs to the South Amboy Yacht Club, of which he is rear commodore. He is local treasurer and secretary of the Metropolitan Loan and Savings Association, and is serving in two positions of public trust, having been appointed justice of the peace in March, 1901, while in April of the same year he became borough recorder. He is a public spirited citizen, deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the community and this fact insures the faithful performance of his duties.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family of which our subject is a representative. His father, Tobias Grace, was one of the leading and honored residents of South Amboy, and was born in St. Peter's Place, now Church street, New York, January 4, 1848. His father, Tobias Grace, Sr., was a native of Castlecomer, Ireland, and in 1830 came to this country, where he died in 1852, his wife surviving him until 1862. Their only child, Tobias Grace, completed his education in Columbia College and afterward traveled extensively in Europe with his uncle, John Just, of New York. Subsequently he learned the trade of a morocco finisher and then became a salesman in that line of business. In 1872 he located in South Amboy and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a clerk in a freight office, remaining in this employ until 1878, when he was appointed general agent of the New Brunswick, Amboy & New York Steamboat Company, filling that position with marked ability for ten years. He filled the office of justice of the peace

from 1888 up to the time of his death. About 1885 he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, which he conducted successfully, handling much valuable property and conducting many important real estate transactions.

His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, frequently called him to public office. He held several positions of prominence in the community, in all of which he exhibited great care and conscientiousness in the discharge of the duties assigned to him. In 1889 he was appointed police justice and efficiently filled that position until 1895, and during that period he also served as coroner. He was a member of the board of trustees and clerk of school district No. 39 for several years, and was secretary of the South Amboy Star Building and Loan Association, proving an officer well suited to the requirements of the position. His ability as an accountant, coupled with his care and patience, made him a valued and highly appreciated official in both these institutions. He was greatly interested in the fire department of the borough and was connected with Steamer Protection, filling the office of foreman and later that of chief of the department. He was also a member of the Firemen's Relief Association.

For many years Mr. Grace held membership in General Morgan Lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F.; Lady Grace Lodge, No. 27, of the Rebekah degree; and of Monmouth Encampment, No. 51, I. O. O. F., of Keyport. He likewise belongs to Seneca Tribe, No. 23, I. O. R. M., of South Amboy; Ilanthe Council, No. 6, D. P.; Sterling Castle, No. 50, K. G. E.; Banner Temple, No. 8, Ladies of the Order of the Golden Eagle, of New Brunswick, New Jersey; Columbia Castle, No. 242, K. G. R. of South Amboy; and he held membership at large in the order of Chosen Friends and Seneca Lodge, No. 2312, of the Haymakers' Association. In all of these fraternities he was prominent, having served in the state bodies, and although these duties necessarily occupied much of his time, it was always a pleasure to him to give it. He kept well informed on current events and was ever ready to give his opinion on questions of importance at home and abroad. He took a great interest in aquatic sports, was a member of the South Amboy Yacht Club and was instrumental in securing the ground on which the club house is built.

On the 4th of October, 1870, Mr. Grace was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Kelly, of Fairview, Bergen county, New Jersey, which place was settled by her ancestors—members of the Engle family. This happy union was blessed with five children: Frank; Charles T.; Maggie Belte, the wife of W. A. Applegate; Alonzo L.; and Ruth. Mr. Grace was a communicant of the Christ Episcopal church. He was a worthy citizen, whose interest in all matters was evinced by an unselfish spirit, and by intelligent and honest efforts in behalf of everything that he believed would contribute to the general good. He died on Wednesday, April 28, 1900, and during his prolonged illness was tenderly cared for by his devoted wife and children, who anticipated his every want in administering to his comfort. In his death they lost a loving husband and devoted father, who throughout his married life found his greatest happiness in promoting the interests of his wife and children.

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#### WILLIAM SMITH BROWER, JR.

One of the most successful truck gardeners and fruit growers of Raritan township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is William S. Brower, Jr., who lives near Keyport on a valuable farm which is under a high state of cultivation, a brief sketch of whose antecedents and active career it is intended to give in this connection.



William S. Brower Jr.





William S. Brower, Jr., is a son of William S. and Fannie (Walling) Brower, and was born in Raritan town-ship, February 8, 1864. His father was born in the same town-ship March 21, 1840, and died there May 20, 1897, and his mother was born in the same neighborhood May 27, 1842, and lives on her late husband's home-stead. William S. Brower, Sr., who was a successful farmer and a zealous member of the Methodist Epi-scopal church of Keansburg, was a prominent citizen of much public spirit. His wife bore him three children, as follows: His daughter, Mary E., lives with his widow; his daughter, Anna L., is the wife of Captain William Brown, owner and manager of several vessels which are employed in coastwise trade; his son, William S. Brower, Jr., is the immediate subject of this sketch.

William S. Brower, Jr., is a Democrat and is the present incumbent of the office of school district clerk in his town-ship. He is a member of Monmouth Encampment, No. 51, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics and of the Daughters of Liberty of the State of New Jersey. He and his wife are zealous and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Keyport. He was married July 5, 1885, to Miss Sarah A. Rogers, of Keyport, who was born November 23, 1866, a daughter of Luther R. and Abigail (Hendrickson) Rogers. The Browsers and Hendricksons are descended from early Dutch-Holland immigrants, who located in New Jersey among the pioneer settlers, as is set forth more fully in biographical and genealogical sketches which give interest to other pages of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Brower have had eight children, the following named six of whom are living: Mary E., born March 19, 1886; Sadie A., born August 6, 1888; William W., born January 18, 1891; Frank S., born August 1, 1893; George L., born May 25, 1896; and Charles P., born July 19, 1900.

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#### WILLIAM BURDGE.

Among the finely cultivated farms that beautify the banks of the Manasquan river in Brick town-ship, Ocean county, is that owned and operated by William Burdge, who ranks among the leading agriculturists in this portion of the community. He is the eldest of a family of five children who claimed Ocean county as the place of their birth, of whom three are now living. The parents, Hugh and Lydia (Stout) Burdge, were also natives of Ocean county, but the father earned his livelihood on the water. He was part owner of a vessel which he sailed out of Barnegat bay to various points of interest along the coast where his business took him.

William Burdge was born April 10, 1824, and was reared and educated in his native county, Ocean. His entire life has been spent in agricultural pursuits. During his boyhood days he became thoroughly acquainted with the work on the farm, learning lessons of thrift, industry and perseverance, which have served him in good stead during his later life. His farm shows the evidences of the teaching received and the habits formed in earlier life, for the buildings thereon are all substantially built, the fields are under a high state of cultivation, and the implements and equipments with which he carries on his work are of modern construction and design. His crops are abundant and his stock of a high grade, all of which indicate that a man of ability and experience directs and oversees the operations of the farm. Mr. Burdge has been the owner of this property since 1878, upon which he has erected the comfortable residence and outbuildings which now stand as monuments to his care and indefatigable labor. For his bravery and daring Mr. Burdge is widely known, for in the year 1846, when the vessel John Minturn was wrecked, he eagerly gave his as-

sistance in bringing to shore and in caring for those who had escaped death and those who perished in the storm. He was also an eye witness of the wreck of the schooner *Alabama* from Philadelphia, to which no aid could be given, as the sea ran so high that no boat could be put from the shore.

William Burdge was joined in marriage in 1848 to Miss Jane Havens, a daughter of Aaron and Jemima Havens. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are now living, namely: Charles, born in 1856; Aaron, born in 1859; and Mary E., born in 1853. The two sons are actively engaged in the manufacture of first-class brick and are very successful. They are both married, Charles Burdge having wedded in 1885 Miss Sarah Estell, by whom three children were born, only one of whom is living, namely: Joseph E. Aaron Burdge was joined in marriage in 1881 to Miss Ada R. Murry. Their children are: Jennie, Carrie, Raymond, Arthur, Vernon, Rose, and Selma. The family of William Burdge is highly respected, of cultivated tastes and refinement, and show plainly the inherent qualities of intelligence, honesty, and integrity, an inheritance of far greater worth than mere worldly possessions, and Ocean county is proud to name this family as one of its residents.

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#### WINFIELD MAURER.

Winfield Maurer, proprietor of a popular hotel in Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born in that village. His parents were Joseph and Catherine (Gehres) Maurer, both natives of Germany, who made their home in Keyport, where the father died.

The son, Winfield Maurer, was educated in the local schools. He was brought up to the hotel business and has conducted an establishment of that character during his entire active life. He is a member of the Keyport Volunteer Fire Department, and of various social organizations.

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#### PETER NAPOLEON ROHRBACH.

Prominent among the worthy German-American citizens of Woodbridge, New Jersey, is Peter Napoleon Rohrbach, who is one of the leading business men of this city. He was born in Rinbyer, Province of Bavaria, Germany, on November 14, 1838, and he was a son of Peter and Margaret Rohrbach. While our subject was but a child, his parents emigrated to the United States and located in the city of New York. There Peter was afforded most excellent educational facilities, after which he engaged in various occupations to enable him to take care of himself and be no burden to any one.

In 1858 Mr. Rohrbach located in Woodbridge, which at that time was but a small village, and for the succeeding five years was engaged in carrying clay, bricks, etc., by boat to New York, later returning to the metropolis, where he remained until 1870. In June of that year our subject returned to his present home and established himself in the hotel business, conducting the same very successfully for a period of four years, but later, in 1880, went into the bottling business and has so continued since that time.

The marriage of Mr. Rohrbach to Wilhelmina Henkleman took place in New York on March 5, 1863. She was a native of Saxony, Germany, and to this union these children were born: Louis, who died in childhood; Minnie, who died in childhood;

Louisa, deceased; George; William; Edward, deceased; Emma, who is the wife of F. W. Bohlen; and Lilian S.

Our subject is a member of Warren Lodge, No. 84, I. O. O. F., of New York; Chirovsky Lodge, Knights of Honor of New York; Rahway Grove, No. 12, Druids; and the Union German Benevolent Association of Woodbridge. The family are attendants of the Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Rohrbach is a generous contributor, and where he is held in high esteem.

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#### HARRISON MATHEWS.

A highly respected citizen of Southard, Monmouth county, is Harrison Mathews, a young and enterprising mechanic, who was born in the place in which he now resides, on the 4th day of June, 1862. He is a son of Ivins and Ruth A. (Johnson) Mathews, who followed the pursuit of agriculture and were steady, industrious people. The family consisted of five children, four of whom are now living, namely: Georgeanna, Lavina, Joseph R., and Harrison.

Harrison Mathews received his early education in the common schools of his native town, and in his boyhood was taught the trade of carpet weaving, which business he has followed the greater part of his life. In connection with this trade he deals in box lumber, feed, shingles, and is engaged in bee culture to some extent. He has been very successful in this line, his honey being of superior quality and always finding a ready market at the best stores in Lakewood, New Jersey. Born with the natural qualifications of a mechanic, he has followed this branch of trade also, becoming very experienced in this work. All the machinery necessary to the conduct of his business is set up and operated with his own hands, and in its workmanship is a model of neatness and perfection. He does all his own building and repairing necessary in his establishment, and everything about the place indicates the thrift and ability of the owner.

In 1893 Mr. Mathews was joined in marriage to Miss Annie Wight, a daughter of William and Sarah Wight, and she has been to him a faithful and helpful companion in his life's work. Mr. Mathews has always been interested in the welfare and progress of his community, and lends his aid in the support of any movements which tend toward its advancement. For six years he held the position of constable, and discharged his duties with promptness and ability, thus winning the confidence of his friends. Socially he is identified with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which he is past commander, and also holds membership with the Independent Order of Red Men. He has always led an upright, honorable life, and enjoys the respect and confidence of many friends in Monmouth county.

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#### J. HERBERT WARDELL.

Every day acts as a test of men's characters. One of the greatest tests of character is opportunity; even though a man be born in obscure circumstances, if he learns to grasp the small opportunities as they one by one present themselves, he will find them stepping stones to a goal of which perhaps he has scarcely dreamed. Many men are accounted failures in life because of an ambition which has made them look high above their heads in search of the great opportunity that shall at once launch them into

positions of power, thus failing to see the little things, which if taken as they come would more certainly lead them to the height of their ambition.

J. Herbert Wardell, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Herbert) Wardell, was born May 10, 1838, at Long Branch, Monmouth county, New Jersey. In him we find one who, while surrounded by no great opportunities for intellectual development, yet quietly pursued the small duties of every day life, which he performed faithfully and well, and took quick advantage of everything that offered a wider range for his latent capabilities. During his school days and for some years after completing his education, he assisted his father in the cultivation of his farm lands. At the age of eighteen years feeling the confines of the farm irksome, he looked about for larger space in which to give rein to the energy and force pent up in his muscular frame; it was the most natural thing in the world that he should be attracted by the water, with whose broad expanse he has been familiar since childhood. He therefore launched out as a wholesale and retail dealer at Long Branch in fish. For twenty years the charm of the life held him, and then another avenue opening up for the enlistment of his enterprising energy, he opened a restaurant at Long Branch, which he successfully conducted for fourteen years. In 1870 his present house, well known as "Wardell's Port-au-Peck Hotel," which is picturesquely situated opposite Pleasure Bay, New Jersey, was established for the entertainment of guests and the engaging in the specialty of New England clam bakes and the catering to private dinner parties, in which his success has been more than ordinary. Sailing and fishing parties are also accommodated with every requisite their pleasure demands. His post office address is Long Branch, New Jersey.

In politics Mr. Wardell adheres to the principles of the Republican party. On March 3, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Annie West. Their children are as follows: Ida L. and Edward E. The former married Richard Tyner, a decorator of New York City. Edward E. Wardell married Miss Kate, daughter of Mr. James White, plumber, of Long Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. White have three children: J. Herbert, Josephine G. and Anna E. Wardell.

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#### WALTER D. BROWN.

One of the prosperous farmers of Matawan, New Jersey, is the subject of this sketch, Walter D. Brown. Mr. Brown was born on July 13, 1865, on the McKee farm, adjoining the estate of his grandfather, James E. Brown, which is located in Marlboro township, near the Middlesex county line. He is a son of Joel and Harriet (Van Cleef) Brown, both natives of Marlboro. The Brown family have been residents of Monmouth county for several generations, being well known and highly respected by their neighbors. The Van Cleef family also is among the very earliest settlers of this section, originating from a Holland-Dutch ancestry. The name appears elsewhere in this work accompanied by a more detailed description.

Walter D. Brown received his early education in the common schools of the town in which he was born and reared, and at a very youthful age began his career as a farmer. His long experience has made him a thorough and practical agriculturist. His fine farm located near Freneau, recently purchased by him, is devoted entirely to the growing of fruit and asparagus. These specialties he is most successful in producing in their highest state of perfection, and for them he finds an ever ready market.

Mr. Brown was married on December 28, 1877, to Georgianna Dexter, of Matawan. Mrs. Brown was born on March 28, 1864, and is a daughter of Charles and Sarah



*Walter D. Brown*



(Maxsom) Dexter. Both her maternal and paternal ancestry dates back to the early settlers of this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children, namely: Pauline A., born December 4, 1862, and Walter D., Jr., born December 27, 1866.

In politics Mr. Brown is a Democrat, and although interested and well informed as to matters of public interest, he does not take an active part in political affairs. Mr. Brown is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, in which organization he is an esteemed member. The family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church at Matawan.

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#### GARRETT IRONS LA COMPTE.

Among the prosperous farmers of Howell township, Monmouth county, is Garrett I. La Compte, whose progressive methods of tilling the soil result in the production of excellent crops, whereby his income is materially increased each year. As the family name indicates, our subject is of French lineage. His grandfather, John La Compte, was a native of France, and during the colonial epoch in our country's history, crossed the broad sea to the new world. When the colonists took up arms, aroused by the oppression of the mother country, he joined the colonial forces and fought for American liberty. Locating at Toms River, he was there living when the English burned the town. He was a man of broad intelligence, and taught school in Monmouth county, giving instruction in several languages. Among his children was William La Compte, who was born at Toms River in 1770, and when about fifty years of age took up his abode in Howell township, Monmouth county, where he purchased three hundred acres of land. Much of this he placed under a high state of cultivation, while part of it is still owned by Garrett I. La Compte. The father was industrious and enterprising and in his farming operations met with success. He lived an honest, upright life, commanded uniform respect and was a very popular and influential citizen. He married Elizabeth Applegate and they became the parents of ten children, but our subject is now the only surviving member of the family.

Mr. La Compte of this review was born on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being August 21, 1832. In his youth he became familiar through practical experience with the work of fields and meadows, and was thus well prepared to carry on farming when he entered upon an independent business career. He owns one hundred and forty acres of rich land and the farm is productive and well kept. It is devoted to the cultivation of general produce and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision of a progressive owner.

Mr. La Compte has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Lizzie Longstreet, and unto them were born five children: Deborah; Matilda; William, Elizabeth, and Luhamia, who have all passed away. For his second wife he chose Miss Margaret Stillwell, and their union was blessed with five children: Esther, deceased; Franklin E.; William; Reuben A.; and Margaret, deceased. The eldest son, Franklin, married Miss Georgie Stokey, and they have two children, Clarence, born in 1896, and Raymond, born in 1898.

In his political views Mr. La Compte is a Prohibitionist. He has held a number of township offices, including school trustee and overseer of the highways. He is a man whose influence is felt for good in the community. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a class leader. He has also been licensed to exhort, and makes good use of his talents for the advancement of the cause which he represents. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school and has filled many other offices of trust in the church.

## J. FRANK JOHNSON.

One of the representative farmers of Jackson township, Ocean county, New Jersey, is J. Frank Johnson, who has successfully followed the pursuit of agriculture throughout his life. He was born at Point Pleasant, New Jersey, April 18, 1853, and is the youngest son of James and Mary A. (Irons) Johnson, who also devoted their lives to the duties of farm life. The parents were both natives of Ocean county, but later in life they removed to Bay Head, where they both passed away, the father August 4, 1881, and his wife in 1883. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are now living. The maternal ancestors of our subject were old settlers of Ocean county, and were numbered among the heroes of the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, Gilbert Irons, was born February 5, 1787, and his wife, "Tacy" (Johnson) Irons, first saw the light of day on the 4th of November, 1790. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, as follows: Mary A., born December 30, 1809; Sarah, born February 17, 1811; Elizabeth, whose birth occurred November 24, 1812; Ivins, born September 11, 1814; Deborah, born October 6, 1818; James, born November 15, 1820; Hester A., born April 15, 1823; Daniel, whose birth occurred April 6, 1825; and Gilbert, born February 4, 1827.

In 1871 J. Frank Johnson chose for his wife Miss Hannah E. Brower, whose birth occurred June 22, 1857. She has been an able and faithful helpmate to him in his life's work, and is the mother of seven children, namely: James F., born June 24, 1873; Maria, born December 17, 1874; Margaret A., born April 29, 1877; Martha, born February 22, 1879; Caroline, born January 19, 1882; Mary E., born September 6, 1884; and Teresa E., born October 22, 1888. Mr. Johnson is a thoroughly upright and honorable man, who has devoted his life to his family and his farm duties. He is the owner of a tract of sixty acres of rich land devoted to general farming and "truck." His farm has always yielded to him a bountiful reward for his care and labor, and in its appearance plainly indicates its owner to be a man of industry and ability. Mr. Johnson takes an active interest in the welfare and development of his community, and is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, giving his aid whenever possible to the advancement of this organization. Mr. Johnson is a Republican politically, and the family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

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 WILLIAM HENRY CARHART.

History, here and there, records the lives of bright and enterprising men who have risen out of an almost impenetrable obscurity to positions of the highest distinction. These are usually men who have commanded recognition through their superior intellectual force. How many who have achieved such brilliant successes,—as it were, climbing the ladder of progress and prosperity by sheer force of will, drawing themselves round by round up to the topmost point,—are ever credited with fighting the battle of life valiantly and well? They go their way quietly, unobtrusively, known only to a few intimates. Such a life can be accredited to the man who figures as the subject of this sketch.

William H. Carhart, born in the obscure town of Holmdel, New Jersey, on July 20, 1854, was reared and made the most of the educational advantages offered at Long Branch, New Jersey. Through conscientious industry and a determination to excel in whatever he undertook he worked his way from an apprentice in the horse-shoeing and carriage building business to the proprietorship of one of the best regulated blacksmith





W. H. Carhart



shops and most reliable vehicle building establishments in the state of New Jersey. He owns, controls and operates his manufacturing plant, which is best known as the "Little Silver Carriage Factory." Being, himself, a practical mechanic, he supervises the construction work, permitting nothing but the best workmanship to pass from his place. The business which he now controls and which he entered in 1879, at the time he took up his residence in Little Silver, was formerly owned by R. B. Campbell, with whom Mr. Carhart served his apprenticeship, and in whose employ he remained continuously, with the exception of a short period spent at Shrewsbury, until he bought the business from Mr. Campbell. He associated with him in the new enterprise De Witt C. Hyer, operating under the firm name of Carhart & Hyer, which partnership continued until January, 1901, when Mr. Carhart bought out his partner's interest, and now exercises entire control of the prosperous business. Many needed improvements have been added to the plant since his complete ownership.

In the year 1884 three important events, vitally bearing upon Mr. Carhart's life, occurred: First, the awakening of his religious nature, resulting in his affiliation with the Methodist Episcopal church in the same year; second, the close of his apprenticeship; and last, but not the least important, his marriage to Lena, daughter of Joseph and Hannah H. Brower. A few years after joining the Methodist Episcopal church, so interested did he become in its work, that he often raised his voice in behalf of the truths in which he so firmly believed. In 1890 he was licensed as a local preacher by the Methodist Episcopal church at Little Silver, under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Lee. Twelve of the seventeen years he has been a member of the church he has spent as a class-leader and local exhorter, endeavoring to direct others in the paths which to him have been so fruitful of conscious benefits. Mr. Carhart's parents were John and Mary Carhart—both highly respected by those with whom their lot was cast. The children born to Mr. Carhart and his faithful wife are as follows: Percy (deceased), Grace B., Lena, Esther and W. H., Jr. Mrs. Lena Carhart is a native of Shrewsbury, New Jersey. Mr. Carhart is an active member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., in which he is held in high esteem.

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#### HARVEY BRONNER.

Harvey Bronner, one of the prominent business men of South Jersey, was born in Syracuse, New York, March 31, 1805, a son of Isadore Bronner. While Harvey Bronner was quite young his parents removed to Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his education; subsequently he was employed as a clerk, remaining in that position until 1882, when he associated himself with his father in the millinery business. In the same year he removed to Keyport, New Jersey, and entered into business relations with Mr. A. Seitz in a general mercantile line; he continued in this until 1887, when he entered into his present association with Mr. John S. Hendrickson, in the general hardware, house-furnishing and agricultural business. They occupy a commodious structure, consisting of three floors, its dimensions ninety by thirty-five feet, and they are carrying one of the largest and best equipped stocks in that line in South Jersey.

Mr. Bronner is a past regent of Concord Council, 1456, Royal Arcanum, past grand chaplain of the Lloyds' Additional Benefit Association of the state of New Jersey, also past councillor Monmouth Council No. 80; he was one of the organizers of the state council of New Jersey, and has served as senior warden of Caesarea Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, No. 64. He also acts in the capacity of secretary of the

Keyport Engine Company, No. 1, and he is a member of the fire police. In his politics he adheres to the principles of the Democratic party.

Mr. Bronner was united in marriage to Miss Eva M. Sickels, daughter of E. M. Sickels, of Fairfield, Iowa. One child has been born unto them, Frances Berenice Bronner.

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#### GEORGE B. COHEN.

George B. Cohen is the head of the well known firm of George B. Cohen & Sons. The latter are Nathan, Jacob and Julius Cohen. They are the leading butchers and poultry dealers of Elberon, New Jersey.

George B. Cohen was born in Germany, on October 29, 1850, and in 1865 emigrated to this country, locating in New York City, where, with the exception of four years spent in Ohio, he has always had his interests. October 11, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Bella Weinstock, and their union has been blessed with the following children: Nathan, Jacob, Flora, Julius, Milton, Albert, Herbert, Jerome, Blanche and Charles, besides two who died in infancy.

Mr. Cohen conducts a store at 862 Park avenue, in New York City, in which he does a thriving business. In 1895 he opened a place at Elberon, on a very moderate scale, living and doing business in what might well be termed a "shanty," the income from which was very meager during the first couple of years; to-day, from this same source, his yearly net receipts are well up in the thousands, and, added to the income from his New York store, make a yearly revenue far in excess of his family requirements, so that indications point to his accumulating quite a goodly competence.

Mr. Cohen has recently purchased a plot of ground ninety by two hundred feet, situated on the corner of Pearl and Norwood avenues in Elberon, upon which he has built a fine shop and residence. He possesses right business principles and the wish to treat his customers fairly and squarely, which is the secret of his success in his several business enterprises.

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#### HON. ISAAC A. VAN HISE.

Hon. Isaac A. Van Hise, a prominent and influential resident of Lakewood, New Jersey, was born in Ocean county, March 7, 1825, and is the son of the late John and Sarah (Ashton) Van Hise. His early education was received in the common schools of his native county, where was laid the firm foundation for a useful and honorable career. When twenty-five years of age he removed to the settlement known as the Bricksburg Iron Company, now Lakewood. In 1850 he entered the employ of this company and has witnessed and materially contributed to the growth and development of the place. Through his natural intelligence and ability and the careful habits formed in early life, he steadily advanced his position in the company until he became an important adjunct to the firm. In 1847, previous to his arrival in Bricksburg, the elder Mr. Brick passed away and the business was carried on by James W. Pharo and Robert Campbell; the resident manager being Benjamin Snyder. In 1860, however, it was transferred to Riley A. Brick, a son of the former owner, who subsequently removed the plant to South Amboy, New Jersey. Mr. Campbell still retained the executorship of the real estate. For five years previous to the removal of this plant to South Amboy, Joseph H. Van Hise, a twin brother of Isaac A., held the position of business manager of the concern, who through his close application and fidelity to



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business became a man of superior business ability and value. He died October 30, 1900.

In 1865, by a special act of the legislature, the Bricksburg Land and Improvement Company was organized, with Robert Campbell as its president; the heirs conveyed all the real estate, which consisted of twenty-five thousand acres, to this company. Then began the work of settlement and development of the town. Property was purchased by eastern people, who erected homes, and the growth of the town became rapid and well established. In 1866 the work of laying out streets, grading and other improvements were inaugurated by Mr. Campbell and was carried on successfully until 1879, when the franchise and stock of the Bricksburg Land and Improvement Company were sold out and transferred to Charles H. Kimbell, Samuel D. Davis and others. The officers of the newly organized company were Charles H. Kimbell, president; Samuel D. Davis, treasurer, and Captain A. M. Bradshaw, secretary. At this time the name of the town was changed to Lakewood. In 1887 the water works of the town were put in, whose title was the Lakewood Water Company, and was incorporated the same year, with Isaac A. Van Hise as president; Samuel D. Davis as secretary and treasurer. Soon after, the electric light company was organized and was eventually incorporated with the water company. Other improvements were made to the rapidly growing town, and through the earnest and well directed endeavors of many of its prominent citizens it became a flourishing city, now taking its place among the beautiful and attractive cities of the state. Mr. Van Hise was one of the early active workers in the progress of the city, and it is in no small measure to his well directed and personal effort and excellent counsel that the advancement and prosperity of Lakewood are due. His opinions have always carried weight with the citizens of Lakewood, and as an evidence of the confidence and respect with which he was regarded by his friends, he was chosen as a member of the state legislature (1876-7), where he served in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. He has also been a township committeeman for Brick and Lakewood townships for a number of years, always discharging his duties with intelligence and promptness. His life has been one of activity and usefulness, and he now has retired to enjoy the fruits of his labors. Throughout the county and state he is honored and revered for his nobility of character and for the good work he has accomplished in the development of the beautiful city in which he resides. Mr. Van Hise took especial interest in the establishment of the library at Lakewood and has continued to contribute to the advancement of that institution.

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#### REUBEN EMMONS

Reuben Emmons, a substantial farmer of Howell township, was born in Freehold township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, December 10, 1818, son of Job and Phoebe Emmons. He comes from a family for generations residents and farmers of Monmouth county, the land in the family being handed down from father to son. His grandfather inherited the land, and the cultivation of it was his life work. His son, Job Emmons, born June 7, 1799, died August 25, 1855, upon the farm where he was born and lived, in Freehold township. Mrs. Phoebe Emmons, the mother of Reuben Emmons, died in 1878.

Reuben Emmons was educated in the common schools of his native place, continued the occupation to which he was reared, and lived on his farm until about ten years ago. He then built a place at Blue Ball near his farm where he has since resided. He has always been interested in the life and progress of his native town

and community in which he resided. He is a member of the Freehold Baptist church.

In April, 1841, Mr. Emmons was married to Mary, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Johnston) Havens. Her father was born in Squan in 1787, was a life-long farmer of Howell township and died in 1865. Her mother was born in 1795 and died in 1852. Mrs. Emmons was born in 1818, the same year as her husband, and is now an active woman. Mr. and Mrs. Emmons have had six children: Phoebe Ann, born April 1, 1842, and married to Henry Stricklin in 1864; Abraham H., born December 24, 1843, who married Rosa A. Harris in 1869; Job E., born December 16, 1845, married to Sallie Clayton in 1868; Asa E., born March 6, 1848, and married to Mary E. Applegate in 1870; Henry E., born June 22, 1854; and Clark H., born September 3, 1856.

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#### PATRICK L. RYAN.

In the year 1838 Patrick L. Ryan arrived in America, coming from the Emerald Isle, and since that time, adapting himself to the conditions found in the new world, he has steadily advanced until he now occupies a position prominent among the leading business men of Middlesex county, and is the possessor of a very ample competence, which is the reward of his earnest and honorable labors. He first located on Staten Island, New York, and worked at the clay business, but in 1862 removed to Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, New Jersey, where he has since made his home. Here he purchased clay lands, which he began to develop, and adding to his possessions he is now the owner of a valuable tract of two hundred and fifteen acres, from which he mines an excellent quality of clay. This he sells to manufacturers, and in 1902 he erected a fire plant and began the manufacture of clay products, mostly fire brick. He secured the latest improved machinery and all modern accessories that would facilitate the work and already he has secured a good market for his output.

In 1869 Mr. Ryan was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Doyle, and their children are: Margaret, Mary, Patrick Joseph, John F., Richard T., Julia J., William A., Lawrence C. and Catherine V. In the management and control of his business interests and the working of his clay lands and the operation of his plant Mr. Ryan is ably assisted by his sons. He and his family are communicants of St. James Catholic church at Woodbridge, and in his political views he is a Democrat, but he has never sought or desired office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests, in which he is meeting with creditable and well deserved success as the reward of his indefatigable labor and capable management.

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#### JAMES C. BLAIR

The enterprising spirit so characteristic of America is manifest in James C. Blair, who has improved his business opportunities and by indefatigable energy has worked his way upward to a position among the successful men of Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, where he is now engaged in farming and dairying and is also dealing in agricultural implements and in hay. His activity along these various lines has brought to him richly merited prosperity and he is justly regarded as one of the leading men of his community.

Mr. Blair was born in Woodbridge township, October 20, 1857, a son of David Blair. He began his education in the public schools near his home and continued his studies in the Morris school in Woodbridge. He first followed farming, but



afterward became a licensed grain weigher in New York City. Eventually, however he returned to his native county and has since engaged in farming and dairying, having one of the best dairy farms in this part of the state. He owns about one hundred head of cows of good grades, and his milk product finds a ready sale throughout the locality. His place is well equipped for carrying on the business, and his neatness and method in carrying on the dairy are an element in his success. He is also extensively engaged in dealing in hay and sells agricultural implements, and in all branches of his business has a liberal patronage, which he richly merits.

On the 24th of November, 1879, Mr. Blair was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Gibson, a daughter of Joseph Gibson, and their hospitable home is noted for the air of cheer and comfort which pervades the household. Five children have been born unto them: David Henry, born April 20, 1881; Lulu May, born February 3, 1883; Walter, born January 11, 1884; Elizabeth, born March 14, 1887; and Clifford DeWitt, born July 3, 1892.

In his political views Mr. Blair is independent, believing it his duty to support the man best qualified for office regardless of party ties. He belongs to the First Presbyterian church at Woodbridge, New Jersey, and is a man of high character, whose public and private record alike are commendable. His time and energy are devoted to his business, in which he is meeting with gratifying prosperity, and as one of the leading citizens of his locality he is widely and favorably known.

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#### ABRAHAM McDERMOTT.

An honorable retirement from labor has been vouchsafed to Abraham McDermott in reward for the years of honest toil which he devoted to his farm, where he is now living in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. His birth occurred in Mercer county, New Jersey, January 29, 1833. His grandfather, William McDermott, who was born in Ireland, was a member of the British army and came here at the time of the Revolution, in the English army. His wife belonged to the well known Yetman family. Their son Ezek McDermott, was born in Manalapan township, Monmouth county, was a wheelwright by trade, and met his death in a railroad accident in 1875, when in his seventieth year. His wife, Mrs. Rebecca McDermott, died at the home of our subject in November, 1874. They had four sons and a daughter who are yet living: James, a resident of Newark, New Jersey; Charles, who is living in Trenton; John, who makes his home in Middlesex county; and Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Lash Anderson, of Kingston, New Jersey.

The other member of this family is Abraham McDermott of this review. Educated in the public schools, he began work in the fields at an early age and from practical experience soon became acquainted with the use of all the farm implements. After assisting his father throughout his minority he began farming on his own account and continuously followed that pursuit until his business career was terminated in the honorable retirement from labor which he is now enjoying. He kept his fields in good condition, followed the most approved methods of modern farming and as the result of his untiring industry won a very desirable competency. Although he still resides upon the farm he leaves the active cultivation of the fields to others.

In 1856 occurred the marriage of Mr. McDermott and Miss Margaret A. Dye, the wedding taking place in Englishtown, New Jersey. Their union was blessed with three children: John, a resident farmer of Manalapan township; Louisa, who is acting as her father's house-keeper; and Letitia, the wife of John McCabe, who is an

agriculturist of Middlesex county. The wife and mother died at the family home September 23, 1869, and her loss was deeply felt not only by her immediate family but also by many friends who had learned to love her for her many excellent traits of character.

When the country was involved in Civil war Mr. McDermott could not content himself behind the plow, but went forth to the field of battle, enlisting in August, 1862, as a member of Company H, Fourteenth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers. He was with his company and on duty at all times until after the cessation of hostilities. He was never wounded and never missed a roll call—truly a phenomenal record. His obedience to commands, his loyalty and bravery made him an exemplary soldier and after three years' faithful defense of the nation's honor he was discharged at Trenton, New Jersey, June 18, 1865, conscious of having done his best to preserve the Union. He is now a valued member of the Presbyterian church at Englishtown, which shows that in matters connected with man's spiritual nature Mr. McDermott is found on the right side. He is a man of high principles, firm in support of his honest convictions, and well does he deserve mention in this volume.

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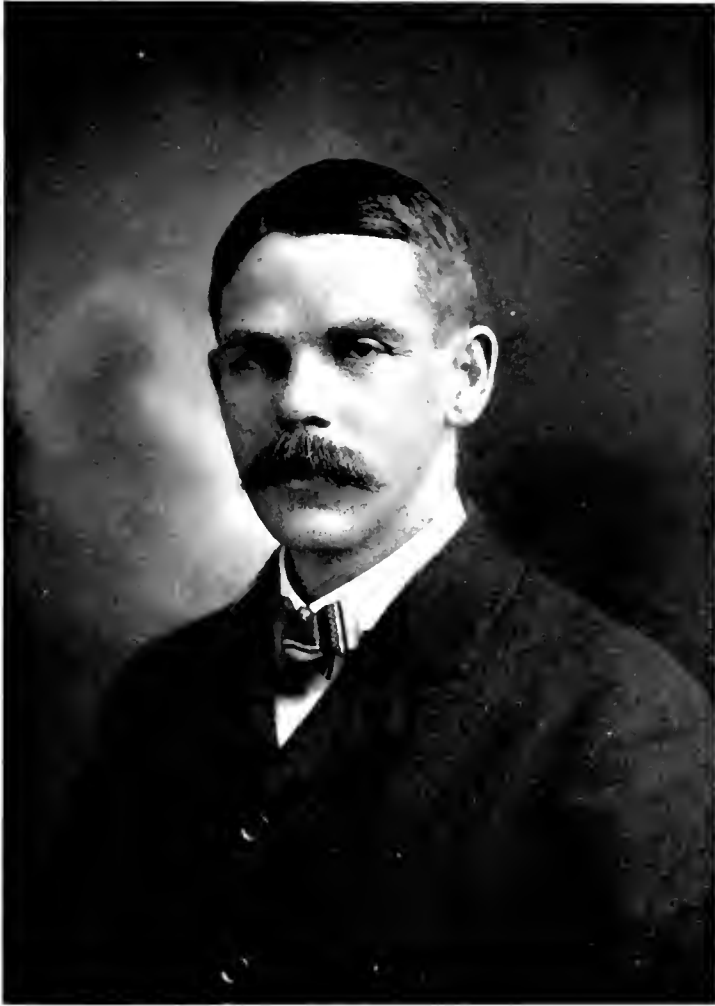
#### ELI H. CHANDLER.

Eli H. Chandler, a prominent and popular attorney and counsellor at law of Atlantic City, New Jersey, is a direct descendant of the oldest family of that name in the state of Delaware. The founder of the family in that state was George Chandler, of Great Lodge, Wiltshire, England, where he was born April 1, 1633, the son of Thomas Chandler, who was born about February 15, 1602, the son of Sythine, born about June 1, 1578, the son of Nicholas Chandler. George Chandler died at sea while en route to America in 1687; his wife Jane and seven children, however, were safely landed at Marcus Hook in the same year, and settled in New Castle county, Delaware. The family in religious belief were Quakers. The line of ancestry down to the present generation runs as follows: George (founder), George second, his son; John, son of George second; Amor, son of John, born February 16, 1739; Amor second, son of Amor, born August 21, 1785; Hayes, son of Amor second, born October 27, 1821; Eli H., son of Hayes, born October 17, 1857.

Hayes Chandler, the father of Eli H., was born, as stated above, on October 17, 1821, at Brandywine Hundred, New Castle county, Delaware, where he received his education in the common schools. He is a farmer by occupation, a Republican in politics, and a Quaker in his religion. His wife, Rachel Garrett, daughter of Simeon and Julia (Hail) Garrett, was born May 21, 1835, at Springfield, Delaware county, Pennsylvania.

Eli H. Chandler was born at Brandywine Hundred, New Castle county, Delaware, October 17, 1857. His education was acquired in the country and public schools, and at the private academies at Wilmington, Delaware. He subsequently took a law course in the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in the class of 1878. He was admitted to the Delaware bar in December of the same year as an attorney; to the Kansas bar in January, 1879; and to the New Jersey state bar in November, 1897, as an attorney, and in 1900 to the latter bar as counsellor.

While Mr. Chandler is interested in political affairs and is a Republican of repute and influence, he has never sought or held a salaried office. He served as a delegate to the Republican national convention held in St. Louis, in 1890, and in May, 1890, he was appointed by the Marquis of Salisbury as the first British Vice Counsel at Kansas City, which office he resigned in 1893.



*Eli N. Chandler*



Mr. Chandler, like his forefathers, is a Quaker, as is also his wife, *nee* Laura Park Minster, whom he married on January 29, 1881, at Westchester, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Chandler is the daughter of Chalkley and Edith (White) Minster, the former mentioned a prosperous farmer, and both Quakers. Her education was acquired in the Friends' schools at Westchester and Westtown, Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Edith Minster Chandler, born in Wilmington, Delaware, April 20, 1884. Mrs. Chandler is descended from Nicholas Minster and Olive Titus, who were married May 16, 1759, by the minister of the Old Swedes' Church, Philadelphia. After the death of the father the family removed to Chester county and settled in Goshen township, now East Goshen, where the mother died in July, 1801. Their children were as follows: Tacy, married Garrett Funzant (or Vanzant); Christy, married to Jesse Severs; John, married about 1798 to Mary Thomas, daughter of Enos and Sarah Thomas, of Goshen; Jacob, hereafter mentioned; Shadrach, a tailor, who lived in Goshen; William, also a tailor, who was married in 1800 to Lydia Smith, daughter of William and Jane Smith, of Goshen—he died in September, 1825; Evan, supposed to have left a family; and Edward probably died unmarried.

In 1802 Jacob Minster occupied a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, in Goshen, perhaps rented land, on which the buildings were of logs. April 3, 1813, he purchased a small farm of thirty-eight acres in that township from Nathaniel Hoskins and wife, but sold it the next year to William Warner for four thousand two hundred dollars. For a short time he resided in Willistown township, but April 4, 1820, purchased a farm of about eighty acres in East Goshen, adjoining the line of Westtown township, and on the Westchester and Philadelphia road. Here he died May 30, 1825. The name of his first wife has not been ascertained. He was married about the year 1818 to Sidney Hoopes, born July 31, 1783; died July 10, 1857, daughter of Amos and Margaret Hoopes, of Goshen. She was a member of Goshen Friends' Meeting and made an acknowledgement June 2, 1810, for marriage by a magistrate to one not a member. October 22, 1846, she was married to William White, a widower, and afterward resided in Westchester, but died at the home of her daughter, Mary Cox, in Westtown, and was buried at Goshen Friends' Meeting.

The children of Jacob Minster were these: Sarah, by first wife, married Joseph Hall; Mary H., born January 1, 1821, died March 1, 1900, married Caleb H. Cox, of Westtown; and Chalkley G., died October 24, 1862, and was buried at Goshen Meeting on the 27th.

Chalkley G. Minster inherited the home-stead in East Goshen, and on September 16, 1847, was married in Philadelphia to Edith White, daughter of his step-father, William White, by his first wife, Edith Spackman. The Minster home-stead was sold in 1870 and the family removed to West Chester. The children of Chalkley G. and Edith Minster were: William White Minster, born May 1, 1852, died August 19, 1890, married Mary E. White; Laura P., born January 29, 1850, married January 27, 1881, to Eli Hayes Chandler.

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#### JOHN C. DILL.

A leading and influential citizen of Morganville, New Jersey, is John C. Dill, who was born on his father's farm near the village in 1856, and was a son of Daniel and Catherine (Lamberson) Dill, the former of whom was born in 1825. Daniel Dill was a native of New York but came to Monmouth county with his parents when he was a small boy. He carried on extensive farming operations, became one of the esteemed citizens of the county, and passed out of life on September 20, 1898.

John C. Dill, who is the subject of this sketch, attended the district schools of

his township and when about twenty years of age began the wheelwright trade and has made this his business in life. Mr. Dill has been established in his present location since 1877 and has been most successful in his line of work. A great blow fell upon him when his building was burned on July 10, 1897, but he was not discouraged, and immediately rebuilt, on a larger and better scale. He has now most commodious quarters and every appliance for the management of his business. His patronage is large and is constantly increasing.

The marriage of Mr. Dill was on September 2, 1876, at Freneau, New Jersey, to Miss Sarah E. Lane, and to this marriage one child has been born, Charles J., born on May 10, 1878. He is connected with his father in the business. Two other children, Parker and Arthur, died in infancy. The father of Mrs. Dill died when she was young, but the beloved mother is still surviving, residing at Freneau, New Jersey, in her ninety-eighth year. In 1896 Mr. Dill built an elegant residence in Morganville, of modern design and finish, and here he and his estimable wife dispense a pleasant hospitality. Mr. Dill has taken a leading part in public affairs and is one of the best-known as well as a highly regarded citizen of the village.

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#### HON. JOHN D. HONCE.

One of the distinguished citizens of Monmouth county is the Hon. John D. Honce, who has four times represented his district in the state legislature. His life is crowned with the honor and respect of his fellow men, for through more than sixty years' connection with the county's history his has been an unblemished character. With him success in life has been reached by his sterling qualities of mind and a heart true to every manly principle; he has never deviated from what his judgment has indicated to be right and honorable between his fellow men and himself, and in an unusual degree he has labored for the welfare and advancement of his community, which he has so long served in one official capacity or another.

Mr. Honce was born in 1834 upon his grandfather's farm in the northern part of Marlboro township, Monmouth county. He comes of a historic family, prominent in public affairs at the time the country was struggling for independence. Holland ancestors of the name of Honce came to the new world at a very early epoch in the development of the country and settled on Long Island in the sixteenth century. The great-grandfather of our subject was born on Long Island and when a young man removed to Monmouth county, New Jersey. No sooner had the oppression of the British aroused the opposition of the colonists than he joined the army, and throughout the entire struggle he served under General Washington, loyally fighting in many of the battles which resulted in winning freedom for the English colonists on this side of the Atlantic. His son, David Honce, was born in what was then Freehold but is now Marlboro township, in 1772, and our subject remembers hearing him often tell of how he listened to the boom of the cannon from the hill on his father's farm—the old family homestead,—which indicated that the battle of Monmouth was in progress, June 28, 1778. He was at home with his mother, for his father was fighting in the engagement, and they were anxious, fearing that the British might be upon them any moment. Throughout his active business career the grandfather carried on farming there and died in 1850. David Honce, the father of our subject, was born in Marlboro township in 1808, and when he entered upon his business career it was to follow the same pursuit to which he had been reared and to which his ancestors had given their attention. He was successful in his farming

operations and was thus enabled to provide his family with a comfortable living. He died in 1884, while his wife, Mrs. Jane Ann Honce, passed away in 1878, both dying on the old homestead.

In the district schools of Marlboro township John D. Honce, of this review, began his education, which was completed in the Freehold Institute, and later he engaged in teaching in that school for two years. When a young man he assisted in the cultivation of his father's farm and after his graduation he worked on the farm through the summer months, while in the winter season he taught in the district schools for several years. He was then offered a position in the Freehold Institute and when two years had thus passed he resumed farming, which has since been his only occupation. He has continuously resided upon the farm where he was born and has carefully conducted its improvement, adding thereto all modern accessories and conveniences and making it a valuable place.

In 1867, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, Mr. Honce was married to Miss Kate J. Combs, who died in 1874, and he has ever remained true to her memory, devoting much of his attention to the care of his children until after the surviving son had attained manhood. He is Cyrus B. Honce, who was born in 1869 and is now a successful and prominent business man of Belmar, New Jersey, where he is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. He is a valued member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges and is also connected by membership ties with the Order of Red Men. Jennie, the only daughter of Mr. Honce, was born in 1871 and died in 1880. Our subject belongs to the Brick church in Marlboro township. His fellow town-men, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office, and he is regarded as one of the leading members of the Democratic party in Monmouth county. For thirty-one years he has been collector of Marlboro township; was superintendent of schools in his township for several years, and during the past eleven years has been clerk of the board of freeholders. Four times he has been chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, his elections occurring in 1870, 1880, 1892 and 1893. He was a most active and earnest member of the house and during the last two terms he rendered particularly valuable service as chairman of the committee on education. He gave careful consideration to every question which came up for settlement and even his political opponents entertained high respect for him by reason of his absolute fidelity to the principles in which he believes. His public and private life are indeed commendable, and high on the roll of New Jersey's leading sons appears the name of Hon. John D. Honce.

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#### ELIAS P. SCHANCK.

From early boyhood until his death Elias P. Schanck was actively and honorably connected with agricultural interests in Monmouth county. He always lived upon one farm; there his birth occurred on the 9th of July, 1821, and there his life's labors were ended in death April 12, 1880. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to Captain Schanck, who won his title by valiant service in behalf of freedom in the war of the Revolution. Rufus H. Schanck, the grandfather of our subject, was born on the old family homestead in Monmouth county, April 17, 1753, and died on that farm on the 12th of October, 1800. He had thirteen children, all of whom are now deceased. Among the number was Jonathan R. Schanck, the father of Elias P., who was born in Marlboro township, then Freehold township, on the 15th of December, 1782. After arriving at years of maturity he married Sarah Peacock, who

was born March 20, 1797, on the old homestead of the Peacock family. The farm which was so long in possession of the Schanck family is now owned and occupied by Henry Hayes, who made the purchase in 1891.

This farm was inherited by Elias P. Schanck, who there spent the days of his boyhood and youth, early becoming familiar with the work of the farm in its various departments. He was a man of broad intelligence, continually adding to his knowledge through experience, observation and reading. His agricultural pursuits had been carried on along lines of modern improvement, and his well directed labors resulted in bringing to him a very gratifying competence. His fields were always well tilled, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicated the careful supervision of the owner.

As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mr. Schanck chose Miss Ida V. Morgan, the marriage being celebrated in Marlboro township, October 12, 1864. Her only living sister is Mrs. D. P. Conover, who resides on a farm in Marlboro township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schanck were born two children. Thomas M., born September 9, 1869, is engaged in the grocery business in Freehold; he was married May 4, 1892, to Jessie McIlvaine, and their only child is Ray, who was born April 19, 1893. Eleanor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schanck, was born February 17, 1875, and on the 28th of December, 1892, became the wife of William W. Crawford, who for the past ten years has been the superintendent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Freehold; their children are: Lyall, who was born July 28, 1894, and died in infancy; Leola, born August 9, 1895; Alma, born June 19, 1898.

Mr. Schanck was an active and influential member of the old Brick Reformed church of Marlboro, took an earnest interest in its work, and was a generous contributor to its support. His life was in harmony with its teachings, and by all who knew him he was held in the highest regard for his genuine worth. He passed away at the old homestead April 12, 1889, and the entire community mourned the loss of a valued citizen, his family a devoted husband and father, his church a consistent member. In 1892 Mrs. Schanck removed to Freehold, where she is now living amid many warm friends.

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#### FRANCIS E. COOPER.

One of the successful and highly respected business citizens of Red Bank, New Jersey, is Francis E. Cooper, who for a period covering thirty years has carried on a business which has depended for its success on the energy, industry, and upright manner of dealing with which it has been conducted.

Francis E. Cooper was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on May 20, 1850, a son of Stephen M. and Mary (Swan) Cooper. Stephen M. Cooper was a carpenter and builder, and for fifteen years operated an extensive mill for the manufacture of carpenters' supplies at Red Bank, with Timbrook Davis, under the firm name of Davis & Cooper. He was a man of high principles, honest and upright in all his dealings. He was a son of Jonathan Cooper, who was also a native of Middletown township. The Revolutionary ancestor of this family was the maternal great-great-grandfather of Francis E. Cooper; and a soldier in the patriot army, who is known to have been severely wounded in the face, from which his death occurred. Stephen M. Cooper died in 1876; his wife survived, beloved and respected, until 1868. The family of children originally numbered eight, but only two of these survive.

Francis E. Cooper, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared and educated





*Francis E Cooper*



in Middletown and served a carpenter apprenticeship in that township and in Red Bank, and has made this locality his home ever since, successfully engaging in the business of builder and contractor. For twenty-five years Mr. Cooper carried on this business alone; the five previous years he performed the same work under the supervision of others. The territory which Mr. Cooper covers in his work includes a large part of Monmouth county, contracting and building extensively through Long Branch, Oceanic, Sea Bright, Middletown, Atlantic Highlands, and other points.

Mr. Cooper was married, first in 1870, to Miss Ella Denise, who died without issue, on September 18, 1890. In 1900 he married Miss Emma Denise, and to this union one son has been born, Stephen C. Not only is Mr. Cooper a strict business man, but he is also a first-class mechanic, and his pleasant and attractive residence is the work of his own hands. Socially he is connected with the I. O. O. F., and attends the Methodist church.

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#### GEORGE C. GORDON.

In the death of George C. Gordon, on May 20, 1892, at his residence in Marlboro, Monmouth county, New Jersey lost one of its most highly esteemed and useful citizens and substantial farmers. The birth of Mr. Gordon occurred on August 24, 1824, and he was a direct descendant of a long line of honorable ancestors, a number of these being distinguished in the military and commercial life of the country. The common ancestor of the Gordon family in America was Thomas Gordon, who came to this country with his wife, five children and seven servants, settling in New Jersey in 1684. He was a native of Pitlochrie, Scotland, was the younger brother of the Laird of Strobach and had received various honors from James II, to whom he was personally known but politically opposed. He became involved, with others of the Gordon clan, in the insurrection of 1688 and was compelled to emigrate to America. He located near Perth Amboy, New Jersey, but subsequently removed to Freehold, where he purchased a farm, upon which the battle of Monmouth was afterward fought and which for many generations remained the home of the family. The first two years of Thomas Gordon's residence saw the death of his wife and five children. At a later period he married Janet, daughter of David Murdie of Aberdeen, a merchant in the Scotch colony which had been planted in that part of New Jersey known as Scotch Plains. Three sons and two daughters were born to them.

One of these sons, Jonathan Rhea Gordon, was the great-grandfather of George C. Gordon. He was born in Monmouth county in 1717, married Margaret Cole and died August 1, 1786. Seven children were born to them, namely: Ambroz, Brazilla, Ezekiel, Lydia, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Lewis. Ezekiel, the grandfather of our subject, was born July 3, 1754, married Mary Combs June 24, 1784, and died February 7, 1830. Four children were the fruit of this union,—Jonathan Rhea, John E., Sarah, and Joseph E. John E., the second son, became the father of our subject and was a farmer during his entire life. He was married to Lydia Hampton and died in 1850, and was buried beside his ancestors in the old Tennent churchyard. One of his cousins, William J. Gordon, who was born on September 30, 1812, became a business man of national reputation. In 1840 he became interested in business in Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1850 he was elected president of the Cleveland Iron Mining Company. Later, about 1865, he secured two hundred and seventy five acres of land in what was then but the suburbs of the growing city of Cleveland. This land he laid out in a beautiful park, which he subsequently deeded to the city of Cleveland and is now known as Gordon Park, one of the most attractive pleasure grounds along the shore of

Lake Erie. His one child, Charles Gordon, is a prominent and successful business man of Cleveland.

George C. Gordon, late of Marlboro, was a well-known and esteemed farmer for many years. He occupied the historic old farm which had been watered with patriots' blood, for some years, then removed to Marlboro township, where he pursued a quiet agricultural life, ever ready, however, to take active interest in matters pertaining to the good of his community. Both he and family had long been connected with the old Brick church. He was deeply interested in promoting the interests of the county agricultural society and long was one of its prominent members.

The marriage of the late George C. Gordon was on January 9, 1854, at the residence of John E. Conover, in Marlboro township, Monmouth county, to Mary S. Conover, a daughter of John E. Conover, and the two children of this union were: Miss Ella C., who resides in Trenton, New Jersey; and John E., born in 1861, who for the past fifteen years has been a resident of Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Gordon for the past six years has resided with her cousin, Miss Mary Matilda Conover, who is a daughter of the late Elias Conover, and is the sister of the wife of David VanDerveer Perrine, of Freehold, New Jersey. The only brother of our late subject was Ambrose Gordon, who died when a boy, and his two sisters were Lydia, who died in young girlhood, and Mary Matilda, who married John V. Hartshorne, of Monmouth county.

The family of our subject and its connections reflect the best type of Monmouth county, in religious, business and social circles. It is not so numerous as in former days, but still keeps to the high character for which its first founder has been noted through the generations.

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#### HENRY SCHENCK.

Henry Schenck, a substantial farmer of West Freehold township, Monmouth county, was born January 24, 1805, in Freehold township, and died in West Freehold township, December 20, 1891. He was the son of Peter V. Schenck and Sarah Shepherd. The former was born September 15, 1775, in Marlboro, then Freehold township, and died there July 3, 1857. The latter was born May 11, 1785, at Marlboro, and died December 1, 1807. His father, Peter V., married in 1808 a second wife, Elizabeth Smock, who died November 3, 1855. The Schencks of Monmouth county descended from Roelof Schenck Van Nydeck, of Doesberg, Province of Guelderland, Holland. He was a son of Peter Schenck. The latter was a brother of the noted General and Sir Martin Schenck. Roelof Schenck came to this country and was one of the original settlers on Long Island. He married Meellje, daughter of Garret Van Cowenhoven. In 1661 he obtained a patent for land at Flatlands, Long Island, and had three sons, Martin, John and Garret, and seven daughters. Martin was left the land at Flatlands on the death of his father, and John and Garret came to Monmouth county in 1696, and with Cornelius Cowenhoven (now the Conovers), who married their sister, Margaret Schenck, settled in Pleasant valley, now Atlantic township, on a five hundred acre tract of land, purchased of John Bowme, a merchant of Middletown. Garret Schenck was born October 27, 1671, and died September, 5, 1745, and built the mansion situated on the five hundred acre tract. One of his five sons, Garret, born August 30, 1712, died August 20, 1757, had three sons, William, John and Garret. This Garret, born in 1747, was the grandfather of Henry Schenck.

Henry Schenck was educated at Marlboro and was reared to the tanning business by his father, who was a tanner. In 1844 he removed to West Freehold township, where he purchased a farm upon which he passed the remainder of his life. This farm

he cleared and subsequently brought to a high state of cultivation, but as late as 1845 he killed deer on his land. He was surveyor of highways for his township and served also as a justice of the peace.

In May, 1827, he was married to Mary Ann Monat. Their children were: Koerlenons; Susan; Darius; Samuel M.; Elisha; Elizabeth; Rachael and George. Of these Darius died in 1846; Mary Ann in 1888, and Samuel M. in 1860. The marriages in the family have been Koerlenons, now a retired farmer living in Freehold, to Rebecca Eli; Elizabeth to Joseph C. Gulich, a farmer of Monmouth county; Samuel, who died in 1899, who married Mary A. Lloyd; Elisha H., to Jane E. Du Bois; and George W. to Mary Jane Taylor.

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#### L. A. CHASE.

How many men one meets in the course of a lifetime, and how few there are who seem to be worthy of following as an example. Some writer has said that when we meet a true man we say to ourselves, let us be men; which shows the influence that a man's character may exert.

Earnest, faithful and conscientious service have marked the career of the subject of this sketch. Mr. L. A. Chase of Carteret, New Jersey, whose efforts have been appreciated by those whom he has served, and for many years he has retained their utmost confidence. He is at the present time superintendent of the American Lual Company of Carteret, where they operate an extensive plant, having their principal office at 44 Broadway, New York City.

Mr. Chase was born in New York, and in 1893 came to New Jersey in order to superintend the construction of the afore-mentioned company's plant at Carteret, where he has since made his home. Prior to entering upon his duties at this place, he had charge of the erection, and subsequently the operating of the same company's plant in California. It is needless to say that Mr. Chase is an active and progressive man of business, which accounts for the success he has attained and the confidence he has won. Busy men are the ones who usually are foremost in matters of public interest; so it is with Mr. Chase. He is a staunch Republican, and naturally it did not take his associates long to recognize his peculiar adaptability for public service; he has therefore been made chairman of the Woodbridge township committee; has presided over the board of education; has been a member of the Republican county committee and served as delegate to state and other conventions. Besides all this Mr. Chase finds time to serve as a director and treasurer of the Carteret Electric Light and Power Company, which concern he was active in establishing.

It is not to be wondered at that with all his business cares and responsibilities Mr. Chase is inclined toward social life, which he fosters by his connection with various organizations, such as the Improved Order of Red Men, the Maccabees, the Woodbridge Athletic Club, and the Rahway Club. Mr. Chase is happily married and has one child.

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#### CAPTAIN HENRY CONINE.

Captain Henry Conine, one of the brave soldiers who gave his life for his country during the Civil war, was born in Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 11, 1826, son of John C. and Elizabeth (Bennett) Conine. His father, John C. Conine, was twice married. By a first union he had three children, and by his

second marriage, to Elizabeth Bennett, he had John B., Henry, Joseph, Rachael, Alcha, Rebecca, Mary Eliza and Mathilda. He died about the year 1848.

Captain Henry received his early education in the public schools, was reared to and pursued a farmer's life. In 1850 he married Sarah Voorhees of Freehold, by whom six children were born to him: Mathilda, Charles H., John W., George, William H., and Sarah Ella. Charles H. and William died in early childhood.

When the call in July, 1862, for 300,000 volunteers was made by President Lincoln to uphold the old flag, Mr. Conine, although he had a wife, two sons and two daughters, the eldest child but fourteen years of age, responded to the call of his country with patriotic ardor, and enlisted as first lieutenant of Company D in the noted Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, August 15, 1862. Mustered into the service eleven days later, he did duty in Maryland along the B. & O. R. R., until July, 1863, when his regiment was attached to the Third Army Corps of the Potomac, under the command of General Sickles.

Captain Conine was with his company in active service continually to his death. He led his company in the battles in Virginia, at Manassas Gap, Wapping Heights, Culpepper, Bristol, Keeley's Ford, Brandy Station, Locust Grove, and Mine Run. Immediately following the battle of Brandy Station he was selected from among the first lieutenants in the regiment, on account of bravery and capability, for promotion to a captaincy. His commission bore date, November 21, 1863, and he was transferred from Company D to Company A, of the same regiment, and commanded this company until his death. In 1864 he was in the fearfully contested battles in Virginia, of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Poe River, North Anna River, Hanover Court House, Cold Harbor, Bermuda Hundred, and Petersburg. Upon the call of the Fourteenth Regiment to Washington, in the first battle in its defense, Captain Conine was killed at the head of his regiment. It is a strange coincidence that Captain Conine, of Company A, and Captain Conover, of Company D, both of whom passed through the battles of 1863 unscathed, one as captain and the other as first lieutenant of the same company, should both fall as captains in the same regiment and at nearly the same time.

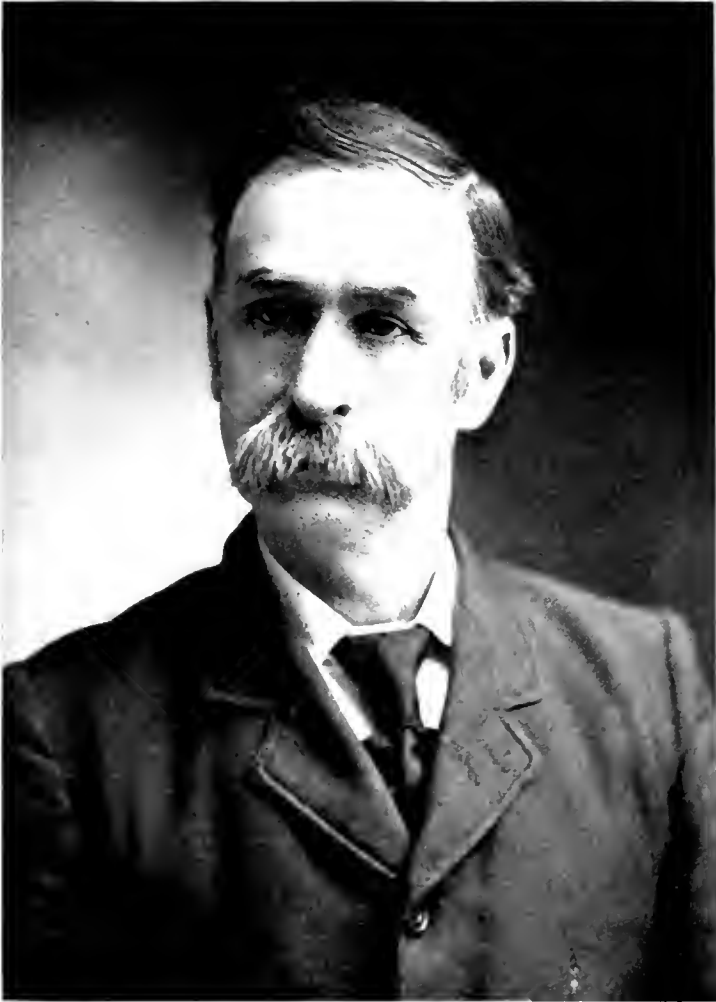
Captain Conine was known to every person in Freehold, and was universally loved. His company was strongly attached to their brave, fearless leader and were ever the object of his especial counsel and instruction. Through all the vicissitudes of battle and army experience he was the sincere Christian soldier.



#### WILLIAM CURR.

Even in the humblest walks of life men have been recognized and admired for what may justly be called their sterling worth. No matter where a man is found who, through his own honest endeavors, creates for himself a position in life which proves him to have been one of perseverance and thrift, he will be accorded the credit which is his due by those with whom he mingles.

The life of William Curr, while in the main uneventful, offers an example of application to the accomplishment of a given task, and affords material for the consideration of those starting out on the highway of life's endeavor. Born at Hamilton, Scotland, on August 18, 1848, the son of Gaving and Ellen Curr, he left his native land to come to the country of so much promise in the tenth year of his age in the company of an aunt. He located in Brooklyn, New York, where until his fifteenth year he attended the public schools. He then began to learn the plumber's trade, which he



*John C. Currier*





followed for three years in Brooklyn, and for one and one-half years in the city of New York. In 1868 he went to Long Branch, New Jersey, and here commenced his business career on his own account, establishing the first plumbing, gas and steam fitting plant in Monmouth county, in partnership with Mr. Barham, under the style of Barham & Co.; this connection lasted until 1888, when Mr. Curr purchased his partner's interest in the business and conducted it alone until 1900. He then took into the business Alexander P. Paul, and the business was then carried on under the firm name of Curr & Company, which continues up to the present time. The concern is now (1902) the largest of its kind in Monmouth county; it carries on an extensive plumbing, steam and gas fitting business, including the handling of all the necessary accessories of such a business, and necessitates the employment of twelve to fifteen skilled mechanics and helpers. The building which they occupy is situated at 94-96 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey. The establishments of Barham & Company and its successor, Curr & Company, was the source from which a number of similar prosperous businesses in the county of the same kind emanated, their proprietors having been originally in the employ of these firms.

Mr. Curr is a Republican in political views, but has confined his attentions so assiduously to the business which has proved so successful under the impetus of his concentrated effort, that he has found no time in which to enter the political field.

He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. His marriage to Miss Barbara Paul, daughter of Alexander and Barbara Paul, of Glasgow, Scotland, was solemnized in 1881. Their only child, James B., was born February 21, 1882, and is learning his father's business at Long Branch.

Among the interests of Long Branch, other than his immediate business, with which Mr. Curr has had connection, was his assistance as one of the initial stockholders of the Long Branch Banking Company, and as having been active in the formation of the Atlantic Fire Company, the first to be established in Long Branch.

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#### SUSAN SMITH BRISTED.

Susan Smith Bristed, a most highly esteemed resident of Red Bank, New Jersey, was born on the Shrewsbury River, in Middletown township. She is a daughter of Jonathan and Eleanor (Burdge) McLane. The father was one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of his county, a man of large means and great influence, and he assisted materially in the upbuilding of Red Bank and the surrounding country. He owned several stores and much property in Red Bank, and was also largely interested in steamboating, being a part owner of a number of vessels which plied in the Shrewsbury River. His residence was one of the most beautiful and attractive ones on that river, and in that palatial home of wealth and refinement our subject was reared. She is now the only surviving member of her father's family of eight children. She enjoyed liberal educational advantages in her youth, and has devoted much of her time in late years to music and botany, which contribute not a little to her own pleasure, and also to that of her many friends.

On the 24th of December, 1856, she was happily married to William M. Smith, of Middletown township, and they had two sons—W. M., a promising youth who died in early life, and Charles J. McLean, who received his education in the Freehold Institute, in the South Jersey Institute, and at Coleman's Business College of Newark, New Jersey; his time is now occupied in looking after his mother's property. William M. Smith, the father, was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, in 1803. His father, Daniel Smith, was a descendant of John and Mary Smith,

who emigrated to this country in 1670. They subsequently took up their abode in Middletown township, where they purchased a large plantation, the warrant of which bears the date of 1676. William M. Smith was a practical farmer, and few were more industrious or more respected than he. Although much absorbed in the care of his large and well conducted estate, he never neglected his duties as a Christian. Converted at the age of twenty, he became a member of the Baptist church at Middletown, but later removed his membership to Red Bank, where he was serving as trustee and deacon at the time of his death, which occurred on the 25th of February, 1879. He was straightforward in all his dealings with his fellowmen, and as the result of many years of honorable toil he became one of the wealthy and substantial citizens of the county, while he was honored and respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Few husbands were more devoted and affectionate, few fathers more indulgent, few neighbors more obliging, and few Christians more conscientious than this honored gentleman. In his life he was interested in the Fair View cemetery and his remains now rest in peace in a circular plot enclosed with granite, beneath a shaft of costly Quincy granite, with the appropriate inscription, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."



#### JOHN B. CRAWFORD.

The ancestral home of the Crawford family in Holmdel township, Monmouth county, was the birthplace of the subject of this review, who throughout his entire life has been identified with the agricultural interests of this portion of the state. The great-great-great-grandfather, John Crawford, came from Fenwick Parish, Ayrshire, Scotland, to America in 1672. The first positive record is a deed dated 1678 for a town lot in Middletown, New Jersey, and he is described as "John Crawford, Gentleman, Ayrshire, Scotland." William Crawford, the great-grandfather, received many hundred acres of land through his wife, Catharine Bowne, which has remained in the family to the present generation. William Crawford, the grandfather, was an enterprising and successful agriculturist and lived to a very advanced age. The farm was inherited by his son, William H. Crawford, the father of our subject, who was born on the old homestead and there spent his entire life. He, too, prospered in his undertaking and in public affairs he took a deep interest, exerting a strong influence in many matters which affected the general welfare. He married Leah Conover, who was of Dutch descent, her ancestors having been pioneer settlers of New Jersey, while many representatives of the family have been distinguished in connection with affairs of state and county. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford became the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, nine of whom grew to maturity, while four are yet living. Two of the daughters occupy the old homestead, which was the residence of their ancestors for more than two centuries.

John B. Crawford was born on the 20th of October, 1838, and pursued his literary education in the township schools, while upon the farm he early learned the use of agricultural implements through practical experience in the work of the field. Throughout his entire life he has carried on farming and is to-day the owner of two hundred acres of the old homestead, which is under a high state of cultivation. It is largely devoted to fruit growing, sixty acres being included within his apple and pear orchards.

On the 10th of June, 1867, Mr. Crawford was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Schenek, who was born October 4, 1837, a daughter of John and Jane A. (Hazard) Schenek, both of whom were of Dutch lineage, their ancestors having emigrated from Holland to the new world in the early part of the seventeenth century. Many of them have been well known in affairs of state, and their influence has been



JOHN B. CRAWFORD.



felt for good in the promotion of the best interests of the commonwealth. Ruliff Schenck, the grandfather of Mrs. Crawford, was born on a farm in Marlboro township, Monmouth county, owned by his father, and was highly respected throughout the community, where he was widely known as "good Uncle Ruliff." Uno our subject and his wife was born but one child, Charles N., whose birth occurred July 28, 1874. He was educated in the schools of the neighborhood, married Florence Curtis, and is now following farming on the old homestead. Mr. Crawford and his family are adherents of the Reformed church, and in his political views he is a Republican. His life has been quietly passed, but his upright, honorable career has won him the respect and good will of all by whom he is known.

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VERA DE NOIE.

The thousands on both sides of the Atlantic who know Miss Vera De Noie as playwright and actress are few of them aware that her home is at Long Branch, Monmouth county, New Jersey, that it is one of the most beautiful at that fashionable resort, and that it is widely known to Americans as "Pass More Inn," by which quaint name Miss De Noie herself designated it.

Vera De Noie is a native of Iowa, born in 1871, a daughter of Jean De Noie, a Frenchman and an officer in the army of his native country. She was educated in Paris and Bologne, where by superior advantages she developed the latent powers which have served her so well in securing for herself a place in the hearts of her audiences. Miss De Noie is a fluent linguist, and with both tongue and pen commands six languages. Not only is she well known in this country, but she is popular in Europe, where she has played for ten years, and she has made two tours round the world, appearing at all important dramatic centers in the principal roles of her own plays. She dramatized the Dreyfus case under the title of "Devil's Island," and in order to give her work the proper local color and to get certain hidden material, she spent some time in France. Among her other plays may be mentioned "A Godly Man," "Over the Line," "Queen of the Navahoes" and "The Tory's Daughter," in all of which she has played the leading characters.

Miss De Noie's home at Long Branch, which is a marvel of beauty, was purchased by her, September 22, 1898, and she has remodeled it into a fashionable summer retreat, the guests at which are entertained in first-class style and served with everything in season.

Like any other spirited woman of broad sympathies, Miss De Noie has a passionate fondness for animals of many kinds, and she takes an especial interest in horses and dogs, which she regards as man's best friends, unselfish, always constant, never forsaking him in the hour of adversity.

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REV. B. F. SHEPPARD.

A life consecrated to the cause of Christianity is one which ever commands respect from all classes of individuals. The life that one lives leaves an unmistakable evidence upon the person, and the face mirrors forth the inner man. Consecrated to the ministry, one cannot be long in the presence of Rev. B. F. Sheppard without recognizing his strong character and deep earnestness and his complete devotion to the

cause which he champions. He is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Southard, Howell township, Monmouth county; also preaches at Greenville and Squankum and superintends the work at Herbertsville and Cedar Ridge, the pulpits there being supplied by his assistants.

Rev. Sheppard was born in Port Elizabeth, Cumberland county, New Jersey, June 28, 1866, and is a son of Abram and Margaret J. (Stechman) Sheppard. The father has long been a very active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and during forty years of that time has been an enthusiastic and successful exhorter. He has filled every office in the church of his choice save that of pastor, and his influence has been by no means small.

His son, Rev. B. F. Sheppard, was well fitted by birth and home culture to take upon himself the solemn vows of a preacher of the gospel. At the usual age he entered the public schools, and there, by close application and thorough mastery of the branches taught, he fitted himself for advancement to higher attainments in intellectual pursuits. His theological training was received from Rev. William D. Stultz, and in 1900 he was admitted to the New Jersey conference and appointed to his present charge, preaching for three churches, at Southard, Greenville and Squankum, and superintending the work which is carried on at Herbertsville and Cedar Ridge by his assistants. At Southard, where he makes his home, the church has a membership of eighty, the Sunday-school an enrollment of one hundred, and the church property is valued at \$2,200. All the different branches of the church work are in flourishing condition, and the earnest, consecrated effort of the pastor is producing marked results as a Christianizing influence in the community.

In 1887 Mr. Sheppard was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Ada E. McGill, a daughter of William and Hannah (Osborn) McGill. The lady was born in Salem county, New Jersey, August 13, 1868, and is a most able assistant to her husband in his work. Their home has been blessed with the presence of four interesting children: Bessie, born February 1, 1889; Abram, born March 19, 1890; Oliver, born March 31, 1895; and Benjamin, born August 20, 1890.

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#### RICHARD CRAWFORD.

Richard Crawford is one of the wealthy and influential farmers residing in Middletown township, Monmouth county, where his ancestry dates back to "Gentleman John" Crawford, who came from Scotland to Connecticut in 1668. He was one of three brothers, and after the close of the French and Indian war removed to New Jersey, where he took up three hundred acres of land which had been granted to him by the English crown. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was William Crawford, while his wife was a daughter of Judge Bowne, and they had two sons, John and William. Richard Crawford, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a brave and gallant soldier in the Revolutionary war, nobly performing his part in the struggle for American independence. William Crawford married Rebecca Patterson, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Ann, William, John B., William H., and James P. John B., the father of the subject of this review, was born in Helmdel, then a part of Middletown township, in 1780. As a companion on the journey of life he chose Catherine Crawford, a distant relative, and their children were as follows: George W., born December 13, 1825, died October 10, 1878; Rebecca S., born July 20, 1828, died April 17, 1870; Elizabeth S., born April 16, 1832, died October 2, 1836; William, born August 8, 1834, died October 27, 1836;



*Richard Crawford Sr*





Catherine E., born April 5, 1837, died April 16, 1893; and Richard was born December 1, 1838, and is now the only survivor of this large family.

He has spent his entire life in this locality, and he now owns a highly improved and fertile farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres, where he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He has served as overseer of highways and in many other positions of honor and trust, and is public-spirited in an eminent degree.

Mr. Crawford was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Robinson, a daughter of William and Catherine Robinson, the wedding being celebrated on the 21st of November, 1866. The union was blessed with one child, which died in infancy. The Crawford family were formerly identified with the Baptist church, but since his marriage our subject has attended the Presbyterian church. He is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and, pleasant, scholarly and courteous, he has many admirers.

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#### BENJAMIN M. COOPER.

Benjamin M. Cooper, a successful dairyman and agriculturist of Howell township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born in 1841 at Farmingdale, Monmouth county. He is a representative of an old family of high respectability and is of German descent, his great-grandfather, Philip Cooper, being a native of Germany, but leaving the Fatherland for this country about 1740. He aided the colonies in their struggle for independence, showing the characteristic German courage and fortitude in defense of American principles. He followed farming extensively and accumulated considerable property. He and his wife, Margaret Cooper, resided at what is now Farmingdale, and there reared a family, one son of whom was George, the grandfather of our subject. George Cooper was born at Farmingdale and throughout his life followed agricultural pursuits. In religious faith he was a Methodist. He married Miss Ann Lovett, by whom he had ten children, all of whom are deceased. Of this number was James G. Cooper, the father of our subject, born in 1855 at Farmingdale, New Jersey. He was a man of intelligence and influence in his locality, and was honored with several township offices. His possessions in real estate amounted to about one hundred acres of valuable property. Like his father, he was a member of the Methodist church and led an earnest and consistent Christian life. He married Miss Charity Van Nete, also a native of Farmingdale, who became the mother of four children, as follows: Margaret A.; Joseph G. and Halstead W., twins; and Benjamin M. The parents are both deceased, the father passing away in 1867, the mother in 1882.

Benjamin M. Cooper, whose name introduces this record, was reared and educated in his native county. From the time he was old enough to handle the plow he assisted with the work on his father's farm, when not occupied with school duties. He became thoroughly familiar with all the duties pertaining to the life of an agriculturist and followed farming as an occupation. He has become quite prominent in this line, and has made a specialty of dairy products. His cattle are of a very fine grade, producing about thirty thousand quarts of milk per year, which finds a ready market in Lakewood, New Jersey. This, in addition to his harvests, brings to him annually a handsome competence.

In 1863 Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Estell, a native of Lakewood, New Jersey, who is a daughter of James and Mary Estell. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, two of whom are now living, namely: Andrew J.; and Irene. Mr. Cooper takes an active interest in the welfare and progress

of his community, and is very popular in political circles. He supports the men and measures of the Democratic party—all his immediate relatives being Republicans—and aids very materially in advancing the principles of this party. For over twenty years Mr. Cooper has been honored with the office of justice of the peace, and for four years has served as commissioner of appeals. He also served as township committeeman for a period of nine years, and in all his various positions has always discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, thus winning to himself the confidence and respect of his fellow men. He holds membership with the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee, and has ever lived in consistency with its teachings, and all who know him respect him for his honorable principles, his upright dealings, and his true worth.

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HENRY G. COOKE, A. M., M. D.

Dr. Cooke, one of the leading physicians of Holmdel township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born in that township on February 3, 1836. His parents were Robert W. Cooke, M. D., a native of Sussex county, and Susan (Gansvort) Cooke, who was born in the city of Albany, New York.

Dr. Henry G. Cooke, son of the above mentioned parents, received his early education in the select school in the vicinity of his home; in 1850 he entered Rutgers College, from which he was graduated in 1853 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1856. Meanwhile he commenced reading medicine in the office of his father, then a physician of prominence with an extensive practice; in a few months, however, he became installed as a student in the office of the celebrated Willard Parker of New York, then professor of surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York. His preparatory studies completed, Dr. Cooke matriculated in the before mentioned college, and in 1857 he was graduated therefrom, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He at once became associated with his father at Holmdel, and it was not long before he acquired an enviable reputation, not only for his marked ability as a physician, but for faithful attention to his patients. His undeniable success, however, did not prevent him from enlisting in the cause of his country and humanity, which he did in 1862 as surgeon in the Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteers, with which regiment he remained for nine months. After being mustered out of the regular service he was placed in the volunteer corps of surgeons and acted in that capacity until the end of the war. He then returned to Holmdel, where he has since been continuously engaged in his professional duties, making the old homestead his residence. His father, Dr. Robert W. Cooke, died in 1867, and the son succeeded to his large practice, which he has since successfully conducted and increased year by year, numbering among his patients the most influential citizens of his section.

Dr. Cooke is prominently identified with the various prominent medical associations. In 1859 he was presiding officer of the Monmouth County Medical Society, and in 1868 he was made a delegate to the American Medical Association, which convened in New York. He has frequently represented the profession of his county in the state society. He is now a member of the New Jersey State Medical Society, and acts as medical examiner for a number of leading insurance companies. Dr. Cooke has ever been conscientiously devoted to the highest and best interests of his profession, and the result of his devotion is the high esteem in which he is held and the excellent reputation he bears.

Dr. Cooke married Maria B. Coudrey of New Rochelle, New York, on June 8, 1876.

## PIERSON H. CLAYTON.

One of the worthy citizens of Jackson township, Ocean county, who has attained prominence through honest effort and strong perseverance, is Pierson H. Clayton, who was born in Monmouth county in 1823, and is a descendant of an old English family. His ancestors came to America, settling in Monmouth county near Freehold, and during the Revolutionary war took an active part in the struggle in behalf of the English sovereign. The newly established colonial government took exceptions to this and confiscated their property, which was of considerable value. After this misfortune befell the family they scattered, locating in different parts of the then thinly populated territory of the country. The grandfather of our subject was William Clayton, and his parents were Garret and Rebecca (Woodward) Clayton. The father was a very prosperous farmer, being the owner of one hundred acres of rich land. He lived to be about eighty years of age.

Pierson H. Clayton was one of a family of ten children, four of whom are now living, namely: Francis; Pierson H.; John W.; and Britton. In early life our subject learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he has been engaged ever since. For thirty years, during the best part of his life, he worked at his trade in Philadelphia, and in 1868 returned to the scenes of his youth, there purchasing one hundred and thirty acres of land. For several years he taught school with marked success, his intelligence and fidelity to duty winning for him the confidence and high commendation of all concerned. He also served as school trustee for a number of years, very acceptably filling the position.

Mr. Clayton was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Cox, of Philadelphia, a lady of culture and refinement. They are the parents of four living children, as follows: Byron W.; Willard C.; Clara A.; and Ida A. The other children born to them are now deceased.

For the past twenty years Mr. Clayton has held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, taking active part in church and Sunday-school work, and always leading a consistent Christian life. For some years he was a successful class leader in the church, and was held in high esteem by those with whom he associated. His life record is one of earnest endeavor and honorable dealings and is an example worthy of emulation.

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M. C. LOHSEN.

M. C. Lohsen, one of the leading and representative fishermen of Belford, New Jersey, was born in the city of New York, in 1842, and he was a son of Lohder and Meta (Wendelke) Lohsen, both of whom were natives of Germany.

Lohder Lohsen, the father of our subject, removed from New York to Belford when the latter was about five years of age. He purchased a small farm of forty acres of land, which he cultivated until 1861, when he sold this property and returned to again make his home in the great metropolis. Some years later he came again to Belford and his last years were spent with our subject.

About the time that his father sold the farm our subject, M. C. Lohsen, became interested in clam fishing and successfully engaged in this industry, in fact adopting methods now followed by other fishermen, without which fishing at this date would be unsuccessful. Mr. Lohsen was the first to adopt gasoline engines in connection with fishing operations, which greatly facilitated matters as to time, distance, and labor saved. This has proved to be a very profitable business, both on account of the great

demand and exceptional transportation facilities, as well as the close and intelligent attention that Mr. Lohsen has given to the business. Supplying even in small degree a market like New York City means a vast amount of labor as well as business ability.

The first marriage of our subject was in 1867, to Miss Eliza Walling, the two children of this union being Jessie M., and Martin W., deceased; the mother died in 1884. The second marriage of Mr. Lohsen was to Miss Catherine Johnson, and to this union these children have been born, viz.: Maud, Clinton B., Charles, Bessie, and Anna M. Mr. and Mrs. Lohsen have a beautiful home, surrounded by twelve acres of land and attractive and substantial buildings, and here friends are most hospitably entertained by our genial host and worthy wife.

For more than twenty years Mr. Lohsen has been actively connected with the Methodist church in Belford. He is one of the financial pillars of the church, has been an incumbent in most of the church offices, is one of the trustees, and its capable superintendent. Fraternally our subject is connected with the orders I. O. O. F. and Junior O. U. A. M., and is one of the most highly respected business men of this section of Monmouth county.



#### PETER F. DODD.

Peter Franklin Dodd, of Asbury Park, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is one of the most widely and favorably known residents of that portion of the coast, highly regarded for his business ability, sterling integrity and those personal traits which command confidence and regard.

Mr. Dodd was born June 12, 1853, in the township of Hampstead, Long Island, New York. His parents were Peter Francis and Elizabeth (Rhoads) Dodd, estimable people of the county named. He received his education in the public schools of Brooklyn. At the age of sixteen years he took employment in a printing office, but at the expiration of two years, when he had gained sufficient knowledge of the printing art to be almost able to command a man's wage and conduct a business, impairment of health obliged him to seek another calling. He then secured a position with the firm of M. Young & Company, of New York City, importers of china and glassware, remaining for seven years, during which time he became amply capable in all departments of the business and established such a reputation that various important positions in the same line of business were at his command. He elected to enter the employ of John Wanamaker, the merchant prince of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in a position in the china and glassware department of his mammoth establishment. His service was highly appreciated by his superiors, and he only relinquished his employment, after a continuance of seven years, in order to enter upon business upon his own account. He located at Asbury Park and conducted a grocery establishment successfully for four years, when he sold it to another.

For some years past Mr. Dodd has busied himself with the duties of the office of justice of the peace, to which he was first elected in 1895, and in which position he has served, through successive re-elections, to the present time. He is also police justice and commissioner of deeds. In politics he is a Republican, and his intelligent activity in advocating the principles and supporting the policies of the party in county, state and national campaigns, has given him place among the influential leaders in his county and district. He has served for three years on the Republican executive committee of Monmouth county, and for ten years on the Republican executive committee for Neptune township, and he was for five years secretary of the last named body. His religious affiliations are with the West Grove Methodist church, which for ten years he has faithfully and wisely served in the



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capacity of secretary of the board of trustees. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Tribe of Ben Hur. For ten years he has been a member of the fire department, and he is now its assistant chief.

Mr. Dodd was married to Miss Annie P. Haight, daughter of Charles W. and Susan Haight, of Brooklyn, Long Island, September 28, 1875. Their children were: Hattie M., born November 14, 1876, who was married to J. M. Strudwick, December 20, 1898; Thomas H., born August 22, 1878, who married Anna Gertrude Davison, October 23, 1901; Franklin R., born September 23, 1879, who married Bessie B. Bentell, November 12, 1900; Mary E., born March 16, 1885; Georgie B., born October 13, 1886; Raymond M., born September 11, 1888; Stanley, born January 30, 1891; Curwin F., born October 14, 1892; Ruth B., born October 17, 1895; and Harry I., born October 2, 1897. The married children named have all entered upon useful positions in life, and all except the youngest children have received excellent educational advantages.

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#### WILLIAM ELWOOD JEFFREY.

Among those most extensively and successfully engaged in the fishing interests of the New Jersey coast is William Elwood Jeffrey, one of the progenitors of the Elberon fisheries. He is also prominently identified with all concerns of public moment, and has always given his earnest aid to every movement looking to the advancement of the interests of the community. He has made his own way in life by dint of indefatigable industry and persistency, and he has established an enviable reputation not only for ability and integrity, but for attaining that high degree of financial success which is the fitting reward of such effort.

His father, William W. Jeffrey, was a native of New Jersey, born where is now the village of Oakhurst, in 1830. William W. Jeffrey passed his life at Deal Beach, engaged as a waterman and in the fishing business. During the Civil war he served for one year in the Twenty-eighth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, and for nine months in the Twenty-ninth Regiment, participating in some of the most arduous campaigns and battles in which the army of the Potomac was engaged. He yet lives in Deal Beach and is a member of Asbury Methodist Episcopal church and of the Grand Army of the Republic. He married Mary Jane White, and of this marriage were born three children: William Elwood, named below; John R., a farmer and real estate agent of Elberon; and B. A. Jeffrey, who manages a retail fish market for his father.

Elwood Jeffrey, eldest son of William W. and Mary Jane (White) Jeffrey, was born at Elberon, New Jersey, August 25, 1835. He was educated in the district schools, and made his beginning in life as a clerk in the store of A. Taylor Truax, at Long Branch, in which he was engaged for five years. In 1877 he became a member of the firm of West & Jeffrey, dealers in groceries, crockery, etc., at Long Branch, and this association was pleasantly and profitably maintained for a period of twenty years. In 1897, with his old partner, Mr. West, he bought the Elberon Sound Fisheries, in which he had been interested for some years previous. This business has been developed to large proportions, one of the most important on the coast, the output reaching the large figure of a million pounds annually, and disposed of in the New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington markets.

Mr. Jeffrey is largely interested in real estate operations, particularly in Elberon, and is identified with various financial enterprises which conduce to the welfare and

development of his own and adjacent villages. One of the most important real estate transactions in which he has been interested was the recent purchase, in association with others, of the old Cook homestead at Point Pleasant, New Jersey. This place was for many years the favorite haunt of artists from different parts of the country, and clustered with pre-Revolutionary associations. The estate comprises nearly three hundred acres, is in a state of natural wildness and is rich in picturesque and lovely scenes. The artists who resort there feel as distressed as a nest of hornets whose covert is threatened with destruction. Among the legends of the place is the story that Prince Lucien Murat, who prided himself upon his skill as a whip, driving down to the Cook homestead from the Bonaparte place in Bordentown and entering the ground with a great flourish, wrecked his carriage by running foul of the big gateway, the massive posts of which still exist. It is said the Prince was greatly mortified over the mishap. Mr. Jeffrey is also a director in the Citizens' Bank of Long Branch, a director in the Long Branch Building and Loan Association, and vice-president of the Long Branch Press. For fourteen years he has served in the fire department, as a member of the Atlantic Wreck Company, and he holds membership in the Royal Arcanum and in the Order of United Workmen. In religion he is a Methodist, being a member of the Simpson church. Politically he is a Republican, but maintains independency in local issues affecting the community.

Mr. Jeffrey was married on March 10, 1870, to Miss Jane Cook, of Monmouth Beach, and of this marriage were born two daughters—Ella M. and Clara S. Jeffrey.

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#### WELLINGTON KENNEDY.

No country produces more worthy sons than does the little strip of land immediately north of England; they are men of honest worth, who are recognized universally as standing for uprightness, integrity, and fearless moral courage. Of such stock is our subject, Wellington Kennedy, the well known florist, market gardener and pigeon fancier of Red Bank, New Jersey.

Mr. Kennedy is a native of Scotland, where he was born in 1855. He came to this country in 1883, locating at Rumson, New Jersey, and entered the employ of Edward Kemp, in whose service he continued for seven years. His next employment was found with John Wagner, with whom he remained for nine years. It speaks well for a man when he can remain so continuously in the service of one employer. He has since created a widespread demand for his own products, which are excelled by none throughout the state, and command the best price.

In 1900 he erected his present beautiful modern home, which is not only a delight to the eye, presenting as it does an almost perfect picture of neatness and thrift, but it is practically faultless in its interior arrangement.

Not only has Mr. Kennedy made a reputation for himself as a truckman, but he has become famous as an authority on pigeons, having devoted considerable time to their study and breeding. He possesses one of the finest and most expensive collections of birds, among them being rare specimens of Turbits, Jacobins, English and African Owls. These birds are of the very best strain, best blood, and of well merited points, which is admitted by those best qualified to judge, as is evidenced by the great number of medals of both gold and silver, silver cups, spoons, etc., awarded him at the Madison Square Garden, New York, exhibits. At Boston, too, he has won many special prizes on account of the superiority of his birds. In fact his skill in raising and selecting these feathery pets and his collection itself are well known



throughout the country by men interested in the fancier's art. Mr. Kennedy was honored by being appointed judge of the pigeon exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo.

Five years before leaving his native land, Mr. Kennedy took to wife Miss Sarah Armstrong, also a native of Scotland. To them have been born the following children: James, John, Joseph, J. P., Robert A., Bessie L., Wellington, and Lester H.

Mr. Kennedy is treasurer of the Monmouth County Horticultural Society, and a member of the I. O. R. M. of Red Bank. In politics he is an independent. In religious belief he follows the faith of his forefathers, the Presbyterian.

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#### JAMES K. WALLING.

The Walling family is an old and prominent one of New England, its ancestors having come to America in 1623, and according to tradition were closely identified with the Pilgrim Fathers. Among its members who participated with the colonists in the Revolutionary war were Carhart Walling, Daniel Walling, James Walling, John Walling and Philip Walling, the latter having been wounded at the battle of Monmouth. Thomas and Hannah (Bogart) Walling were the great-great-grandparents of our subject, and but little is known concerning their history. Their son, John Walling, married Elizabeth Roberts, and they had the following children: John, Thomas, Daniel, Cornelius, Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, and William. John Walling lived to be over ninety years of age. He was a natural mechanic and was a wealthy and prominent citizen of his locality, while in the Baptist church of Middletown he held the office of deacon, his influence for good having been felt by all with whom he came in contact from day to day. John Walling, the grandfather of our subject, was a prominent and wealthy farmer of the locality, and his demise was caused by an accident in early life. He was united in marriage to Mary Taylor, and their children were John, Joseph, Cornelius, Daniel, Elijah, Elizabeth, Catherine, Lydia, Garret, Michael, Mary and David. Elijah Walling, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born on the 16th of October, 1791. On the 21st of February, 1816, he was united in marriage to Jane Kelsey, who was born in 1797, and their children were as follows: Mary, born January 8, 1817; Elijah, born in 1819; James K., born December 31, 1821; William, born April 17, 1824; Permelia, born March 5, 1826; Kelsey, born August 15, 1830; Wesley, born September 17, 1833; and Elizabeth born June 1, 1836. Elijah Walling was a shoemaker by trade, was a Whig in his political affiliations and was a worthy member of the Baptist church. His death occurred on the 28th of August, 1896, while his wife passed away on the 23rd of August, 1882.

James K. Walling, whose name introduces this review, was born at what was known as Wallington, in Monmouth county, where he was also educated. In early life he learned the tanner's trade, which he followed for over sixteen years. He, however, devoted the greater part of his time to agricultural pursuits, and in 1872 he purchased the place where his family now resides and where he raised an abundance of fruit and vegetables. His efforts along the line of his chosen vocation brought to him gratifying returns, he having placed his fields under a high state of cultivation, and everything about the place has ever indicated the supervision of a neat and progressive owner. On the 24th of July, 1843, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Brower, who was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, in 1826. Her parents were Hendrick and Helena (Hoff) Brower, whose family numbered three daughters, but Mrs. Walling is now the only survivor of the family. Her paternal

grandparents were John and Eleanor (Hendrickson) Brower, and they had five children. Her paternal great-grandfather was Hendrick Brower, and her ancestors were also revolutionary heroes. Unto our subject and wife have been born six children—Sarah, Jane E., Edward, Eleanor S., Huldah T., and Emily V. On the 26th of September, 1901, Mr. Walling was summoned into eternal rest. For many years he had made his home in this locality, and his career was marked by signal integrity, justice and honor, and no word of detraction was ever heard from those who knew him well. The family occupy a high social position in the community and have many warm friends among the best residents of Monmouth county.

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#### ADAM ECKERT.

Not only prominent in industrial circles in Perth Amboy, but also a leading figure in public affairs which concern the welfare of his city and state, Adam Eckert is well known and justly counted one of the representative men of New Jersey. His energy, perseverance and capable management have secured him advancement in the business world and he has also gained distinction as one who is devoted to the public good and who fails not in the faithful performance of any duty of citizenship, no matter if it be trivial or important.

Mr. Eckert was born in Germany in 1850, and as far back as the ancestry can be traced the family resided in the Fatherland. Joseph Eckert, his grandfather, was a native of Wertsburg, Bavaria, and throughout his entire life served as a forester on the Livingston estate. In religious faith he and his family were Roman Catholics, strongly adhering to that faith. He had six sons and one daughter, namely: Adam, John, George, Jacob, Joseph, Henry, and Mary. Joseph Eckert, the grandfather, departed this life in 1884.

Jacob Eckert, father of the one whose name introduces this review, was born on the Livingston estate in Germany and acquired his education in the public schools. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for many years. In 1852 he started with his family for America and located at Middletown, New York, where for three years he carried on shoemaking, after which he took up his abode in Albany and engaged in the same pursuit for two years. In 1861 he came to Perth Amboy and established himself in the shoe business, but the following year he responded to resident Lincoln's call for troops to crush out the rebellion and enlisted in Battery K, Third New York Light Artillery, fighting for the land of his adoption until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge at Richmond. Returning to the north he located in New York City and, subsequently, again came to Perth Amboy, where he conducted a hotel until his retirement from business life in 1860. In politics he was a firm believer in the principles of the great Democratic party, in behalf of which he cast his vote and influence. He was also an active member of the Grand Army post at Perth Amboy and was ever a loyal citizen, who in days of peace manifested the same fidelity to his adopted land that he displayed when following the Stars and Stripes upon southern battlefields. Before leaving Germany he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ott, and unto them were born two sons and two daughters: Adam, George, Marguerite, and Mary.

Adam Eckert was only two years old when brought by his parents to the new world. He acquired his education in New York, and when fourteen years of age entered upon a six years' apprenticeship to learn the jeweler's trade. Later he was his father's assistant in the conduct of the hotel in Perth Amboy, his time and en-



*Adam Eckert*



ergies being devoted to that work until 1884, when he embarked in his present line of business as a member of the firm of Schantz & Eckert, proprietors of a machine shop, and iron and brass foundry. They engaged in general machine work, in the building of marine engines, and in a general line of repair work. Mr. Eckert's partner was his brother-in-law, Andrew Schantz, a capable machinist, who was born in Philadelphia. He died in 1890, leaving a family of six children. Since that time Mr. Eckert has been sole proprietor of the business, and in his foundry employs thirty-two workmen. The output of the foundry is of such superior grade that his sales extend to all parts of the country and his patronage is constantly increasing, thus bringing to him a good annual revenue.

In his political views Mr. Eckert is an earnest Democrat, believing that the best interests of the country can be secured through the adoption of the principles of that party. He has been a member of the city council and at the present time is serving as alderman at large for Perth Amboy. In 1892 he was appointed superintendent of the city water works and filled the position with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He has also served as one of the board of chosen freeholders, and for two terms he was a member of the general assembly. He has filled many positions of public trust in a creditable manner and the vote of his fellow-citizens is proof of his popularity and capability. He usually attends the conventions of his party and is unfaltering in support of whatever he believes to be for the general good.

Outside of politics Mr. Eckert is interested in other affairs connected with the city's prosperity and activity. He is a member of the chamber of commerce and the Perth Amboy Loan and Home-stead Association, of which he is the president. Socially he is a representative member of Raritan Lodge, F. & A. M.; Lafayette Chapter, R. A. M. of Rahway, and the Knights of Pythias. His name is a synonym for all that is progressive and his own career has been one of substantial advancement along many lines. In business he has worked his way upward, step by step, to a position of affluence, and in public affairs he has attained to a distinctively eminent position in the city and state.

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#### H. F. DAVIS.

Prominent among the young and enterprising business men of Monmouth county stands the subject of this review, who is engaged in the grocery business at Oakhurst. He was born at Red Bank, this state, on the 4th of September, 1870, and is a son of Thomas and Marie (Pitcher) Davis. He received his education in the district schools of Middletown town-ship, where by his close application to his studies he laid the foundation for his present prosperity and progress. After his school days were ended he entered the store of a Mr. Conover, of Lincroft, where he made himself familiar with the grocery business in every detail, and thus became a very profitable employe. In 1891 he came to the village of Oakhurst, Monmouth county. After being employed by Thomas Cook for five years he purchased the business in 1891, and since his occupancy Mr. Davis has brought the establishment to its present high degree of prosperity. Since removing to this place he has also been honored with the position of postmaster, an office which he filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, and for several years he also served as a member of the board of education.

On March 17, 1897, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Davis and Miss Vannie Harvey, a native of West Long Branch, and a daughter of Charles and Clara Harvey. This union has been brightened and blessed by one child, Harry L. In his social re-

lations Mr. Davis is an active member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a man of superior business capacity and resourceful ability, his resolute purpose and keen discrimination enabling him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has made for himself an enviable reputation and is popular in social, business and political circles.



#### JOHN V. FISHER.

John V. Fisher, an old and highly respected citizen of Prospect Plains, New Jersey, was born in Mercer county, September 2, 1818, the son of Henry and Lydia (Voorhees) Fisher. Their family consisted of John V., our subject; Sarah, deceased; Jacob; Mary; Gertrude, deceased; and Cornelia, deceased.

When John V. attained his tenth year he removed with his parents to Middlesex county, in the neighborhood known as Half Acre, where he continued to reside till the year 1853, at which time he purchased his present farm of fifty acres, part of which is in Cranbury and part in Monroe township. During his active career as a practical farmer, which vocation he conducted on scientific principles, Mr. Fisher succeeded in accumulating quite a goodly competence, and is now retired from personal conduct of his farming interests.

In 1852 Mr. Fisher wedded Miss Phoebe Perrine, and two children were born to them, viz., Mary and Anna, both of whom reside in Monroe township. Mrs. Fisher departed this life in 1875.



#### CORNELIUS V. STULTS.

Cornelius V. Stults is a wealthy resident of Monroe township, Middlesex county. He was born near Cranbury, New Jersey, July 1, of the year 1810, his parents being Albert and Maria (Van Doren) Stults, whose family consisted of eight children, four sons and four daughters. Of this number Henry and Cornelius are the only survivors. The father of our subject, Albert Stults, was born and reared in Monroe township, followed farming as a vocation, and served his country during the war of 1812. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. Henry Stults, the father of Albert Stults, and grandfather of Cornelius V., was a native of Germany, but came to this country in early manhood. He was fully in sympathy with the country of his adoption, entering heartily as one of its citizens in all matters pertaining to its welfare. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. In religious views he was a Presbyterian, being a communicant of that faith. He was eminently respected by all with whom he was thrown in contact, and he, too, engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Cornelius V. Stults, the subject of our sketch, is the possessor of one hundred and forty five acres of well cultivated farm land at Prospect Plains, Monroe township, New Jersey, upon which he resides, cultivating the land to the highest state of perfection and growing a general line of farm products. Material gain has crowned his efforts, and he is looked upon as one of the most successful farmers in his section. Mr. Stults has been the owner of his present farm since the year 1840, and has made it his home ever since that time. His first wife was Miss Gertrude Aoplegate, who bore him two sons, John E. and Rostene S. His second wife was Gertrude Fisher, now also deceased, who gave birth to six children, namely, Mary A., Ella, Mina, Cornelius, Addison, and Albert.

Mr. Stults has ever commanded the respect of his fellow-citizens, and this they have shown by electing him to many township offices, which he has always creditably filled, keeping constantly before him the interests of those he represented. He is an honored member of the Presbyterian church of Cranbury.

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#### OAKHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Under the direction of a capable school board having due regard for the intellectual development of the community, the Oakhurst public school is doing excellent work. In 1843—almost sixty years ago—about two acres of land were purchased from Richard Wyckoff and Jacob White by Taylor Hagerty, George T. Brown and Joseph Thompson, who were the school trustees of Ocean township. Upon this ground was erected a one-story building for school purposes, and there was an attendance of ninety pupils. In 1861 the number of children in the school district was one hundred and thirty-seven. In 1870 the schoolhouse was enlarged and two teachers were employed. In 1875 there were one hundred and seventy pupils, and the following year the number had increased to two hundred and five, but after this there came a decline in attendance, and in 1880 there were only one hundred and sixty-two school children in the district. At the present writing, in 1901, there are three hundred and eleven school children in the district. In 1900 a new building was erected on the site of the old one, at a cost of twelve thousand dollars, and in addition to this furnishings were purchased at a cost of two thousand dollars, so that the entire structure was built and equipped at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars. Two of the leading members of the school board are Isaac B. White, president, and Adam Worth, secretary and treasurer. Both have the educational interests of the district deeply at heart and give their aid and influence toward raising the standard of the school and making its work attain a high degree of perfection.

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#### GEORGE SPARKS.

George Sparks, in early life an English soldier and later a soldier in the Civil war, was born in England, September 20, 1830, son of Thomas and Rebecca Sparks. His grandparents lived and died in England. His father, born and married in England, came to Monmouth county, New Jersey, and settled on a farm in Manalapan township in 1854. He died in 1880, aged eighty-two years, and his wife died in 1891, aged eighty-four years. Their children besides George are: Anna Eliza, who married a veteran of the Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry; Dorcas, now Mrs. Moran, residing upon a farm in Marlboro township, and Henrietta, now Mrs. Lewis P. Clayton, of Elton.

George Sparks was educated in the schools of England and was mustered into the English army August 1, 1853, at Westminster, London. His regiment was assigned to duty in India and with it he served through the various engagements in the Sepoy insurrection from 1854 to 1859, under Sir Hugh Rose, K. O. B. In 1857 he was the corporal in charge of the squad of five men who, under orders, tied the six Sepoys to the cannons' muzzles, from which they were blown to pieces. The verdict of the court martial was that six Sepoys should be shot to death, six hung and six blown to pieces at the cannon's muzzle. He was discharged from the British army June 27, 1860. In the latter part of that year he left England and came to his father's farm, where

he remained until June, 1861, then enlisting in the Union army. He was mustered into service June 22, 1861, in Company H, Forty-eighth New York Volunteers, as sergeant. He served with his regiment in North and South Carolina, participating in all its engagements up to July 18, 1863, when at Fort Wagner he was wounded in the right hand, which necessitated the amputation of his thumb and middle finger. In June, 1864, he was assigned to duty in the Veteran Reserve Corps and was mustered out of service January 1, 1864, with an enviable record as a soldier.

In 1858 he was married to Anna Keyes. Their children are: Rebecca Jane, George Thomas, Edward Goddard, and Charles L.

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#### THOMAS F. DUNIGAN.

One of the leading and popular young business men of Woodbridge, New Jersey, is he of whom this brief biography treats. He was born in the town of Woodbridge on May 1, 1859; he is the son of Bernard Dunigan, an old resident of the town. Thomas F. attended the public schools of his birthplace, and acquired an excellent education. In 1883 he became interested in clay mining, which he followed till 1890, when he became a contractor in grading, etc., which he has since carried on extensively; besides this he has been a large dealer in coal, having yards located on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad near Woodbridge. He keeps a number of teams to meet the demands of his trade; so great has his business become in this line that he is entitled to a position among the foremost merchants in the town. Apart from all this, he now operates the clay mines for Henry Maurer & Son, one of the largest brick and tile manufacturers in New Jersey. He is also a director of the Carteret Electric Light and Power Company; and was a potent factor in the organization of the fire company, being chairman of the committee,

Mr. Dunigan finds time to take an active interest in politics. He is an adherent of the Democratic party, and in 1898-99 was a member of the township committee; for some years he has been prominently identified with local affairs. He is an esteemed member of the Royal Arcanum, the Catholic Benevolent Legion, and other fraternal orders.

Mr. Dunigan married Miss Jane Finn, and their children are, Florence, George, Jennie and Anna. The family are attendants at St. James church.

From this brief sketch of Mr. Dunigan's life the energy characterizing the man is the one predominant feature which stands out more prominently than any other. The varied business interests in which he is engaged marks him as a man of sagacity and keen mental discernment, and few men can claim so high a place in public esteem as he. He was elected in March, 1902, to the office of chosen freeholder from Woodbridge.

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#### THE LAFAYETTE HOTEL.

The Lafayette hotel, one of the most popular and well conducted hotels of Asbury Park, New Jersey, has won its success through fourteen years of intelligent management. Quite a number of years ago, when the present commodious hotel was scarcely more than a cottage, it was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Frost, who gradually enlarged the building until at the present time it has accommodation for about three hundred and fifty guests. During these years Mr. Frost has passed away, but the



house has since been ably conducted by his widow, the present sole proprietor, who is a practical hotel woman, having for many years kept a large and fashionable boarding house in New York City before becoming interested in the Lafayette. For the past eight years Mrs. Frost has been ably assisted in the management of the hotel by Mr. Frank B. Covert, an experienced hotel man, who has been identified with many of the most prominent and successful hotels of the south, among them being the Ormond and St. James at Jacksonville, Florida, as well as with large hotels in both New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Covert possesses peculiar adaptability for the position he occupies, having many genial social qualities and being endowed with pronounced executive ability.

The Lafayette hotel enjoys a reputation second to none of the more prominent houses of Asbury Park, as the superior character of the internal appointments, and the attractive architecture of its exterior, the new and improved bedding, carpeting and furniture, together with the artistically decorated walls and ceilings, make it one of the most elegantly appointed hostleries on the Jersey coast. It has a hall, fifty feet square, with a Holland brick fireplace, which is used as a reception room and for social gatherings. Its polished floor and brilliant electric lights make it peculiarly fitting as a place of amusement, and dances, gormans, progressive euchre and musicals are given here under the direction of Edwin Jeffrey, master of ceremonies, ably assisted by a fine orchestra. They also have an extensive dining hall, with ample capacity for seating three hundred people, and an Otis electric elevator, of the best construction and entirely fire-proof, connects with all floors.

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#### STEPHEN WILLIAMS NEWBURY.

Stephen Williams Newbury, one of the most useful and successful business men of Asbury Park, was born at Manasquan, New Jersey, October 11, 1810. His father, Tyler Newbury, was also born at Manasquan (in 1812), where he lived all his life, a farmer by occupation and the owner of a large and valuable farm. The elder Newbury was the father of seven children. Those still living are as follows: Amelia, who became the wife of Jeremiah Yeomans; Stephen Williams; Zilpha, who became the wife of Charles Bergen; Sarah, who became the wife of Frank Longstreet; George; and Charles. He died in 1873, aged sixty-two years. His widow is still living, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Stephen Newbury, grandfather of our subject, was a farmer, a fisherman and a successful man of business of Manasquan, and at the time of his death possessed considerable property. He died at the venerable age of ninety years, and his widow passed away in advanced years. Stephen Williams Newbury was educated in the public schools of his native village. He early learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed as a journeyman for several years. At the age of twenty years he engaged in contracting and building, first at Elizabeth and later at Manasquan, finally locating at Point Pleasant, where he continued in business from 1874 to 1880, during which time he erected many public buildings and large hotels at Spring Lake and other places, employing on his contracts as many as forty men. In 1880 he engaged in dealing in western horses, conducting sales-stables at Manasquan, and handling as many as a carload a month, many high priced horses among them. He continued in this business until 1806, since which time he has been engaged in the livery business at Asbury Park.

He is a member of Excelsior Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Manasquan, of Wall Lodge,

Free and Accepted Masons, and of Goodwin Royal Arch Chapter. He is a Republican in politics and is quite active in public affairs. He formerly held the offices of treasurer and collector at Manasquan for several years.

Mr. Newbury was married December 24, 1868, to Miss Jane Sutphin, and to them were born six children, two of whom died in infancy. Those still living are as follows: Adeline, who became the wife of James Cregg, their children being Stephen, Katharine and Florence; the next child was George, who married Marion Palmer, and they had one child, Claud; Frank married Miss Cornelia Palmer; and Howard married Ada Brown, and they have one child.

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#### ROBERT E. STEPHANY.

Among the citizens of Atlantic City whose effort was ever active, public-spirited, and devoted to its advancement, none was regarded more favorably than Robert E. Stephany, the late city recorder. Robert E. Stephany was born at Egg Harbor City, New Jersey, October 6, 1872. His father was August Stephany, a native of Nordhausen, Germany, where he was born December 16, 1841. The latter came to this country in 1858, and soon thereafter secured employment on the "Staats Zeitung." In 1865 he removed to Egg Harbor City, then almost in its infancy. He held the positions of city clerk and justice of the peace, and was admitted to the bar in February, 1881.

Robert E. Stephany received his education in the public schools of his native village from which he was graduated in 1887. Upon his removing to Atlantic City he entered the law office of his father as a student, and after completing his studies was admitted to the bar as an attorney in 1894, and as a counselor in November, 1897. On January 1, 1895, he became associated with his father under the style of A. Stephany & Son. This partnership was only dissolved by the death of the elder Mr. Stephany. Subsequent to that time Robert E. Stephany conducted the business most successfully up to the date of his decease, September 2, 1901. He had a large clientele, and deservedly won the confidence and respect of all who had occasion to test his professional ability. As city recorder Mr. Stephany filled the position most creditably from his election to that position in 1900.

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#### GEORGE COMSTOCK.

George Comstock, of the highlands of Navesink, New Jersey, was born in New York City, January 21, 1827, a son of David Comstock, who was born in Granville, Vermont, but later removed to New York City, where he spent the greater part of his life. He served in the war of 1812-14, and participated in the battle of Lake Champlain, under the command of Commodore McDonough.

George Comstock pursued the usual course of education in the public schools of New York, and when fifteen years of age he enlisted in the United States navy as an apprentice boy on board the brig "Somers." He served for three years under Captain Alexander Slidell Mackenzie, who was connected with the West Indian station. Later he entered the merchant marine service in the packet line of ships plying between New York and New Orleans, Louisiana, being on the ships "Galena" and "Union," and served for five years. For the following nine years he acted in

the capacity of shipwright under Bell & Brown, ship builders, in New York. During the Mexican war Mr. Comstock served on two government transports, one being the propeller "Eudora," which carried munitions of war from the Baton Rouge arsenal to General Taylor at Matamoras, Mexico, and the other was the ship "Hercules," which conveyed munitions of war to General Scott at Vera Cruz after the bombardment and before the capture of the city of Mexico. After leaving the service of the United States navy Mr. Comstock followed a seafaring life for many years. He then decided to go to California, where he spent the years from 1854 to 1856 in mining. Subsequently he removed to the highlands of Navesink and for twenty-five years he was engaged in sea fishing. One day he was out fishing with two other companions, when their boat was capsized and his comrades were drowned, but he managed to cling to the boat and was finally rescued seven miles from the coast, the boat being wrecked. This accident caused him to abandon that line of work, and he then built a number of houses, disposing of all but two, which he still retains in his possession.

Mr. Comstock was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hutton, daughter of George Hutton, a seaman. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and he served for three years in the volunteer fire department of New York.

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#### E. WELLING LEONARD.

One of the representative farmers and dairymen of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is E. Welling Leonard, who is a descendant of one of the loyal subjects of King George the Second, of England. It is recorded in the family annals that in the thirteenth year of the reign of said ruler, in 1730, a commission was issued to Nathaniel Leonard, Gentleman, appointing him lieutenant of Middletown Middle Company, of what is now known as New Jersey. This Nathaniel married a wife named Deliverance, and they had four sons, namely: John, who was born in 1738, emigrated to Cuba, married a Spanish lady and established a home there; Nathaniel, who was born in 1739; Joseph, who was born in 1743; Samuel; Sarah; and Annie.

Captain Thomas Leonard, who was the paternal great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1753 and married Alice Lawrence, the children of this union being Elizabeth, William and Joseph. In early life Capt. Thomas Leonard followed a sea-faring existence, being master of a vessel which sailed along the coast between New York and his native township, sometimes even going to ports as far south as Virginia. Soon after his marriage he abandoned the water, bought a farm of forty acres of land and settled down to agriculture and merchandising. A staunch Republican and a consistent Baptist, he was regarded as one of the reliable and substantial citizens of his native place.

William Leonard, a son of Capt. Thomas and the grandfather of our subject, first married Elizabeth Applegate, and to this marriage six children were born, as follows: Richard A., John S., Thomas, Mary, William and Elizabeth. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Conover, from which there was no issue.

William Leonard, son of William and father of our subject, was born in 1810, and died in 1885. His farming lands comprised one hundred acres and he was one of the largest and most successful truck farmers of his locality. For many years he was an honored member of the Baptist church, in which he was a trustee, and his political sympathies were with the Republican party. He was highly esteemed in his home in Atlantic Highlands, and when he passed away the county lost a loyal

citizen and an estimable man. His wife was formerly Abigail Grover, who was a daughter of James and Deborah Grover. A large family was born to these parents, but only three yet survive, these being: E. Welling, our subject; John S., also a subject; and Mrs. D. Woodward.

E. Welling Leonard was born at Leonardsville, New Jersey, on March 25, 1847, and he was reared and educated in Middletown, his native township. Since attaining his maturity he has been continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits, one-half of his father's farm belonging to him. Our subject, in connection with his brother, conducts one of the most popular dairies in the county, the output from this establishment meeting with ready sale on account of its uniform excellence.

Mr. Leonard was married in 1871 to Miss Mary E. Hendrickson, who was born at Nut Swamp, and who was a daughter of Daniel and Mary Hendrickson. To this marriage these children have been born, namely: William W., born on February 13, 1872, married Mabel L. Leonard, and they have one son, Harold; Philip, born on April 18, 1875, married Eva Laux; and Abigail G., born on March 23, 1881.

Mr. Leonard and family are connected with the First Baptist church of Atlantic Highlands, where he fills the office of deacon with dignity and consistency.

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#### JOHN S. LEONARD

John S. Leonard, of Leonardsville, New Jersey, is a descendant of one of the oldest and most honorable families in this country, and they maintain a notable organization known as the "Leonard Family Genealogical, Historical and Memorial Association." This association is composed of hundreds of members, who are dispersed throughout the entire United States. In July, 1901, they held their annual meeting in Taunton, Massachusetts, under the auspices of the Old Colony Historical Association. The first ancestor of the name of whom there is any record was Nathaniel Leonard, Gentleman, who received a commission in 1730, the thirteenth year of His Majesty George the Second's reign, appointing him lieutenant of Middletown Middle Company. He married and had four children, namely: John, born in 1738, emigrated to Cuba and married a Spanish lady; Nathaniel, born in 1739, of whom there is no trace at the present time; Joseph, born in 1743, married Minnie Bray; Samuel, who married Lydia Madden; Sarah; and Annie Leonard. Thomas Leonard, great-grandfather of John S. Leonard, was born in 1753, and married Alice Lawrence, and three children were born of this union: Elizabeth, William and Joseph Leonard. William Leonard, second son of Thomas and Alice Leonard and the grandfather of John S. Leonard, in early life became a seafaring man, sailing vessels between Middletown and New York, and at times extending his voyages to Virginia. He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Elizabeth Applegate, and the following named children were born to them: Richard, Mary, Thomas, John S., William and Elizabeth. For his second wife he married Miss Elizabeth Conover. After his marriage he abandoned the perils of the deep to become a farmer and merchant. William, the fourth son of William and Elizabeth Leonard, married Abigail, daughter of the late James Grover, of Shrewsbury. Three children were born to them: E. Welling, Deborah G. and John S. Leonard. The last named was born December 6, 1852. He received his early education in the Peddie Institute, and this was supplemented later by a course of study in Eastman's Business College. After completing his studies he entered upon his business career as a commission merchant in Washington Market, New York City, where he remained for eight years, conducting a large and remuner-

erative trade. Later he turned his attention to farming on a portion of the old ancestral Leonard homestead, where he has resided for the past fourteen years. He is principally engaged in truck gardening and dairying, at which he has been very successful.

Mr. Leonard was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Frost, daughter of Daniel Frost, an old and respected citizen of that locality. Three children have been born to them, namely: Daniel E., Welling and Lillian P. Leonard.

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#### WILLIAM E. WOOLLEY.

Raritan Bay has been made known in the markets of the world through its oyster exportation, and particularly from its largest oyster shipping point, Keyport. And in this line of business no firm in the bay region is so well known as is that of Elsworth & Company, one of the oldest and largest in extent of operation. William E. Woolley, a member of the firm named, is a son of Charles and Mary Woolley. The father was a commission merchant, carrying on a large business in New York City and making his home in Keyport, where he died at the age of forty-five years; his widow is yet living, aged seventy-one years. Their children were Angeline, William E., Lavinia, Alice and Frank.

William E. Woolley, only son in the family named, was born in Marlborough, Monmouth county, July 30, 1852. He was educated in a private school in his native town, and as a youth followed various industrial pursuits. He subsequently engaged in oyster planting, and is recognized as one of the most capable and successful pioneer planters in Raritan Bay. He aided in the establishment of the celebrated firm of Elsworth & Company, planters and wholesale dealers and exporters of oysters, whose product reaches not only all portions of the United States but also Canada and Europe. The central offices of the firm are in New York City, with a shipping office in Keyport. Mr. Woolley is actively identified with the operations of this great concern and has personal charge of the extensive oyster fields, a task for which he is eminently well fitted by reason of his long experience. He is loyally devoted to the famous old town which is his home, and is interested in all that conduces to its prosperity and development. He has served for five years past as chief of the Keyport fire department. He is a member of the orders of Free Masons, Red Men and the Royal Arcanum, and of New York Harbor Pilot Association No. 1.

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#### DR. A. J. JACKSON.

Dr. A. J. Jackson, of Matawan, New Jersey, and a worthy descendant of an old English family, was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, December 24, 1842. His paternal grandfather, Robert Jackson, was born in Yorkshire, England, from whence he emigrated to this country, and settled in Wisconsin, where he remained until his death. Dr. Robert Jackson, doctor of veterinary surgery, and father of Dr. A. J. Jackson, was also born in Yorkshire, England, in 1806. He acquired his education at Hanover, that country, subsequently taking up the study of veterinary surgery, which he practiced all his life. While in his young manhood Dr. Jackson came to America and took up his residence in Poughkeepsie, New York, where he established the most extensive trade in that line of business at that time in New York. He married Miss

Nancy Hodge, and the following named children were born to them: Robert, now deceased, who held for many years a responsible position in the business department of the "New York World;" William, a veterinary surgeon; James; A. J.; Walter, a veterinary surgeon; and Mary E. Jackson.

Dr. A. J. Jackson received his preliminary education in the public schools of Poughkeepsie, this being supplemented later by a course in MacGeorge's Academy, Eastman's Business College and Bellevue Medical College. He was graduated in 1872 at the Buffalo Medical University and began the practice of his profession in Buffalo, New York, but shortly afterward was persuaded by some friends to remove to Matawan, New Jersey, where he has since been considered the most skillful physician in the town. His extensive practice is not confined to local patronage alone, but covers a wide range of territory in Monmouth county. His characteristics are thoroughly in harmony with his professional life, to which can be attributed much of his popularity, and he also has marked ability from a professional standpoint. The Doctor is a member of the Monmouth County Medical Society, and also of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arcanum and the Red Men. He also acts in the capacity of examiner for the New York Life, Mutual and other insurance companies.

Dr. Jackson was united in marriage to Mrs. Eleanor Vanderbilt Crane, of Matawan, New Jersey, in 1876.

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#### HARRY T. HAGAMAN.

Harry T. Hagaman is the founder, editor and proprietor of the Lakewood Citizen, which was established November 9, 1900, and is a worthy representative of the journalistic interests of the Jersey coast. He was born near Toms River, New Jersey, June 2, 1860, and is the son of John and Alice (Applegate) Hagaman. His father was born in 1845, was reared upon a farm, where were instilled into his mind lessons of industry and honesty, which have proved of great practical benefit to him in the years of his manhood, resulting in a successful business career and an honorable citizenship. He first took a prominent part in political affairs in 1880, as an advocate of Republican principles. For six years he served as constable at Toms River, and in November, 1890, was elected sheriff of Ocean county, defeating one of the strongest Democrats in the county, the Hon. A. W. Irons, now deceased. He proved a most capable officer, discharging his duties in a fearless manner and with marked promptness, so that his public career is entirely blameless. Socially he is connected with the Kamm Lodge, No. 132, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Toms River, of which he was thrice noble grand. He is past patriarch of the encampment and is the senior warden of Harmony Lodge, No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons, of Toms River, while with the Knights of Pythias, of Silverton, New Jersey, he holds membership. In his religious faith he is a Methodist and is serving as treasurer of the church in which he and his wife are members. Mrs. Hagaman is also active in the work of the church and its auxiliary societies, and is a most earnest Christian woman. She was born in Ocean county and is descended from one of the old families of Monmouth county, New Jersey. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Grace Lee Hagaman, deceased; Ada L., a graduate of the State Normal School, who for seven years was a successful teacher in Bergen county, New Jersey, and who in 1901 taught at Rutherford, this state; she was married April 1, 1902, to Rev. Frederick Richardson, of Clinton, New Jersey.

Harry T. Hagaman, the only son of the family, was reared in his parents' home and pursued a high school course of study in Toms River. He also received private



*Harry T Hagaman*





instruction in bookkeeping and other higher branches of learning, and thus entered upon his business career well equipped for its practical and responsible duties. He laid the foundation for his journalistic career as an employe in the office of the Ocean County Democrat, where after two years' service he was promoted to the position of foreman, acting in that capacity through the succeeding decade. In 1865 he removed to West Hoboken, New Jersey, where he purchased a newspaper plant and for about a year edited the North Hudson Leader, at the end of which time he sold out to Berggren Brothers. Removing then to Long Island, he accepted the position of business manager of the Islip Herald, and after serving one year in that capacity, went to Asbury Park as pressman in the office of the Daily Press. Poor health at length forced him to resign that place and he returned to his former position as business manager of the Islip Herald. When a year more had gone by he returned to the office of the Ocean County Democrat, where he had first been employed, and remained there two years, at the expiration of which period he came to Lakewood, and on the 9th of November, 1900, he established the Lakewood Citizen. The office is furnished with power which operates the presses, and is well equipped with modern machinery and an excellent printing outfit. The Citizen is published as an independent Republican paper, devoted to the interests of the locality and the dissemination of general news, and already it has become an important and valuable factor in the town, being the champion of all progressive measures and movements.

On the 26th of June, 1895, Mr. Hagaman married Miss Maude Walton, the accomplished daughter of George L. and Mary E. (Bailey) Walton. They have an interesting little son, Casper Lyle, who was born January 1, 1898. Mrs. Hagaman was born at Toms River, November 20, 1870. Mr. Hagaman is a valued member of several fraternal and benevolent organizations, including Harmony Lodge, No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons, of Toms River, of which he is a past master. He is also a past grand of Raun Lodge, No. 132, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Toms River, past sachem of the Munnahasset Tribe No. 95, Improved Order of Red Men; and the Magnolia Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the last two named being also local organizations of Toms River. He is likewise past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias lodge in Lakewood. He stands as a representative type of the progressive American citizen, who in the midst of active business cares finds time to devote to the best interests of his town, state and nation, and who by a busy, useful and upright life retains the respect of his fellow-men.

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#### JOHN G. GARRETSON.

A half century ago John G. Garretson, then a young man, first came to Perth Amboy. Since that time he has been an important factor in the development of the city, and no man has ever lived within its borders who has been or is more highly esteemed or sincerely respected. Few of any residents here have a wider acquaintance, and certainly none have a more extended circle of friends, for added to the qualities that have made him a reliable business man and a loyal citizen are certain social elements which have rendered him a genial and companionable man, gaining for him the good will and regard of all.

A native of New Brunswick, New Jersey, Mr. Garretson was born on the 15th of August, 1820, a son of Garrett L. and Cornelia De Hart (Snydam) Garretson. The Garretson family was one of the first to establish a home in that locality, and through many years its representatives were prominent in the development of that portion of

the state, John Garretson being one of the most influential and leading men of his neighborhood. He was the grandfather of our subject. Prior to the building of railroads the family engaged in carting between Perth Amboy, New Brunswick and Trenton. Garritt I. Garretson followed the same pursuit, his route being between Perth Amboy and Trenton. He married Miss Cornelia D. Suydam, a daughter of Rike Suydam, who served throughout the Revolutionary war as one of the brave and loyal soldiers of the Continental army. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Garretson was blessed with four children: John G., of this review; Peter, who died in childhood; Ferdinand, who is a graduate of Yale College and is a minister of the Congregational church, now located in Seattle, Washington; and Samuel, who is engaged in the real estate business and is also a justice of the peace in Perth Amboy. Samuel served throughout the war of the Rebellion, and John and Ferdinand, who were drafted for the service, sent substitutes to the front.

John G. Garretson spent the first twenty years of his life in New Brunswick, during which time he mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools. He afterward learned the ship-carpenter's trade, at which he worked on Staten Island for three years, from 1849 until 1852, and then came to Perth Amboy, where for six years he engaged in building and overhauling vessels on his own account. Later he engaged in the butchering business for ten years, and then entered the service of the Camden & Amboy Railway Company, now the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he remained for more than three decades, or until he had attained the age of three score years and ten, when he was put upon the pension list. He is one of the oldest employes of the company. He had charge of the barge and schooner department of the road, and that he gave excellent satisfaction is indicated in an unmistakable manner by the fact of his long retention in the service. During his early connection with the road he made himself familiar with every detail of the work which lay in his department, and was therefore capable of superintending the interests of the company to the best advantage.

Mr. Garretson throughout his residence in Perth Amboy has taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the city and to its promotion along lines of substantial improvement and material progress. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and in 1856 was elected a member of the city council and in 1857 as one of the aldermen. On four different occasions he was also a member of the board of chosen freeholders, his term of service covering about ten years, during which time he served as a director of the board and as chairman of the finance committee, also on many other committees. During the Rebellion he assisted in issuing bonds for the payment of substitutes for the drafts, and although this was considered unconstitutional, the bill was passed through the legislature and the bonds were legal. For more than twenty-one years Mr. Garretson was overseer of the poor, and also served on the board of education. In 1872, while holding both those offices, he was elected mayor of the city. He then resigned the other positions in order to devote his entire time to the duties of chief executive of the city, and capably administered the public affairs of Perth Amboy from 1872 until 1874. He was again elected mayor in 1882, and was city treasurer for seven years. He has held many minor offices and positions of public trust, and over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

Mr. Garretson was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Vervalen, who was born in New York City but was reared in Rockland county, New York. The children of this marriage are: Captain Joseph Garretson, who is commanding a vessel owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Mary J., the wife of Robert McCan; Edith, at home; Captain Elvert S. Garretson, who is also commander of one of the vessels

owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; John, who died at the age of twenty-six years; and Cornelia, who died at the age of nine years. After a happy married life of thirty-three years the wife and mother was called to her final rest, and two years later our subject married Anna W. Hubbard, of Utica, New York.

Mr. Garretson is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of Raritan Lodge, No. 61, and for fifty-one years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in his life has exemplified the beneficent spirit of the fraternities. He likewise holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and for thirty-five years has been a member of its board of trustees, acting as its president during a portion of the time. He is the author of the Municipal History of Perth Amboy, which appears in the General History of this volume, and no man is better prepared to write on such a subject than Mr. Garretson, who has been so closely identified with official life here through many years. While in the service of the railroad company he traveled over a million miles, visiting every city of importance in the country and covering fourteen states. He thus added greatly to his knowledge, for travel proves one of the most effective schools. He is broad in his views and liberal in his judgments, strong in his convictions and earnest in his opinions. Self-willed but not obstinate, a strong, stalwart character whose life record will bear the closest scrutiny without suffering criticism. Such men leave a lasting impression for good, and the story of their lives cannot fail to exert a beneficial influence on the youths of the succeeding generations.

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#### ELISHA SHEPARD CONOVER SCHANCK.

Elisha S. C. Schanck, one of the old time substantial farmers of Atlantic township, Monmouth county, New Jersey was born on the homestead farm, Pleasant Valley, in the year 1837, and died in 1885. He was the son of Garrett D. Schanck and Sarah Ann Schanck, and came of Holland stock. The family was established in colonial days and became conspicuous during the Revolution. His great-grandfather, Garrett Schanck, fought in the war of 1776, and was commissioned captain in the Fifth Regiment, city and county of New York, October 9, 1793. The original commission is still in possession of Mrs. E. A. Schanck, and recites that the captain was in the regiment of Lieutenant-Colonel James M. Hughes. The commission is signed October 9, 1793, by Governor George Clinton and Lewis A. Scott, secretary. The original seal is still affixed to the commission, and the document is in a good state of preservation.

The Schancks came to Monmouth county, New Jersey, after the war of the Revolution. Garrett D. Schanck, father of Elisha S. C. Schanck, was a native of the township of Marlborough, and a lifelong farmer.

Elisha S. C. Schanck attended the early schools of his day, was reared to farm life, and spent his early days on the homestead farm. He then bought a small farm of Samuel W. Jones, where he lived and died, after living an active, influential, and substantial life as a citizen and farmer. He became identified with the current life of his native township, and was foremost in helping on the advance made in the material growth of town and county during the years of his useful and well spent life. He was an active member of the Dutch Reformed church at Holmdel, and exerted a wide influence in religious circles.

In 1867 Elisha S. C. Schanck was married to Eliza Ann Jones, a farmer's daughter of Atlantic township. They have two children: Willard Schanck, living with his mother at Freehold; and Marianna, now the wife of Jacob L. Pittenger, a farmer of Freehold township.

Mrs. Schanck's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Jones, natives of Monmouth county, who died on their farm in Atlantic township, in 1888 and 1890 respectively. Their children were Jacob S., William L., Daniel, George S., Samuel, and Isaac W., all of whom are farmers of Monmouth county; Garrett S., a bank cashier in Rahway; and Sarah Jane, now Mrs. Garrett V. Conover. Mrs. Schanck is living at home in Freehold, with her son Williard, having made this her home since her husband's death in 1886.

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#### HON. WILLIAM HENRY BENNETT.

A man who has won for himself a place among the prominent and highly respected citizens of Bennett Mills, Ocean county, New Jersey, is William H. Bennett, who through his industry, his upright and honorable principles, and his genial nature, well merits the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellow men. He is a representative of one of the early families who settled in that portion of the country, his great-grandparents, Samuel and Mary Bennett, being residents of Toms River. Of the children born to this worthy couple was Aaron, born August 27, 1750, who passed away December 5, 1834. Unto him and his wife, Margaret Bennett, were born several children, one of whom was Moses, the father of our subject. His birth occurred at Toms River, July 1, 1782. For thirty years Moses Bennett followed the sea as an occupation and became one of the safest and most experienced pilots that sailed a vessel from Barnegāt Bāy. Dūring this time he had accumulated considerable property in Toms River, but in 1825 removed from this place to Bennett Mills, having left the sea and embarked in the milling business. He purchased the mill property still known as Bennet Mills from the firm of Stilwell & Cook, thoroughly renovating and repairing it and putting it into operation, and thus continued the business until 1840. At one time he was candidate for a member of the assembly, but was defeated only by a small majority. In all circles of society Mr. Bennett was active and influential. In educational work he was especially interested, being earnest and zealous in all matters that would provide educational advantages for the children. At his own expense he built and equipped a school, as well as hiring a teacher, and in all movements pertaining to the advancement and welfare of his community he lent his material support. The cause of Christianity was advanced by his earnest endeavors, as well as by his financial support, he being a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as class leader, and his opinions in all matters pertaining to church government carried great weight with the congregation. His home was always a place of entertainment for the ministers of the church, and indeed the latch string to his door always hung on the outside to those who came to him for aid. His acts of philanthropy were widely known and his influence for good was felt throughout the community in which he resided. He left to his children a legacy of far greater worth than mere worldly possessions; that of honesty, integrity and noble purpose. Moses Bennett was twice married. He first led to the marriage altar Miss Patience Inlay, who was born January 24, 1788. This union was blessed with eight children: Caroline, born in 1807; David L., born in 1808; George W., whose birth occurred in 1810; Margaret, who was born in 1812; Abigail, born in 1815; May A., born in 1817; Moses C., whose birth occurred in 1820; and Aaron E., born in 1822. After the death of his wife he was joined in marriage to her sister, Lucretia Inlay, who was born August 23, 1795. To this latter union were born seven children, namely: Patience, born in 1823; Charles P., born in 1825; Amelia, whose birth occurred in 1827; Hannah A., who was born in



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1830; William H., born March 10, 1832; Sarah E., born in 1834; and Caroline A., born September 22, 1840. The father lived to be sixty-three years of age, his death occurring on the 4th of April, 1846. Mrs. Bennett survived her husband many years, she passing away in December, 1891.

William H. Bennett, whose name introduces this record, is the fifth in order of birth under the latter union. His early education was received in the common schools of his native township, where he laid a firm foundation for his future life. Upon finishing his education he taught school in his native state and in Ohio, whither he removed, and where he also engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1856, however, he returned to New Jersey, where he has since resided and where he has risen to prominence through his ability in the political as well as the mercantile lines.

Mr. Bennett responded to the call for troops in defense of the Union in 1862, enlisting in Company E, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry; he served for the full term of the enlistment, and received an honorable discharge as orderly sergeant. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg (December 13, 1862) and in the two days' terrible engagement at Chancellorsville, May 3 and 4, 1863. In connection with his active business career and while also discharging the duties of the public office to which he has been elected, he has followed agricultural pursuits quite extensively, in which he has met with marked success. In 1860 he was superintendent of schools in Jackson township. In 1880 the citizens of his county, not only members of the Republican party, to which he belonged, but the opponents of the party, elected him to a seat in the assembly, which office he filled with credit to himself and benefit to his constituency. For two years shortly thereafter he served as the engrossing officer of the assembly. He has also held the office of justice of the peace for ten years and other minor offices in the township, always discharging his duties with promptness and decision, and proving himself to be a man of ability and trustworthiness.

On the 19th of November, 1863, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Kessiah Strickland, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who was to him a loving and faithful companion during her married life. She passed away on the 27th of May, 1892, greatly mourned by her husband and many friends, who esteemed her for her many excellencies of character. The youngest sister of Mr. Bennett, Caroline A., was united in marriage to Gilbert L. Bilyew, a native of Upper Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, who was born in 1842, and who passed away at Toms River in October, 1870. They had one child, Laura B.

Hon. William H. Bennett is now enjoying the fruits of his former labors and can look back upon a well spent life, full of noble purpose, upright dealings, and acts of kindness and generosity. His influence has always been for good along all lines, both in public and private life, and those with whom he has been associated revere and honor him for his true worth.

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#### CAPTAIN JACOB BORDEN.

Captain Jacob Borden comes from a line of sturdy and industrious English ancestors. There were three brothers of the name that emigrated from County Kent, England, to this country in 1690. Richard Borden settled at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, but which is now included in the state of New Hampshire. Joseph Borden settled at Bordentown, New Jersey, and he became the ancestor of our subject, Jacob Borden, and the other brother located at Shrewsbury, Monmouth county, New Jersey,

now known as Red Bank. George Borden, grandfather of Jacob Borden, was a son of Asher Borden; he was a thorough business man and accumulated considerable wealth during his life time. The father of Jacob Borden is still living at Allentown, New Jersey. By occupation he was a farmer, but when he reached the age of seventy-three years he retired from the active duties of life.

Captain Jacob Borden was born in Upper Freehold township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on October 19, 1851. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools of his native town; when he attained the age of twelve years, he enlisted as a private in the Third Regiment, National Guards of New Jersey; after a short period of time he was promoted to be color sergeant of Company A, then he became first lieutenant, and finally was appointed captain of the same company. Captain Borden distinguished himself during his career in the regiment as a sharp shooter, and he was presented with nine marksman's medals which he received nine years in succession. For the past twenty-five years he has been connected with the Asbury Park police department.

Captain Borden is one of the most prominent Masons of South Jersey. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, No. 143, Asbury Lodge, Standard Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Corson Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar, and the Mecca Temple Order of Mystic Shrine.

Captain Jacob Borden was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Catley, and three children have been born to them, namely: May A., Olga B., and Lillian B. Borden.



#### EDWARD HARTENSTEIN.

After a life spent in following various occupations, Edward Hartenstein has settled down into one of the most affable and popular hotel proprietors of Monmouth county. His present hostelry is located at Freneau, New Jersey, his house being one of the oldest in that section, it for the past one hundred years having been conducted as a hotel. Since possessing this property Mr. Hartenstein has greatly enhanced its value, having enlarged the building and thoroughly renovated and otherwise generally improved the grand old place. The hotel is conducted on a first-class scale, has commodious rooms, well and handsomely fitted up with new furnishings; new barns and sheds have been erected, and in fact every convenience and accommodation is at the disposal of its guests.

Mr. Hartenstein was born June 27, 1858, in the city of Hartford, Connecticut, in which he acquired his education and whence he started out on his business career. He was first engaged in the general market business at Rockville, Connecticut, where he continued for several years. From this he branched out in an entirely different direction, becoming manager of several theatrical companies, and in this capacity he traveled through the New England states for several years. Again he made a distinct change, this time entering the restaurant business, which he followed for eighteen years in the city of New York. He was next engaged as manager of the Montclair Club House; this position, however, he soon abandoned to become proprietor of the Mansion House at Montclair, New Jersey. He continued to conduct this well-known hotel until February, 1901, when he sold out and bought his present property at Freneau.

The parents of Mr. Hartenstein were Tobias and Elizabeth Hartenstein, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to America in early life. The father entered into the boot and shoe business in Hartford, Connecticut, and his venture was most







E. HARTENSTEIN'S HOTEL, FRENEAU.



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successful. He and his wife both were held in high esteem by every one in the locality.

Mr. Hartenstein owes his success to the manner in which he treats his patrons, making them feel that he is desirous of pleasing them in every way.

Mrs. Hartenstein, formerly Mrs. Loe Morton, was a daughter of Charles Applegate, of Morgan, Middlesex county. Her marriage took place May 5, 1860. Mr. Hartenstein is a member of the following fraternal organizations: The New York Lodge of Elks; the Montclair Lodge, No. 144, Free and Accepted Masons; the Red Men of Bloomfield, and the Foresters of New York City. He claims independence in the matter of politics.

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OLIVER H. BROWN.

Oliver Huff Brown was born December 12, 1853, in Farmingdale, New Jersey, and paternally is of Scotch extraction. His father, Peter Brown, a younger son of a Scotch family which for generations had numbered amongst its members educators and preceptors, left his native land when nineteen years of age and with several others of about his years came to the United States. Previous to leaving Scotland he had learned the tailor's trade, and upon his arrival in New York pursued that vocation. Having met, wooed and married Sarah McGill, who was a native of Monmouth county, New Jersey, and whose ancestors for several generations had resided there, he located in Farmingdale, where he established himself in business. Upon the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion he tendered his services to the government, and having had some knowledge of military tactics was employed in the recruiting service, being for the first two or three years of the war occupied in drilling recruits. Two of his sons were old enough to enlist and entered the army, and as soon as his duties enabled him to do so he accepted a commission as first lieutenant in the Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. While participating in the second battle of Cold Harbor he was wounded and taken as a prisoner to Libby prison, where his left arm was amputated and where he died shortly afterward.

The boyhood days of the subject of this memoir were passed in his native county. At the age of eighteen he entered upon his mercantile career. He was ambitious, energetic and determined to work his way to success, but he little dreamed of the rewards the future had in store for him. He became a clerk in the general store of William Laird in New Branch, now Avon, at a salary of fifteen dollars a month and board. Attentive to business and zealous in behalf of his employer's interests, he proved himself worthy of trust, and during the second year of his association with Mr. Laird was placed in charge of the business. In 1873 he was offered a position with Mr. John A. Githens, at Asbury Park, the principal merchant there, and remained in his employ for eight years, spending seven years of the time as chief clerk. He was industrious and economical and saved a portion of each year's income, so that when, in his judgment, opportunities for safe investments offering reasonable chances for profit were presented he was able to grasp them, and in that manner began to accumulate a few hundred dollars. In 1879 he went to Europe, visited the homes of his ancestors in Scotland, and also spent some time in the capitals on the continent. While absent on this tour he described his journey in a series of interesting and well written letters to the Asbury Park newspapers. Upon his return he resumed his position with Mr. Githens, with whom he remained until 1882. In that year he began his career as a merchant. With the sum of fifty-five hundred dollars, which he had accumulated, he began business on his own account in Spring Lake. He had had more than ten years' practical experience, knew the value of merchandise, was endowed with

a genial disposition which attracted and held a large circle of customers, and his business has constantly increased and the yearly sales are surprisingly large. The merchandise handled consists of a general line of furnishings and fittings, and includes some of the most artistic pieces of bric-a-brac, china and furniture imported into America. Naturally endowed with artistic taste, Mr. Brown has from time to time visited Europe to purchase directly from the manufacturers many of the gems of art which now adorn homes of wealth in the principal cities of the country. So well and artistically selected is his stock that goods are shipped to cities and towns in all parts of the country from the small town of Spring Lake. In 1891 he established a branch of his business in Lakewood, New Jersey, which also prospered from the start, and is now the largest of its kind in Ocean county.

Although remarkably successful as a merchant, Mr. Brown has by no means confined his efforts to mercantile affairs. As a financier he is an acknowledged leader, and has been the leading spirit in the organization and management of several important institutions. While residing in Asbury Park he participated in the organization of the Asbury Park Building and Loan Association; was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Asbury Park, and acted as its vice president for a period of ten years; was one of the organizers of the Monmouth Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and served as one of its board of directors until 1901; and was also an organizer of the Lakewood Trust Company and a member of its board since its organization. He was the controlling spirit in the formation of the First National Bank of Lakewood, with a capital of fifty thousand dollars and surplus of twelve thousand five hundred dollars, also of the First National Bank of Spring Lake, capitalized with twenty-five thousand dollars and surplus of twelve thousand five hundred dollars, and has been president of both of these institutions since their organization. He was one of the promoters of the Monmouth Water Company, capitalized at one million dollars, for the construction of the water works to supply all the Atlantic seashore resorts between Mantoloking and Long Branch, and he is president of the company. He is also president of the Spring Lake Hotel Company, capitalized at three hundred thousand dollars, for the erection of hotels at Spring Lake. Among others interested in this enterprise are the well known Martin Maloney, Mr. Schoonmaker and S. B. Calloway. Mr. Brown is also largely interested in coast shipping, and is part owner of a number of vessels, one of which, a large schooner, bears his name. His real-estate investments have been conducted upon the same sound business principles which have characterized all of his affairs and have been profitable. He is one of the largest owners of real property in Spring Lake and Lakewood. This property is nearly all improved and is well managed, insuring him regular and adequate returns from his investments. He has traveled extensively throughout America and Europe, and has, through his warm-hearted geniality, drawn to himself a large circle of friends. Some of these are men of influence in the world of finance, and through them he has been able to make some very advantageous business investments.

Politically Mr. Brown is a staunch and zealous Republican. He was one of the members of the first council of the borough of North Spring Lake, and acted in that capacity until his election to the mayoralty ten years ago. Since then he has retained his position as executive head of the borough. In 1896 he was elected to the assembly by a plurality of two thousand one hundred and eighty-two votes over Hoyer, the highest candidate on the opposition ticket. As a legislator he introduced and passed several measures important to his constituents, notably the bill authorizing the opening of Shark river. He was honored in 1900 by being chosen a delegate to the Republican national convention at Philadelphia, which nominated McKinley and Roosevelt, and has also frequently served as delegate to county, congressional and state con-

ventions. He is a member of St. Andrews Methodist Episcopal church of Spring Lake. His career illustrates most forcibly that success can be achieved without advantageous surroundings and without the aid of influential friends or relations. He has taken advantage of the opportunities offered, and has by hard work and honorable business dealings carved for himself a way to success.

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#### JAMES EDWARD BORDEN.

The ancient and honored family of Borden originated at Bourdounay, in Normandy, France, and its English branch was planted by some of its members who went into England with William the Conqueror, and settled upon lands granted them by that monarch.

Richard Borden, founder of the American branch of the family, according to "Gunn's Genealogies," was a son of Mathew and Joan Borden, and was born and baptized at Hedcorn, in Kent county, England, February 22, 1595-6. Concerning the date of his birth, Gunn says in a foot note that "the date of Richard's birth is incorrect; if his date is from a deposition by R. B., he misstated his age, which was and is a common thing to do"—this with reference to a statement that he was born in 1601. But the parish baptismal record would seem to set that point at rest.

Richard Borden was married in Hedcorn church, September 28, 1625, to Joan Fowle. In 1628 he removed to the neighboring parish of Canbrook, whence he came in 1627-8 to America, locating at Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The latter date is given on the authority of Gunn, but Austen has it that he came two years earlier (1635), arriving in Boston on the ship "Elizabeth and Ann," and this particularity appears conclusive. His son Matthew was the first child born in Rhode Island of English parents. He was appointed commissioner from 1654 to 1657, and held several other important positions. He was one of the original holders, by patent of 1667, of land in New Jersey. He died May 28, 1671.

Francis Borden, the third child of Richard and Joan Borden, was baptized December 23, 1628, at Canbrook (England) parish church, according to the baptismal record. He removed from Rhode Island to Shrewsbury, Monmouth county, New Jersey, about 1670. He and his brother Benjamin, who was the eleventh child of the same parents were the pioneers of the family in that region. He married Jane Vicars, at Shrewsbury, New Jersey, in 1677, who is commonly accepted by family tradition as a native of Yorkshire, England. In faith he was a Friend, and he was employed by William Penn as a surveyor. His children were Richard, Francis, Joyce (who married John Hance), and Thomas. Thomas, son of Francis, born in 1684, had a son Richard, whose son, Benjamin, was born in 1766. Benjamin had sons named John L., Richard, William L., Thomas T., Hannah T., Joseph L., Benjamin, Ann L., and Sarah T. Thomas T. Borden was born June 24, 1800, and had two children, Elizabeth C. and James E. Borden, the latter named being the immediate subject of this sketch.

James E. Borden, son of Thomas T. and Susar (Corlies) Borden, was born in Warren county, New Jersey, May 4, 1836, and was reared and educated at the locality now known as Deal, in Monmouth county. The territory now embraced within the present limits of Deal was once the property of his father. He was but a mere child when his parents located at Deal, and his boyhood days were spent in school and in assisting his father on his farm and at the Hathaway Inn, which the elder Borden founded. He attended a Friends' school in New York City and another in Bucks

county, Pennsylvania, and left home at the age of twenty-two years to engage in the market business in New York City. He relinquished that enterprise two years later, however, and busied himself during the succeeding two years in the employ of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company. He then took a position in a bank in New York City for a period and after that for a time he was the proprietor of a clothing store at Long Branch, New Jersey. Later for six years he was associated with A. Hance & Son, in their nursery enterprise.

About 1875 Mr. Borden engaged in surveying and conveyancing, a business which he has followed with the approval of the public to the present time, and his business in real estate, together with the care of his estate, keeps him busy. Notwithstanding the demands upon him of his personal affairs, he has found some time to devote to public interests, and he has been honored by his fellow citizens with offices of commissioner of appeals, town committeeman, assessor and surveyor of highways. He is a life member of the Monmouth County Historical Society, and a close student of men and events, who uses all his spare time to the best advantage in acquiring a fund of useful knowledge which is not only gratifying to himself but is of benefit to many others. Like his forefathers, he is of the Friends' faith, sturdy, truthful, and upright, practicing that rule in which he has been educated—"Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." He married Miss Julia H. Harned, daughter of the late Jonathan and Ruth Anna Harned. The latter were residents of Rahway, New Jersey.

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#### FRANCIS EUGENE HEYER.

Among those old families of Holland-Dutch ancestry which have been identified with the history of South Jersey through many generations is that of Heyer. Kortenijs Heyer, the grandfather of Frank E. Heyer in the paternal line, was an extensive land owner and a farmer of prominence, who lived on a fine farm of two hundred acres near Freehold. He was a communicant of the Reformed church and an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party. He married Rachel Worth and they had eight children, named John H., Jane, Aaron, Ann, Eleanor, Harriet, Mary, and Elizabeth, of whom only Aaron was living in the year 1901. John H. Heyer, son of Kortenijs and Rachel (Worth) Heyer and father of Frank E. Heyer, was born at Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, April 25, 1802. He early learned the wheelwright's trade and eventually won a wide reputation as an inventor. As early as 1830 he invented the sweep power threshing machine, which was in use for a number of years. About 1850 he invented the Heyer mowing machine, the first machine of the kind placed on the market. In 1850 he removed to Coltsneck and there manufactured his machines until he eventually became connected with the McCormicks, who have become so widely known for excellent agricultural machinery.

John H. Heyer married Amanda Smith, December 4, 1836, and they had nine children, five of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and three of whom were living in 1901—James, born in 1838; John W., born in 1845; and Francis E., the immediate subject of this sketch. John H. Heyer died January 14, 1868. Amanda Smith, who became his wife, was born June 3, 1814, and died October 27, 1898.

Frank E. Heyer was born September 9, 1843, and was educated in the public school at Holmdel. He early evinced a liking for mechanics and his early life was spent in his father's machine shop, where he became practically conversant with the machinist's trade. After the death of his father in 1868, at the request of the heirs of his father's estate, he took entire charge of the latter's extensive manu-





*Frank B. Meyer.*



facturing interests, of which he was manager until October 3, 1883, when the concern became his by purchase. At this time he is extensively engaged in manufacturing and dealing in lumber, and owns large mills located near Coltsneck. He has during all his active years been a very busy man, but he has found time to give attention to public affairs. In 1884 he was elected to represent the second district of the county of Monmouth in the state legislature, of which he was a member during two sessions and in which he acquitted himself most creditably and entirely to the satisfaction of his constituents. In 1890 he was elected to the board of freeholders of Monmouth county, in which office he has served continuously to this time, having been repeatedly elected to succeed himself. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity in good and worthy standing, and affiliates with Washington Lodge, No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons, of Eatontown, New Jersey.

Mr. Heyer was married September 25, 1871, to Miss Caroline E. Kellogg, daughter of George and Elizabeth Kellogg, and they have three children, named Carrie E., Jeanette, and George K. Their son is now at Rutgers College fitting himself for the profession of electrical engineer.

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#### JEFFERSON ACKERSON.

One of the successful and enterprising men of Holmdel township, Monmouth county, is Jefferson Ackerson, a dairy farmer and fruit grower. He was born on the place which is still his home, his birth occurring on the 29th of December, 1851. This land is a part of the old homestead which belonged to his grandfather and which was purchased by the father of our subject when he attained his majority. The tract was originally four hundred and eighty acres in extent and is said to have been purchased from the Indians for three gallons of whiskey. John T. Ackerson, the father, was the eldest son of Cornelius Ackerson, and on attaining his majority he married Catherine Laquier, who was also a native of Monmouth county and of French lineage, her ancestors having come from France to America at an early period in the history of this country. Both Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ackerson were people of the highest respectability and enjoyed the warm regard of many friends. He was a Democrat in his political views, held most of the township offices, and was judge of elections for many years.

In the schools of his native township Jefferson Ackerson acquired his early education, and throughout the period of his youth spent the summer months in assisting in the work of the home farm. Throughout his business career he has engaged in farming and fruit growing, and at present, in connection with his brother, Lewis C., he conducts an extensive dairy business. They milk about twenty cows on their farm and also buy large quantities of milk, which they retail to the people of Keyport, their annual sales of this commodity amounting to about two thousand dollars. A large part of their farm is utilized as orchards, the principal fruits raised being apples and pears.

On the 23d of December, 1880, Mr. Ackerson was united in marriage to Miss Melissa Hayes, of Matawan, who was born January 7, 1854, a daughter of John Hayes, of this locality. Her father was a soldier of the late Civil war, serving for about three years, until a rebel bullet terminated his life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ackerson have been born three children: Maude, John T., and Ethel. The family are adherents of the Reformed church and are well known people of the community, where they have spent their entire lives, so that their history is familiar to the people who recognize their true worth.

## MRS. JOHN H. HANKINSON.

John Henry Hankinson, now deceased, was during life one of New Jersey's valued self-made men. Favored by birth and circumstances, he lived up to the full measure of his capabilities, and among his business associates he was known as a man of strict integrity, sound in judgment, and one who ever recognized those courtesies of life which mark the true gentleman.

Mr. Hankinson was born near Freehold, at Black's Mill, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on October 20, 1847, and sprung from an old and respected Jersey family, his parents being Theodore and Hannah (Wainwright) Hankinson. His rearing was in his native place and his education was acquired at Tinton Falls. His business career began as a clerk in Freehold, but soon his ambition took him to a larger field. Removing to New York City he became associated with William H. Jackson & Co., manufacturers of mantle and with the Jackson Architectural Iron Works, of which latter Mr. Hankinson was vice-president and treasurer. Mr. Hankinson formed a partnership in 1880, in this great business, a connection which continued to exist until his demise in 1900.

In 1882 Mr. Hankinson purchased the beautiful home and farm where his family now reside, near Eatontown, this land comprising two hundred and fifty acres, and here Mr. Hankinson delighted to take his rest from business care. He made many important improvements on this property which not only added materially to its value, but also to the adornment of the surrounding landscape.

Mr. Hankinson was a firm believer in the truths of Christianity and was for many years one of the board of elders of Madison Avenue Reformed church, in New York City, and for seven years he was the superintendent of the Sunday-school. Socially he was a member of many clubs both in business and social life, and of the chamber of commerce.

October 18, 1881, Mr. Hankinson was united in marriage to Miss Mary F. Hunter, born in Newburg-on-the-Hudson, and a daughter of Joel Du Bois and Frances H. Hunter. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hankinson,—John H., George H., deceased, and Kenneth Hankinson. Mrs. Hankinson has passed her life in New York City, where both she and her esteemed husband were prominently identified with both the social and religious life of the metropolis, and where a large circle of friends sincerely mourned the death of so estimable a man, public-spirited citizen, and firm friend, as John Henry Hankinson.



## SAMUEL C. C. HARRIS.

To a large degree the growth and development of a locality is due to its real estate dealers, those who control the purchase and exchange of property. Foresight, tact and business skill will do much to secure a good class of citizens and cause improvements to be made that are of a substantial and attractive character. In this regard Mr. Harris has done much for the town of Carteret, where he located in 1871 and where he has since handled property, conducting transfers and aiding in the judicious investment of capital.

Mr. Harris was born in the city of New York, February 18, 1832, and is a representative of the old Harris family of Connecticut, many of whose representatives have been men of prominence. His father, David C. Harris, was born in New London, Connecticut, and married Miss Margaret M. Conyard, whose birth occurred in Nor-

folk, Virginia. For many years they resided in New York City, where Samuel C. C. Harris was educated, attending the public schools and also private schools conducted by the society of Friends. At the age of eighteen he entered upon his business career in the capacity of bookkeeper in the employ of Sheldon Martin, who was in the lumber trade on Cherry street. A year later he obtained a situation as clerk with the firm of Hardman & Osborn, of New York City, who were agents for many of the largest estates in the metropolis at that time. For about ten years he remained with that firm and his duties were often of a most responsible character. He then became associated with Edward J. Powers, a real estate dealer of New York, for whom he bought and sold property for a number of years. Mr. Powers owned a large tract of land in that part of Woodbrige township, Middlesex county, New Jersey, where the town of Carteret now stands and Mr. Harris sold the first lot on that site. Locating there in 1871, he has since been engaged in real estate dealing and has handled some valuable property.

On the 11th of September, 1861, occurred the marriage of Mr. Harris and Miss Victoria E. Huber. They have two sons: Uriah L., the elder, was born in Brooklyn, November 2, 1868, is a moulder by trade and resides in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He married Miss Margaret Smith, and their children are Levenson Smith and Edwin Scott. Samuel M. Harris, the second son of our subject, unmarried, was born in Carteret, February 18, 1877, and is a machinist and electrician of his native town. Mr. Harris exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and has filled the office of commissioner of appeals for Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, for nine years. He is also a notary public and commissioner of deeds and in connection with his other business interests he writes both fire and life insurance. His religious faith is that of the society of Friends. His worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged and is manifest in the high regard and good will which are uniformly extended to him.

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#### JOHN W. BORDEN.

John W. Borden, real estate and insurance, a prominent figure in public affairs of the town of Manasquan, New Jersey, was born in Howell township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, May 16, 1843, the son of Aaron Borden and Sarah (Emmons) Borden. The ancestral line of the family goes back to two brothers who came from England and settled in colonial times at Fall River, Massachusetts. The family particularly descended from Richard Borden, whose children located, some in New York state and others at Shrewsbury and Bordentown, New Jersey, giving their name to the latter place. The Shrewsbury branch were among the most thriving farmers and extensive land owners of Monmouth county, descending from Francis, the fourth son of Richard. Amos, Mr. Borden's grandfather, was a foremost citizen of Farmingdale, a prosperous hatter, and died there in 1855. Aaron Borden, the father of John W., a shoemaker by trade, by vocation a farmer, later a conveyancer and successful business man at Howell, New Jersey, was a Democrat in politics, a school trustee and a man of progressive ideas in educational matters. In early life he was a Baptist, subsequently a Methodist, and an active member of the Jerseyville Methodist Episcopal church, where he was a trustee and active Sunday-school worker. He was twice married. By his first wife, Sarah, daughter of David Emmons, of Howell, who died in 1845, he had three children: Daniel, a farmer in Howell township; James A., a contractor and builder at Howell, now deceased; and John W. By his second wife, whom he

married in 1861, Esther, daughter of John Robbins, of Howell, he had one son, Aaron, a farmer in Howell township. He died in January, 1894, at the age of eighty years.

John W. Borden, was educated at the district school and for five years in early life taught school in the district now Asbury Park. In 1865 he established at Manasquan a general mercantile business, which he followed successfully for four years. He then resumed teaching at Manasquan for three years. In 1874 he laid the foundation of his present thriving business at Manasquan. His business has a wide scope and takes in real estate, insurance and conveyancing, surveying, civil engineering and auctioneering. He is also a notary public and commissioner of deeds. In his business operations he has become a large real estate holder in Manasquan and vicinity and elsewhere.

Mr. Borden is active in local affairs, and in politics is a Democrat. He served as justice of the peace of Manasquan at twenty-one years of age and held the office continuously for five years. He has served as clerk of the board of education and while a member of that board organized the school districts under the new law, in 1893. He is a member of the board of trade and is a director of the First National Bank of Manasquan, and was one of its organizers in 1883. He has also served as a member of the board of his township committee and filled other important local positions. For many years he has been secretary of the Manasquan Building and Loan Association, and for over a quarter of a century has been superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Presbyterian church of Manasquan, and has been also an elder in the church for many years. He is a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 88, I. O. O. F., Unity Encampment, No. 25; and was one of the organizers of the I. O. R. M. He is a Knight of Pythias, a K. of G. E., and is a past officer of all the above orders at Manasquan.

He has been twice married; in 1868 to Elizabeth, daughter of Captain John Osborne, of Manasquan. She died in 1871; a daughter, Lottie, died in infancy. In 1874 he was married to Hannah V., daughter of Osborne Curtis, by whom he had one son, John. He also has an adopted daughter, Bertha B. Curtis, a niece of Mrs. Borden.

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#### AARON W. HAND.

Classified among the leading business men of Cape May, and one who has exerted a strong influence upon the commercial, social, moral and intellectual development of the city is Aaron Willman Hand. He was born in Camden, New Jersey, February 10, 1857, and is descended from one of the oldest families in this section of the state. His ancestors came from England in the seventeenth century and located on Long Island. After a few years they removed to Cape May, where members of the family became owners of a large acreage in the Fishing Creek neighborhood. Elisha Hand, the great-grandfather of our subject, held a commission as an officer in the colonial army during the war of the Revolution, and Aaron Hand, the grandfather, was enrolled in the Cape May Independent Regiment in the war of 1812. North Hand, the father, was born in Cape May county and in early life went to sea as first mate on a fishing vessel trading with southern ports. He was afterward quartermaster of a steamer of the same line. He resided in Camden, New Jersey, for many years, and in 1873 came to Cape May county, where he has since resided and enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been associated. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane A. Hannah, died December 31, 1895, at the age of seventy-seven years.



*Aaron W. Hand*





Aaron W. Hand acquired his early education in Camden, completing the grammar school course there at the age of eleven years, and then attended the public schools of Philadelphia for two years. He afterward studied under a private tutor and also spent a year in the United States Military Academy. His love of books has prompted him to continue his reading, study and investigation in later years, and he is continually adding to his fund of knowledge. When he put aside his text books to learn the more difficult lessons in the school of experience he was employed for three years in various capacities in Philadelphia. In 1873 he came to Cape May with his father. At the age of nineteen he became a teacher at Heislerville, Cumberland county, and subsequently was engaged in teaching at Dennisville and at Rio Grande, for six years at Cape May Point, Cape May county, and for two years was the principal of the schools of Cape May city. In 1881 he became associate editor of the Cape May Daily Star, published during the summer, and in 1880 purchased an interest in The Star of the Cape and the Cape May Daily Star printing and publishing business, with which he has since been connected, being now general manager of The Star of the Cape Publishing Company. He is also interested successfully in several other business enterprises.

In 1877 Mr. Hand was united in marriage to Miss Letitia Byers Reeves, a member of one of the most prominent pioneer families of Cape May county. Her grandfather, David Reeves, was a member of the militia during the war of 1812 and was a leading factor in all public affairs in Cape May county for forty years—the middle of the nineteenth century. During the Civil war Abijah D. Reeves, Mrs. Hand's father, served in Company F, Twenty-fifth New Jersey Infantry, as color corporal. David Reeves, the great-grandfather, was the ensign in Captain Forrest's company in a brigade formed in southern New Jersey for service in the Revolution, and Abijah Reeves' great-grandfather was also a soldier of the Revolution. Mrs. Hand's mother was Amanda Deprefontaine, a daughter of John Deprefontaine, who was a French Huguenot, and Hannah, *nee* Gardner.

In his political views Mr. Hand of this review is a stalwart Republican, and, keeping well informed on the issues of the day, gives an intelligent support to the principles of the Republican party. He has held several minor offices, achieving a reputation for thorough attention to duty in them. In 1896 he was appointed superintendent of public schools for Cape May county, to which position he was reappointed in 1899. In this capacity he has reorganized the school system, placed it on a modern basis, and has greatly stimulated interest in the schools throughout the county. He has devoted himself to the work of this office with untiring zeal and enthusiasm and his labors have been productive of great good, placing the schools of the county on a higher plane than they have ever before occupied.

In his religious faith Mr. Hand is a Presbyterian, having joined the Cold Spring Presbyterian church in 1875. Socially he is connected with various civic societies. In 1885 he joined Cape Island Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., and was its organist for several years. He became a member of Cape May Conclave, No. 183, I. O. H., in 1890; of Ogallalla Tribe, No. 157, I. O. R. M., in 1892, passing all the chairs and entering the great council of New Jersey in 1895 as a representative. In 1897 he joined Cape May Lodge, No. 21, A. O. U. W., passed through all the chairs and was elected to the grand lodge. He has ever been an active business man, who has energetically carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. In all life's relations his career has been honorable and upright, commending him to the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact. He is a man of social nature, genial disposition and unflinching courtesy, and his circle of friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintances. His children are Albert R., who has

leen united in marriage to Sara E., daughter of Mayor Thomas W. Millet of Cape May, and whose only child is Millet Hand; Bernard R.; Rena; Ellwood S.; and twin daughters, Jeannette R., and Anita R.

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HON. FRANK E. DE GRAW.

Hon. Frank E. De Graw comes from an illustrious ancestry, one branch of which is traceable to Francis Joseph Paul, Comte Grasse-Tilly, popularly known as Count De Grasse, who in company with Lafayette and Rochambeau devoted his sword to the cause of American freedom, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis in 1781. Three brothers named De Graauw, French Huguenots, natives of Picardy, France (twenty-two miles west from the city of Amiens), fled from the religious persecutions in France, 1620, to Utrecht, Holland. Between 1620 and 1630 they left Holland for the port of New York. One brother settled in New York, one in New Jersey and one on Long Island. (See records of "Old Dutch Church," New York, June, 1675.)

Abram Voorhees De Graw (grandfather) resided in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where for years he was the proprietor of a public house in that place. He was also connected with a line of packet-sloops carrying passengers and freight between New Brunswick and the city of New York. Politically he was an adherent of the Whig party, and in his religious relations he was a member of the Dutch Reformed church. His wife was Elizabeth Voorhees, and they were the parents of six children, named as follows: Peter Voorhees; Abram P.; Jane, wife of Rev. William Van Doren, of Washington, D. C.; Eliza, deceased; Katharine; and Adelaide, wife of Dr. John Baylis, of Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. De Graw died in 1832, and his wife survived until 1856.

Peter Voorhees De Graw, the father, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he received his education. After completing his studies he found employment with his father in the packet line, subsequently locating in the city of Princeton, New Jersey. The Camden & Amboy Railroad subsequently employed him as collector on the Delaware & Raritan canal, and this position he held for many years, while at the same time he conducted a large farm in the vicinity of Kingston, New Jersey, of which he was then owner. When the Camden & Amboy Railroad completed the new freight piers at South Amboy he was placed in sole charge, and acted in that capacity from 1854 to 1864. In the latter year he became weighmaster for the same company, and continued as such until his decease in 1870. Mr. De Graw voted the Democratic ticket; in his early life he was a member of the Presbyterian church, and he subsequently embraced the Protestant Episcopal faith. Mrs. De Graw passed away in 1877. They were the parents of the following children: Anna; Virginia; Charles S., deceased; Antoinette and Imogene, who both died in childhood; Frank E.; Peter V.; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy.

Frank E. De Graw, second son of Peter Voorhees De Graw, was born September 17, 1844, at Princeton, New Jersey. He acquired his education in the public schools of South Amboy. In 1861, when he was seventeen years of age, the Camden & Amboy Railroad Company employed him as a telegraphic operator, and so faithful did he prove himself in the discharge of his duties, and so proficient did he become, that three years later he was appointed train-dispatcher at Bordentown. After a short period he resigned and accepted the position of operator for the United States Telegraph Company at New York. In 1867 he was placed in charge of the telegraph and cable systems of the Camden & Amboy Railroad and of the Western Union Telegraph

Company. He resigned from this position in 1860, in order to accept employment with the firm of E. A. Packer & Company, coal shippers, with whom he remained for three years. In 1872 he formed a partnership with Leonard Furman, under the style of De Graw & Furman, and engaged in the lumber business. Earlier in the same year he was engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business on his own account. Both of these ventures proved remunerative, and at this period he built a handsome residence on Main street, South Amboy, where he now resides. In 1875 he disposed of his business interests and removed to Norfolk, Virginia, where he engaged in farming and market gardening. He only remained there one year when he returned to South Amboy, and became a wholesale and retail dealer in coal, hay and brick. In 1877 he became general foreman of all shipping and shipping wharves for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at South Amboy, where he is at the present time.

Politically Mr. De Graw is a Republican, and he served as a member of the council in 1888, the first council elected after the organization of South Amboy, and the following year he was elected mayor of the town. He was also a member of the Middlesex county Republican committee during the years 1880 to 1885, and he has been a delegate to various conventions of his party. In March, 1900, F. E. De Graw was elected a member of the board of freeholders of Middlesex county, receiving the largest majority ever given any candidate for any office, upon either political ticket, having more majority than his opponent had votes, and being the first Republican candidate ever elected from his district. He has been a member for sixteen years of the board of education, and in 1895 he was made president of that body. He is actively interested in the Protestant Episcopal church of South Amboy, holding the position of vestryman for thirty years, and also acting as treasurer and warden. Fraternally he is connected with St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., Goodwin Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., and Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 52, Knights of Pythias, of South Amboy. He is vice-president and treasurer, as well as chairman, of the regatta committee of the South Amboy Yacht Club. He was president of the Independence Engine and Hose Company of South Amboy in 1893-94. He also served for three years as colonel of the First Regiment of New Jersey, Uniform Rank, K of P. At the termination of that period he was appointed and served two years upon the staff of Major-General Carnahan.

Mr. De Graw was thrice married, his first wife being Katherine D. Stewart, a daughter of John and Jane Stewart. They were married December 28, 1865, and she died in 1867, leaving no issue. His second wife, whom he married in 1869, was Theodora H. Bostwick, daughter of the Rev. S. B. Bostwick, of Sandy Hill, New York. She died August 15, 1880, leaving him five children: Lillian, wife of Frank M. Parker, of Brooklyn, New York; Annie H.; Ruth F.; Arthur, deceased; and Theodora. On June 11, 1891, Mr. De Graw was married to his present wife, Eliza Watson, daughter of Hugh Watson, of South Amboy.

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#### WILLIAM CLEMONS.

There are in every community men who are recognized leaders in public affairs, exerting strong influence in molding public policy and assisting materially in the work of progress, improvement and advancement along those lines which are beneficial to the majority. Such a one is William Clemons, who at the present time is serving in several positions of public trust, discharging his duties with marked promptness and fidelity.

He was born in Pennsylvania on the 11th of February, 1844, and in the public schools and the academy of his native town pursued his education. During his youth he worked upon a farm and afterward went to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where for ten years he was employed as a clerk in a furniture store. He afterward engaged in agricultural pursuits for a few years and then served as first officer in the reform schools at Jamesburg, New Jersey, and at Providence, Rhode Island. In 1886 he returned to Pennsylvania, and, again purchasing a farm, once more engaged in the tilling of the soil and the production of crops until 1889.

In that year Mr. Clemons came to Helmetta and accepted the position of outside superintendent for the George W. Helme Company, now the American Snuff Company, serving in that capacity for one year, and for twelve years he has been manufacturing superintendent. He thoroughly understands the business and his capable supervision is an active factor in the success which is attending the industry. Although his business interests claim the greater part of his attention, he yet finds time to devote to the faithful discharge of his duties of citizenship, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. He is now serving as president of the board of education, is chief of police, and chief of the fire department—thus representing three divisions of the public service which are of the greatest value and importance.

Mr. Clemons was married at Montrose, Pennsylvania, to Eliza Isabel Spencer, a daughter of Ambrose E. and Abigail Spencer, formerly of Massachusetts but at that time residents of Montrose. The Spencer family is of English origin and the grandmother of Mrs. Clemons was a descendant of Governor Winslow, of Massachusetts. Unto our subject and his wife has been born one son, Arthur H., who was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1876, and is assistant superintendent of the American Snuff Mills. Mr. Clemons is a member of Maple Council, No. 1407, Royal Arcanum, and assisted in the organization of the Episcopalian Memorial church, of which he is one of the vestrymen.

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#### EDWARD E. HAINES, M. D.

The concomitants which insure success to the medical practitioners are strong mentality, earnest purpose, a love of scientific research and a deep and abiding interest in one's fellow men. All of these qualifications are found in Dr. Haines, who is well known as a competent and reliable physician of South Amboy.

A native of New Jersey, he was born in Vincenttown, Burlington county, April 30, 1850, a son of John and Rachel (King) Haines. The Haines family is of English ancestry and was founded in America by five brothers of the name, who at an early period came from England to the new world, the progenitor of the branch to which the Doctor belongs settling in New Jersey. The father, John Haines, was born in Burlington county, in 1818, a son of John Haines, Sr. He learned and followed the stonemason's trade and spent his entire life in his native county. He married Rachel King, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: William K., Annie, the widow of Edward Hazelton; Elwood, who married Annie Deacon; Barclay P., who wedded Lydia Garskill; Albert L., who married Lucinda Wright; Emma, the wife of William A. Weber; Mary, who died in infancy; George, who married Sarah Austin; John B., who is engaged in preaching the gospel, and who married Buella Brown; and Edward E.

The Doctor pursued his primary education in the schools of his native town, and



*E. E. Haines*



from the time of leaving the common schools he worked at various occupations. During the winter of 1877-8, and also through the succeeding winter, he engaged in teaching school. With a determination to devote his life to professional labors, he then matriculated in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, where he pursued a thorough and systematic course, being graduated on the 2nd of April, 1890. After leaving that institution he went to Pennington, New Jersey, where he cared for the practice of Dr. Dwelling for a short time, and since the 17th day of May, 1890, he has engaged in practice in South Amboy. He is a close and discriminating student, a conscientious practitioner, and has won enviable success as a representative of the medical fraternity.

Dr. Hines was married at Lima, Indiana, on the 8th of June, 1894, to Miss Lola Maude Springle of Virginia, and they now have one daughter, Maude Cordelia, born on the 10th of December, 1896. The Doctor affiliates with several fraternal organizations, including the Knights of the Golden Eagle, at South Amboy. He likewise belongs to Central Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., of Vincenttown, and is a past master. In his religious views he is an Episcopalian, and in his political belief is a Republican. He has served as a member of the school board and is now president of the town council. Public-spirited and enterprising, he co-operates in a hearty manner in every movement for the general good and his labors have been of marked benefit to his community. In the line of his profession he has membership relations with the Middlesex County Medical Society, of which he is now vice-president. For ten years he has been surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at this point, and has in addition a very large and important private practice, which is indicative of his ability and the confidence reposed in him by the public.

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WILLIAM R. HAM.

William R. Ham, the popular proprietor of the drug store located at 167 Main street, Asbury Park, New Jersey, was born January 20, 1860, at Martindale, Columbia county, New York. He is the son of Martin and Mary (Miller) Ham. His father, Martin Ham, was a merchant conducting a general store at Martindale. He was a man who enjoyed great popularity throughout the section, and this fact is indisputably maintained by the circumstance of Martindale having been named in his honor. His death occurred in 1866. Upon the death of her husband Mrs. Ham removed to Hudson, New York, where William R. was reared and secured his education. At fourteen years of age he launched out into the commercial field as a clerk in a dry goods store in Hudson. For four years he continued in this business, and then entered the employ of his brother, who was in the drug business in the same town. Here he spent another four years, leaving to take a position with a wholesale drug house located in Albany, New York. In 1884 he came to Asbury Park as a drug clerk for Woolley & Reed, with whom he remained for two years, from thence going to Lakewood to occupy a similar position; later he was induced to accept a position with the Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey. In 1888 he returned to Asbury Park, once more to follow his professional line, and took charge of the drug business of Kimmouth & Company, which he conducted for seven years. In the year 1895 he established his present store, located as above, where he enjoys an ever increasing patronage.

Politically Mr. Ham is a Republican, but takes only the interest a good citizen should in the outcome of political strife for supremacy.

Mr. Ham's natural social tendencies have led him to become a member of Asbury Lodge, No. 253, I. O. O. F., and Tecumseh Tribe, No. 60, Improved Order of Red Men.

His marriage to Annie, daughter of Paul Dakin, of Hudson, New York, took place in the year 1889. They have two children, Bessie and Warren.

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#### WILLIAM BRINLEY SINGLETON.

William B. Singleton, one of the most active and useful citizens of Toms River, New Jersey, is a native of the village named, and was born March 14, 1859, a son of Thomas and Esther (Brinley) Singleton. The father was born in Pennsylvania, and came from Scotch ancestry, and his wife was born in Ocean county, New Jersey. For some years he conducted a restaurant in Toms River. He has been an active participant in public affairs, having served one term as assessor and several terms as collector, to which position he was elected as a Republican.

William B. Singleton, son of these parents, acquired his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, and subsequently attended the Toms River high school. When he attained the age of twenty he was employed by his father as clerk in the restaurant then carried on by him, and was so engaged until 1890, when he was appointed to the office of post-master at Toms River by President Harrison. After the expiration of his term of office in 1894 he again entered upon his former occupation, in which he was engaged until August 8, 1898, when he was re-appointed post-master by President McKinley. Mr. Singleton has always taken a keen interest in politics, being a staunch Republican. Governor Griggs appointed him chairman of the county board of registrars of election in 1896, and he served through that and the following year.

On October 14, 1885, Mr. Singleton was married to Miss Jersey A. Bancker, daughter of John Bancker, of Brooklyn, New York. Two children have been born of this union: Esther and Elizabeth Singleton. Mr. Singleton is a member of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, and has passed all the chairs of his lodge.

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#### ISAAC N. BEEGLE, M. D.

Among those who devote their time and energies to the practice of medicine and have gained a leading place in the ranks of the profession is Dr. Beegle. He was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey, June 12, 1848, a son of Rev. Henry and Mary P. (Loomis) Beegle, both of whom were of English descent. The father was a well known and prominent Methodist clergyman, and was also superintendent of Ocean Grove from the time of its inception, where he was interested to a considerable extent in real estate. The mother was a member of the Loomis family, whose history is traced back to 1436 in the peerage of England.

Isaac N. Beegle, whose name introduces this review, received his early education in the public schools of his native town, later attending Pennington Seminary. Deciding to make the practice of medicine his life work, he accordingly began the study of his chosen profession with Dr. Avery Cook, of Orange county, New York, and with Dr. L. D. Moesdon, of Boston, Massachusetts. He later entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he was graduated with the class of 1870, and immediately thereafter entered into the active practice of his profession in Howell township,



Monmouth county, where he remained for ten years, enjoying a large and lucrative patronage. He then removed to Ocean Grove, New Jersey, in the fall of 1880, where he has also built up an extensive patronage, his patients coming to him from almost every state in the Union.

On the 15th of April, 1869, Dr. Beegle was united in marriage with Elizabeth Conover, a daughter of Cornelius Conover, of Freehold, New Jersey, and they have three children, namely: Sumpter L., a druggist of Orange, New Jersey; Alice, the wife of Joseph A. Greene, of Plainfield, New Jersey; and Elizabeth, at home. The Doctor is a member of the Monmouth County Medical Society. He is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman, and his influence is often solicited in the promotion of leading movements which have in view the upbuilding of the community.

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### JACOB SCHWARTZ.

Jacob Schwartz, a successful mason and builder, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, was the son of Jacob F. and Sarah Schwartz; he was born in the city of Trenton, New Jersey, on September 21, 1854, and was educated at the public schools of the same place. Completing his studies, at the age of seventeen he entered the employ of Captain R. S. Johnson, of Trenton, with the view of thoroughly mastering the mason's trade. By close application to his work, his natural aptitude quickly carried him through his days of apprenticeship, and after three years' service he had so far advanced and absorbed the ideas and methods of his able instructor that he was made foreman by Captain Johnson, with whom he remained in this capacity for seventeen years. His employer having received the contract for erecting the post office building at Asbury Park, in 1888 Mr. Schwartz located there to superintend the work of construction. At about this time Mr. Schwartz began to look forward to a more independent career, feeling within himself the capability of conducting business on his own account. Thus in 1890 he established himself as a mason and builder at Asbury Park, and met with a marked degree of prosperity in his undertaking. He gave employment to over twenty men, and was constantly busy keeping a supervising eye over the progress of his many contracts. His offices and residence were located at 821 Central Avenue, West Asbury Park.

His political interests were with the Republican party. He was an esteemed member of Asbury Park Lodge, No. 253, I. O. O. F., and of the Tecumseh Tribe, No. 60, Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Schwartz was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Callahan, of Newark, New Jersey, on December 18, 1875. His death occurred March 25, 1902.

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### FREDERICK SICKLES.

Frederick Sickles, an extensive and successful market gardener and fruit grower of Navesink, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born at the place where is now his residence, November 28, 1856, a son of Judge George H. Sickles.

George H. Sickles was born at Shrewsbury, on the old family homestead, a son of John I. and Charlotte Sickles, and his mother was a member of the old Burdge family. John I. Sickles was a soldier in the war of 1812. Their son, George H. Sickles, was a man of high character and great ability. As a young man he assisted

the Rev. Harry Finch in conducting his private school at Shrewsbury, and afterward taught school at Tinton Falls, Parkerville (now Little Silver), and Navesink. When he taught school at Navesink he walked to and from his home at Shrewsbury. He gave up teaching school at Navesink to engage in the commission business in New York with William Johnson, of Navesink. He was in the New York market about ten years and he then opened a general store at Navesink, his brother, Theodore Sickles, of Red Bank, assisting him in the management. About forty-five years ago he moved on the farm at Navesink where he lived until his death. In 1872 he was appointed lay judge of Monmouth county. In 1872 he was appointed collector of Middletown township, when the finances were in a chaotic condition, but he made an accurate adjustment of them. In 1878 he ran for county clerk on a union ticket and came within one hundred and thirty-two votes of defeating Captain Thomas Arrowsmith, who was the Democratic candidate for the office. The county at that time was overwhelmingly Democratic. In 1890 he was appointed jury commissioner under the new jury law, and he held this office until the law was repealed by the Democrats. Mr. Sickles has also been postmaster of Navesink, and he had been for many years a justice of the peace and a commissioner of deeds. For more than a generation he had been a prominent figure in the primaries of Middletown township and in the Republican county conventions. He was a member of the Navesink Episcopal church for nearly half a century and for a long time he was warden in the church. He was treasurer of the church from the time of its organization until sickness incapacitated him from performing the duties of the office. He married Sarah A. Johnson, a member of the old Burdge family, and a daughter of William Johnson, his former partner in the commission business; these parents reared an excellent family of six children, named as follows: Frederick, who is referred to at length below; William M., who married Jenny Sherman, of Perrinville, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and to whom were born two children—Hattie and Howard; John L., a farmer and gardener, who married Almira, a daughter of George D. and Mary Ann Smith, and to whom were born five children—Edith, Myra, Ashton, Bessie and Schuyler Colfax; Omar, a salesman in New York City, who married Melinda Hopkins, and to whom were born three children—Bertie, Lester and Florence; Addie L., who married Frank J. Davis, of Hillside, New Jersey, and to whom were born three children—Elsie, Hanford and Albert; Albert, who lives in Hillside, New Jersey, who married Martha Ingling, and to whom were born two children—Lloyd and Helen. The father died February 12, 1901, aged eighty-one years, and his widow died March 22, 1891.

Frederick Sickles, as eldest son of George and Sarah A. Sickles, was educated in the public schools of his native village. He has always made his home on the ancestral homestead farm, a beautiful garden and fruit place of seventy acres. Industrious and careful, he is known as one of the successful farmers of his neighborhood, and he enjoys the esteem of the community for his excellent personal qualities. He holds membership in the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Sickles was married May 12, 1884, to Miss Euphemia, a daughter of Walter and Agnes Hendrickson, of Fairhaven, New Jersey. Of this marriage have been born three children,—Gracie, Mand and George H. Sickles.

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#### JAMES DAVIS HOLMAN.

One of the prominent business men of Whitesville, Ocean county, New Jersey, is James D. Holman, who is a member of the firm of C. L. & J. D. Holman. They are engaged in cranberry growing and are agents for some of the most extensive marshes



*J. D. Holman*



in the cranberry belt. The Holman family may be traced back two hundred years, and are of Scotch lineage. Three brothers emigrated to the new world, one of whom was Louis Holman, the paternal grandfather of our subject. He located in New Jersey, became a farmer and lumberman on an extensive scale, and was also quite noted for his experiences as a hunter. His influence for good was widely felt throughout his community, where he was highly respected. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. He married Jane Truax, who became the mother of ten children. Of this number the youngest is Charles L. Holman, the father of James D. Holman, and a senior member of the above named firm of C. L. & J. D. Holman, growers of and dealers in cranberries. Louis Holman and his wife both lived to an advanced age, he passing away when eighty-seven years of age. Charles L. Holman was born near Holmanville, November 20, 1830, and there received his early training. The common schools furnished him a limited education, but this has been supplemented by reading, observation and experience, and being of exceptional natural ability and intelligence, he has become a man of influence in the financial circles of his native town. Always interested in the advancement of his line of business, he has done much to increase the cranberry industry by inducing men of wealth to engage in this business. In addition to this occupation, he was successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits as well as the lumbering business, but is now devoting his time exclusively to his cranberry interests. He gives his political support to the Republican party, and has been twice elected to the office of sheriff of Ocean county by his party. He has also held several minor offices (for thirty-seven years as school trustee, serving with conspicuous efficiency), all of which he has occupied in a most acceptable manner, receiving the well-merited confidence of his fellow-citizens. He holds membership with the Presbyterian church, of which he is elder, but in the cause of Christianity his interests are not confined to one denomination, for he assisted very materially in the building of the Methodist Episcopal church, and throughout Whitesville he is regarded with high esteem and confidence. Mr. Holman was for forty years conspicuously identified with Odd Fellowship. He was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. White, a daughter of Judge James D. White, in honor of whom the city of Whitesville was named. They are the parents of nine children, namely: Charity, deceased; Amy; James D.; L. W.; George H., who succeeded his father as sheriff; Charles Stratton; John W.; Hattie T.; and Robert I. Holman.

James D. Holman first saw the light of day near Whitesville, August 29, 1857, and attended the common schools of his native city in childhood. In early life he followed the occupation of farming, for six years making his home with Julius Foster. In 1879 he left his native state and removed to Connecticut, where he entered the employ of D. C. Spencer, accepting the position of overseer of his cranberry marsh and farm. After his father's election to the office of sheriff of Ocean county, New Jersey, he returned to his home to assume the management of the mercantile and lumber interests of his father, a position which he still retains. James D. Holman, like his father, is a man of generous impulses, who accepts all that is good in humanity and overlooks the evil. He has won a large number of friends by his genial nature, his deeds of unselfishness, and his high character.

In 1888 he led to the marriage altar Miss Wilhelmina Downing, an accomplished and highly cultured daughter of William H. and Catherine Downing, who became the mother of two interesting children, namely: Agnes H., and James D. Mrs. Holman comes from a family of superior intelligence and refinement. Her maternal great-grandfather Davison was but a lad of fourteen years when he entered the Revolutionary war, and served long and faithfully. Her paternal grandfather was engaged very extensively in cranberry growing near Burrsville. Mrs. Holman herself has been considered one of the brightest students and most able teachers in her native county

and in other fields. When but fourteen years of age she passed a first grade teacher's examination, which required examinations in seven different studies. At the age of fifteen years she completed her examinations in the remaining eight studies, receiving in many branches a mark of one hundred per cent., while averaging a percentage of ninety-five. With such exceptional ability her success as a teacher was assured and in all her work she received the high commendation of all.

James D. Holman is conspicuous as a successful cranberry merchant; his firm has control of nearly all the cranberry product in this part of the country. Their force of pickers in one season is five hundred, and they average each season a shipment of sixty carloads. Mr. Holman succeeded his father in the office of vice-president of the American Cranberry Growers Association. Mr. Holman has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his community, and has held the office of road overseer. He also served as president of the school board for ten years, and in all his duties was a competent and faithful worker. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias, and in religious faith is a Presbyterian, serving in his father's place as elder of the Presbyterian church of Whitesville. Throughout his business career his honesty and integrity have been widely recognized, and he and his wife are highly respected for their many excellencies of character.

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#### JAMES GROVER TAYLOR.

The late Captain James Grover Taylor was born on the farm in Holmdel township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on which his widow and children now live, May 31, 1830, and died February 22, 1897. He was a son of James Grover and Sarah (Morford) Taylor. James Grover Taylor, Sr., purchased a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres in Holmdel in early life and became a successful and enterprising farmer, but died when his son, the subject of this sketch, was eighteen years old; he left a widow and six other children, the care of whom devolved upon the eldest son, a duty which the latter discharged with fortitude and self-denial. The young man brought the farm into a high state of cultivation and productiveness, and later it became his property by purchase and inheritance.

Captain Taylor was reared to farm life and was a successful farmer during all his active years. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and at Keyport. He was for eight years engaged as commander of a steamboat plying between Keyport and New York City, in the service of the Keyport Transportation Company. Politically he was a Republican, and though he took no active part in public affairs, he was a well informed man, whose advice was often sought and acted upon by his party friends.

Captain Taylor was married December 9, 1869, to Elizabeth E. Perrine, who was born March 15, 1842, a daughter of James W. and Deborah Ann (Dey) Perrine, both natives of Monmouth county. In the paternal line Mrs. Taylor was of French extraction, and many of her ancestors have been active and prominent in state and county affairs. Her paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, as were also some of his brothers. Her maternal ancestors were also well known, and some of them were noted. Her grandfather, Captain William Dey, performed gallant service for the colonies in the Revolutionary struggle.

Captain James Grover and Elizabeth E. (Perrine) Taylor had children born to them as follows: Eva Augusta, who was born August 25, 1870, married Hiram E. Deas, a farmer and literary man of Flemington; Sarah M. was born May 20, 1872;

Lizzie E., who was born October 30, 1874, is a teacher of music; Alberta, who was born August 11, 1876, married Thomas Elvin English, and died December 16, 1896; James Grover, Jr., who was born June 12, 1883, is a student at Peddie Institute and is also a farmer. All of the children of Captain and Mrs. Taylor, except James Grover, Jr., were graduated from Peddie Institute.

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### JOHN HURLEY STOUT.

John H. Stout, who owns a beautiful farm of sixty-three acres in Neptune township, Monmouth county, a part of which was originally the property of his grandfather, Elhanan W. Stout, and part of which was inherited by his father, Elhanan H. Stout, was born on the 18th of October, 1842. The original ancestor of the Stout family in America was Richard Stout, who was born in Nottinghamshire, England, about 1620, and as a youth came to America, the exact date not being known. He was employed as a seaman on a war vessel, where he served for about seven years, receiving his discharge at New Amsterdam, now New York. Soon afterward he married Penelope Van Princes, whose life history is given elsewhere in this volume, and they had seven sons and three daughters,—John, Richard, Jonathan, Peter, James, Benjamin, David, Deliverance, Sarah and Penelope, all of whom reared large families of their own. John, the eldest son, named his eldest son Richard, the latter locating at Squan and was called Squan Dick. The place is now known as Manasquan, and there he reared a large family of children, of whom the grandfather of our subject was descended in about the tenth generation. The latter, Elhanan Stout, married Mary Hurly, and they had a large family of children; among them were Elhanan H. Stout; Judge John Stout, who died while on the bench of Somerset county, New Jersey; and an older brother, who was a brave and gallant soldier in the Revolutionary war. The grandfather of our subject was a blacksmith by occupation, as was also the father of our subject, while the latter was also employed as a farmer and fisherman, at one time carrying on an extensive business in that line. One of his sons, Captain Samuel Lippencott Stout, followed the sea, and at the commencement of the Civil war was a mate on the schooner "John T. Williams," which was the first vessel to receive a shot at the firing on Fort Sumter. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary Lippencott, and was a member of one of the oldest families of the county. For many generations they have been successful tillers of the soil.

John H. Stout, whose name introduces this review, was married on the 20th of October, 1886, to Hannah A. Benard, who was born December 27, 1856. She is a daughter of Frederick and Deborah (Brand) Benard, successful farming people of Wall township, Monmouth county. The father was a Frenchman by birth, while the mother was a member of one of the oldest families of Monmouth county, the Perrines, who were of French-Huguenot descent, and were among the first to locate in the colony of New Jersey. Her grandfather Brand was a Revolutionary hero. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stout have been born four children,—John B., Fred B., Joan and Samuel B. Mrs. Stout is a member of the Baptist church of Manasquan. She was a popular and successful teacher for many years before her marriage, and four of her sisters are also engaged in that profession. In his political affiliation Mr. Stout is a Republican, but the honors or emoluments of office have had little attraction for him. He is, however, a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and the agricultural interests of Monmouth county find in him a worthy representative.

## GARRETT HENNESSEY.

Garrett Hennessey, contractor and builder and an extensive dealer in pound-fishing, Long Branch, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born near Ocean Grove, New Jersey, July 1, 1841, son of John and Elizabeth (White) Hennessey. The ancestral line is of French extraction, the ancestors of the family going from France to Ireland in 1690, and in the second generation from this removal John Hennessey emigrated to this country at the age of seventeen years and became the founder of the Hennessey family of America. He located in Monmouth county, after residing on Long Island for one year, married Elizabeth White, and died at Long Branch in his seventy-sixth year. His twelve children were: Garrett, James, John, Annie, Michael, deceased, Elizabeth, Edward, deceased, Jordan, deceased, Washington, Walter, Maggie and Emma.

Garrett Hennessey acquired a common-school education, and was reared under his father's care until sixteen years of age. He then engaged for four years in the net fishing business. He next decided to learn brick-laying and plastering, and then taking up the study of drawing, he learned the carpenter trade, and after serving a full apprenticeship found employment in New York. In the meantime he studiously applied himself to the higher features of his trade, including architecture and mechanical drawing, his purpose being to prepare himself for the practical duties of a contractor and builder. He began business in Brooklyn, Long Island, where he filled a number of important contracts. After carrying on his business here for a period of years, he returned to Long Branch, where he has established a successful business as a contractor and builder, and since 1893 has been engaged in pound-fishing, a business which has also extended to large proportions.

Mr. Hennessey has been twice married, his first wife being Charlotte Renderman, daughter of Robert Renderman, of London, England. The issue of this marriage were nine children. His second wife is Juliet, daughter of Robert Thompson, of Canada. Mr. Hennessey is a member of Sariadeather Lodge, No. 478, of Brooklyn, Long Island, F. & A. M., and of Seaview Lodge, No. 228, I. O. O. F., of North Long Branch.

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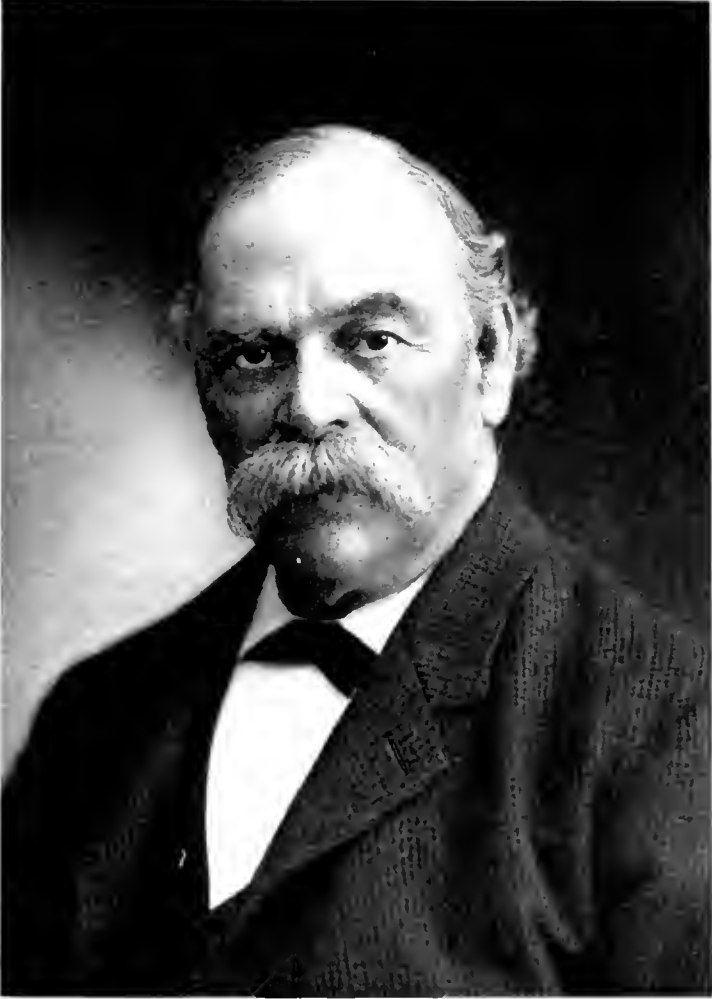
 MAJOR JOSEPH TAYLOR FIELD.

To the intelligence, industry and thrift of her agriculturists, more than to all other causes combined, does the county of Monmouth, New Jersey, owe her remarkable development, and of this large and useful class of her population the gentleman whose name is the caption of these memoirs is a worthy exponent.

Joseph Taylor Field was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, November 9, 1840. He is a son of the late Thomas S. and Martha (Taylor) Field, also natives of Middletown township and descendants of colonial settlers of New Jersey who located in the latter colony, coming from Long Island in 1765. The founder of the New Jersey branch of this family of Field was Elnathan. His son Thomas was the father of Thomas S. Field, the father of the immediate subject of this sketch.

The late Thomas S. Field was one of the most prominent, progressive and successful of the farmers of Monmouth county. Politically he was an old-line Whig, and subsequently a Republican; he was always actively interested in the work of his political party and was honored with numerous trusts. He was for many years recognized as the leader of his party in his township, and his unquestioned ability and recognized uncompromising integrity led to his frequent support by many of his





*Barrett Hennessey*



political opponents. He took an especial interest in the educational advancement of his community; he served for a number of years as director of Freehold Institute. He was a charter member of the First National Bank of Red Bank, and from its establishment up to the time of his decease served as a member of its board of directors. He was senior member of the firm of Field & Burrowes, leading lumber dealers of Monmouth county. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Field had four sons and three daughters: Eleanor died in infancy; Thomas S. Field was a surveyor by profession, subsequently a farmer of Middletown township, and died in 1862; his wife was Rebecca Patterson (see Patterson family memoirs in this volume); Joseph T. Field; Henry Field, a surveyor and civil engineer by profession and also a farmer, married Ada Brooks, of New York; Susan Field died in childhood; Edwin Field, M. D., a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City (class of '73), is a leading surgeon of the state and located at Red Bank; Martha Field (deceased) married Dr. John Van Matre, of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.

Joseph Taylor Field received his initial schooling in his native township, then attended Freehold Institute for three years, and took an academic course at Irving Institute, Tarrytown. He assisted in the cultivation of his father's farm up to September 4, 1862, when he enlisted as a member of Company D, Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, of which he was elected captain. His command served with the Army of the Potomac, and the principal engagements in which he participated were the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. His title of major was secured by promotion in January, 1863. He subsequently served on the staff of General Paul, First Brigade, First Division, First Army Corps. Returning to Monmouth county, he entered upon agricultural pursuits in Nut Swamp valley, Middletown township, where he has ever since been engaged in successful farming operations. For a period of twenty years Major Field made a feature of the breeding of blooded stock, in which he was conspicuously successful. Politically his affiliation has always been with the Republican party, but he has never had aspiration for political preferment. He is a member of the Loyal Legion; New Jersey Department, No. 6, G. A. R.; Mystic Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of the Monmouth Boat Club and a director of the Shrewsbury Mutual Insurance Company. Major Fields has been twice married; in 1863 to Mary, daughter of the late Borden Hance. She died a few days subsequent to her marriage. In January, 1866, Major Field wedded Isabella Wikoff. Their children are: Miss Julia H. Field; Thomas S. Field, farmer, who married Miss Emeline Conover, daughter of W. W. Conover, and whose children are Thomas S. and Rachel; George and Harrison Field, who died in childhood; Charlotte, who married Harry Gulick, a farmer of Middletown; and Walter Field, who was color sergeant of the Fourth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, which served in the Spanish-American war.

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#### EDWIN S. QUIN.

The genial and popular proprietor of the Carteret Pharmacy is Edwin S. Quin, who was born at Rossville, New York, September 8, 1869. His father, John A. Quin, was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, born on the 8th of December, 1829. He followed the trade of a carpenter, engaging in that pursuit for many years as a means of support for himself and family. He was married, July 26, 1893, to Miss Henrietta M. Alker, of New York City, and his death occurred in Carteret, on the 24th of July, 1899.

In his early youth the subject of this review entered the public schools on Staten Island and later became a student in St. Peter's parochial school at New York City. He entered upon his business career as manager for his father. In 1892 the family removed to Carteret, New Jersey, and on the 11th of June, 1894, Mr. Quin was appointed postmaster of Carteret, in which position he continued for four years and ten months, retiring on the 31st of March, 1899. He then entered the real estate business, and afterward accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. In September, 1901, he purchased the Carteret Pharmacy, of which he is now proprietor. He conducts a first class establishment, keeping a full line of drugs, paints, oils, proprietary articles and all goods usually found in such a store, and he is receiving a liberal patronage.

Mr. Quin exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy. He has held the office of light commissioner, having been four times elected as secretary of the board of light district No. 2, in Woodbridge township, Middlesex county. In 1898 he was the Democratic nominee for tax collector of his township. He belongs to the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen of Carteret, and socially represents the Improved Order of Red Men and the Foresters of America. He is also a member and trustee of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Carteret.



#### RULIF F. HOPPER.

For almost twenty-two years Rulif F. Hopper has been connected with the business interests of Eatontown as a coal and lumber merchant, enjoying a constantly increasing patronage as the years have passed by. His birth occurred on the 9th of November, 1838, at West Long Branch, Monmouth county, at which time the place was known as Hoppertown, having been so called in honor of his ancestors. His grandfather, John Hopper, came to Monmouth county from New York City in the early part of the nineteenth century and purchased the old McGregor homestead. The house which was then the family home is still standing in a good state of preservation, on the southeast one of the four corners at Long Branch. For more than a hundred years it has been a mute witness of America's progress through what will always be accounted an important century in the world's history, and is now one of the landmarks of the Jersey coast.

Abram M. Hopper, the only son of John Hopper and the father of our subject, was for many years in command of a company of the New York state militia and was therefore always known as Captain Hopper. He was a man quite prominent in public affairs and a leader in thought and opinion. The family has always been noted for loyalty and patriotism, and during the Civil war was represented by four brothers, sons of Abram Hopper, in the Union army. The eldest son of the family served in the United States navy and in the regular army.

In his native village Rulif F. Hopper passed the days of his boyhood and youth and acquired his early education in the common schools, after which he became a student in the New York Conference Seminary. He engaged in teaching in early manhood, but at the time of the war of the Rebellion he put aside all personal and business considerations and in 1862 offered his services to the government. For three years he was at the front, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements, and for meritorious conduct on the field of battle was raised from the ranks to the position of second lieutenant, and before hostilities had ceased was commissioned first lieutenant. He was always found at his post of duty whether upon the tented

field or on the firing line, and at the close of the war received an honorable discharge.

In 1868 Mr. Hopper was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Wikoff, a daughter of Peter Wikoff, and for several years they resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Mr. Hopper was engaged in merchandising. An only child, B. Frank Hopper, a graduate of Princeton University, is now engaged in the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C. At length, however, Mr. Hopper disposed of his interests in Milwaukee and about 1880 took up his abode in Eatontown, where he established his lumber and coal yard. The public soon recognized his business integrity and accorded him a liberal patronage, through which he has been enabled to secure a very desirable competence. In civil life Mr. Hopper has filled the position of township treasurer of Eatontown township for three years, and of township committeeman for nine years. Besides which he is one of the trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Shrewsbury. His personality and traits of character have secured for him friendly regard among his fellow townsmen, and Eatontown classes him among its representative citizens.

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JOHN H. HYERS.

John H. Hyers, an energetic and progressive agriculturist of Jackson township, Ocean county, was born March 2, 1842, in the house in which he now resides. His farm consists of sixty acres of rich land, which he devotes to general farming and truck. He is a direct descendant of Captain Garrett Hyers, who is connected with the history of this country by his faithful services during the war of 1812. The Captain was widely known throughout Ocean county, his reputation being gained through his prominence as a hotel keeper, having been the proprietor of the hotel known as "Davison's Tavern." He was born about 1785 and passed away in 1850, having during his lifetime accumulated property to the amount of about three hundred acres. He was twice married, his first wife being Jane Cotterell, by whom he had four children. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Conk, who was the mother of three children. Numbered among these seven children was Aaron Hyers, the father of our subject, born September 27, 1813, at the time his father conducted the hotel business. He became a worthy farmer, a man of influence and enterprising spirit. For his wife he chose Miss Eliza Conk, who became the mother of eight children, five of whom are now living, as follows: Maria; Thomas; Jane E., deceased; William, who passed away; John H., the subject of this review; Susan; Mary A.; and an unnamed infant, who died. Mr. Hyers was a consistent member of the Dutch Reformed church and gave his political support to the Democracy. He passed away after a life of usefulness on the 13th of October, 1863, while his wife's death occurred October 11, 1865.

John H. Hyers was reared among the healthful pines of his native township, receiving his education from the common schools. From childhood he assisted in the labors of the farm and early in life became familiar with all the duties pertaining to the life of the agriculturist, and when ready to embark on life's journey alone, decided to follow the pursuit of agriculture, taking for his example the life of his father. His birthplace has become his permanent place of residence, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the farm, coupled with the handsome competence which he receives each year from the harvests, plainly indicates that his vocation was wisely chosen and that success has rewarded him for his labor. When our country made a final appeal for more brave men, he entered the army in 1865, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry,

enlisting for a term of three years, but was honorably discharged the same year by order of the government.

On the 27th of October, 1863, he was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Mathews, born August 27, 1846, a daughter of Annadocia and Charles Mathews. They became the parents of nine children, namely: Alonzo, born September 15, 1868; Alfred, born April 29, 1870; Mattie P., born February 26, 1872; Ann E., born June 28, 1874; Martin V., born January 25, 1877; Charles T., born April 22, 1879; Ethel, born June 13, 1882; Edward A., born November 22, 1889; and one child unnamed, who was born in 1867 and died in infancy. The family of Mr. Hyers is highly respected in Ocean county, where they have many friends. He has always lead a useful, upright life and all who know him entertain for him deep and sincere regard.

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#### ASHER H. HOLMES.

As an example of the usefulness and prominence to which men of character and determination may attain, it is but necessary to chronicle the life of Asher H. Holmes, one of the representative agriculturists of Monmouth county. He belongs to a highly cultured and intellectual family, whose members all possessed superior intelligence and have become distinguished in the various callings in which they have been engaged.

Mr. Holmes was born near where he now resides, on the 15th of October, 1835, a son of Jonathan and Matilda V. (Schanck) Holmes. The father was a son of Samuel and Sarah Holmes, while the great-grandfather, Jonathan Holmes, was a son of Rev. Obadiah Holmes, whose history will be found elsewhere in this volume. The mother of our subject was a direct descendant of the Schanck family, who came to America from Holland early in the seventeenth century and settled in Monmouth county, New Jersey. The general history of this family can also be obtained on another page of this volume. The paternal grandfather of our subject, who was a thorough loyalist to the colonies was a Revolutionary hero, and was a brother of Colonel Asher Holmes, who was a staff officer in Washington's army. Samuel Holmes was an active politician and a Jeffersonian Democrat. He held many township offices and was an influential man in his community. The father of our subject was also adherent of that party and took a very active part in the affairs of the day. He reached the ripe old age of eighty years, while the mother was called to her final rest when seventy years of age. They had three children who grew to years of maturity,—Asher H.; Lazell, a farmer in Holmdel; and Mrs. Mary C. Carson.

Asher H. Holmes, whose name introduces this review, now owns a beautiful farm of one hundred and thirteen acres, located in Marlboro township, Monmouth county, his tasteful and commodious residence being situated two miles north of the village of Marlboro, on the turnpike road. He is a thorough and practical agriculturist, and his sterling characteristics and honorable business methods have won for him the respect and esteem of all with whom he has had business or social relations. He is independent in his political views, but gives his preference to the Democracy, and, although a progressive and public-spirited citizen, he has never taken an active part in public matters, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs.

On the 14th of December, 1856, Mr. Holmes was united in marriage with Sarah C. Schanck, but in the following year the wife was called to the home beyond, leaving one son, Tylee, who is now operating the homestead farm. The latter married Laura Siekles, and they have three children, Sarah, Livingston and Jonathan. On the 14th of May, 1861, Mr. Holmes married Margaret S. Schanck, a sister of his former



MR. A. H. HOLMES.      MRS. A. H. HOLMES.  
SON-IN-LAW FERR. VREELAND, WIFE AND CHILDREN.      SON-IN-LAW WILLIAM F. CUTLER AND CHILDREN,  
FLORENCE, ASHER, VIOLA AND MARGARET.      MARGARET AND SARAH.





wife and a daughter of Tylee and Eleanor Schanck. Unto this union have been born three children: Sarah, wife of Ferdinand Vreeland, a gardener of Long Branch, whose children are Viola Florence, Asher and Margaret. Hulda, who died at the age of eight years; and Mary C., who died at the age of twenty-nine years, and who was the wife of William F. Cutter, farmer and timber dealer of Woodbridge; his children are Margaret and Sarah. The grandfather of Mrs. Holmes, Rulof H. Schanck, owned at one time about one thousand acres of land in this county, and was one of the most influential men and extensive agriculturists in the entire county. His wife was a sister of Captain Daniel Schanck, of Revolutionary fame. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Holmes, named Conover, was of great service to the colonists during the war of the Revolution, and was several times a British prisoner, but each time succeeded in making his escape.

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### J. ELWYN GREEN.

J. Elwyn Green, a leading real estate operator of West End, is a representative of one of the oldest and most industrious American families. In colonial days two brothers, James and William, came from Rhode Island to New Jersey. James Green had a large estate near Hollywood. He was a major general during the war of 1812, and his family was driven from home by the British at the time of their arrival of their fleet off Sandy Hook. He reared three children—William, Emeline and James.

James Green, youngest son of General James Green, was a farmer at Long Branch. In 1834 he was appointed district creek commissioner. He served in that capacity for several years, and at the time the ship "Garrick" was wrecked, he was also agent for the New York board of underwriters. He left his farm in 1840 and conducted the Bath Hotel at Long Branch until his death, in 1862. He was a staunch Democrat, and he was for eight years township collector. By his marriage with Elizabeth Murphy he became the father of four children—Charles H., Elwyn S., Louis E. and Walter—all of whom were born in the same room in which the father was born, in the old Green mansion near Hollywood. The children were educated by a private tutor at Freehold, and were prepared for the sophomore class in Princeton College, but this purpose was abandoned, owing to the reversion of a portion of the ancestral estate, of which the eldest brother (Charles H. Green) took charge. The life saving station at Long Branch was built upon property belonging to him, and he was its volunteer keeper until his death, in 1872, when he was succeeded by his brother Walter, who also served until his death. Both these brothers were noted for their indomitable courage as life savers, and for their great skill in using motor boats and life-saving lines, and Charles received from the life saving association of New York a gold medal in recognition of his heroic accomplishment in rescuing the crew of the wrecked ship "Adonis."

Elwyn S. Green, second son of James and Elizabeth (Murphy) Green, was born in 1834. After receiving his education, as previously narrated, the charge of the Bath hotel at Long Branch devolved upon him, owing to the death of his father, and he remained in charge until it was destroyed in 1867 in a great conflagration, which swept away a valuable property, upon which fifty-seven thousand dollars had been expended in improvements. He then went to St. Augustine, Florida, and opened the Magnolia House, which he conducted until 1871, when he returned to Long Branch and engaged in extensive real estate operations, in which he continued until his death, in 1898. He was conspicuous in military affairs, and rose from the ranks to be lieu-

tenant-colonel of the Twenty-ninth Regiment, New Jersey state militia. In 1862, at the earnest solicitation of Governor Haight, he took charge of the commissary department at Camp Freehold, and managed it until the regiment was fitted out to take the field. In Masonry he had attained to the capitular degree and served as high priest of Standard Chapter. In religion he was a Presbyterian and in politics a Democrat. June 15, 1860, he was married to Miss Jane Ann Thompson, daughter of William S. and Maria Thompson, of New York City, and of this marriage were born six children, of whom three survive.

J. Elwyn Green, son of Colonel Elwyn S. and Jane Ann (Thompson) Green, was born at Long Branch, New Jersey, August 30, 1866. He acquired his education at Eastman's Business College, from which he was graduated at the early age of sixteen years. He immediately became associated with his father in the real estate business, and when the latter named died, in October, 1898, he succeeded to the management. In this, the oldest and most extensive business of its class in the city, he had already established a splendid reputation for integrity, accurate knowledge of conditions and wise judgment, and the most important realty interests were committed to his keeping, together with the care of many valuable estates. It is not too much to say that no one has surpassed him in service to the community in promoting the development and improvement of the city. In many instances large investments have been made in real estate and valuable building improvements solely upon his recommendation and under his direction. At the same time his activities have been extended along all lines of public improvement, and his influence has been felt in promoting all measures to this end.

Mr. Green is a man of broad general information and excellent social qualities, and is a highly regarded member of the various fraternal and social organizations—the Masonic order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of several yachting and boating clubs. He has served for five years as a member of Company B, Third Regiment, New Jersey National Guard. He is a member of the Long Branch Presbyterian church. In 1899 he was married to Miss May Pemberton, daughter of the late Dr. John P. Pemberton, an old and accomplished physician of Long Branch.



#### LOUIS H. SMITH.

Among the most extensive and successful fishermen of the Jersey coast may be mentioned the name of Louis H. Smith, who is a resident of Fair Haven, New Jersey, where on December 27, 1828, he was born. He is the son of the late John and Mary (Minton) Smith. His ancestry dates back to a very early period in the history of our country, when from Germany his forefathers came to the new world, locating in or about Middletown, New Jersey. His paternal grandfather, John Smith, loyally served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and his father also participated in the same event, serving in a block house erected on Sandy Hook point for the purpose of defending our inland towns from attack by the enemy.

Louis H. Smith, whose name heads this chronicle, is the only surviving son of his parents. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his native town. From his earliest manhood he followed the sea, his first experience being on a vessel running between New York and Charleston and Virginia points. In 1853-55 he was engaged in "deep sea" fishing; this, however, was not his first experience as a fisherman, for as early as 1843 he was often to be found upon the waters of Sandy Hook bay engaged in the pursuit for which he possessed a natural inclination. The

waters along the coast are to-day so familiar to his practiced eye that invariably a "good catch" is the result of his efforts. He supplies a great variety of fish, such as Spanish mackerel, blue fish, weak fish, sturgeon, porgies and shad, to the New York market, often in his own vessel.

The value of his fishing nets is remarkable, which at one time were estimated to be worth five thousand dollars. He is also largely interested in oyster planting, and in this, too, he is eminently successful. Indeed, all his life has been spent upon the salt water in one capacity or another. While Mr. Smith is now in his seventy-third year, he is, notwithstanding, in a remarkably hale and hearty physical condition—he has obeyed the injunctions of Dame Nature, which so often makes it unnecessary for men following his vocation in life to consult the lesser physicians. Besides, Mr. Smith comes of a family noted for their longevity; his father died at the age of eighty-four years and his grandfather was one hundred years old at the time of his death. Thus it would seem that our subject has many years before him of active and useful service.

On July 3, 1856, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Lydia, daughter of Robert and Sarah Potter, of Long Branch. Nine children were born to them, four of whom are still living, namely, Joseph P., Louis M., Everett J. and Sarah. Everett and Louis are engaged with their father in his fishing enterprise. Mr. Smith is a member of the Fishermen's Association, and is also a brother in the Masonic fraternity.

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#### GEORGE ELLENBERG.

George Ellenberg, a native of Germany, was born September 1, 1861. His parents, Henry and Mary Ellenberg, emigrated to this country when he was but one year old. Henry Ellenberg was a contractor and builder in New York City, which vocation he followed until his decease. His mother is now (1901) a resident of New York.

Mr. George Ellenberg spent his early life and received his education in New York City; at a very youthful age he became dependent on his own exertions for a livelihood. He was buffeted about by strong and relentless currents, first engaging in one thing and then in another, as opportunity seemed to offer favorable results; yet when his expectations were unrealized he knew no discouragement, but went persistently forward, satisfied with the little gained here and there. He was no laggard, but rather inclined to take time by the forelock than to dally behind, waiting for the unexpected to happen. It was his tenacity of purpose and indomitable will which finally crowned his efforts with well deserved success. It was at Red Bank, New Jersey, where he was first employed in the bottling business; thence, in the year 1877, he removed to Fair Haven. By his thrift and industry he had managed to save something from his earnings and out of this he purchased ground and erected a plant for carrying on the bottling business on his own account. His plant, residence and other necessary buildings cover several acres of ground. Mr. Ellenberg supervised the construction of the buildings himself and has them fitted up in accordance with his advanced and progressive ideas. His business has steadily increased until it reaches over a large portion of the Jersey coast. Mr. Ellenberg is a master of every detail of his business, having had an experience of more than twenty years in this line.

Mr. Ellenberg married Mary, daughter of George Ziegler, on December 12, 1883, and to this happy union there were born four children: Florence, Tillie, George and Mildred. Mrs. Ellenberg is a native of Red Bank.

Our subject is an esteemed member of the I. O. R. M., also of Relief No. 1, Fire Department of Red Bank. Politically he is liberal in his views, and while not a professor of any religious faith, he is a man of upright and honorable principles and contributes generously to the support of all worthy causes.

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#### CHRINEYONCE S. HOLMES.

Of one of the oldest families of Monmouth county Chrineyonce S. Holmes was a representative, and his life record was in harmony with that of an honorable and distinguished ancestry. He was a well known and successful farmer of Holmdel township,—which section of the county derived its name from the Holmes family. The progenitor of the family in Monmouth county and in America was the Rev. Obadiah Holmes, of England, born in 1606. In the year 1636 he married and in 1638 he emigrated to the new world, settling near Boston, Massachusetts. Soon afterward however, he removed to Rhode Island, where he engaged in church work as a minister of the Baptist denomination, being one of the pioneers in America in proclaiming the gospel according to that church. He made frequent visits to Monmouth county, although he never resided here, and aided greatly in the organization of the first Baptist church in the county, its location being at Middletown. He was also zealous in the work of organizing the church at Baptistown, now Holmdel, and his influence was widely and strongly felt in the moral development of this part of the state. He purchased large tracts of land in the vicinity of Holmdel, much of which is still owned by his descendants, and the village and township were named in honor of the family. The Rev. Obadiah Holmes was called to the home beyond in 1682, and on departing this life left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name and the record of a life well spent. His two sons, Obadiah and Jonathan, came to Monmouth county with their father, and the latter married and settled here on land which had been purchased by his father. As early as 1667 he was called to public office and frequently served in positions of public trust after that time.

In the direct line of descent was Samuel Holmes, who was born about 1720 and was probably the son of Obadiah Holmes, Jr. He wedded Mary Stout, a great-granddaughter of Penelope Stout, who came from Holland about 1620. Among their sons was Joseph Holmes, who resided on the farm afterward owned by the immediate subject of this review, and now owned and occupied by his widow and her son. Joseph Holmes married Nellie Schenck, a daughter of John Schenck, of Holmdel, then Middletown, and their children were: Jonathan, Elisha, John, Nellie, and Mary, the last named the wife of Hendrick Longstreet. Jonathan Holmes, the father of our subject, was born in 1792, on the family homestead, and there spent his entire life, his energies being devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was a man of upright principles and commanded the respect of his fellow citizens in high degree. He took an active part in the affairs of his township and filled several important offices.

Chrineyonce Holmes was born on the old farm May 22, 1832, and after acquiring his preliminary mental discipline in the village schools, became a student in the Freehold, New Jersey, Institute. Throughout his business career he engaged in the tilling of the soil and brought the land under a very high state of productiveness. He was a man of excellent business judgment, honorable in his dealings, and energetic and resolute in his work, so that his efforts were crowned with prosperity. He followed progressive methods and was quick to realize the practical value of an idea or an invention introduced in connection with agriculture.

Mr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Smock and unto them



*Chineyonce S. Holmes*



were born two sons. After the death of his first wife he wedded Mrs. Mary S. Conover, *nee* Schenck, the ceremony being performed December 24, 1876. They had two children: Nellie S., born November 27, 1877, and Chrineyonce S., Jr., born October 3, 1880. The daughter was educated at Peddie Institute, at Hightstown, New Jersey, and the son at Colgate College, in New York, and in Dean Academy, Franklin, Massachusetts.

In 1896 the family were deprived by death of the husband and father, who departed this life on the 21st of July. He was a regular attendant and contributor to the support of the Baptist church, and was in his life an exemplification of doing unto others as he would have them do to him. He was genial and companionable and was very popular throughout the entire community. Mrs. Holmes and her children have the warm regard of many friends and the hospitality of the best homes of the locality is extended to them.

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REV. T. R. TAYLOR.

Rev. T. R. Taylor, the efficient pastor of the First Baptist church at Avon by the Sea, New Jersey, was born in Alleghany, Pennsylvania, in April, 1850, a son of Thomas R. and Sarah Taylor. Thomas Taylor, paternal grandfather of the Rev. T. R. Taylor, was also a clergyman of the Baptist denomination, and was pastor of a church in Ireland. He came to this country in 1835, and settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he remained until his death. Mr. Webb, the maternal grandfather of the Rev. T. R. Taylor, was a resident and one of the first settlers of Cape May county. He participated in the war of 1812, and his father served in the Revolutionary war, and was also in the navy and privateer service.

Thomas R. Taylor, father of the Rev. T. R. Taylor, received his education in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the early forties. In 1843 he pursued a course of theology in Madison University, now known as Colgate University, and he officiated as pastor of the First Baptist church of Camden, New Jersey, eleven years; for four years he had charge of a church in Alleghany, Pennsylvania, and for the following four years he was engaged at Freehold, New Jersey. He married Miss Sarah Schillinger Webb, and three children were born to them, namely: Lillian A., wife of W. J. Browning, who is the chief clerk in the house of representatives in Washington, D. C.; Ellen M., wife of William Auble, of Camden, New Jersey; and the Rev. T. R. Taylor. Mr. Taylor (father) died at Hartford, Pennsylvania, in 1864, at the age of forty-six years.

Rev. T. R. Taylor, only son of Thomas and Sarah Taylor, acquired his education in the public schools of Camden, New Jersey. Subsequently he studied law with George Bisphan, and for three years he acted as librarian for the Philadelphia Law Association. In addition to the study of law, and at the same time, he pursued a course of study in theology, and he officiated in the Baptist church at Gloucester, New Jersey. He was ordained a minister of the gospel at Asbury Park, and accepted the position of pastor of the First Baptist church; he was instrumental in the building of the church and parsonage, and his pastorate proved very successful, as there were three hundred people baptized in the seven years he remained there. His next charge was at Bridgeton, New Jersey, where he labored for three years; then he was a member of the Buffalo Association of Buffalo, New York, for seven years, and four years ago he located at Avon by the Sea, New Jersey, to assume the pastorate of the First Baptist church, which he had organized as a mission twenty

years before, of which he is the able and well beloved pastor. His congregations are large and attentive, and he has a good field in which to use his talents.

The Rev. T. R. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Mary Virginia Wirner, of Pennington, granddaughter of Doctor Wirner, of New Jersey, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal conference of New Jersey. Three children have been born to them, namely: Leon R., a student at Peddie Institute, preparing for the profession of law with the class of 1903; Florence C.; and Margaret V.

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#### ISAAC A. MATTHEWS.

Among the successful and representative farmers of Jackson township, Ocean county, is Isaac A. Matthews, who is the owner of a fine farm of fifty acres of land on which he follows general farming. The place was formerly owned by his father, Joseph H. Matthews, who purchased the ground, cleared the timber and erected the buildings, transforming the land into a valuable piece of farming property. The father was the only son of John and Sarah Matthews, a sister, Nancy, being the only other member of the family. Joseph H. Matthews was a man who commanded the respect of his fellow men,—an honest and industrious farmer, an upright business man, a consistent Christian and a loyal citizen. He was a very active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and held the office of trustee for a number of years. In local affairs of the township he was greatly interested and held a number of prominent offices, always performing his duties with promptness and fidelity. He was married to Miss Mary Ann Van Hise, by whom he had six children, four of whom are now living, namely: Sarah J.; John V.; Mary M.; and Isaac A. The parents are both deceased, the father's death having occurred in July, 1900, at the age of eighty-two years, while his wife passed away in 1890, when sixty-nine years of age.

Isaac A. Matthews, the subject of this review, now resides on the farm where he first opened his eyes to the light of day. His birth occurred October 15, 1855. He was reared to farm life and received his education in the common schools of his native township. Throughout his entire life he has been engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, first on the farm under his father's supervision, and after assuming the ownership he still continued with the work. As a reward for his untiring energy and close application, the farm yields to him a handsome annual competence.

In 1886 Mr. Matthews led to the altar Miss Sarah M. Thorne, a native of Perrineville, New Jersey, and a daughter of George R. and Sarah Thorne. She is a woman of many excellent qualities and has been an able and faithful companion to her husband. Mr. Matthews is identified with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Daughters of Liberty. He also holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is trustee, steward and Sunday-school superintendent. His life has ever been consistent with the teachings of the church, upright and honorable, and he is esteemed and trusted by all who know him.

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#### ELLISON D. PETTEYS.

The office of the "Keyport Weekly," the oldest and most successful newspaper in Keyport, and one well known throughout the state, dates its establishment to 1863, when a job printing office was opened and a paper was printed by B. F. Underwood,



F. D. Woodruff and Jacob R. Smith, under the name of the 'Keyport Press.' In 1866 the plant was purchased by G. W. and C. S. Henderson, who established the "Keyport Express." In 1871 the printing material came into the possession of Dr. Wilmer Hodgson, who began the publication of the "Keyport Weekly." The paper was owned by various parties for short periods until December 1, 1882, when it was purchased by the present editor and proprietor, Ellison D. Petteys.

Mr. Petteys was born October 29, 1856, in Greenwich, Washington county, New York. His parents, Harvey E. and Helen J. (Whipple) Petteys, were natives of the same state, descended from ancestors of the early colonial period. It is a peculiarly interesting fact that on both the paternal and maternal sides he is lineally descended from Samuel Jenks, who was the coiner of the famous "Pine Tree Shilling." Harvey E. Petteys died September 21, 1865. His widow is yet living, and makes her home with her son, Ellison D. Petteys.

Ellison D. Petteys was educated in Colgate University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1882. The same year he located in Keyport, New Jersey, and entered upon his newspaper career, as previously narrated. In the conduct of his journal he has constantly placed the interests of the community before all others, and he has made the "Weekly" the exponent of every enterprise conducive to the moral and material advantage of the town and county. He is a highly regarded member of many fraternal orders,—in Odd Fellowship, of Bay-side Lodge, No. 193, of which he has passed the chair of noble grand; Monmouth Encampment, of which he is past chief patriarch; Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge; and Canton Atlantic, No. 7, Patriarchs Militant, of which he is past chaplain; Caesarea Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M.; Coronal Council, No. 1456, R. A.; Monmouth Council, No. 89, L. A. B. A.; Hopeful Tent, No. 8, K. O. T. M., of which he is past commander; Frelinghysen Council, No. 68, Jr. O. U. A. M., of which he is past councilor; Starry Flag Council, O. U. A. M., of which he is ex-councilor; Chingarora Tribe, No. 116, I. O. R. M.; Freedom Council, No. 36, D. of L., of which he is ex-councilor; and Scheyichbi Council, No. 35, D. of P.

Mr. Petteys was married May 3, 1888, to Miss Judith Holmes, daughter of the late Prof. George W. Holmes, who was a most talented scholar and successful educator, and for more than a quarter century the principal of the Keyport Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Petteys are respectively members of the Baptist church and the Episcopal church.

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#### CYRUS LAWRENCE LOW.

Cyrus L. Low, superintendent of the Shark River Poor Farm Association, is one of the leading and representative residents of Neptune township. The association of which he is the able representative was organized by the towns of Wall, Howell and Middletown in Monmouth county and of Brick and Dover in Ocean county, its object being to support the old and poor people and the orphan children of the several townships. It was organized more than one hundred years ago, and is under a board of directors, who are composed of one official from each township committee. The farm contains about eight hundred and forty acres of land, all in one body, and is owned by the different townships. The institution is almost self-supporting. Mr. Low became its efficient superintendent in 1860, and under his able management the interests of the association have been well conducted, his work in its behalf being that of a conservative and conscientious official.

Mr. Low is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred on the 20th of February, 1846, a son of Cyrus and Eliza (Jackson) Low, natives also of New

Yerk. The father was a hatter by trade, following that occupation for many years, but on account of failing health and old age he was compelled to retire to a farm near Hamilton, New Jersey, in 1852, where he spent the remainder of his life. In his youth the subject of this review learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for many years and up to the time of his connection with the Shark River Poor Farm Association. He came to Hamilton, Monmouth county, New Jersey, as a youth, and has ever since been identified with its interests, and has long been recognized as one of her leading and most highly respected citizens.

Mr. Low was married June 24, 1886, to Miss Anna Yager, who was born in Philadelphia, July 2, 1858, a daughter of Philip Yager, an artist by profession. During the Civil war Mr. Yager became a valiant soldier for the Union cause, but during his services he lost his life by a gunshot wound. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Low have been born three children,—Gertrude, who was born June 7, 1887; Harry, born March 17, 1893; and Carl C., born January 2, 1895. Mr. Low is independent in political matters, but his preference is given to the Prohibition party. Nearly his entire life having been passed in Monmouth county, he is widely known, and his friends are numbered among its best citizens—a fact which indicates that his career has been an honorable and upright one. He has many pleasant qualities, and is a genial companion, enjoying the regard of all with whom he has been brought into contact.

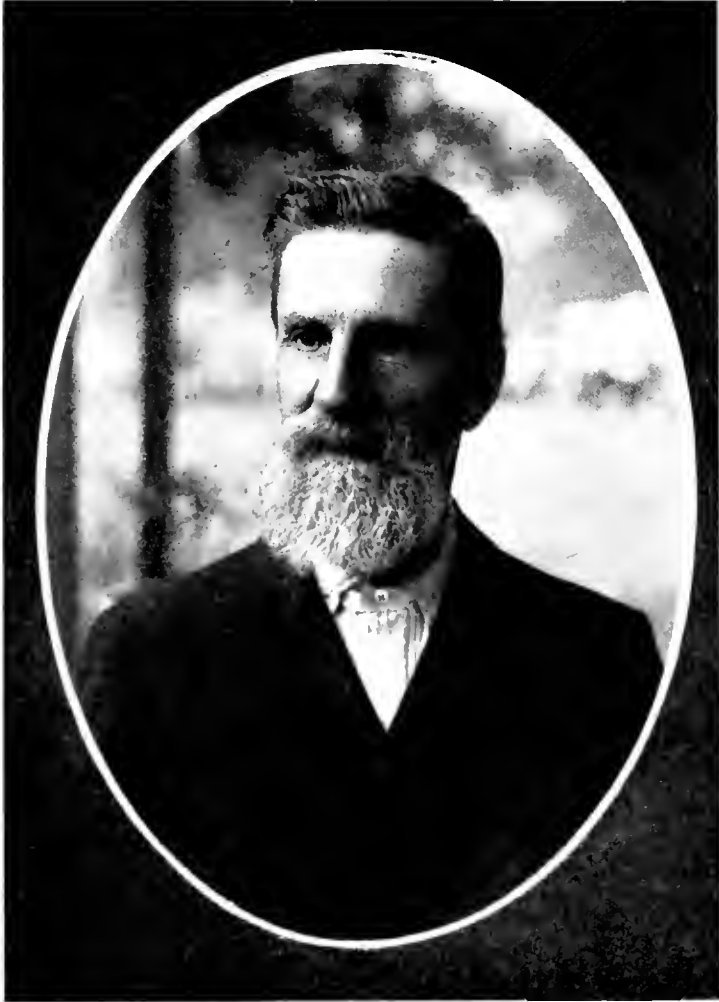


#### JOHN VAN PELT HYER.

The various families from which John P. Hyer, a progressive farmer of Matawan township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, descended have had representatives in America for about three hundred years. William Hyer, great-grandfather of John P. Hyer, purchased a large tract of land in the southeastern portion of what is now Matawan township, consisting of several hundred acres, and late in life he divided it into small tracts and apportioned it among his heirs.

John P. Hyer was born on the farm on which he now lives November 28, 1834, a son of Alexander and Lydia Ann (Vandever) Hyer. His father was also born on the same farm in 1808 and died there about 1855. His mother was born in the same neighborhood in 1810, and died in 1883. The ancestors of both families were among the early settlers in the state and were of Holland-Dutch stock and some of them came to America in the early part of the seventeenth century. Members of both families were patriots of the Revolutionary war and all were loyal to the cause of the colonies. The Vandever name appears in published records before 1610. Squire Van Pelt, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch in the maternal line, owned and commanded the first steamboat running from Matawan, and this family name also appears in the history of the Revolution.

John P. Hyer was married January 15, 1858, to Letitia Conover, born October 18, 1833, a daughter of John and Gertrude J. (Vanderbilt) Conover. The Vanderbilts and the Conovers were among the early settlers in this country, having come here from Holland early in 1600. Sketches of members of these families appear elsewhere in this work. The original Conover settlement was made on a tract of land very near the present home of John P. Hyer. Letitia (Conover) Hyer, who died July 6, 1880, bore her husband three daughters, named Anna W., Lydia G. and Eva. Anna W. is dead, Lydia G. is the wife of Wallace E. Hopkins, a clothier of Providence, Rhode Island, and Eva, born December 13, 1875, married William Lyle and they live on her father's farm. Mr. and Mrs. William Lyle have two children, John W.



*John P. Lyce*



and James Aleart Lyle. Politically Mr Hyer is a Democrat, and he has always been active in the affairs of his community and has been called to important local offices, including those of school trustee and commissioner of appeals, which he has filled many years. A man of much public spirit, he is always ready to aid to the extent of his ability any movement which, in his good judgment, will benefit any considerable number of his fellow citizens.

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HON. GEORGE H. TICE.

Hon. George H. Tice, the present member of the New Jersey assembly, representing the old First district of Middlesex county, and residing at Perth Amboy, is one of the most active and influential political leaders of the state. He is a son of Andrew J. and Mary (Foster) Tice, and was born at Perth Amboy, November 14, 1845.

Mr. Tice is descended from a sturdy Holland Dutch ancestry, his paternal great-grandfather, Solomon Tice, having emigrated from Holland in 1738, and settled in Perth Amboy. The latter was a prosperous ship-carpenter and builder, and a member of the Presbyterian church. His paternal grandfather, John Tice, was born at Perth Amboy, and was educated in its public schools, from which he was graduated. Immediately after his graduation he embarked in the oyster business at Perth Amboy, and continued therein all his life. Politically he was a Democrat, and religiously a member of the Presbyterian church, in which organization he was active and influential. His marriage resulted in an issue of six children: Sophia, deceased; Martha, the wife of John Walton; Andrew J., father; John, deceased; Richard, of Rahway, New Jersey; and Betsey, deceased.

Andrew J. Tice was a native of Perth Amboy, and after enjoying an active and useful career passed away near the scenes of his birth in the year 1869. After leaving school he was taught the trade of a blacksmith, and thoroughly mastered every detail of that craft. Relinquishing this trade, he engaged in the oyster business for a number of years, but finally returned to his trade, which he pursued successfully until his death. He was a Republican in politics, an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and of the Sons of Temperance. His marriage was blessed by the birth of four children: Margaretta, married to John H. Tyrell; George H.; Charles M.; and Mary, married to George W. Paresin.

George H. Tice attended the public schools at Perth Amboy, and upon his graduation therefrom entered the employ of his father, under whose instruction he learned the trade of a blacksmith. Having perfected himself in this trade, he opened a shop of his own, which he successfully conducted until 1883, when he disposed of it to engage in the hotel business. For four years he was proprietor of "Tice's Central Hotel," at Perth Amboy. In 1880 he disposed of his hotel property to accept the post-mastership of Perth Amboy, to which he had been appointed by President Harrison; he acceptably fulfilled the duties of this office until 1894, when he resigned to accept the very responsible position of superintendent of the shipping department of the Staten Island Terra Cotta and Lumber Company, which place he now holds. During his administration of the office of postmaster he was largely influential in securing the adoption of the free mail delivery system of Perth Amboy. Mr. Tice is a Republican, and an ardent and active political worker. He has served two terms as a member of the board of education of Perth Amboy, having been elected to that office in 1878. In 1888 he was elected a member of the board of freeholders by a majority of one

hundred and eighteen votes, and in 1804 he was elected to the assembly by the handsome majority of thirteen hundred. He received the largest majority given any candidate that year, attesting in an eminent degree his popularity. He served during this term on the committees of education, railroads, canals, and corporations. In 1805 he was re-elected to the assembly without opposition, and was given a place on the committee of reform schools for boys. One of the most important measures introduced in the assembly by him was for the purpose of building a bridge across the Raritan river at Perth Amboy. Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Tice has taken a commendable interest in every movement which has for its object the advancement and improvement of his city and county. He has been a director of the Perth Amboy Savings Institution for the past thirteen years, was president of the Atlantic Building and Loan Association up to 1875, and was president of the first local branch of the Republic Building and Loan Association of New Jersey, which office he resigned in 1805.

He is a member of Lawrence Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F.; Raritan Lodge, No. 61, F. & A. M.; Scott Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., of New Brunswick; and Temple Commandery, No. 18, K. T., of Metuchen. Mr. Tice and Miss Mary A. Bastead were united in marriage on January 31, 1806, and to their union have been born two children, Elizabeth P. and Andrew J.

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#### ISAAC KENNEDY LIPPINCOTT HYER.

The late Isaac K. L. Hyer was one of the representatives of an old and respected family of New Jersey, his grandfather, Garret Hyer, being one of three brothers who emigrated from Germany and settled near what is now Lakewood, Ocean county, early in the history of this country. On a claim of one thousand acres he there lived with his wife, Mary Hyer, and reared a family of five children, one of whom was Gilbert or Guishert Hyer, the father of this subject. Gilbert Hyer was born in 1774 on a farm in Ocean (then Monmouth) county, near the late residence of his son. He followed the occupation of farming for a livelihood and was numbered among the prominent agriculturists of the county. His estate covered about eight hundred acres of rich farming land, and here he labored very industriously in the tilling of the soil and lumbering. He was the owner of a sawmill and grist mills, which he operated very extensively, and through his business ability and strict adherence to upright principles became a man of wide reputation and influence. He was a lover of good stock, and his horses were renowned throughout the country for their superior quality and for their speed and appearance. The cause of liberty found in him a loyal adherent, and he always gave his aid to any movement which would promote freedom and arouse the spirit of patriotism in the hearts of his fellow men. He was married to Miss Mary Throckmorton, born February 3, 1783, who was a member of an old and respected family of Monmouth county, New Jersey, and of this marriage were born: Dorothy, October 9, 1801; Garret G., September 18, 1803; Mary, August 24, 1805; James T., June 1, 1808; Tammar, March 15, 1810; Lewis Gordon, June 14, 1812; Gilbert, April 18, 1814; Margaret Ann, October 4, 1816; John Davidson, September 25, 1818; Joseph Wainwright, October 18, 1820; and Isaac K. L. Hyer. The father of these children died April 19, 1808, surviving his wife, who died June 10, 1805.

Isaac K. L. Hyer, the youngest child in the family named, and the last of its members, was born October 10, 1823, on a farm in the vicinity of his late residence.



*S. R. L. Hayes*





His educational advantages were limited, but being of natural intelligence and ability, he availed himself of the opportunities which were offered and aptly fitted himself for a life of usefulness. He early in life learned the labors and duties of the farm, and followed farming throughout his life with industry, intelligence and genuine enthusiasm. His five hundred acre estate was one of the largest in the region, and it was a model of perfection in its appointments and keeping, and the well tilled fields and rich pasture lands yielded to him large crops each year, while the commodious residence and substantial barns and outbuildings plainly indicated the care and labor that were bestowed upon them in order to retain their neat appearance and splendid condition. The house in which he lived is of an old architectural style, some portions of the building having been erected in 1799. Cherishing a commendable pride in his home, he was scrupulously careful in making its surroundings quiet and beautiful, and he would not part with any portion of his holding except for the best purposes. He donated the ground upon which was erected the Hope Presbyterian church, of which he was an exemplary member, and that upon which was laid out the hand-some cemetery in which his remains now rest; and the spacious and beautiful Seton Inn was built upon land which he sold for that purpose. Almost a year prior to his death he disposed of his homestead farm for a large consideration, and this is to be ornamented with a modern mansion. Mr. Hyer was regarded as one of the fathers of the town, and he took a deep interest in promoting all local and county interests, and capably discharged the duties of public positions to which he was called at various times. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party.

May 27, 1849, Mr. Hyer was married to Miss Mary Parker, daughter of Joseph and Mary Parker, of an old and honored Monmouth county family. Of this marriage were born eight children: Harrison, deceased, born in 1847; Annie M., born in 1848, now deceased; Gilbert Garret, whose birth occurred August 12, 1849; Grandon, born in 1854, who has passed away; Benjamin Franklin, born September 22, 1858; Mary Elizabeth, born August 14, 1866; Trevonius Everett, born November 20, 1865; and Carrie Dilworth, born July 26, 1871.

Mrs. Hyer, who was born October 26, 1827, died on the 14th of March, 1895, greatly mourned by all who knew her. Her husband survived her until April 13, 1902, when he also passed away, while lying in the arms of his devoted daughter, Elizabeth. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure, and his transition was with little suffering. His death, while not unexpected, was a deep sorrow to the community in which he was honored and loved throughout his long life of more than seventy-eight years, and the ministers who conducted the funeral and the local press alike pronounced fervent but sincere eulogies upon one whose presence among them had been a constant benediction—one who was upright in all his dealings, faithful in his friendships, and of whom it might well be said:

“Servant of God, well done!”

They serve Him well who serve His creatures.”

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NICHOLAS E. WEST

Some writer has said, “There are three tests of wise work; that is, it must be honest, useful and cheerful.” In reviewing the life of the subject of this sketch, the tests as applied to wise work are certainly fulfilled. Honesty, usefulness and cheerfulness have dominated in a marked degree every effort he has put forth in his struggle for a creditable position among men.

Nicholas E. West came into the world near Monmouth Beach, Ocean township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on May 17, 1840. He is the son of James and Jane (Woolley) West. These two families, the Woolleys and the Wests, represent two of the oldest families inhabiting the New Jersey coast. For generations old ocean has sung its rymthical measure and boomed its wild intonations in the ears of their forefathers, until it would be difficult for their descendants to exist away from its shores. His education was acquired in what was then called the "pay schools," which he attended near his father's home. Like so many young men of the coast, his first commercial enterprise was in the fishing business; later his attention was concentrated upon the oyster trade, in which his operations were quite extensive, and it forms an important part of his present business. In 1893 he established the Green Gables restaurant, delightfully located north of Pleasure Bay, where his clam bakes and course dinners have gained world-wide reputation. His place is frequented by many of the leading men from all parts of the United States, and among his patrons he can also claim many who visit the coast from the old world. It is in his capacity as host that Mr. West's cheerfulness of disposition is so conspicuous an element in the success of his establishment.

Politically Mr. West is hampered by no party prejudices; he claims the right to think and act independently on all questions of public interest, and in exercising his prerogative in this respect endeavors to choose that which is most likely to redound to the benefit of the people.

Mr. West married Miss Hannah Letson, by whom he had three children: McClellan, Marcus and Genta. Mrs. West passed away in February, 1900.

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#### JAMES NORTH, M. D., D. D. S.

Dr. James North, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, is a representative of an old and distinguished family, the founder of which in the United States was John North, of Clooneen, Kings county, Ireland, who came to America in 1730, accompanied by his wife Lydia; they settled in Pemaquid, Maine. His was a broad and many-sided character: he won respect for his knowledge, not only in book lore but for such as he acquired through actual experience. His unswerving patriotism, too, secured for him the hearty good will and fealty of the men of his community. No matter of interest to the town in which he lived was too insignificant for him to be identified, with if it pointed toward improvement. His death occurred in 1740. He was a descendant of Robert North, of Walkeringham, County of Nottingham, England, who was an English subject during the reign of Henry V, and also of Sir Edward North, first Baron North of Kistling (the father of Sir Thomas North), who translated "Plutarch's Lives," from which Shakespeare obtained much material for several of his marvelous dramatic productions.

Captain John North, son of John North, was born in Ireland, and came to this country with his father in 1730. During the French and Indian wars he was commander of Forts Frederic and St. George. By occupation he was a surveyor, and he bore the distinction of being the first judge of the court of common pleas at the organization of Lincoln county in 1760. He was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Lewis, and his second Elizabeth Pitson, daughter of Judge Pitson, of Boston, Massachusetts. Captain North died March 25, 1763.

Hon. Joseph North, of Augusta, Maine, son of Captain John North, was born at St. George's River, Maine. He was the representative from Gardinerstown during

the provincial congress in 1774-75, and was commissioned colonel by the council on February 14, 1776. Like his father, he received the appointment of judge of the court of common pleas for Lincoln county in 1788 and for Kennebec county in 1789. His brother, General William North, of Revolutionary fame, was the friend and aide of Baron Steuben. Joseph North married Hannah Flagg, daughter of Gershon Flagg, of Boston, Massachusetts, the latter named being a descendant of Lieutenant Gershon Flagg, who was killed by the Indians at Wheelwright's Pond, in the town of Lee, New Hampshire, July 6, 1660. Hon. Joseph North died April 17, 1825.

Joseph North, son of Hon. Joseph North, was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Clinton and Augusta, Maine. He it was who constructed the first bridge that spanned the Kennebec river at Augusta. On November 3, 1801, he received from the Humane Society of Massachusetts a gold medal for acts of bravery. His wife was Lydia, daughter of Dr. John McKeeknie, a learned Scotch physician, who accompanied Arnold on his expedition to Quebec. Joseph North died in September, 1832.

His son, Dr. Joseph Henry North, an eminent physician of Hammonton, New Jersey, was a graduate of the Maine Medical School, at Brunswick, in the class of 1835. He first took up the practice of medicine in West Waterville (now Oakland), where he remained for a number of years. In 1858 he removed to Hammonton, Atlantic county, New Jersey, and there enjoyed a large and lucrative professional practice. His reputation as a skilled physician was not confined wholly within his own town; so well and favorably was his success known in the treatment of fevers that he was called upon to take charge of the great fever hospitals in and about Washington, during the Civil war. Dr. North was a profound student aside from his professional researches, a brilliant conversationalist and a man of genial temperament, and well esteemed. He was also extensively engaged in the sale of real estate, and to his energy and interest Hammonton owes much of its material advancement. He married Eliza Hall, daughter of Hon. Joseph H. Underwood, of Fayette, Maine. Four of their sons were physicians, practitioners in Atlantic county. Dr. North died September 19, 1893.

James North, M. D., D. D. S., son of the last named, Dr. Joseph Henry North, was born in West Waterville, Kennebec county, Maine, on September 2, 1855. In 1859 he came to Hammonton, New Jersey, in whose schools he received his preliminary training; later he attended the State Normal School at West Chester, Pennsylvania, and then took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College of Philadelphia. He determined to enter the medical profession, and became a student in the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1880, beginning his professional career in Hammonton, where he was successfully engaged for two years. At this time he determined to practice dentistry, and he entered the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1883 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Upon obtaining his diploma he located in Atlantic City in the spring of the same year, and by his peculiar adaptability and professional skill he has built up the largest and most lucrative practice in southern Jersey.

Dr. North is a member of a number of social, fraternal and professional organizations, in all of which he occupies a high and honorable place. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, a Knight Templar, past master of Trinity Lodge, past high priest of Trinity Chapter, and a noble of the Mystic Shrine, past sachem of Pequod Tribe, past grand of American Star Lodge, past noble chief of Ocean Castle and past regent of the Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Atlantic County Medical Society, the Atlantic City Academy of Medicine, the State Dental Society, the Moore Literary Society, the Fortnightly Club, of which he is vice-president, the Atlantic City Hospital Association, the Morris Guards, Joe Hooker

Post, Grand Army of the Republic, the Knights of Pythias Association, the order of Odd Fellows, the United Workmen, the Heptasophs, the American Mechanics, etc.

As a public speaker Dr. North is surpassingly graceful and fluent. His words are fraught with poetic sentiment, and eloquence breathes through every sentence. Upon subjects, professional and otherwise, that have commanded his particular attention, Dr. North has written voluminously in contributions to various periodicals. He bears the title of poet laureate of Atlantic county, although his reputation as a master of poetical art is not confined within its boundaries. He is the possessor of one of the choicest and most extensive private libraries in the county, containing many rare and valuable works, and representing the careful accumulation of years. Although unobtrusive, Doctor North has naturally become identified not only with the literary, but with the material success of both Atlantic City and county. While adhering to Republican principles and policies, he is in no sense a politician or an aspirant to political honors.

His marriage to Miss Cora Ella Faunce, daughter of Andrew J. Faunce, of Hammonton, a descendant of Revolutionary ancestry, occurred in 1883. They have two daughters, Mary Eliza and Cora Marguerite.

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#### EGBERT HOPPER.

Egbert Hopper, a worthy citizen of West Long Branch, is descended from John and Hannah Hopper, his paternal grandparents. John Hopper was a prominent merchant at what was then known as "Hoppertown," but now called West Long Branch. He owned much land and was an extensive and progressive business man of his neighborhood. He was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his home was looked upon as the stopping place of the ministers who traveled over that circuit. He was the father of four children, and of that number, Abraham Hopper, the father of our subject, was born at West Long Branch, where he was a prominent merchant for twenty years. He married Miss McGregor, and they became the parents of eight children. He was a second time married, to Miss Mary Tucker, four children having been born of the last union, of whom Egbert is the fourth in order of birth.

Egbert Hopper was born at West Long Branch, January 15, 1844, his educational advantages being those afforded by the common schools of his locality, and he was early prepared for the life of an agriculturist. On the breaking out of the Civil war he demonstrated his patriotism by becoming a member of Company C, Twelfth United States Infantry, entering the service in 1862. He participated in many of the hotly contested battles of the war, among which may be mentioned Cedar Mountain, Antietam, South Mountain, Culpeper Court House and Fredericksburg. He was honorably discharged in May, 1863, on account of disability, and he is still suffering from the privations and hardships which he endured during his army career.

In 1861 occurred the marriage of Mr. Hopper and Miss Mary A. McManus, and this union has been brightened and blessed by six children, namely: Abraham M., who was born in 1865; Mary, born in 1867; William T., born in 1869; Letitia, born in 1871; Cornelia, born in 1874; and George K., born in 1882. Mrs. Hopper is a Canadian by birth and was born in Quebec. Both she and her husband are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hopper holds membership with James B. Morris Post, No. 40, G. A. R. He is recognized as a progressive, public-spirited citizen, true to every duty devolving upon him, his record in private life vying with his history as a soldier of the Civil war, when he fought for the preservation of the Union and the triumph of the stars and stripes.



*Gebrt Hoopfer*







*Ernest Hiltbrunner*



## HARRY GODLEY RUNKLE.

Harry G. Runkle, of Plainfield, New Jersey, is numbered among the most capable and progressive business men of that city, which is largely indebted to him for his valuable services in forwarding some of the most important enterprises which have contributed to its development in a commercial way and to its desirability as a place of residence.

He was born in 1858, in Asbury, Warren county, New Jersey, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Richey) Runkle, of German descent, who were natives of the village named. The father was an accomplished man of affairs, active in many important concerns. He was president of the Warren Foundry, Phillipsburg; president of the People's Gas Light Company, of Paterson, New Jersey; and a director in the Hackensack Water Company. He resided in Asbury, where he died in 1890. His widow died in 1901.

Harry G. Runkle was reared in his native village, where he began his education, completing it in the Charlier Institute, of New York City, from which he was graduated with credit. He at once entered upon active work in the office of the Jersey City Gas Company, where he remained for two years. During this period he developed such ability in connection with this line of business that he was called to Paterson, New Jersey, to become treasurer of the People's Gas Light Company, of which the Hon. Garret A. Hobart, late vice-president of the United States, was president. Mr. Runkle subsequently removed to Paterson, New Jersey, where he resided for three years, removing thence, in 1883, to Plainfield, where has since been his residence. He became treasurer of the Plainfield Gas and Light Company, and, somewhat later, with E. R. Pope, he organized the Plainfield Gas and Electric Company, which purchased the electric light plant and leased the gas works. Mr. Runkle became president of the new corporation, and yet occupies that position. He is also largely concerned in other corporations, and is a director in the water company, in the City National Bank, and in the Dime Savings Bank.

During his long and active connection with these enterprises, and in his personal affairs, he has enjoyed the confidence of his business associates and of the community as a careful and sagacious financier and as a man of unimpeachable integrity. He is a member of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian church, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party. He was one of the organizers of the Union County Country Club, of which he was the first president, and afterward the treasurer.

Mr. Runkle was married, in 1880, to Miss Jennie F. Randolph, of Easton, Pennsylvania, a niece of the late Governor Randolph. Two children, Daniel and Mary, have been born of the marriage.

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 ERNEST HILTBRUNNER.

Natives of Switzerland, wherever they have located in the United States, have shown themselves to be not only lovers of liberty but respecters of law, and they have taken rank among our best citizens. Among the numerous men of Swiss ancestry who located on the New Jersey coast none more fittingly represents the national character to which allusion has been made than Ernest Hiltbrunner, a young and very wide-awake farmer, who owns a well-tilled and very productive farm of sixty acres in Atlantic township, Monmouth county, near Seelyville.

Mr. Hiltbrunner was born in Switzerland, September 17, 1871, a son of Frederick and Mary A. Hiltbrunner, both natives of Switzerland. He emigrated to America with his parents in 1884, when he was thirteen years old. His mother died in 1898, his father in 1900. The family located in Monmouth county, where Mr. Hiltbrunner early devoted himself to obtaining a practical knowledge of farming. He has put many improvements on his farm and is known throughout his part of the county as a prosperous and successful husbandman. He is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and is personally popular in a wide circle of acquaintance.

In October, 1899, Mr. Hiltbrunner married Miss Anna Beckman, daughter of J. F. Beckman, of California, and they have a daughter named Lena. While too much devoted to his farming interests to give attention to politics in a practical way, Mr. Hiltbrunner takes an active interest in public affairs and is ready at all times to further to the extent of his ability any movement having for its object the improvement of the condition of any considerable class of his fellow citizens.

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#### JOSEPH C. MATTHEWS.

Joseph C. Matthews, a progressive and enterprising farmer of Jackson township, Ocean county, was born November 18, 1831, in Freehold township, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He is a representative of an old family of Monmouth county, the members of which have filled some of the most prominent walks of life. His grandfather, Joseph Matthews, was the owner of a large amount of real estate, and was engaged during his life in agricultural pursuits, becoming a man of great influence in the locality in which he resided. He married Miss Applegate, by whom he had eight children. Charles J. Matthews, who is the father of our subject, was a member of this family and was born at Freehold, Monmouth county. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and he was greatly respected throughout his community. By his wife, who in her maidenhood was Catherine M. Clayton, of Freehold township, he became the father of ten children, namely: Joseph C.; Annie, now deceased; Rebecca, who has passed away; Almira; Charles J.; James H.; Sarah, now deceased; Cassie; Martha; and David, deceased.

Joseph C. Matthews was the eldest of the family and was early taught the labors and duties of farm life. His education, which was limited, was received at the district school of his native township. This has been supplemented by reading, observation and experience, which, together with the thorough knowledge of farming acquired in his earlier years, have brought to him marked success. In 1856 he purchased the property upon which he now resides, but which at that time was unimproved. He cleared the forests, erected a commodious residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, and through his untiring energy and perseverance transformed the wild tract into a flourishing and productive farm.

In 1852 Mr. Matthews was joined in marriage to Miss Catherine M. Conover, a daughter of Peter C. and Rebecca Conover. They became the parents of four children, two of whom are now living: David B. C. and Frank B. The former married Miss Jane Allen, to whom two daughters were born: Annie and May; the latter wedded Annie A. Allen, who has one child, Frances. Mr. Matthews was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, Mrs. Catherine M. (Conover) Matthews. The memory of his wife remained with him for a long time, but he finally took unto himself a second wife, and on the 30th of December, 1896, was joined in marriage to Miss Phebe L. Lumley, of Canaan. To this happy union has been born one bright boy: Joseph L., born December 4, 1900.

Mr. Matthews is a leading factor in matters pertaining to the advancement and welfare of his township and county, and has been honored with the offices of township committeeman, in which capacity he served for ten years; and constable, serving for a term of three years. He has been very active in the work of the Harmony Methodist Episcopal church, having held during the past forty years almost all of the different offices in the church. In all his duties of life, whether at the home farm or in public offices, Mr. Matthews has always adhered to the high principles which were instilled into his childish mind, and which through constant application have become deep-rooted in his nature and predominate his entire life. He and his wife are held in high esteem by all who know them and have won a reputation of true worth throughout the county in which they reside.

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GEORGE M. QUACKENBUSH.

The saying "It takes money to make money" is not always exemplified in the lives of men. The subject of this sketch, George Meyers Quackenbush, who is a leading merchant of Little Silver, New Jersey, has clearly demonstrated what a man, determined to succeed, may accomplish with but limited financial resources, yet endowed by nature and training with sufficient energy and determination to supply the material deficiency. Marlboro was the scene of his birth, which occurred May 12, 1858. His parents were the late Jacob W. and Margaret (Snyder) Quackenbush. The father was a farmer of no small importance in his township. Here his interests in the welfare of his town exerted a beneficial influence. He died in 1888, his wife surviving him until 1890.

George M. Quackenbush acquired his rudimentary education in the public schools of his birthplace, which was later supplemented by careful individual application to the more practical lessons of life, which have stood him in good stead during his career. He remained upon his father's farm until after the death of the latter, which occurred in 1888. At this time young Quackenbush was in his thirtieth year, and having an inclination toward mercantile life, he went to Englishtown, New Jersey, where he purchased an established bakery, which he conducted for a couple of years, at the end of which time he returned to the farm. Here a few more years were passed, and in 1885 he again sought the mercantile field, this time at Little Silver, New Jersey, in which town he opened a grocery store opposite the postoffice. While not commanding financial resources sufficient to enable him to launch out on an extensive enterprise, yet by keeping a strict oversight of his business and by his honorable treatment of his customers he soon found his venture developing into what promised to become a flourishing and prosperous business, which promise has become a very substantial reality, his trade extending among some of the best families of his section of the country. His business having increased to such proportions, in April, 1901, he found it necessary to provide additional storage facilities, and with this end in view he bought that portion of the John J. Barklow estate which contained the old homestead, upon which he made extensive repairs at a considerable cost, converting it into an immense store room. He is peculiarly adapted to the business in which he is engaged, as he is genial by nature and has the happy faculty of showing a personal interest in the needs of his patrons, evincing a desire to accommodate their slightest wish. In exercising these pleasing qualities he but follows an innate characteristic, and to this disposition can be attributed his phenomenal success.

During the years of early manhood spent in his native town, Mr. Quackenbush

was honored by being selected for the office of road superintendent, and he was also on the board of education, of which body he was at one time secretary. He is a member of the old historic Tennent church, of which more specific mention is made elsewhere in this work. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs and of Council No. 200, J. O. U. A. M.

Mr Quackenbush was married in 1882 to Lydia A., a daughter of Michael M. and Cornelia Ely, of Millstone township. Four children have been born to them, namely: Lottie, Clifford, deceased, Emerson, and an infant yet unnamed. The Quackenbush family is one of eminent respectability, originating in good old Dutch stock.

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#### FRANK HANCE.

The family of Hance has been well known in Monmouth county, New Jersey, for several generations, and the farm of Frank Hance in Atlantic township was bought by his grandfather in the latter's early manhood and has been in the possession of Frank Hance since 1900.

Edwin and Mary Hance, the grandparents of Frank Hance in the paternal line, owned two hundred acres of choice land, on which grandfather Hance farmed successfully. They had nine children, two of whom were living in 1901 and one of whom was Henry Hance, father of Frank Hance, who was born in Monmouth county and was a successful farmer and a man of good local influence. He married Alice Smith, a woman of rare qualities, who bore him four children, named Edwin, William, Joseph and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Hance were members of the Reformed church and Mr. Hance was an enthusiastic Republican.

Frank Hance was born August 3, 1865, was educated in the public schools and was early instructed in the mysteries of practical farming. His farm, which consists of seventy-four acres, is one of the best in its vicinity and is provided with every facility for successful operation. Mr. Hance married Kate Polhemus, daughter of Albert Polhemus. Mrs. Hance died November 3, 1898, leaving no children. Mr. Hance is a member of the Reformed church and is a liberal contributor toward the maintenance of all its varied interests. He is a public-spirited man, who has in many ways manifested an interest in the progress and prosperity of his township and county. The family of Hance is of Dutch extraction and in many generations it has been foremost in all good works wherever it has been represented.

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#### WINFIELD WHITE.

Winfield White, owner and cultivator of a forty-acre tract of land situated at Red Bank, Monmouth county, New Jersey, has enjoyed unlimited success in the raising of vegetables of every description, as well as various plants, which he cultivates for transplanting. Mr. White bears the distinction of being the first in Monmouth county to attempt on an extensive scale to raise vegetables under glass, which from its inception proved abundantly successful. His eight hot houses, together with eight glass covered frames, were all built by Mr. White with a view to the best growth and development of both plants and garden truck. Among the places where Mr. White finds a ready market for his produce may be mentioned New York, Long Branch and Sea Bright, as well as many other less important points. Mr. White



*Frank Hande*



also built the handsome residence which he now occupies, beautifully situated as it is, at the continuation of Branch avenue leading to Little Silver Station.

Mr. White was born near his present home January 6, 1846, the son of Louis and Elizabeth (Lippincott) White. His father, besides being a farmer of no small pretense, was also largely engaged in oyster planting. He, too, was raised on a farm near Red Bank. His family consisted of seven children, one of whom, Henry C., is deceased.

The paternal grandfather, Timothy M. White, was a prominent land owner of his county, and a familiar character to the residents of that section. He came to New Jersey from New York, following the water as a vocation and becoming a thoroughly practical and experienced oyster man, running his own sloop from Little Silver creek, where his oyster beds were located, to New York, his oysters finding a ready sale in that market. By his wife Elizabeth (King) he had six children, three sons and three daughters: William K., Louis, Alice, Elizabeth, Jem'ma and Timothy. Elizabeth and Timothy are the only survivors of the family. Timothy M. died September 6, 1861, at the age of seventy-one years; his wife had then been dead a number of years, having passed away March 10, 1845, in her sixtieth year. The great-grandfather of our subject and the father of Timothy M. was Joseph White, a resident of New York City, of whom we have no authentic record.

Mr. Winfield White received his early training in the schools of Red Bank, and was reared to a life of usefulness. While his father gave his attention to his oyster interests the son turned his attention to the farm, which he worked on shares. In this way he succeeded in accumulating enough money to give him a fair start in life, and how he made the best of the opportunity when it presented itself is demonstrated in the facts set forth in the beginning of this sketch. Mr. White was united in marriage to Addie, daughter of William Sherman, of Atlantic Highlands, December 15, 1880; one daughter, Elizabeth, was born to them. The mother died October 9, 1892.

Mr. White's political views are purely Republican. The ancestry of the Whites dates back to English origin; it is an old and highly respected family, occupying an enviable position in the section that has known them for so long.

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#### JOHN HENRY BECKER.

The number of acres a man owns does not always indicate his ability to make them a profitable investment. Our subject, John H. Becker, of Morganville, New Jersey, is the owner of but thirteen acres of land, but so thorough and systematic is he in his scientific arrangement of the details of his market-producing property and green-houses that it is not uncommon for him to average a total of from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars per acre a season. While on Long Island Mr. Becker realized as high as twenty-five hundred dollars per acre a season in the cultivation of a similar line, his specialty being the raising of cucumbers and lettuce. These vegetables he raises in his extensive hot houses, which number eight large structures, forty by three hundred and fifty to four hundred feet each, covering a trifle over two and one-half acres of ground. His hot house system is probably the most extensive and complete in the state for the cultivation of the vegetables named. Six months of the year is set apart for the raising of cucumbers, while lettuce is raised in the other six months during the winter season. By his arrangement of the cucumber vines he is enabled to realize about as much as an ordinary grower would from forty acres of ground. This speaks volumes for his experience and practical application of scientific principles.

Mr. Becker was born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1844, and came to this country when he was seventeen years old. He took up his residence on Long Island, where he engaged in the same line of work. One hundred and fifty dollars was the capital on which he launched out on his first enterprise; this, backed up by energy and a determination to succeed, carried him forward in the upbuilding of a very prosperous and lucrative business. On coming to Morganville, he erected his present fine buildings, and his former good fortune has continued to reward his untiring efforts.

Mr. Becker was united in married to his present wife, Christina Nunning, in 1895; they have no children.

Mr. Becker is an extensive grower of melons and tomatoes, using the balance of his property not under glass for this purpose. He is considered an eminently practical and successful man in his line, not only in his own section but in the state as well. Mr. Becker's life is a fair example of what indefatigable push and energy will accomplish.



#### PETER CASLER.

The first American ancestor of Peter Casler, of Tintonfalls, Monmouth county, New Jersey, came over from Holland and located within the present borders of Freehold township. He early espoused the cause of American independence and conceived a warm personal regard for Washington; he was Washington's private baggage master and had charge of his horses, which at one time were stolen from Casler by the Tories and were recaptured by him most cleverly. At the close of the Revolutionary war he sold his farm, which was a large one, and received colonial currency in payment for it. He had a son, John, who was the grandfather, in the paternal line, of the subject of this sketch. John was born October 8, 1770, and was quite a lad at the time of the battle of Monmouth. He married Margaret Clayton, who was born October 31, 1774, and kept a hotel at Atlantic Highlands during the war of 1812. Later John Casler kept a hotel at Freehold, and after that, until about 1835, he was keeper of the light at Sandy Hook lighthouse. Eventually he removed to Long Island, where he bought a small farm. The later years of his life were passed in retirement at Red Bank, where he died at the age of ninety-two, in 1862. His wife, who died some years earlier, bore him children named, Hannah, Peter, John, Joseph, Rebecca, Adelia Ann, Robert (I), Robert (II), and George.

Peter Casler, son of John Casler and father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Atlantic Highlands, August 6, 1797, and was between fifteen and seventeen years old when during the war of 1812 he transported goods for the American forces at Sandy Hook, a noteworthy enterprise. His wife, Mary E. Paxton, was born March 7, 1802, and he met her first near Freehold, where he moved with his father when the latter took charge of the hotel at that place. Early in life he gave his attention to farming, and eventually became an extensive land owner, and after he had bought the Clayton farm from his mother's family he was the owner of about four hundred acres. One of his farms is now included in the Monmouth Park track. He was successful in a business way and during his lifetime accumulated considerable money and property. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and in political affiliation a Whig and a Republican. His wife died in 1841, and he afterward married her sister, Elizabeth Paxton. By his two wives he had children named as follows: Joseph, John, Theodosia, William C., Margaret A., Robert, Henry, Mary E., Emily, Edward, Peter, Adelia, Aaron F., Rufus T., Sarah E., Harriet A., and Theodore A., the last





*Peter Casler*



three named being children by the second wife. Of the children here mentioned nine were living in 1901.

Peter Casler was born in Shrewsbury township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, March 15, 1830, and in order to prepare him for a life of usefulness his father saw to it that he obtained a good education. He has given his entire active life to agricultural pursuits. In 1856 the western fever seized him and he went to Illinois, where he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and entered upon a somewhat eventful career, in which he farmed, taught school, and served his fellow-citizens in the office of constable. He returned to Monmouth county in 1883 and has prospered so well that he is the owner of two farms; he is regarded as an authority on farming and is recognized as a citizen of prominence and influence, whose public spirit is never questioned.

In 1860 Mr. Casler married Miss Julia Jobs, a native of New York, who has borne him children named Emma, Lydia Adele, Neva Jeannette, and William Casler.

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#### MATHIAS DEY.

Mathias Dey was born in Monroe township, November 5, 1855. He is the son of John P. and Elizabeth (Dey) Dey; Mrs. Dey is deceased. Our subject is the grandson of a carpenter, the son of a carpenter and is himself a carpenter, so it is not surprising that he is a perfect master of his trade. His time was served under the supervision of his father, who is a mechanic of pronounced ability. Aside from his trade Mr. Dey follows farming as an occupation and is considered one of the most prosperous farmers in all Middlesex county. His farm is located in Monroe township, and consists of one hundred and three acres of scientifically cultivated land, devoted to the raising of a general line of produce.

Mr. Dey has served his township in the capacity of overseer of the roads. He is a member and heavy stockholder in a prosperous building and loan association.

Mr. Dey was joined in marriage to Miss Maggie L. Applegate in 1881. Six children were born to them, namely: Luella, Theodore (died May 10, 1902, aged eighteen years), Raymond, J. Harvey, Joseph and William. Mrs. Dey is a native of Hightstown, New Jersey.

Other matters of interest in the family history are given in the sketch of Peter J. Dey.

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#### ISAAC PALMER DICKINSON.

Even in the matter of raising vegetables there is something in having a specialty. As in all branches of trade and mercantile life, to be able to do one thing and do it well pays better than to be a "jack of all trades, and master of none;" so the man who tills his soil for the production of one or two special lines of produce, understanding their cultivation perfectly, will create for himself a name above all others for the excellence of the product of his skillful labors. Thus it is that our subject, Isaac P. Dickinson, has become renowned. Six months of each year his four large hot houses (forty by four hundred feet each) are devoted to the raising of lettuce, the remaining six months, or during the warmer season, he cultivates nothing but cucumbers. For these two special lines of produce he never fails to find a ready sale, the entire crops usually being contracted for long in advance of their production. Mr. Dickinson has devoted his entire life since boyhood to this line of work, and there is no competitor in the field who understands more fully the cultivation of these

two vegetables. His hot houses are complete in every detail, being supplied with up-to-date heating and watering systems.

Mr. Dickinson is a native of Russell, Massachusetts, where he was born January 20, 1825. He is the son of Linus Dickinson, an extensive farmer and a well known citizen in the Springfield section. His farm has of late years been gradually encroached upon and finally absorbed by the extensive growth of that city, much of the original tract being now a part of beautiful Forest Park.

Our subject occupies an enviable position among the citizens of Morganville, New Jersey, where he conducts his extensive business and has his home. At Springfield, Massachusetts, he was successively member of the school board, common council and board of aldermen, covering a period of ten years, and during his entire connection with the two last named bodies he was one of the board of supervisors, which had general charge of all streets, highways, bridges, sewers, etc. He was ever a man of progressive thought, public spirited, and always interested in advancing public improvements. He was active in advocating the laying of good streets and in opening up public parks where languishing humanity might recuperate their fagged energies. He was a strenuous advocate of the extension of street railways, and in fact lost no opportunity for bettering conditions wherever he saw the necessity warranted. At one time he was a large holder of stocks and real estate in his native city, but in 1864, having disposed of most of his property there, he came to Monmouth and established his present successful business. He has about fifty acres of land, upon which he has built a handsome residence and in which he finds a delightful home. Out-side of his hot houses his land is devoted to the raising of melons, tomatoes and fruit.

Mr. Dickinson is a man of very genial temperament, and an exceedingly intelligent and progressive citizen. His life has been an exemplary one and worthy of imitation by young men of the present day.

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#### JAMES EDWARD JOHNSON.

Prominently identified with the mercantile interests of Belford, New Jersey, is James E. Johnson, a native of this place, born there November 15, 1866. His parents were John Naylor and Catherine (Bennett) Johnson, the former of whom was a successful carpenter and builder of this locality.

At the beginning of this business career Mr. Johnson displayed a love for the water and for lines of trade connected with it. As his father wished him to pursue another calling, he objected to furnishing him with means to purchase an outfit for clam fishing, and our subject entered into this with the tools that he could purchase for one dollar. In 1885, when he was prepared to enter into another line of work, Mr. Johnson was able to sell the outfit he had earned in the meanwhile for the sum of three hundred dollars. Perhaps this was a much better showing than many boys could make, for our subject is an excellent business man, is carefully attentive to whatever he engages in, is industrious and frugal, hence his remarkable success.

The next business venture in which Mr. Johnson engaged was that of driving through the country with horse and wagon, peddling butter, eggs, chee-e, tea and coffee, in fact, carrying with him an almost complete grocery store. Until 1888 he continued to follow this business. At this period opportunity offered him the chance to engage in the mercantile business; Mr. Job S. Compton, one of the local merchants, wishing to sell, thus Mr. Johnson became the proprietor of a well established trade which under his capable management has continued to grow in value, being now second to none in Belford.

Mr. Johnson was married on September 18, 1838, to Miss Catherine Scott, who was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Scott, of Red Bank, and two children have been born to this union, namely: James E., Jr., deceased, and Ira S. Johnson.

Through many early discouragements Mr. Johnson has forged his way to the front and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the community, both in a business and fraternal way, being connected with the I. O. O. F., the O. U. A. M., the Junior O. U. A. M., and the Foresters.

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JOHN E. KUHNS, JR.

New Jersey is noted for the abundance and variety of its farm produce. There is scarcely a home with a patch of ground worth cultivating that does not contribute to the family board. Among the more extensive tillers of the soil specialties of one kind or another in the way of fruit or vegetables are often made the subject of deep thought and scientific study.

John E. Kuhns, Jr., of Matawan, New Jersey, township treasurer and successful farmer, has a fine place entirely devoted to fruit growing. Nothing but the best varieties of apples, raspberries, strawberries and blackberries are selected, and his crops show the wonderful care taken in the choice made. Taking into consideration the short time in which Mr. Kuhns has been engaged in fruit raising, his success is little short of marvelous. His crops are shipped exclusively to the New York markets.

Our subject was born in the vicinity in which he now lives, on October 1, 1862; is the son of John E. and Barbara (Beahler) Kuhns, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but early removed to New Jersey. His father was born on November 11, 1819, the son of John and Barbara (Rheem) Kuhns, also natives of Pennsylvania, in the same county; these latter were extensive and progressive farmers. Grandfather Kuhns served as a soldier during the Revolution and was with Washington's army at Valley Forge, suffering all the hardships and deprivations of that fearful winter, and he was also with the army at Trenton.

John E. Kuhns, Sr., the father of our subject, early in life learned the cabinet-maker's trade and for several years devoted himself to this line of work at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. He now owns splendid farm lands in Matawan township, which he cultivates with marked success. On July 4, 1843, he married Barbara Beahler, who was born May 30, 1819; her death occurred in 1887. Their family consisted of four children: Henry, a merchant in Illinois; Wilson, a farmer in Montana; John E., Jr., our subject; and Louise B., of New York City. Mr. Kuhns took as his second wife Mrs. Thomas Hoff, to whom he was married on December 25, 1871. In politics he is a Republican, has served as township clerk and was a member of the school board for many years. He has been an active church member for fifty years and occupies the position of elder. Mr. Kuhns' first wife's grandfather, William Brenner, also served during the Revolutionary war, and in the same regiment with Grandfather Kuhns.

Our subject has not followed his father's foot-steps in the matter of politics, as he is a Democrat; nine years ago he was elected to the township committee and has occupied the position of township treasurer since 1894. His marriage occurred on December 8, 1892, when he was united to Miss Laura Ruland, of Yonkers, New York; she was born November 24, 1870; they have five children, as follows: Malel, Helen, Laura, Arthur and Wilbur. Mr. Kuhns is one of the enterprising and progressive men of the township.

## HENDRICK VAN CLEEF.

One of Matawan's finest farms, covering sixty acres of highly cultivated ground, is owned and operated by Hendrick Van Cleef, the subject of this short sketch, who, with the assistance of his son, maintains a general supervision over his productive fields. He devotes himself to the production of every variety of garden truck, and is also largely interested in fruit growing. Mr. Van Cleef is thoroughly practical and progressive in the conduct of his farm. He was born on this same farm, September 8, 1837, a son of Remson and Caroline (Willet) Van Cleef. His father was a native of Long Island, and was born May 8, 1792, but in early life made his home in New Jersey, and finally invested in an extensive tract of land, which has since been divided into several farms. His foresight in this investment demonstrated his advanced ideas, and marks him as a man of sound business judgment. He was a successful farmer and highly respected citizen. His family descended from Holland Dutch ancestors, who made America their home during the early part of the 18th century. He departed this life June 26, 1867.

The mother of our subject was born in Norwich, Connecticut, was a daughter of Jedediah Willet, a prosperous ship owner and builder, who was at one time considered very wealthy, but unfortunately a number of his vessels were lost through French privateering spoliation. This worthy couple had a family of seven children, to-wit: Charles J.; Mary F.; James E.; Caroline; Hendrick; Frances L., wife of Robert Stotesburg, of Brooklyn, New York; and Mary E. The only survivors of these children are Frances L. and our subject. Their mother died June 11, 1850, aged forty-eight years.

Hendrick Van Cleef was married on April 6, 1871, to Caroline Porter, who was born on August 25, 1853, a daughter of Thomas R. and Sarah Porter. Mr. and Mrs. Van Cleef have one son, Hendrick, Jr., born August 7, 1872, now interested with his father in farming. His education was completed at Glennwood Institute, Matawan; at his graduation he secured first prize for producing the best essay.

Mr. Van Cleef has always been a Democrat in politics and has held several township offices, and has also been a member of the school board. Generally, however, he prefers to take no active part in political affairs. His son is a Prohibitionist. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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 FRANK H. JOHNSON.

Frank H. Johnson, an enterprising and progressive citizen of Lakewood, New Jersey, follows the occupation of carpentering, in which he is meeting with marked success. He is a descendant of Luke Johnson, his great-great-grandfather, who was one of the first settlers in the locality now comprising Lakewood. Luke Johnson was a valiant soldier in the Revolutionary war and fought bravely for the independence of the nation. At one time he was captured by the Indians, but he was fortunate enough to make his escape at a time when his captors were overcome with too much "fire-water" and were less vigilant than usual. He was the owner of a considerable amount of land and also engaged in the lumbering business, and was a man of wide influence in his day. He married Mary Anderson, by whom he had three children: James G., George, and Polly. Of these George, great-grandfather of our subject, married Mary Megill, by whom he had nine children: Polly, William, Luke, Johanna, Elizabeth, James G., Katharine, Sarah, and Charles.

James G. Johnson, of the family last named, married Miss Mary Wilbor, and they were the grandparents of the immediate subject of this sketch. He was employed by the Bergen Iron Works of Lakewood, having charge of the lumber and wood department, this being one of the early industries of this portion of the country (see elsewhere in this volume). He and his wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Mary Wilbor, were the parents of seven sons, five of whom are now living, namely: William T.; Charles G.; David C., who is the father of our subject; Alfred, and George.

David C. Johnson was born in 1830 on what is now Ocean avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey. He was reared in his native town, and here received his early education. After his school days he learned the carpenter's trade and followed this occupation for over forty years, becoming very proficient in this line of business. In 1882 he purchased his present home, to which he has made alterations and repairs, and it now presents a perfect model of neatness and is the most picturesque and attractive residence on the street on which he lives. During the dark days of the Rebellion Mr. Johnson offered his services in defense of the Union and became a member of Company F, Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, serving his country faithfully until the expiration of his term of enlistment, when he was honorably discharged. In 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe J. Johnson, who was born in Syracuse, New York, in 1840. Her parents were Edmond and Sarah Johnson of Syracuse. Unto David C. and Phoebe J. Johnson were born the following interesting children: Amelia, Ella, Mary J., Annie L., Ada, Frank H., Florence, Willis, and Gerald.

Frank H. Johnson, whose name introduces this review, was born at Toms River, New Jersey, and has spent his entire life in that vicinity and at Lakewood. The public schools afforded him educational privileges, and at the family fireside he learned the lessons of honesty, industry and integrity. Upon laying aside his school books for the broader education to be received from observation and experience, he followed in his father's footsteps and learned the trade of a carpenter, with which he had been familiar more or less since childhood. His skill and close application to business have brought him success and he is numbered among the rising young men of Lakewood. His high principles and honorable nature have won for him many friends who entertain for him sincere regard and friendship.

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#### JOHN DENYSE CONOVER.

The subject of this sketch, John Denyse Conover, of Matawan, Freneau postoffice, New Jersey, is one of the largest raisers of tomatoes in a section where vegetables of every description are raised in abundance; besides tomato growing he has extensive fields devoted to the cultivation of berries of every variety. Mr. Conover is also particularly interested in fruit growing, his orchards covering considerable ground and bearing plentifully. It is needless to say that this thoroughly practical and painstaking man meets with a large measure of success, having no difficulty in disposing of his carefully cultivated produce.

Mr. Conover was born on February 9, 1860, in Marlboro township, near Wickatunk. He is the son of Garrett W. and Tahmaroo (Denyse) Conover, both following agricultural pursuits. Garrett W. Conover was born in the year 1810, a son of William Conover. This family is one of the oldest in the county. Other interesting sketches of the Conover family will be found elsewhere in this work.

The great-grandfather of our subject, whose name was also Garrett Conover, was

one of the first sheriffs of Monmouth county. He was also active during the Revolutionary period in the interests of the colonists. He was one of the influential men of his time, possessing extensive landed estates and considerable wealth, for those days.

The parents of John Denyse Conover now reside in Madison township; they are well-to-do farmers. Their family consisted of five sons, viz.: Nicholas, Ten Eyek, J. Don, our subject, and one other who died in infancy. The four living sons all followed farming as an occupation. The father of these sons was a soldier in the Civil war; he belonged to Company A, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and was one of the first seventy-five thousand troops mustered into service. As a recognition of the sacrifices through which he passed in defense of his country's honor he is the recipient of a pension from the United States government.

John Denyse Conover was reared on the old homestead. In early manhood he learned the carpenter's trade, as well as that of a mason, at which trades he has occasionally worked. A farmer's life, however, more nearly suited his temperament, and this he has followed with no small degree of success. He purchased his present home in 1900; this is known as the Felter place of Freneau.

On October 26, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy McElwaine, of Manalapan township, who was born on August 28, 1862, and is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Magee) McElwaine. Both of Mrs. Conover's parents are of Scotch descent, and of an old and interesting family, their forefathers having made America their home before the Revolutionary period. Mr. and Mrs. Conover have no children.

Mr. Conover is a Republican in his political views, and has been honored by various positions of public trust; he has served for six years as a member of the school board, as justice of the peace for several years, and is a member of the executive board of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Conover are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is fraternally connected with the Royal Arcanum and the Jr. Order of U. A. M.

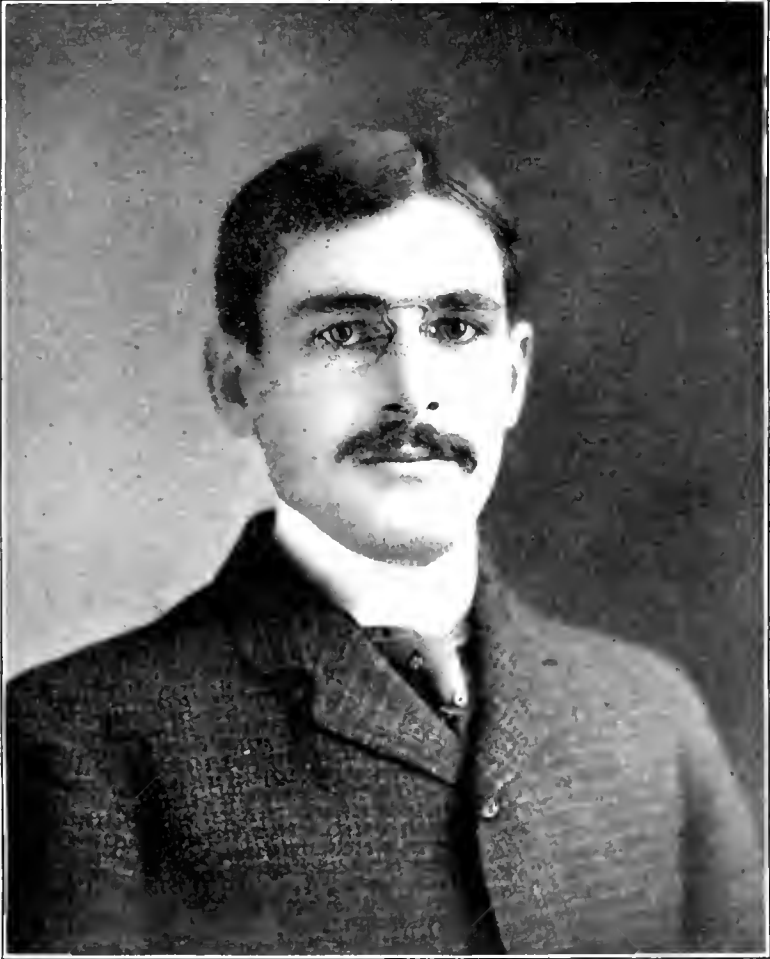
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#### ROBERT M. KELLOGG.

Robert M. Kellogg, a prominent business man of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and active in its educational, religious, and social affairs, is a native of that city, where he was born, June 24, 1876, son of Aaron W. and Clara A. (Miller) Kellogg.

The paternal ancestry of the Kellogg family begins with Daniel Kellogg, who came from England in 1655, and settled where is now the town of Norwalk Connecticut. He was of remarkable stature and physique, being seven feet in height and well proportioned. He was a man of ability and force of character, and in 1670 was elected a representative in the general court of Connecticut, and served in that capacity for some seven years following. He died at Norfolk in 1688. He was twice married, and of his second marriage, to Bridget Bowten, daughter of John Bowten, were born six children. The lineal descent from him to Robert M. Kellogg, the subject of this sketch, is as follows: Samuel, son of Daniel, born at Norwalk, in February, 1673, died December 23, 1729; Epenetus, son of Samuel, born at Norwalk, June 26, 1719; James, son of Epenetus, born at Norwalk April 5, 1755, died December 28, 1828; Elijah, son of James, born at Norwalk, October 18, 1784, who removed to Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1805, and died April 4, 1856; Aaron W., son of Elijah, born February 6, 1824. Aaron W. Kellogg, last named, married Clara A. Miller, born in Newark, January 21, 1837. Both are yet living, and are





*Robt W. Kellogg*



exemplary members of the Westminster Presbyterian church. Mr. Kellogg has been an earnest Republican from the founding of the party in 1855.

Robert M. Kellogg obtained a liberal academical education in the Pingry school, in his native city. July 29, 1805, when he was nineteen years of age, he entered the employ of William R. Grace & Company, one of the leading mercantile firms of New York City, largely engaged in the South American trade, with branches in London, England, and elsewhere. He remained with that firm for ten months, when he became connected with the Promiss Clock Importing Company, with which he remained until June 15, 1807. On the latter date, having just attained his majority, he became associated with the Middlesex Water Company, at Elizabeth, and was appointed to the position of superintendent, which he occupies to the present time. He is also secretary of the Bergen Aqueduct Company and vice-president of the New Jersey Terminal Railroad Company. In all these relations he has displayed the qualifications of a well equipped man of affairs, and he enjoys the confidence of his associates and of his superiors.

Mr. Kellogg is a prominent advocate of education, and for more than three years past he has performed efficient service as a member of the board of education. He is a member of Westminster Presbyterian church and assistant superintendent and treasurer of the Westminster Hope mission. He is an active and influential member of the Republican party, and is the present vice-president and treasurer of the McKinley Club of Elizabeth, comprising a membership of six hundred and twenty persons. He is a member of the Metuchen Club, and of the Eagle Hook and Ladder Company, of Metuchen, New Jersey, of the Elizabeth Club, and of the Union County Hunting Club.

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#### ABRAHAM SKIDMORE.

For eighty-three years Abraham Skidmore has been a resident of Lakewood. He was born here on the 8th of June, 1818, and is a representative of one of the old families of the county. His paternal grandfather, James Skidmore, was the pioneer business man of this place, where he took up his abode in the early part of the seventeenth century. He was born in 1728, and when a young man removed from Crosswicks, near Trenton, to this place. Purchasing a tract of land surrounding the lake, he built a saw and grist mill upon this property and for a number of years successfully engaged in the milling business, but at length sold that property to Mr. Richards, who continued the business. Mr. Skidmore removed to an adjacent tract of land, where he built another saw and grist mill, which he continued to operate until his death. He married Ruth Worth and they were the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters.

One of these was James Skidmore, the father of our subject. He was born at Lakewood, on Christmas day of 1785. He owned considerable land and also owned and operated a grist and sawmill, with which line of activity he had become familiar in his boyhood by assisting his father in the same line of work. His time was given entirely to his business interests and his family, for he was a man of domestic tastes and did everything in his power to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of his wife and children. He wedded Elizabeth Ware, whose father, Joseph Ware, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and fought gallantly for the liberty of the colonies. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James Skidmore were born six children, of whom three are living in 1901—Jane, James and Abraham.

The last named, Abraham Skidmore, was reared and educated in his native town.

and during the early part of his life was employed at the iron furnace in Lakewood, but during the greater part of his business career has been connected with agricultural pursuits, carefully managing his farming interests so as to return to him a good income. He inherited his father's property and now resides in the house which his father built in 1812, but which has been modernized and is a very comfortable and attractive residence. With the exception of a few years spent in Trenton, New Jersey, his entire life has been passed in Lakewood, and no citizen of the community is more respected than this venerable man.

In 1830 Mr. Skidmore was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Scull, and unto them has been born a son, Frank, who resides in Lakewood. For eighteen years the latter carried on business as an electrician, but is now following carpentering. He married Miss Maria Hankins in 1876, a daughter of David and Sarah Hankins, and a great-granddaughter of Zachariah Hankins, who was a valiant soldier throughout the Revolutionary war and afterward received a pension in recognition of his services. He died at the ripe old age of ninety years. He took part in the battles of Princeton, Valley Forge and Monmouth, together with many other important engagements, and in one of these his musket was shot in two, after which he picked up a fallen comrade's gun, which he used and which is now in possession of his grandson, who resides at Elberon, New Jersey. Unto Frank and Maria Skidmore were born three children: Mrs. Edna H. Senn, Anna L. and Amy F. The first named is the wife of O. R. Senn, who holds a good position in the service of the United States Express Company.

This in brief is the history of Abraham Skidmore, one of the oldest residents of Lakewood. Few, if any, of her citizens so advanced in years can claim to have spent their entire lives here, and certainly none receive to a greater degree the respect and confidence of their fellow town-men, or more deserve this regard than Abraham Skidmore, who in the evening of life can look back over a well spent past and forward to the future without fear.

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#### WILLIAM YETMAN.

Among the highly esteemed and loyal citizens of Monmouth county, now living retired from activity in his comfortable home in Englishtown, New Jersey, is William Yetman, a brave soldier of the Civil war and later a successful farmer.

The birth of Mr. Yetman was in Marlboro township, in Monmouth county, on May 21, 1833, and he was a son of Enoch and Hannah Yetman, both of whom were born in Marlboro township, where the father died in 1861, and the mother in 1871.

Brought up on a farm and educated in the district schools, William Yetman was preparing to settle down in this locality as a farmer, but the breaking out of the Civil war awakened his loyalty to his country, and he enrolled himself among her defenders on August 12, 1861, enlisting in Company K, Fifth New Jersey Volunteers, this regiment being first placed in the Third Brigade, Hooker's Division, but in 1863 it was in the Third Brigade, Second Division, Third Corps. Mr. Yetman was with his company in all of the serious engagements through 1861 and 1862, including the seven days' battle about Richmond. On May 3, 1863, he was badly wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, by the ball from a gun passing through his body, from the left side under his breast and lodging in his right side. Mr. Yetman suffered very much with this wound, from which he has never fully recovered. During the days of the Civil war the hospital appliances were crude, and many of the physicians and surgeons were entirely unaccustomed to

their work, so that when we read that our subject first was for a season in the field hospital, then was sent to the hospital in Washington city, and still later transferred to the one in Newark, New Jersey, we only wonder that he survived to again see the old home.

After finally recovering Mr. Yetman gradually returned to his farm work and continued in it as long as he was actively engaged, retiring at last with ample means, and he now lives in comfort in his pleasant home in Englishtown. In 1871 Mr. Yetman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anne Smith, in Staten Island, who was a native of Manalapan township and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Smith, who now reside on a farm in Marlboro township. The children born to this marriage numbered three, viz.: William A., born in 1873, living at Janesburg, New Jersey; Bertha, the wife of Joseph Mount, living at Janesburg; and Ida E., a young lady at home.

Mr. Yetman is socially connected with Janesburg Post, G. A. R., and both he and family belong to the Methodist church in Englishtown, where he is known as one of its most liberal supporters and consistent members.



### JOHN YETMAN.

John Yetman, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a well known and reliable business man of Manalapan, where he is closely associated with the building interests, is a native of Monmouth county, his birth having occurred in Millstone township, on the 17th of August, 1839. His father is William Yetman. John Yetman pursued his education in the district schools of his neighborhood and spent his boyhood and youth not unlike most boys of the period, his time being devoted to play and work and to the duties of the schoolroom. After putting aside his text books he learned the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship to Mr. McDermott, of Freehold. He applied himself closely to his tasks and soon became an expert workman. In 1850 he assisted in the erection of the present Presbyterian church at Manalapan, and continued to engage in carpentering until after the inauguration of the Civil war.

His patriotic spirit aroused by the call of the President for troops to aid in crushing out the rebellion, Mr. Yetman joined the army in August, 1862, becoming a member of Company A, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. He was with his regiment in all of the battles in which it participated in 1863, and in the campaign of 1864 was with the Sixth Army Corps until the 1st of June, when he was taken prisoner at Cold Harbor, Virginia. He was then confined in various southern prisons, mostly at Andersonville, until paroled on the 1st of April, 1865, near Vicksburg, Mississippi. From there he was sent to St. Louis and afterward to Annapolis, Maryland, where he remained until after the close of the war, when he was mustered out of the service at Trenton, New Jersey. He was a faithful soldier, always found at his post of duty, whether it was on the picket line or the firing line.

Since his return from the war Mr. Yetman has continuously followed carpentering, and on many sides are seen evidences of his handiwork in the substantial structures of his town and county. He is a man of unflagging industry, and the success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

In 1861 Mr. Yetman was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Potter, at Manalapan, New Jersey, and their children are Elmah, Mary, Robert P., Charles A., John H., James E., Carrie B., and Stephen P. Mr. Yetman and his family are members of the Presbyterian church at Manalapan, and prior to the Civil war he belonged to the old

Tennent church. Socially he is connected with Conover Post, No. 63, G. A. R., at Freehold, and he is as true to-day to his duties of citizen-ship as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields in defense of the Union.

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#### LEWIS DUDLEY JONES.

The family of Jones, of which Lewis D. Jones, of Red Bank, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a conspicuous representative, is an old one in Wales. Evan Jones, father of Lewis D. Jones, was born at Cardiganshire, Wales, in 1800 and in 1832 emigrated to America. Two years later he returned to his native land and there married Eleanor Dudley. After his marriage he came with his wife, his father and one of his brothers, to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he learned the mason's trade and acquired a practical knowledge of building. Eventually he became one of the leading builders of Jersey City, carrying on extensive operations and employing at times as many as one hundred workmen. Among other prominent buildings in Jersey City, he erected the first city hall there, which was a monument to his skill and enterprise. He was a master mechanic of rare skill, and a business man who had the ability to handle large enterprises, and in a comparatively short time he acquired a considerable fortune. He was a strong anti-slavery man and helped to invent and promote means by which Union soldiers were liberated from Confederate prisons during the Civil war. His sympathies were ever with the oppressed and he never lost an opportunity to perform a work of philanthropy. His beautiful home was widely known for its generous hospitality, and Mr. Jones was often referred to as "a princely entertainer." Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, the Hon. Wendell Phillips, Governor Tilden, Frederick Douglass and other distinguished men of their time were frequently his guests. In 1863, during the historic draft riots in New York, Mr. Jones and his family were threatened with destruction at the hands of the mob and were obliged to move from the city at a few hours' notice. Mr. Jones remained in the city, however, for some time longer than safety dictated and then joined his family at Plainfield, New Jersey, where they had preceded him. It was through the efforts of Mr. Jones that the Hon. Job Male, mayor of Jersey City, was induced to remove to Plainfield. At that time Mr. Jones was worth at least half a million dollars and was the owner of real estate to a large amount not included in that estimate. A close student of men and books, he acquired for his own use and for the benefit of those with whom he associated an admirable fund of general knowledge. A Baptist in faith, he was not a member of a close communion body, yet that was the church of his choice and he contributed to it many sums of various amounts, aggregating many thousands of dollars. Of the Baptist organization with which he affiliated, he was the mainstay in influence and in financial strength, and for years taught a large class in its Sunday-school. A lover of knowledge, he was deeply interested in public education and was for a number of years a trustee of Plainfield Seminary. Taking much interest in the education of colored children, he was influential in elevating them to a higher plane of life, and he educated a Japanese, who returned to his native country to diffuse among the people of the Flowery Kingdom the intellectual light which had come to him through Mr. Jones' generosity. Mr. Jones avoided practical politics as much as possible, but most ably served the city two terms in the common council. He was twice married; his first wife was Eleanor Dudley, who bore him four sons and four daughters, only two of whom, David and Lewis D. Jones, are now living. His second wife was Miss Emma Ketcham, of Brooklyn, New York, who bore him three children. He died in February, 1869.



*Lewis D. Jones.*





Lewis D. Jones was born in Jersey City, in 1845, and acquired his primary education in the public schools of that city. His subsequent studies were prosecuted at boarding schools in New York and Connecticut. His first business venture was as junior member of the dry goods firm of Monday & Jones. After a few years he sold his interest to his partner and joined his father in the erection of the Park House at Plainfield, New Jersey, a large hotel which cost seventy-five thousand dollars. After three years partnership with his father he entered into his present business at Matawan, New Jersey, where he remained five years. In 1886 he removed his enterprise to the vicinity of Red Bank, where he purchased his present farm and established his home. He is the proprietor of an extensive manufactory of fertilizers and manufactures soap and various chemicals as a side line. His factory has a capacity of fifty tons of fertilizer per week and the output of his soap factory is six hundred boxes per year. His farm consists of one hundred and fifty acres and is equipped with every appliance necessary to successful cultivation. He is regarded as among the prominent business men of Red Bank, his standing in financial and commercial circles is deservedly high, and his personal qualities are such as to commend him to the good opinion of all who know him.

Mr. Jones was married in December, 1865, to Miss Mary F. Falkinburgh, daughter of Job Falkinburgh, and she has borne him four children—Evan F., Ella, Kittie, and Mary. Mrs. Jones, who was a woman of many graces and accomplishments, was a native of Jersey City. She died January 9, 1921. Mr. Jones is a member of Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 52, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Matawan, Monmouth county, New Jersey.

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#### CHARLES L. IRWIN.

On the roll of valiant soldiers whom New Jersey sent forth to aid in perpetuating the Union appears the name of Charles L. Irwin, who is now a valued citizen of Perrineville, being numbered among its reliable and enterprising representatives of industrial interests. He was born in Scobeyville, Howell township, Monmouth county, October 16, 1841, and is a son of Edward and Julia A. (Rue) Irwin, the latter a daughter of William Rue, who was a native of Millstone township, Monmouth county, where he followed farming for many years. He represented an old and well known family of Revolutionary fame. Anthony B. Irwin, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of the same county and resided near Blue Ball. Edward Irwin, who was born in 1816, carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his entire career and died upon his farm in Millstone township in 1899, when eighty-four years of age, while his wife passed away in 1894.

Upon the home-stead farm Charles L. Irwin spent the days of his boyhood and youth and when still quite young was trained in the work of cultivating the fields and harvesting the crops. His mental discipline was received in the district schools of the neighborhood. He learned the wheelwright's trade in the shop in which he is now carrying on business, serving an apprenticeship between 1860 and 1862. On the 22d of August of the latter year he put aside all business and personal considerations and offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company C, Twenty-ninth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers. The regiment was encamped on the old Monmouth battlefield, and left for the front on Wednesday, September 28, 1862, being attached to Casey's division in the defense of Washington. They did duty along the Potomac in Virginia, opposite Washington, until November 30, 1862, when they went to Aqua creek, Virginia, doing provost and guard duty along the

railway throughout the remainder of the year. Just before the battle of Fredericksburg, in December, 1862, the regiment was attached to the Third Brigade, First Division, First Corps, and Mr. Irwin participated in the engagements at Fredericksburg and at Chancellorsville on the 2d and 3d of May, 1863. On the 30th of June, following, the regiment was mustered out. Returning to the north Mr. Irwin then worked at his trade in various places until 1878, when he returned to Perrineville and has since carried on business in the old shop where he was first employed. He also manages his fruit farm and in both branches of industry is meeting with good success, the products from his farm adding materially to his income.

In 1874 Mr. Irwin was united in marriage to Miss Frances Maple, of Perrineville, who died at their home in this town in 1897. Their children are Anna A., now the wife of Frank Smith, a farmer residing near Frechold; and Mamie D., at home. Two sons, Edward and Augustus, died in infancy. Mr. Irwin maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Conover Post, No. 68, G. A. R. He is a man of high principles, whose life has ever been honest and honorable, thus securing to him high regard.

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#### BENJAMIN KING.

Benjamin King, who occupies the responsible position of superintendent of the works of the American Felt Company at Picton, New Jersey, is a native of England, his birth having occurred in Gillingham on the 20th of August, 1856, his parents being Benjamin and Frances King. He pursued his education in the naval school at Greenwich, England, and at the age of fourteen he came to this country to visit his uncle, Mr. Taylor, and being well pleased with the country and being offered a position, he remained in "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Taking up his abode in Brooklyn, he there attended Bryant & Stratton's Business College and was thereby familiarized with business methods and practices in America. In 1876, when twenty years of age, Mr. King located in Rahway, New Jersey, and entered the employ of W. S. Taylor & Bloodgood, now the American Felt Company, whose works are located at Picton. He has since remained with the house, and his diligence, enterprise and capability have won him promotion from one position to another, until he is now superintendent of the works, having entire supervision of the labor that is carried on in the plant. His thorough understanding of the business, both in principle and detail, as well as his knowledge of the methods of manufacture, well fit him for the position which he is filling to the entire satisfaction of the company.

Mr. King was happily married on the 28th of April, 1885, to Miss Dora L. Schumacher, and their children are Emma T., born March 10, 1888, and Benjamin S., born January 2, 1890.

In his political views Mr. King is a stalwart Republican, and at the present time is serving his fourth term as a member of the board of chosen freeholders of Union county, being again elected in 1902. He has held the position of chairman of the township committee of Clark township, has been its tax collector, a member of the board of education, and clerk of that board, and in all these positions has been most true and faithful to his duties. He is a director of the Rahway Building and Loan Association of Rahway, New Jersey, and his interest in military affairs is indicated by his membership in the State National Guards for twenty years, during which time he has risen from private to major. He belongs to a number of fraternal and social



Ben King



organizations, including the Roal Arcanum, Bethlehem Chapel, of Picton, and the Colonial Golf Club, of which he is the treasurer. His genial manner, unflinching courtesy and social disposition render him popular in these societies, and in the community where he lives he has made many friends. He is widely known in Union county, and where best known he is most liked.

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MARTIN H. SCOTT.

Martin Henry Scott, cashier of the First National Bank of Asbury Park and chief of the fire department of that city, was born in Newark, New Jersey, December 27, 1867. His father, also named Martin H., was an architect and was prominent in the Masonic fraternity. He died when his son and namesake was still quite young. The mother of our subject was in her maidenhood Cornelia C. Sparks, a member of an old New England family which traces its ancestry to the Mayflower.

Mr. Scott, of this review, was educated in the public schools of Newark and Asbury Park, to which latter place his family moved in 1878, and he was graduated from its high school. In 1883 he obtained employment as assistant cashier in the ticket office of the New York & Long Branch Railroad, remaining with the company four years, the last two being spent as agent. He resigned that position in 1887 to become the teller in the Asbury Park National Bank, with which institution he remained for three years. In 1891 he became bookkeeper in the First National Bank and has been successively promoted, becoming note teller in 1893, assistant cashier in 1898, and cashier in 1900. He is a director of the Monmouth Club, a member of the Asbury Park Wheelmen and of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. He has been a member of the fire department for ten years, and is now filling his second term as chief of the department.

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JOHN P. REYNOLDS.

Among the representative citizens of Jackson township, Ocean county, New Jersey, who follow the occupation of farming for a livelihood, none is more widely known or more highly respected than John P. Reynolds. He resides on a valuable farm of sixty acres of land, which was descended to him from his father, and which he devotes to general farming. He is a descendant of a family of patriots, his grandfathers, both on his father's and his mother's sides, having served in the Revolutionary war under General Washington. They fought side by side in the battle of Monmouth, and James Johnson, the maternal grandfather, and his young wife witnessed the destruction of the town of Toms River when the British set fire to the buildings, all of which were consumed by the flames with the exception of three houses. The paternal grandparents were John and Joannah (Patterson) Reynolds, of whose children was Peter, the father of our subject. Peter Reynolds was born in Monmouth county in 1760, where he followed farming, being the owner of eighty acres of rich land. In 1780 he removed to Jackson township and settled on a tract of land, now the property of his son, John P. Reynolds. He was married to Miss Sarah Johnson, who was born October 16, 1772, who became the mother of five children, of whom John P., our subject, is the only survivor.

John P. Reynolds first saw the light of day on the homestead which he now

makes his home, on the 9th day of May, 1814. His life has been one of peace and contentment; his labors have been faithfully and ably performed, his family carefully and tenderly reared, and the success which is the reward of a life of well directed labor and perseverance is his, to be enjoyed and appreciated by him at his advanced age. He has never sought office nor courted popularity, but his strong individuality has been felt throughout the community, and he is widely known and respected for his many excellent qualities.

Mr. Reynolds was joined in marriage on the 14th of January, 1837, to Miss Eliza A. Luken, who became the mother of seven children, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of James Applegate, living at Freehold; James; Peter; Firman; Edward; George; and Joannah. Mrs. Reynolds passed away on the 10th of August, 1899. For his second wife he married Mrs. Mary Garrett, a lady of English birth. Two of Mr. Reynold's sons, Peter and Firman, were loyal soldiers in the Civil war, being members of the Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. At the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, they both received wounds, Peter losing an eye, and Firman being wounded in the hip. They were both honorably discharged. Firman Reynolds re-enlisted in a New Jersey cavalry regiment, but in a fierce engagement a wounded horse fell upon him, which rendered him unfit for further service. John P. Reynolds, notwithstanding his advanced age, is remarkably well preserved, of keen intelligence and wonderful physical strength. He attends to the management and operation of his farm with the same alacrity and ability as in former years and enjoys perfect health.

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#### NELSON HENRY KILMER.

In common with all places of summer resort, near to the metropolis and readily accessible by both water and land, the beautiful village of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, known throughout the entire country, and also sought by many foreign tourists, owes its prestige mainly to those of its own people who have taken genuine pride in extending hearty hospitality to visitors, and in providing for their comfort and pleasure. The village named is famous in these respects, and for that celebrity no one is more deserving of honor for its attainment than is Nelson Henry Kilmer.

He was born September 8, 1858, in Nassau, Reusselaer county, New York, son of Ira W. and Catherine E. (Rowe) Kilmer. He was favored with excellent educational advantages, and of these he availed himself to the utmost, becoming not only well informed in those branches which afford ample equipment for business, but also acquiring splendid technical knowledge in a profession requiring artistic talent as well as mechanical skill. The public school instruction which he received in his native town was supplemented with a thorough academical course in the Transylvania Institute, at Nassau. He then devoted three years to the study of architecture in the Cooper Institute, New York City, and completed the course at the early age of nineteen years. He immediately entered upon business in the metropolis as architect and builder, and he has successfully followed his calling to the present time, during that period having erected a great number of buildings for all purposes, residential, business and manufacturing, and having early established an enviable reputation for capability and strict integrity.

In the spring of 1885 he took up his residence in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, and while abating nothing of his effort in the line of his profession, he there entered upon the task of increasing the advantages afforded by the town which had become his home. There was dearth of accommodation for visitors, and he undertook to aid

in supplying the deficiency. He opened two cottages of twelve rooms each, and he made the premises so attractive and the entertainment so superior that there was immediate necessity for more room, and he made important additions from time to time until from his small beginning has grown the well known Alaska hotel, a favorite among the many hotels along the Atlantic coast. This is now a modern hestelry in all its details, and is open throughout the year. Its location, on Pitman avenue, running through to McClintock street, is one of the most desirable in the place, commanding an excellent view of the ocean front and of the most fashionable driveways. It contains one hundred and twenty rooms, all well ventilated and well lighted, and the greater number of them overlooking the beach. The parlors and hallways are spacious and well arranged. The house is steam heated throughout, and is provided with an excellent system of hot and cold sea-water bath apparatus. The furnishings throughout are most beautiful and of modern design. The cuisine is of the highest standard, and meets the commendation of the most fastidious summer sojourner, as well as of the constant guest who seeks the comforts of an elegant home far removed from the din of the great city. The proprietor, in the establishment and management of the Alaska hotel, has been moved to his effort by public spirit and personal pride in performing a meritorious work, and he is entitled to a far larger measure of credit than is to be bestowed upon him who only seeks profit from his investment.

Mr. Kilmer has always been active in those social affairs which so largely enter into the life of a community, and particularly into that of a community which during a large portion of the year is made up of a transient element. He is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a class leader, and is also president of the Epworth League. He is affiliated with Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. & A. M.; Asbury Park Lodge, No. 253, and Atlantic Encampment, No. 22, I. O. O. F.; Twin City Council, No. 48, Legion of the Red Cross; and Seaside Conclave, No. 281, Improved Order of Heptasophis; and he is a member of Washington Fire Company, No. 1.

June 6, 1888, Mr. Kilmer was married to Miss Mary Jane Heale, daughter of Arthur and Mary (Wood) Heale, of New York City.

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#### ROBERT CARLTON LOVE.

A fair representative of the sons of New England is presented in the subject of our sketch, Robert Carlton Love. Born at Pleasant Pond, near Dead River, in the state of Maine, on August 4, 1846, Robert Love has seen life in all its varying phases, and participated in many of its most deadly conflicts. He is the son of John and Esther Love. His schooling was acquired at the public institutions of Waterville, Maine. Early in life Mr. Love was thrown upon his own resources, and at the age of fourteen years he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and bound himself to learn the carpenter's trade; this he followed, applying himself diligently to his work, and making rapid strides in mastering the complications of his chosen life work. At this time his young soul was stirred and thrilled by the sound of the war alarms which were sending their clarion notes deep into the heart of every patriotic son of the north; therefore, when in his seventeenth year he could no longer resist his country's call, enlisted in Company E, Thirtieth Maine Volunteers, and served with an honorable record to the close of the war of the Rebellion, being mustered out August 20, 1865. He then turned his face once more toward his native state, where he located at Augusta, and carried on business as a contractor and builder. In August, 1870, he

adopted a long cherished design and went to Avon, New Jersey, where he engaged in business as a real estate and insurance broker. For eighteen years he acted as general manager of the Avon-by-the-Sea Loan and Improvement Company.

Mr. Love is a staunch adherent of the Republican party, and his popularity with the citizens of his locality is shown by the fact that he has been for three terms elected as justice of the peace. He is also well known as a commissioner of deeds.

Mr. Love is an honored member of the C. K. Hall Post, No. 41, G. A. R., of Asbury Park, New Jersey. He is a member also of the Methodist Episcopal church. His marriage to Miss Esther A. Rogers took place on May 18, 1874. One child has been born to them, Grace M., July 15, 1879.

His residence is in Avon, and his office is located in the postoffice building, where he gives personal attention to his real estate and insurance interests, and to his official business as justice of the peace.

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#### WILLIAM H. LAWES, V. S.

Dr. William H. Lawes, a skilled veterinary surgeon of Middletown township, now resides on his fine farm of one hundred acres of choice land. He was born in New York City on the 2nd of March, 1870, and is a son of William H. and Josephine (Pittman) Lawes. The Doctor was reared and educated in the city of his nativity, and choosing the profession of veterinary surgery as a life occupation, he subsequently entered the American Veterinary College, graduating from that institution in 1895. Soon after his graduation he removed to Red Bank, where he has built up a large and constantly growing patronage. Although one of the younger members of the profession, he has already gained the success which many an older practitioner might well envy, and as a popular and skillful veterinary surgeon he stands second to none in the county. In April, 1901, he purchased his present fine farm, which contains one hundred and eight acres of fertile land, and here he intends to follow his chosen profession on a large scale.

In 1895 occurred the marriage of Dr. Lawes and Miss Emma McGee, a native of Holmdel, Monmouth county, and a daughter of Charles R. McGee. One child, Mildred, has blessed and brightened the home of our subject and wife. In his social relations the Doctor is a member of the State Veterinary Society. He has ever been a gentleman of great steadfastness of purpose and seldom fails to accomplish what he undertakes. He is essentially a business man and attends strictly to his profession, allowing no outside interest to detract from this.

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#### HIRAM COTFRELL.

Hiram Cottrell, a farmer of Millstone township, was born in Jackson township, Ocean county, New Jersey, September 15, 1824, son of Richard Cottrell. The family has been connected with the history of Monmouth county for over a hundred years, Mr. Cottrell's grandfather, George Cottrell, settling in Freehold township prior to the Revolution. This ancestor came from Scotland to America, fought under Washington in the battle of Monmouth, and lived at Freehold, where he followed the occupation of farming. One of his sons, George Cottrell, also a farmer in Freehold township and a soldier, served in the war of 1812. Richard Cottrell, father of Hiram, was



born in Jackson township, where he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, and died before the Civil war. His wife also died before the war.

Hiram Cottrell spent his boyhood days upon the farm, and attended the common schools of the town. With the exception of a brief military career during the Civil war he has spent his entire life in the town of his ancestors and has followed the same vocation. In September, 1864, deciding to enter the army, he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-eighth New Jersey Volunteers, and served with his regiment until his discharge. During this period he sustained a severe attack of sun-stroke, from which he has since been a sufferer. He was discharged on June 30, 1865.

In January, 1850, Mr. Cottrell was married in Freehold township to Nancy Worth. Their eight children, of whom five are living, were: Richard, who died January 10, 1885; Horatio, who died March 27, 1881; Caleb, who died January 19, 1901; Hiram N., now a prosperous farmer in Freehold township; William, engaged as a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad; George M., who is married and lives at home; Joseph, who is a mail carrier between Freehold and Sweetman's, and who is also married; and Mary Jane, married. The family have lived in their present home since 1870, and Mr. and Mrs. Cottrell are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### HENRY B. ROLLINSON.

Henry B. Rollinson, who is the editor and publisher of the "New Jersey Advocate," of Rahway, was born in San Francisco, California, September 27, 1853, and is a son of the late Rev. William Rollinson, for fifty years one of the most prominent clergymen of the Baptist denomination in eastern New Jersey and for nearly forty years pastor of the First Baptist church of Rahway. Editor Rollinson came to Rahway with his parents when a child, and with the exception of a few years' residence in Jersey City has lived there all his life. After completing the public school course he finished his education in the Ha-bronck Institute, of Jersey City, and shortly after entered mercantile life in New York City.

He always had a liking for newspaper work, and even while engaged in business in New York found time to do considerable work for the metropolitan papers. In 1887 he purchased the controlling interest in the "New Jersey Advocate," owned by the late H. H. Soule, and with but little practical experience began the work of editing and publishing that paper. The financial affairs of the paper at that time were not in a flattering condition, which fact increased the difficulties that confronted the young editor. He liked the work, however, and was determined to make it a success. By hard work and steady devotion to business for the first few years, working fifteen to eighteen hours a day, he was rewarded by seeing the business of the paper increase and its influence grow steadily. He has now a well equipped newspaper office, with an excellent job printing department.

While conducting the "Advocate" as a strict party paper, he has always dealt fairly and justly with his political opponents. In public affairs the "Advocate" is always aggressive and progressive—fearless in defending the rights of the people and a zealous champion of good government. Editor Rollinson has always been an active Republican. He was president of the Young Men's Republican Club during the campaigns of 1876 and 1880. From 1880 to 1886 he served in the common council from the third ward, and was elected the second time by a largely increased majority. His party was in the minority during both his terms in the council, but he succeeded, with his colleagues, in making things lively for the majority. In 1889 he was

appointed postmaster by President Harrison, and his administration of the office won him the highest approval of the citizens. Under his administration the receipts reached the highest amount since 1865.

When the Republicans secured control of the legislature Mr. Rollinson was appointed, in 1864, as assistant journal clerk of the senate. At the session of 1865 there was a vacancy in the office of secretary of the senate, caused by the appointment of Willbur A. Mott, of Newark, to be a police justice. Mr. Rollinson became a candidate for the vacancy. His attention to duty and courteous manners made it an easy matter for his friend, Senator Voorhees, to secure the appointment for him. He was re-elected for the sessions of 1896 and 1897. As secretary of the senate Mr. Rollinson has made many friends, who take pleasure in referring to him in the most complimentary terms. From 1894 to 1898 he served as superintendent of schools of Rahway. In 1898 President McKinley appointed him postmaster of Rahway, and he was re-appointed in 1902 by President Roosevelt. Mr. Rollinson was married in 1874 to Miss Jennie Van Reyper, of Jersey City Heights, a descendant of one of the oldest families in that section. They have five children, three sons and two daughters.

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#### CHARLES LIVINGSTON STOUT.

The old and honored Stout family was of early date in Monmouth county, in Middletown township, where three brothers of that name settled soon after the year 1600. There was born David Stout, paternal grandfather of Charles L. Stout. David Stout was a prosperous farmer, and a man of prominence, as is attested by the fact that he was a judge of the Hunterdon court prior to the division of the county. Politically he was a Whig. He married Margaret Weart, and their children were Henrietta, Mary, Charles W., James Monroe, Susan and Andrew Gilbert. The father died at the age of eighty-three years, and the mother at the age of seventy years.

Charles W. Stout, the oldest son in the family named, was born in Hopewell township, Mercer county, New Jersey, in 1804. He was a farmer, and was active in public affairs, serving as freeholder, assessor and collector. He was a member of the old militia company of his neighborhood, and with it served as escort to Washington's friend and companion-in-arms, Lafayette, when that distinguished French nobleman and American soldier traveled from New York to Philadelphia during his visit in 1824. In religion he was a Baptist, and in politics a Whig and subsequently a Republican. He married Sarah Merrill, a daughter of Benjamin Merrill, who was in the quartermaster's department during the Revolution. Their children were Mary A., who married Abraham Manners, a lawyer of New Jersey; Adrianna, who married Israel Hunt; Furman, who died in young manhood; Benjamin; David; Charles L.; and Carrie, who married Henry C. Holcome. The father died in 1871, at the age of sixty-seven years, and the mother in 1895, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Charles L. Stout, the third son in the last named family, was born on the paternal farm near Hopewell, Mercer county, New Jersey, July 11, 1846. His student days were passed in Pennington Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1865, and at Fort Edward (New York) Institute, which was then a normal school, and which he was obliged to leave on account of impaired health. While he suffered disappointment in not being permitted to further perfect his education, he was abundantly competent to engage in teaching, a profession in which he has been engaged most usefully for many years and in which he has obtained considerable distinction. At various times he taught in the schools at Stoutsburg, Hopewell, Mt. Airy, Ewingville,

Kingston and Jamesburg, and for nine years past he has served as principal of the Englishtown public schools. He is a member of the State Teachers' Association, and has frequently addressed that body on pedagogical topics. He is a member of and an elder in the Presbyterian church, and was formerly superintendent of the Sunday-school in Kingston. He is affiliated with lodges of Odd Fellows, United American Mechanics and Red Men.

Mr. Stout was married in 1873 to Miss Rhoda Holcombe, and five children have been born of this union—Edwin G., Chester A., Bertha M., Fred H. and Gladys M. Stout.

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#### DR. WILLIAM EDGAR ANDERSON.

Dr. William E. Anderson is a descendant of an old and titled Scotch family who were the possessors of large estates in Scotland, some of which are still in the family. He was born at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and when he reached the age of four and one-half years his mother died, and he was adopted by his uncle and aunt and taken to Williamsburg, Virginia, where he was reared on a farm until he was sixteen years old. He was then engaged as a bookkeeper for a short period of time, and subsequently he entered into mercantile business at Williamsburg. He then spent one year in civil engineering, and later worked at this vocation for three years in New York. He then determined to take up the study of medicine, and associated himself with Dr. J. G. Denelsbuck, later attending the Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1898, having previously passed one year in Bellevue Medical College. He also studied for three years in the old Williams and Mary College of Virginia, one of the most celebrated institutions of the south, where he pursued a special scientific course. At the present time (1902) he is directing his attention to the study of pharmacy.

When Dr. Anderson became proficient enough in his profession to practice it, he located in Englishtown, where he has remained ever since in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice. Aside from his professional duties, Dr. Anderson does considerable writing for the clinics and for various medical journals.

Dr. Anderson is a member of the Manhattan Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, of New York City, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 62, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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#### ADDISON ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG, M. D.

Prominent among the successful physicians and surgeons of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is Dr. Addison Alexander Armstrong, who is located at Fair Haven, and has a large practice on the whole of Rumson Neck, where he is highly esteemed both as a practitioner and a citizen. He was born at La Porte, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1850, and is the son of Rev. H. and Mary (Bronson) Armstrong, the former of whom is a graduate of La Fayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, and of Princeton Theological Seminary; he was a scholar of high standing, and a prominent minister of the Presbyterian church until his recent retirement, after celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his ministerial career. The first ten years he preached in Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, and was for several years county superintendent of the public schools. The next forty years he spent in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where he preached twenty years in one town and ten years in each of two other towns.

He was always greatly interested in educational work, and taught about twenty-five years.

Dr. Armstrong received his preparatory education in the excellent public schools, where a firm foundation was laid for higher study, his scholarly father becoming his tutor, who at the time conducted a select school. For five years after this period our subject taught in the public schools of his native county, all of this time cherishing a desire to become a student of medicine and directing his studies toward that end. Later he entered the regular medical department of Michigan University, from which he was graduated in 1883. He practiced for four years in northern Pennsylvania, but was compelled to leave there on account of failing health. He decided to try the seashore, and found a fine opening at Fair Haven, where he located in 1887, regaining excellent health, and building up in the fifteen years a reputation for medical skill not exceeded by any other practitioners in that vicinity.

In 1883 Dr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Woodward Coolbaugh, who was born near Towanda, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Armstrong traces her ancestry back to the Yorks of England, and all of the necessary papers are made out for her to become a Daughter of the Revolution. It is a matter of history that her great-great-grandmother left the fort at the time of the Wyoming massacre rather than stay in the fort with a Tory officer who had caused the death of her husband. Almost miraculously she escaped, traveling all of the way to Massachusetts on horseback. Three children were born to them: Helen, Mildred, Addison Alexander, Jr.

Dr. Armstrong is a member of the Monmouth County Medical Society, and is medical examiner for most of the large life insurance companies. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a close student professionally, taking advantage of every new discovery for the alleviation of human suffering and the prevention of disease.

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#### JOSEPH LITTLE.

It requires ability of peculiar order to successfully engage in the hotel business. A first essential is the power to correctly judge human nature; to recognize the personal characteristics of every individual, and to mold one's conduct accordingly. Added to this there must be the same elements which are necessary to the prosperous conduct of any business, energy, industry, and close application. A third requisite is a social, genial disposition and a sincere desire to please. Well qualified in all these particulars, Joseph Little has become well known to the traveling public as a most capable, courteous hotel man, and especially is he a favorite with summer tourists, who leaving home through the heated season, seek rest and recreation at some well equipped hostelry.

Mr. Little was born in New York City, October 12, 1860, and was graduated there from the grammar schools. Throughout the greater part of his business career he has been connected with hotel life, having for some time been associated with the Annex at the Highlands, while recently he severed a seven years connection with the Oceanic Inn. He then took a long lease of the Newman Springs Villa, of which he is now the proprietor. This desirable summer hotel is situated on the old Emeroff road, about a mile and a half from the town of Red Bank and only two-fifths of a mile from the electric cars running between Red Bank and Long Branch. This has long been known as one of the oldest and best known hotels in Monmouth county. The original building is still standing, in colonial style of architecture, but

in recent years has been enlarged and greatly improved, being at present a most delightful place in which to spend a summer holiday in a quiet and beautiful retreat. There are twenty-three acres of ground finely laid out and many miles of good walks. There are delightful views to be had from the spacious verandas and from other parts of the grounds; beautiful shade trees afford cool retreats to those who desire to spend their time without doors; there is a spring of iron water, and the Shrewsbury River affords boating and fishing. The grounds and buildings are lighted by electricity. The soil is light and sandy and thus drains off quickly, while all the surroundings are excellent for healthful and pleasureable recreation. Mr. Little has arranged to produce fine theatrical attractions each season and provides accommodations for one thousand guests at each performance. Everything possible is done for the comfort and convenience as well as the pleasure of his guests and under the new management the Newman Springs Villa is receiving a very liberal patronage, its fame as a first-class hotel having become widely known. Mr. Little's latest enterprise is the opening of Parker's Track near Red Bank for trotting and running races and athletic contests, the initial meeting having been held September 25, 1901.

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#### JOHN H. MATTHEWS.

One of the intelligent and progressive farmers of Howell township, Monmouth county, is John H. Matthews, who resides on a highly cultivated tract of land of one hundred acres, which he devotes to general farming. He is a descendant of an old and highly respected family who have resided in New Jersey for many generations. His great-grandfather, Charles E. Matthews, was the owner of about two thousand acres of land which extended through Shrewsbury, Ocean and Eatontown townships to the coast. He engaged extensively in wood and timber and was very active in financial circles. Much of his land was devoted to track purposes for the exercise and training of his horses, of which he had many, and which were noted for their speed and were the admiration of all lovers of high-bred horses. His wife was Hannah Hulls, by whom he had six children, as follows: Charles, David C., Cornelius, Joseph, Hannah and Kessiah. Charles, the grandfather of our subject, was born in what is now Howell township, not far from New Prospect. He, too, was a large real estate owner; a man of good impulses, kind and genial, and highly respected by all who knew him. He married Miss Mary Nickson, by whom he had seven children: Sarah; Charles, the father of our subject; John L.; Hannah; Mary; James; and Maria. Charles Matthews first opened his eyes to the light of day in 1818 on the old homestead in Jackson township. He followed farming as his lifelong occupation and lived a life of honesty and usefulness. He never aspired to hold any office, being content to devote his time to the duties of his farm. He married Annadocia Hulls Hart, and their children numbered nine, of whom two have since passed away: John H.; Mary E.; Charles T., now deceased; Kate; Hannah; Martha, deceased; Edith; Joseph; and Matilda.

John H. Matthews, the subject of this review, was born in May, 1839, and received his early education at the common schools of his native township. On his father's farm he was taught the labors and duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and being thoroughly familiar with everything pertaining to this occupation, chose farming as a means of obtaining a livelihood. In 1867 he purchased his present farm, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, so that it yields to him bountiful harvests. In 1872, when every true American put aside all per-

sonal interests and went to the front in defense of his country, he showed his patriotism, which was a noble inheritance from his ancestors, and enlisted in Company D, Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, under Colonel Truax. His term of service was for three years, but he remained with his comrades until the close of the struggle, when he received an honorable discharge. His army record was above reproach and plainly showed the valiant spirit which was descended from his ancestors. His great-grandfather fought for the independence of the Union, while his grandfather served faithfully in the war of 1812.

On the 21st of February, 1866, John H. Matthews was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Sarah E. Matthews, a daughter of Joseph and Kesiah Matthews, and a native of Jackson township. They are the parents of five children, one of whom survives, namely: Bertha L., the youngest of the family. Those who have passed away are: Isaac, Jonathan, Martha and Laura. Mr. Matthews is identified with the J. W. Conover Post, No. 93, and also holds membership with the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a man greatly respected and esteemed by his associates, and his life record is one of honesty, industry and integrity.



#### L. OSCAR GRENELLE.

L. Oscar Grenelle, whose residence is at Asbury Park, is recognized as one of the most substantial and influential citizens of Monmouth county, New Jersey, and his activities are exerted in various channels of usefulness.

Mr. Grenelle was born July 5, 1857, at Middletown, Orange county, New York. His parents were Lewis Osborn and Amelia (Waring) Grenelle. He received an excellent education, beginning in the public schools of his native town and completing an academical course at Peddie Institute, at Hightstown, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1874, at the age of seventeen years. He made a study of pharmacy, and in 1876, before attaining his majority, he engaged in the drug business in Princeton, New Jersey, and this business he has successfully pursued to the present time, while making his residence at Asbury Park, where he has considerable property interests.

Mr. Grenelle is an active member of the First Baptist church of Asbury Park. He is prominent in Masonic circles, affiliating with Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. A. M.; Standard Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M.; and Corson Commandery, No. 15, K. T. He is also a noble of Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. February 21, 1879, he was married to Miss Fannie B. Snook, a lady of education and refinement. Born of this marriage was a daughter, Lottie A., July 21, 1880. Mr. Grenelle is a gentleman of excellent attainments, pleasing address and fine social qualities, and is highly regarded in all the various circles in which he moves.



#### HARRY STEELMAN SCULL.

Harry Steelman Scull, whose intelligent effort has largely contributed to the advancement of public interests in Atlantic City, was born at Leeds Point, Atlantic county, New Jersey, June 4, 1840, a son of the late Lewis W. and Esther (Smith) Scull. He began his education in the public schools of his native village, and when sixteen years of age he entered upon a course in the Quaker City Business College

of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1867. He entered the employ of the firm of Curwen, Stoddart & Brother, of Philadelphia, in the same year, and remained with them until 1881. He subsequently engaged with Hood, Bonbright & Company, whom he served usefully and creditably for three years. He then embarked in the retail dry goods business at Camden, and was so occupied until 1886, when he located in Atlantic City, and there opened a dry goods store. Some years later he also became actively interested in the real estate and insurance business. From 1860 to 1899 he served as a member of the board of health, and acted as secretary of that body for four years. Taking a great interest in matters pertaining to the health of the community, he has connected himself with the State Sanitary Association, American Public Health Association, and was state delegate to the National Pure Food and Drug Congress, which during its four days' session, among other important business, labored for the passage of a bill by Congress providing for governmental control of foods, drugs, etc.

He was made a member of the county board of elections in 1893, and he has been the secretary from the time of the enactment of the ballot reform law. He is secretary of the Ventnor Dredging Company, and has been actively instrumental in the work of reclaiming the low lands of Chelsea and Atlantic City. Deeply loyal to his city, he constantly devoted his best efforts to the advancement of every public interest. Mr. Scull is one of the governors of the Atlantic City hospital, and has ever been influential in advancing the interests and promoting the usefulness of that worthy institution, a history of which appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Scull was one of the charter members of the Atlantic City board of trade.

October 18, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Bruner, of Philadelphia. Of this marriage have been born the following children, namely: Florence E., wife of Isaac Bacharach; Lewis R.; Maie E.; Harry De Mar; Nan B.; Frank R.; Emil C.; Charles L.; and Helene M. The family attend the First Presbyterian church of Atlantic City.

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#### WILLIAM CRAIG WEEDEN.

William Craig Weeden, a substantial citizen of Ashbury Park, active in the conduct of an important business, and prominent in connection with church and fraternal society affairs, is a native of New Jersey, born on a farm in the township of Manalapan, Monmouth county, April 17, 1853. His parents were William H. and Sarah A. (Soden) Weeden. He attended the public schools near the home of his parents, and until he was eighteen years of age assisted his father upon the farm. He then went to Cranbury, Middlesex county, to learn carriage painting, and was so occupied for three years, during which time he became quite proficient in all the ordinary lines of the trade. Ambitious of perfecting himself in the higher branches of the art, he went to Woodbridge, New Jersey, where he spent a year under the instruction of a very capable carriage painter, who had learned his trade in a leading establishment in England. His progress was rapid and thorough, and he was now entirely capable of taking charge of any description of painting work. He returned to Cranbury, and was made foreman of the shop in which he served his apprenticeship, but relinquished the position some eight months later on account of impaired health. After his recovery he was for a year employed in the Union Carriage Works at Trenton, New Jersey. He left the latter named establishment to enter upon business on his own account in the same city, and prosecuted it successfully for six years, when he sold out to his brother and removed to Ashbury Park. There he inaugurated a business

similar to that in which he had been so long engaged, and this he continues to conduct, having built up an excellent patronage and added greatly to his already fine reputation for mechanical ability and commercial integrity.

Mr. Weeden is a member and deacon of the First Baptist church of Asbury Park, and is active and liberal in its support and in aid of its various benevolences. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Trenton Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., of Trenton, New Jersey; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the United American Mechanics, the Royal Arcanum, the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and the Grand Fraternity. He was married, March 31, 1875, to Miss Margaret Inlay, daughter of Joseph Inlay. She died April 14, 1887, leaving two sons, Fletcher T., born November 5, 1878, and Doris L., born July 10, 1885. Mr. Weeden was married, October 14, 1880, to Miss Eleanor R. Hamilton. Mr. Weeden's eldest son, Fletcher T. Weeden, a young man of fine business qualifications, is associated in business with his father.

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#### HENRY SINCLAIR WILSON.

Henry Sinclair Wilson, a merchant of Asbury Park, New Jersey, was born at Allentown, Monmouth county, on October 14, 1852. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Allentown, and this was later supplemented by a course at the Lawrenceville high school. Upon finishing his studies he turned his attention to farming, which he carried on up to the year 1880, on a farm to which he holds title located at Allentown. He felt, however, that his efforts were more or less confined on the farm, so determined to enlarge the scope of his endeavor through a new line of business; he accordingly went to Asbury Park with the purpose of entering the milk business; his venture proved a success, and he is at present located on Emory street, where he caters to a well established trade.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican and takes a keen interest in party issues. He is a man of social inclinations, as is evidenced by his membership in Allentown Lodge, I. O. O. F. As a member of the First Congregational church of Asbury Park he is highly respected.

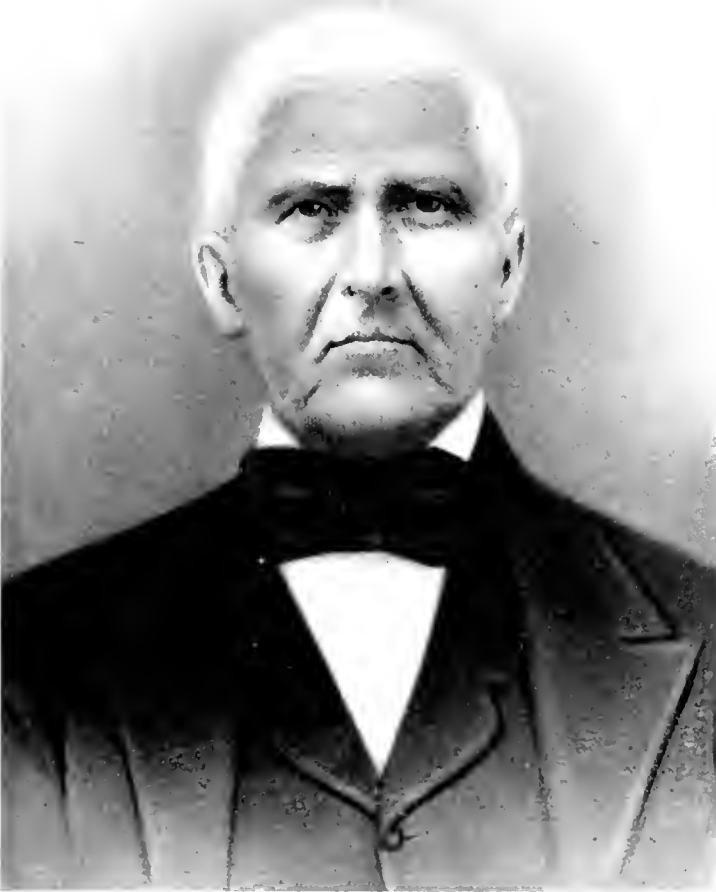
On January 10, 1873, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Maria H. Sexton, of Jacobstown, New Jersey. Their union has been blessed by two children: Mabel F. and Harvey L.

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#### MARY A. LONGSTREET.

The subject of this sketch lives on a farm in Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, which was once owned by her maternal ancestor, Hendrick Hendrickson, a Hollander, who emigrated to America in the early part of the eighteenth century, probably about 1728 or 1730, and bought over one thousand acres of land two miles northeast of Holmdel village, five hundred acres of which is comprised within the farm of Mary A. Longstreet. She is a descendant of Hendrick Hendrickson in the fifth generation. That emigrant became a man of influence and was a successful business man. Aaron Longstreet, our subject's grandfather in the paternal line, married Williampe Hendrickson on the 9th of March, 1778, she being a daughter of Hendrick Hendrickson. Since 1778 Miss Longstreet's farm has been in the possession of the Longstreet family. Aaron and Williampe (Hendrickson) Longstreet had five children, named Anna, Lydia, Nellie, Hendrick, and John. Hendrick married Mary





HENDRICK LONGSTREET



Holmes, October 11, 1804. He was born May 14, 1875, his wife on the 16th of January, 1786, and they had ten children: Aaron, Eleanor, Lydia H., Ann H., Emeline, Joseph H., Henry H., Mary A., John I. H., and Jonathan. Of these children Mary A., who was born June 30, 1821, is the only one now living.

Hendrick Longstreet was born on the old farm in Holmdel, and died there February 26, 1860, aged seventy-five years. In religious faith he was a zealous Baptist and in politics was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian type, but was not active in political matters. He was an excellent friend and neighbor, and was often an arbiter in the affairs of his vicinity. His wife, a most estimable woman, died January 28, 1872, aged eighty-six years.

Miss Mary A. Longstreet's farm is managed by her grand-nephew, Jonathan I. Holmes, who was born December 16, 1870, in Holmdel, and is a son of Chrineyonce Holmes by his first wife, Lydia A. Smoek; he came to live in the family before he was one year old, having since been regarded as one of its members. He is an enterprising and successful farmer and an active man in township affairs. He married Flora Taylor, a daughter of John Taylor, a prominent farmer, and they have one daughter, Mary L. Holmes. In politics he is a Democrat, and he takes an active interest in party affairs.

For much interesting ancestral history concerning this family, the reader is referred to other sketches of Holmes and Longstreets which appear in this work.

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#### ADDISON HUTCHINSON.

Addison Hutchinson, of Asbury Park, a substantial business man and enterprising citizen, who has rendered valuable service to the public in important public positions and is prominent in various leading fraternal organizations, is a native of New Jersey, born at Hightstown, January 10, 1850, son of Clark S. and Elizabeth C. (Ford) Hutchinson.

Mr. Hutchinson received a liberal English education in the public schools of his native place; and at the age of nineteen years he entered the employ of Borden Brothers, of Asbury Park, to learn the trade of tinner. He remained with this firm for seven years, and when he left he was a finished workman. For four and one-half years following he was in the employ of W. M. Pawley, and for about five years in the employ of E. C. Van Clief, both manufacturing tanners. March 1, 1896, at Asbury Park, he opened a tinsmith's establishment on his own account, which he has conducted successfully from that time, each year showing a larger measure of success than did that preceding. The house is numbered among the most important in the city, and its proprietor enjoys the reputation which belongs to the capable and entirely honorable man of business.

Mr. Hutchinson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bradley Beach, New Jersey. In politics he is a Democrat, and he wields a potent influence in the party councils. He has performed important service to the public as a member of the borough council of Bradley Beach, having been at first appointed to the position, and, after one year's service, being elected for a full term of three years. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Legion of the Red Cross.

November 6, 1881, Mr. Hutchinson was married to Miss Hattie W. Farry, of Farmingdale, New Jersey. Their children are: Harry K., born January 8, 1883; Ernest R., born February 27, 1885; Clare L., born November 28, 1886; John W.,

born June 6, 1889, and died July 28, 1889; Elizabeth F., born July 2, 1891; Rebecca H., born February 15, 1894; Alma E., born July 19, 1896; Hazel, born August 6, 1899.

Mr. Hutchinson resides at Bradley Beach, and his place of business is at No. 632 Mattison avenue, Asbury Park.

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#### WILLIAM WALLACE WARD.

The requirements of our modern civilization are many and varied, extending into avenues unthought of by the people of but comparatively few years ago. In few regions is the fact so apparent as along those portions of our sea coasts which are sought each summer by pleasure seekers from home and abroad. These are a multitude in number, and in larger part they seek relaxation from the most arduous and nerve-taxing employments. To properly meet their wants, and to afford them entertainment healthful for both body and mind, calls for ability of a peculiar order, and he who performs these offices does as worthy a service as is that of the physician in time of mortal illness. Such service is that rendered to the visitors at Asbury Park and elsewhere by William Wallace Ward, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, and manager, at times, of various popular places of amusement.

He was born May 8, 1828, in the city of New York, son of Nathaniel F. and Elizabeth (Tomkins) Ward. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and of Newark, New Jersey. He became a coach trimmer, having learned the trade under James N. Quimby, of Newark. He was engaged in this business for some years, when he engaged in the show business, conducting places of popular amusement continuously for thirty-eight years at Portland, Maine; Fall River, Massachusetts; Newark and Paterson, New Jersey, and in New York City. In 1887 Mr. Ward located in Asbury Park, New Jersey, and engaged in the hotel business. He is now proprietor of the Commercial hotel, at the corner of Cookman avenue and Heck street. This popular house of entertainment possesses ample and superior accommodations for both summer and regular guests, being open the year around. It is particularly sought by commercial travelers in all months of the year, and during the summer season it is continually thronged to its utmost capacity. Mr. Ward is a peculiarly popular landlord, being familiar with all points of interest along the New Jersey coast and with the history of the entire region.

Mr. Ward was married, August 22, 1847, to Miss Almira K. Ketchum, daughter of Jonathan Ketchum, of Newark, New Jersey. His children were: William T., born August 22, 1848; Joseph D., April 4, 1849; George W., born November 3, 1850; Ida May, born October 7, 1855, wife of J. W. Osborn; Eva A., born July 28, 1857, wife of A. T. Gunther, city treasurer of Newark, New Jersey. He is a member of Lodge No. 10, B. P. O. E., of Hartford, Connecticut, and of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 124, F. A. M., of Auburn, New York. In politics he is a Democrat.

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#### CHARLES R. LE COMPTE.

"Deserve success and you shall command it," says the old proverb, and the truth and force of this admonition have been verified throughout all the ages in which man has sought prosperity through the channels of labor. This adage is also splendidly exemplified in the life record of Charles R. Le Compte, of Lakewood, a general con-





ERNEST E. LE COMPTE.



*C. R. Schenck*





tractor and a dealer in real estate, coal and wood. He is a man of untiring energy and capable business management, and these elements have certainly made him deserving of success.

As the name indicates, the family is of French lineage and was founded in America in colonial days, John Le Compte, a native of France, having sought a home in the new world prior to the Revolutionary war. When the colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression he took an active part in the struggle for freedom. His son, William Le Compte, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Toms River, New Jersey. He married and became the father of nine children, including John Le Compte, the father of our subject. The latter's birth occurred in Howell township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 4, 1812. He lived a quiet and uneventful life, following agricultural pursuits in order to provide for his family, and his sobriety, honesty, and uprightness commanded for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he was associated. His word was as good as his bond. He married Keziah Allen, a daughter of William and Sarah Allen, and they became the parents of ten children: William, James, David, and Joseph, all deceased; Charles R.; William, the second of the name; Sarah E.; Hannah Etta; Phoebe A.; and Richard. The father of this family died December 18, 1891, and his wife, who was born in Howell township, Monmouth county, May 7, 1817, departed this life, October 14, 1893.

Charles R. Le Compte, whose name introduces this record, was born in Howell township, Monmouth county, June 29, 1851, and the schools of his native locality provided him his education privileges. He worked upon his father's farm in the summer months, assisting in the planting and harvesting of crops, and in his early manhood carried on agricultural pursuits on his own account. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age and then entered upon an independent business career by speculating to some extent in real estate. He also dealt in lumber, wood and other such commodities on a small scale, and as the years have passed his business has increased. He now owns four hundred acres of valuable land, besides a number of houses and lots in Lakewood, which are very valuable and which are constantly increasing in value with the rapid growth of this locality. He likewise deals in coal and wood, in which he now has a large patronage, and does a general contracting business. In January, 1883, he took up his residence in Lakewood and in 1888 was elected freeholder, which position he held for eleven years, discharging the duties with promptness and fidelity, as is indicated by his long incumbency.

Mr. Le Compte was married to Miss Sarah C. Robbins, who was born August 5, 1851, a daughter of Lloyd and Maria Robbins, of Farmingdale. The wedding was celebrated March 4, 1877, and has been blessed with four children: John L., who is engaged in the hay and feed business at Lakewood; Ernest E.; Anna, and Charles R., a student. Ernest Everett Le Compte, born July 2, 1870, received his initial schooling in the public schools of Lakewood and then took the full commercial course of the Stewart Business College, Trenton, New Jersey, and was graduated therefrom in 1898. For several years thereafter he was associated with his father in business, and in 1901 embarked in an independent business career, which embraces real estate and insurance, at Lakewood. Mr. Le Compte is a notary public and commissioner of deeds. In 1902 he was elected on the Republican ticket township clerk, and is the youngest incumbent of that office that the township has ever had. He is a member of Lakewood Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias. He is also a law student under the preceptorship of Hon. Aaron E. Johnston. Socially Mr. Le Compte is connected with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Independent Order of Red Men. His business record is a creditable one and indicates

the force of character of the man. His methods commend him to the confidence of the public, whose patronage he therefore secures, and he is now enjoying a gratifying income, which is the reward of well directed labors.

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THOMAS J. WINCKLER.

Thomas J. Winckler, of Asbury Park, one of the most prominent citizens and enterprising business men on the New Jersey coast, was born in New York City, December 31, 1858, son of Augustus J. and Margaret A. Winckler. He acquired an excellent English education in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York City, and Plainfield, New Jersey.

Upon leaving school he became a thoroughly practical confectioner, learning all the features of the trade in the confectionery establishment of L. L. Compton, in Plainfield, New Jersey. In 1885 he located in Asbury Park, New Jersey, where he established a modest business in his line. His success was steady and increasing, and new departments were added from time to time, until it has now become one of the most extensive wholesale and retail establishments along the New Jersey coast. This result has been due entirely to his personal enterprise and business sagacity, and he is regarded as one of the most successful merchants in that region. His personal qualities are such as become the capable man of affairs and the self-respecting progressive citizen.

Mr. Winckler is prominent in Masonic circles, and holds membership in Asbury Lodge, No. 142, and in Corson Commandery, K. T., in which he is past eminent commander. He is a member of the Monmouth Club and of the Asbury Park Wheelmen. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. February 4, 1891, he was married to Miss Martha Bridge, daughter of Ralph Bridge, of Long Branch, New Jersey. Their children are Edgar Ross, born July 23, 1866; Ruth Bridge, born May 10, 1898; and Edith, born April 4, 1899.

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WILLIAM A. N. EMMONS.

William A. N. Emmons, a representative business man of Asbury Park, and active in public and social affairs, was born June 1, 1857, at Turkey, Monmouth county, New Jersey, son of Job and Elmira P. Emmons, people held in high regard in their community. He was educated in the public schools in the home neighborhood. At the age of eighteen years he began an apprenticeship to a blacksmith at Blue Ball, near the place of his birth, and after a period of three years he was well qualified for the performance of all descriptions of labor known to the trade. He established a business at Cedar Creek, in Ocean county, where he remained for two years, removing thence to Asbury Park. At the latter named place he opened the establishment which he has since conducted most successfully, and which has broadened out from the repair work of the blacksmith to manufacturing and dealing in buggies, surries, runabouts, trucks, heavy and light, and all kinds of business wagons. Mr. Emmons is not only an accomplished mechanic, but he is a business man of discernment and enterprise, and has extended his market far beyond the former bounds in his line, and his representations are regarded with implicit confidence.

Mr. Emmons is an active member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of

Asbury Park. He is an earnest Republican, and has been called by his neighbors to membership in the board of commissioners of appeals for the township of Neptune, county of Monmouth, in which position he has served for two terms. He is a charter member of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 60, Improved Order of Red Men; Coast City Council, No. 813, Royal Arcanum; and Asbury Council, No. 23, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. November 20, 1883, he was married to Miss Ada L. Lane, daughter of William D. Lane, of Cedar Creek, Ocean county, New Jersey, and to them was born a daughter, Florence M., born October 3, 1885.

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#### MOSES CHERRY.

Moses Cherry, a farmer and dairyman, and one of the prominent citizens of Monmouth county, was born in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parentage, July 3, 1835, and when a boy came with an older brother to America. He is a son of Moses and Mary (Wood) Cherry. The family were very well-to-do people in their country, but, according to custom, their property descended to the eldest son, and the three younger ones sought their fortunes in America. Moses learned the carriage-maker's trade, which he followed at Keyport for many years, after which he retired to his farm in Raritan township, Monmouth county, where he is now engaged in the raising of garden vegetables and small fruits. He also has a dairy of from twelve to fifteen cows, and in all branches of business is meeting with a gratifying and well merited degree of prosperity. In 1873 occurred the marriage of Mr. Cherry and Miss Hannah Tilton, and their union has been blessed with six children, as follows: Joseph, who was born August 13, 1874; Elizabeth, born March 1, 1876; Frank, born September 18, 1878; William, born August 31, 1881; Theodore, born November 11, 1883; and Laura, born August 1, 1886. The family are Protestants in their religious views, and attend the Methodist Episcopal church at Keyport. In political matters Mr. Cherry is identified with the Democracy, but does not take an active interest in politics, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. He has, however, been prominently identified with the interests of the county, and is recognized as one of its most honored and highly esteemed citizens.

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#### JACOB W. AUMACK.

Jacob W. Aumack, one of the leading farmers of Monmouth county, now owns about eighty-seven acres of the finest land in the county, most of which is under an excellent state of cultivation and is devoted to the raising of fruits and garden vegetables. He was born in Raritan township, on the 25th of December, 1851, and is a son of Thomas S. and Permelia (Walling) Aumack, who were also farming people. The ancestral history of the family is given with that of Thomas W. Aumack, and the Wallings are also mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Jacob W. Aumack of this review was married on the 12th of October, 1887, to Annie E. Walling, who was born October 10, 1855, a daughter of Taylor W. and Lydia Ann (Wilson) Walling. The father, who was born in 1827, departed this life July 22, 1890, while his wife, who was born May 24, 1829, is still living and makes her home at Keyport. The former was a miller and farmer at a place called Walling's Mills, in Raritan township. Mrs. Walling's paternal grandfather traced

his ancestry on his mother's, Lydia Smith, side back to one John Smith, who came to Middletown township in 1670 from England, and six years later removed to New York City, where he was soon afterward granted a tract of land of two hundred and twenty-five acres at Middletown by Sir Philip Carteret, the governor. The deed bore the date of December, 1676. Mr. Smith subsequently purchased several hundred acres more, becoming a prominent man in his locality and was a great friend of the "Governor." Mrs. Aumack has the family tree of the Smith family complete for eight generations. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with one daughter, Addie, who was born July 11, 1889. Mr. Aumack was formerly identified with the Democratic party, but in later years has given his support to the Prohibition party; he has, however, never taken an active part in politics, although he is a public-spirited and loyal citizen, ever doing all in his power to advance the material and moral welfare of the community. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, Mrs. Aumack's paternal grandfather having been one of the organizers of the church in Keyport. The Aumack household is the abode of hospitality, and the members of the family hold a high position in those circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society.

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#### REV. WILLIAM JONES.

Rev. William Jones, pastor of the Baptist church of Belmar, New Jersey, and the genial and popular proprietor of the St. Elmo hotel at Ocean Grove, was born in Pwllheli, North Wales, on the 26th of June, 1850. He is a son of William and Hannah (Edwards) Jones. Our subject was reared and educated at the place of his nativity until his sixteenth year, when he went to sea, and for over fifteen years he sailed to all parts of the world. In the meantime he became converted to the Christian religion, and when about forty years of age he began a two-years course in English in the Temple College, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after which he took a thorough course in theology in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. After leaving that institution he was principally engaged in evangelistic work for several years, and in 1901 he was appointed to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Belmar, New Jersey. He has endeared himself to hosts of friends since assuming the duties of this holy office, and has proved himself to be a tireless and efficient worker in the vineyard of the Master.

As a hotel proprietor Mr. Jones has also met with an eminent degree of success. For many years he was the popular proprietor of the Beach View House at Ocean Grove, and in January, 1901, he purchased the well known St. Elmo hotel, which has since been largely refitted and furnished, many new and improved appliances have been introduced, and the hotel is now one of the most popular and home-like resorts in the Grove. It is open during the entire year. The St. Elmo is delightfully located on the principal thoroughfare and is central to all points of interest, and no labor or expense has been spared to make this a first-class resort in all its appointments, while the prices are extremely low. The large verandas and cool sea breezes, wafted from the southeast, are particularly attractive and pleasant, and those who once visit the St. Elmo will ever retain pleasant remembrances of the beautiful hotel and its popular proprietor.

On the 25th of July, 1894, Rev. Jones was united in marriage with Josephine Morhead, of Belvidere, New Jersey, her birth having occurred on the 14th of January, 1856. Rev. Jones has done much to build up Ocean Grove as a popular resort,

not only by the excellence of the accommodations furnished by the St. Elmo, but also by his untiring zeal for the welfare of his fellow men, and he is gladly given an important place in this history of the prominent families of the county.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY SMYTH.

The subject of this sketch is a substantial farmer of Marlboro township, Morganville postoffice, New Jersey, and was born in that township, July 27, 1819. He is the son of the late John B. and Rebecca (Geran) Smyth. John B. Smyth was a native of Philadelphia, and a son of Henry B. and Margaret (Boyce) Smyth; the former was of a prominent English family and the latter of German extraction, but they were married in this country.

Henry B. Smyth, the grandfather of our subject, was a college student, when at the age of eighteen years he determined to come to America; he was a finely educated young man, and one well endowed for any position in life he might elect to fill. The family name at that time was Bond-Smyth; he chose, however, to retain only the latter half of the name, by which the family in this country has been known ever since. For some time after his arrival here he devoted his time to teaching and taught in many places in New Jersey. Aside from his ability as a general instructor he was a surveyor and civil and mechanical engineer, also an artist of no mean ability, and an expert draughtsman. He had but two children, John B., father of our subject and Jane, who was the wife of William Hul-sart, by whom she was left a widow and afterwards married George W. Smith, late of Marlboro township.

John B. Smyth, our subject's father, was educated by his scholarly father; he chose as an occupation that of farming, although he also worked at his trade, that of painting, which he thoroughly understood in all its branches. He was a veteran of the war of 1812 and a pensioner. Eight children were born to him, as follows: Thomas G.; Margaret A., who married James Devitt; William H., our subject; Catherine, who married William Van Cleef; John Q., who was a soldier during the Civil war; Maria, second wife of James Devitt; Amelia, who married Lewis G. Mess-lor; and Augustus F.

Thomas Geran, the maternal grandfather of our subject, served seven years in the Revolutionary war, was twice captured by the enemy and imprisoned on the old prison ship.

Our subject, W. H. Smyth, received a common school education; when this was completed he learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which line of occupation he followed for many years in connection with his farming pursuits. He was married December 25, 1848, his wife being Dorcas L. Warne, who was born on the farm where the couple still live, March 16, 1827. Mrs. Smyth is the daughter of Lewis and Sarah (La Tourrette) Warne, the former of English origin, his ancestors for many generations living in this country; the family of the latter is of French descent. For three generations the La Tourrette family have occupied the farm where the Smyths now make their home.

The Warnes were among the very earliest settlers of South Amboy. Mrs. Smyth's great-grandfather, Perrine, took an active part in the American Revolution. The family of this ancestor was one of the first to settle on Staten Island, where, during the Revolution, he only escaped capture by the Tories through the vigilance and fidelity of his negro slaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Smyth have had six children, four of whom have arrived at ma-

turity: Warne, born December 9, 1849, is now a prominent lawyer of Jersey City; Adeline, born January 6, 1851, is the wife of George L. Greenwood, a farmer of Tinton Falls; Albert, born May 31, 1854, is a farmer of Marlboro township; Electa, born May 28, 1860, married Joseph Quackenbush; she is now a widow.

Mr. Smyth politically is an adherent of the Democratic party; his first vote was cast for Martin Van Buren for president in 1840. He has occupied various positions of public trust, such as school trustee, surveyor of highways, overseer of the poor and other township offices, during most of his active life being in some public service. Mr. Smyth is a well informed man, and takes an active interest in the affairs of his political constituency. Both he and his wife are active and zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been a trustee and steward for many years. His long life has been an exemplary one, and he fully merits the respect and esteem in which he is held by his fellow townspeople.

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#### ROBERT P. MASON.

Back of Robert P. Mason is an ancestry honorable and distinguished. The family was originally of English lineage, and the great-grandfather of our subject was an English lord. It was his son, Robert Mason, who established the family on the American continent, coming from the "Merrie Isle" about 1800. He settled in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, and built the first house in Homedale, that state, there spending the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died about 1820, and his wife, long surviving him, passed away about 1850. Their children were: Elizabeth, who became the wife of Ephraim White; John; Nancy, who married Charles Jameison, a civil engineer; and Sarah, who became Mrs. Bennett. All are now deceased.

Of this family John Mason, the second in order of birth, was the father of our subject. He was born in Homedale, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1810, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade. On attaining his majority in 1831 he came to New Jersey and assisted in the construction of the Camden & Amboy railroad, now included in the Pennsylvania railroad system. In 1832 he was married and in 1837 he purchased a farm at Branberry, upon which he lived until his life's labors were ended in death. He devoted his attention to the cultivation of the fields and was successful in his undertakings. He was closely identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, took an active interest in its work and the extension of its influence, and died in that faith in October, 1896, respected by all who had known him, while his wife passed away in 1886. She bore the maiden name of Anna Perrine, and was of French lineage, her first American ancestors having come from France to the new world prior to the Revolutionary war and settled near Cranbury. One of her uncles loyally served in the cause of independence and being taken prisoner by the British, was held a captive for two years. The grandfather served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. Mason was a daughter of Matthias and Ann Perrine, who were residents of Cranbury, and unto them were born nine children, namely: Anna, Hannah, Lydia, Catherine, Eliza, Daniel, Rachel, Susan, and Mary, all now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Mason became the parents of three children: Mary the wife of Abijah Day; Margaret; and Robert P., of this review.

The last named was born in Cranbury, New Jersey, January 6, 1841, and he was educated in the common schools and in the academy at Cranbury, and after completing his literary course he learned the trade of carpentering, following that occupation



*Robert P. Mason*





as a journeyman for about two years after he had completed his apprenticeship. When he had arrived at man's estate he offered his services to the government, for the country was then engaged in civil war. It was on the 23rd of August, 1862, that he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-second New Jersey Regiment, of which he became a corporal. He served for ten months, during which time he participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and on the 17th of June, 1863, he was discharged and mustered out at Trenton, New Jersey, whence he returned to his home in Cranbury. Through the following five years he taught school, and then locating on his father's farm, he engaged in its cultivation until March 23, 1892, when he removed to South Amboy, where he has since devoted his energies to carpentering and boat building. His business interests have always been carried forward in an energetic, determined manner, and his enterprise and resolution have led to prosperity. At the present time he is a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Mason was married in Windsor, Mercer county, New Jersey, December 10, 1860, to Mary Stratton, a daughter of Elias and Eleanor Stratton. She was born at Pemberton, Burlington county, this state, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: John A., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, residing at Camden, New Jersey; Addison H., also a Methodist minister, now stationed at Genesee, New York; Elias S., a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad; Anna, the wife of John Perkins; Nellie, at home; and Charles T., a stenographer in the office of the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Jersey City. The family are all consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their upright lives commend them to the confidence, respect and friendship of all with whom they come in contact.

Mr. Mason also belongs to General William Truax Post, No. 118, G. A. R., and belongs to Windsor Lodge, No. 50, I. O. O. F., of Hightstown, New Jersey. In politics he is a Republican and has served on the township committee, but has never been an office seeker, although he is now holding the office of justice of the peace, to which he was appointed in May, 1876. He has proved a competent officer, whose "even-handed justice" has "won golden opinions" from all sorts of people. This is but in harmony with his entire career, which is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

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#### ROBERT STEPHEN SEELEY.

The worthy subject of our sketch, Robert S. Seeley, of Raritan township, Keansburg post-office, is a large grower of vegetables and fruit. In addition to the cultivation of his land Mr. Seeley is greatly interested in the fishery business, in which he has an extensive trade, selling the product of his labor to near-by markets. Mr. Seeley is a man who believes in keeping busy at all seasons of the year. If one line of operations has its dull periods he hesitates not at all, but engages in another; thus it is that during the winter he transacts a paying business in evergreen trees and shrubs for decorative purposes and Christmas celebrations. He ships great quantities of these holiday necessities from Vermont to New York City and other markets.

Mr. Seeley was born in Keansburg, New Jersey, on March 8, 1833, the son of Robert S. and Susan (Wilson) Seeley. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving under Captain Daniel Hendrickson. The Seeleys are of Holland Dutch extraction and have lived in this country for several generations.

Mr. Seeley was married January 3, 1855, to Miss Sarah L. Young, of New York City, who was born May 11, 1836, of English parents; she was a daughter of Edmond

and Sarah (Tilford) Young, both natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Seeley had eight children, four sons and four daughters, as follows: Anna E., widow of Charles M. Compton; Robert Stephen, a fisherman of Raritan township; Viola, wife of Frank Osborn, a civil engineer of Middletown; Susan, wife of Thomas N. Aumack, Jr., a farmer in Raritan; Mary, wife of William Chadwick, a druggist of Keyport; Francis, a fisherman; James, engaged in the carpentering trade; Harry, a farmer living at Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Seeley are blessed not only with their own eight children, but are surrounded with twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and they view with complacence the fine families of which they are the progenitors.

Our subject is a Republican in politics, but has never taken an active part in party affairs. His wife is a cheerful, sprightly woman, an excellent neighbor and staunch friend.

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#### JOHN McCLEES.

John McClees, who enjoys the distinction of being one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of Middletown township, was born on the farm on which he now resides, on the 23rd of December, 1847. He is a grandson of John and Ann McClees, who were of Scotch descent, and were worthy and honored residents of their locality, their memory being still cherished by their descendants. The parents of our subject were Peter and Sarah (Brown) McClees. He received his education in the district schools of his native township, and by studious habits prepared himself for his chosen vocation in life, that of a farmer and oyster planter. For the past twenty-five years he has been engaged in the oyster business, which has brought to him very gratifying returns. He also has a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres of productive land, devoted principally to general farming, and in both branches of his business he is meeting with a high and well-merited degree of success. In addition to his extensive and varied business interests he has also found time to devote to the public welfare, and for eight years he filled the office of township commissioner with efficiency and ability.

On the 14th of December, 1870, Mr. McClees was united in marriage with Miss Elvira Burdge, a native of Leonardsville, New Jersey, and a daughter of Edward Burdge. Unto this union has been born one son, Herbert C. Mr. McClees is influential in all village, town and county matters, and there is no citizen who commands more unreservedly than he the respect of the community.

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#### THOMAS NOBLE.

Thomas Noble, the genial proprietor of the Fenimore Hotel, Asbury Park, New Jersey, was born in County Londonderry, North of Ireland, August 10, 1844. When he attained the age of twenty-two years he emigrated to this country and was engaged for a time as clerk in the wholesale dry goods house of Botos, Read & Cooley, New York City; subsequently he was placed in charge of the black goods department of the well known house of Lord & Taylor, also of New York City. He remained with the house for some time and then for two and one-half years he was engaged in the dry goods trade on Twenty-third street, New York, but not meeting with the success he anticipated in this enterprise he removed to Asbury Park. Mr. Noble had pur-



*John M. Clee*



chased some property in Ocean Grove in 1873, and he erected a cottage there, in which he resided until he built the Fennimore Hotel, which he rented at first, but later he decided to conduct it himself. From time to time he has built additions to it, until now it is twice its former size, and is capable of accommodating two hundred guests; it is open from April to October. In 1901 Mr. Noble remodeled the house, adding at the same time a front of colonial architecture, which makes a very attractive and imposing appearance. The house is delightfully situated one and one-half blocks from the ocean, has wide, inviting piazzas, and all modern improvements, consisting of gas throughout the house, running water on every floor, and hot and cold water baths. There is also a fine lawn for tennis, croquet, etc., a spacious amusement hall, and first-class music is furnished daily for the entertainment of the guests. Special attention is also paid to the culinary department, and in fact every thing that can possibly add to the comfort and pleasure of the guests is attended to.

Mr. Noble was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Guy, daughter of George Guy, of New York City, and one daughter has been born to them, Martha Isabella Noble.

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#### G. C. McDOWELL.

For almost thirty years G. C. McDowell has resided in Marlboro township, Monmouth county, upon the farm which is now his home, and is accounted one of the leading and enterprising agriculturists of the community. He owns and cultivates one hundred and fifty-four acres of land, which has been acquired through his own efforts, his success resulting from industry and capable management.

Mr. McDowell has always resided in Monmouth county, his birth having occurred in Manalapan township, on the 18th of August, 1845. The family is of Scotch lineage, as the name suggests, the first ancestors in America having come from Scotland in the early part of the seventeenth century, a settlement being made in Middlesex county, New Jersey, where representatives of the family carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. James McDowell, a native of that county and the great-grandfather of our subject, was one of the valiant soldiers of the Revolutionary war and fought under General Washington in the battle of Monmouth. His son, John McDowell, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Middlesex county and was a veteran of the war of 1812. He made farming his life work, thus following in the footsteps of his ancestors. John I. McDowell, the father of our subject, was born in 1810 and in early life learned the carriage-making trade, which he made the means of providing for the support of himself and family. He passed away in 1870, at the age of sixty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Emma J. Crawford, was, like her husband, a native of Middlesex county, her birth occurring in 1815, her death in 1895. She was a descendant of the Crawford who came from Scotland in the seventeenth century and located in Middlesex county. Her great-grandfather, William Crawford, was high sheriff of Middlesex county under King George II. He died March 2, 1760, at the age of fifty-five years and was laid to rest in the old Scotch burial ground in Marlboro township. His son, Gideon Crawford, the grandfather of Mrs. McDowell, was a soldier with Washington's troops at the battle of Monmouth and loyally aided in the struggle for independence. The old Scotch burial ground is located across the road to the north from the farm owned by our subject. A monument was erected there in 1894 to commemorate the location of the first Scotch church in Monmouth county, December 20, 1760. The granite stones in the monument were cut and imported from Ireland and Scotland.

Thus in a neighborhood historical is located the home of G. C. McDowell. The scene viewed from his house is one which was familiar to the sturdy and brave pioneers who faced the dangers of the wilderness and aided in laying the foundation for this great republic, cementing this structure with the blood shed upon the battlefield of Monmouth and other important engagements. His ancestors were among those who thus strove for liberty and the same spirit is manifest in their descendant, G. C. McDowell, who is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of the county. He pursued his education in the district schools, and when a young man he began earning his living by working as a farm hand in Manalapan township. In 1870 he became connected with the farming interests of Marlboro township, and in 1872 he purchased the farm upon which he now resides. Since that time he has continuously engaged in the cultivation and improvement of his land and he now owns two adjoining farms, which are among the best in the township. His well tilled fields and splendidly developed properties bring to him a good return for his labor.

On the 27th of November, 1867, Mr. McDowell was married to Miss Sarah Van Kirk, the wedding being celebrated in the old Brick church in Marlboro township, it being the first wedding performed in the church. Their children are: Mary Emma, Hulda, Laura C., Frank and Raymond. The second daughter is now the wife of O. J. Walker. Mr. McDowell and his family are all members of the old Brick church, and in politics he is an earnest Democrat. For five years he held the office of chosen freeholder in his township, is now one of the township committee and is also a member of the board of education of his district. The schools find in him a warm friend and he is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its progress along social, material, intellectual and moral lines.



#### HENRY CLAY McLEAN.

Henry C. McLean, one of the prominent young farmers of Middletown township, now resides on a farm of two hundred acres of choice land, where he makes specialties of horticulture and stock breeding. His paternal great-grandfather, Jacob McLean, was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and during the Revolutionary war owned a farm and conducted a ferry on the Delaware river. He was closely associated with the fierce struggle of the colonies for independence and proved a gallant soldier at the battle of Germantown. He married Martha Burdge and their children were Moses, David, Solomon, Jonathan, and Martha. Jonathan McLean, the grandfather of the immediate subject of this review, was also a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and removed with his parents to Monmouth county, New Jersey, the family locating on the Shrewsbury river, where his useful but eventful life was chiefly passed. He married Eleanor, a daughter of Benjamin Burdge, and their children were Jacob, William, Theresa, Sidney, Warren, Eleanor, Benjamin B., and Susan.

Sidney McLean, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born on the 27th of September, 1820, in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and here he spent his youth under the parental roof. He eventually became a part owner of his father's farm, remaining thereon until 1866, the date of the family's removal to the beautiful home now the property of his son, Henry C. McLean. Sidney McLean was married on the 11th of March, 1858, the lady of his choice being Miss Anne Smith, and they became the parents of the following children: Ella F., deceased; Joseph S., deceased; Sidney A., deceased; Caroline S.; Anna L.; and Henry C. McLean. Although successful to a marked degree in his farming operations, the



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father made horticulture a study and devoted much of his valuable time to the raising of choice varieties of fruits. He was also one of the originators of the Fair View cemetery, of which he served as a trustee, and was a director of the Middletown Turnpike Company; while of the Red Bank Baptist church he was an active and zealous member, in which he also held the office of trustee for many years. He was a man of modest bearing, domestic in his tastes, his greatest pleasure being found within the circle of his own home. His death took place on the 2nd of July, 1874.

Henry C. McLean, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born January 5, 1868. He was reared and prepared for college in his native county of Monmouth, and as a further preparation to that end attended South Jersey Institute. He subsequently attended Colgate University. June 2, 1897, he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia, a daughter of Jacob Miller Hager, of German Valley, New Jersey, and two children have graced this union, Mary E. and Sidney H. McLean. The family is one of prominence in their locality, and in the agricultural circles of Middletown township Mr. McLean occupies a commanding position.

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### JOHN L. ARMSTRONG.

"Agriculture is the noblest of all alchemy," says Chatfield, "for it turns earth and even refuse into gold, conferring upon its cultivator the additional reward of health." This oldest of human vocations and noblest of them all has been honored by the successful career of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Atlantic township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, December 4, 1866, a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Heyer) Armstrong. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, was born in Freehold township, New Jersey, in 1830, and the mother is a native of the same township. He now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Ella Hance, in Belmar, Monmouth county. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Freehold township, Monmouth county, born in 1805, and his death occurred in 1876. He was also a life-long farmer. His father came from Ireland to this county when a young man, here following agricultural pursuits. An uncle of our subject, Johnson Armstrong, was a member of Company A, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Monocacy, July 6, 1864. His brother, John H., found his body on the battlefield and brought it home, and it now lies buried in the Baptist cemetery at Freehold, New Jersey. Unto John H. and Elizabeth Armstrong, the parents of John L., were born seven children, namely: Henry E., a prominent farmer of Holmdel township; Ella, the wife of Henry C. Hance, of Belmar; Aaron A., a farmer of Shrewsbury township; Judson, Elizabeth and Lily, all residents of Freehold.

John L. Armstrong, the subject of this review, pursued the branches of learning taught in the common schools of his locality during his youth. Since early life he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in 1895 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Marlboro township, where he is engaged in general farming. He has been eminently successful in his chosen vocation, and is now numbered among the leading and representative farmers of the county. On the 12th of January, 1887, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Campbell, and their children are Howard, who was born May 26, 1891, and Mary, born August 30, 1895. The family are members of the Freehold Baptist church. Since 1886 our subject has been a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity of Freehold, and he now holds membership

relation with the uniformed rank of the same order. He is honorable in his business dealings, loyal in citizenship, faithful in friendship, and his fidelity to duty in all relations of life has gained him the respect and good will of all who know him.

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#### GARRET S. VANDERVEER.

One of the highly esteemed and substantial residents of Freehold, New Jersey, is Garret S. Vanderveer, who for the past seven years has lived retired from activity, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits. The birth of Mr. Vanderveer was on March 20, 1838, in Freehold township, and he was a son of a highly respected and successful farmer, John Henry Vanderveer, who owned large estates, and whose full ancestry is given in another part of this volume.

The education of Garret S. Vanderveer was obtained in the district schools of his township and, after finishing his schooling, Mr. Vanderveer began farming and has successfully followed that occupation. On December 18, 1862, he was united in marriage to Miss Maria L. Ross, and the children of this union are as follows: William B., born on April 3, 1864, married Jessie Buckalew in 1884, and resides on his farm in Howell township; Anna M., born on March 27, 1867; Charles E., born on June 26, 1871, married Ethel B. Irons in 1892 and resides at Newark, New Jersey; Jennie R., born on May 7, 1873, died on May 17, 1877; Elizabeth, born on February 7, 1877, married Harry L. Jewell on May 16, 1897, and they reside at West Freehold; Anna M. married John B. Jones on October 4, 1900, and they re-side at Atlantic City, New Jersey; Letta C., born on April 26, 1881; and Minnie R., born on May 4, 1884.

Andrew Ross, the father of Mrs. Vanderveer, was a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man of twenty years. Here he married Anna M. Case and carried on a business as builder and carpenter in Freehold, New Jersey, for many years. His death occurred in 1891, his wife surviving until the next year. The one son of the family, William B. Ross, gave up his young life for his country, being killed at the battle of Cedar Creek, during the Civil war, a member of the Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers.

The Vanderveer family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the county, and our subject worthily represents it.

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#### JAMES W. CHRISTIE.

James W. Christie, who is engaged in the undertaking business in Englishtown, was born September 27, 1835, in New York City. His father, James Christie, was also a native of the same locality. The family is of Scotch lineage, the grandfather, James Christie, being the founder of his race in the new world.

A district school education and careful home training equipped James W. Christie for the practical duties of a business career. Before the Civil war he followed farming and also carried on the blacksmith business in Englishtown, but at the time of the trouble between the north and the south he put aside all personal considerations and not until after the establishment of peace did he resume his business in this place. For many years, however, he has now uninterruptedly conducted an undertaking establishment, which is first class in every particular and therefore receives a liberal patronage.

Among the boys in blue of Company H, Thirty-fifth New Jersey Infantry, Mr. Christie went to the front, enlisting at Freehold, this state, September 21, 1863. His regiment was first attached to Casey's brigade, in the defense of Washington, was afterward with the First Brigade, Second Division, Sixteenth Corps; then with the Second Brigade, Fourth Division, Sixteenth Corps. The Thirty-fifth New Jersey participated in the battle at Meridian, Mississippi, February 19-11, 1864; Resaca, Georgia, May 14-15; New Hope Church, May 25; Dallas, May 26; Big Shanty, June 14-15; Kenesaw Mountain, June 16; Decatur, July 22; siege of Atlanta, from the 27th of July to the 1st of September; and in all these movements bore itself with signal bravery.

With an honorable military record Mr. Christie returned to his home and family. He had been married in Englishtown, New Jersey, April 6, 1856, to Miss Hannah Emmons, a native of Manalapan township, Monmouth county, and of this union eight children have been born: George W., who was born June 9, 1859, died January 21, 1862; Elmer E., born May 6, 1861; David E., born February 23, 1863; William L., born February 9, 1866; James W., born April 5, 1869; Jennie, who was born June 23, 1872, and died January 22, 1874; Kate L., born March 22, 1876; and Charles F., born August 4, 1881.

The family have a pleasant home in Englishtown and the best people of the city extend to them cordial hospitality. They hold membership in the Presbyterian church. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge of Jamesburg, New Jersey; Conover Post, No. 63, G. A. R., of Freehold; and the Knights of Pythias lodge of Englishtown; and he has filled all the offices in the various organizations—a fact which indicates his high standing among the brethren, who entertain for him warm regard on account of his genial manner, unflinching courtesy and many good qualities of heart and mind.

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#### LOUIS KAHLE.

Louis Kahle, veteran of the noted Sixty-eighth New York Volunteers, was born in Frielingen, Neustadt on the Rhine, Hanover, Germany, May 28, 1834. His father, Garrett Henry Kahle, died at his Hanoverian home in 1862, his mother having died there in 1858.

Upon invitation of his brother, who had preceded him, Louis Kahle was induced to leave Germany for America, arriving in 1859 and settling first at Marlboro, and afterward at Matawan, Monmouth county, until the outbreak of the Civil war. The war spirit was strong in Monmouth county, and catching the contagion he enlisted August 24, 1861, for three years, in Company E, Sixty-eighth New York Volunteers, under the command of Colonel Robert J. Beeche, the regiment forming a part of the Third Brigade, Third Division, Eleventh Corps, of the army of the Potomac.

He participated in the hard fighting of this division of the army at the battles in 1862, of Warrenton Junction, Cross Keys, White House Ford; in General Pope's campaign in August and September; the battle of Waterloo Bridge, Virginia, May 24-25; Georgetown, August 29; Bull Run, August 30. In 1863 he participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, and of Gettysburg, where he was wounded in the knee, from which he still suffers acutely.

In the fall of 1863 his company was transferred to the army of the Cumberland under Hooker, through the consolidation of the Eleventh and Twelfth Corps into the Twentieth Corps. With his command he took part in the engagement at Wauhatchie, Tennessee, in the Chattanooga and Rossville campaigns and at Missionary Ridge, November 25th. During the last eight months of his service he was color sergeant.

Sergeant Kahle's term of service expiring, he was mustered out September 22, 1864; he returned to New York and thereafter sought fortune for a number of years in various parts of the country. He remained for a year in Buffalo, New York, subsequently was for seven years in Cincinnati, Ohio, removed from there to Hillsboro, the same state, and returned east in 1884, when he settled permanently in Freehold, Monmouth county, his present residence.

By trade Mr. Kahle is a boot and shoemaker and has followed that business throughout his life.

In January, 1887, Mr. Kahle was married to Anna V. Fisher, a native of Switzerland, who came to this country in 1884, her parents having died in their native land in 1860. They have three children: Louis C., born in 1888; Anna Maria, born in 1890, and died December 27, 1901; and Mary Catherine, born in 1892. The family from the oldest to the youngest are staunch Americans. Mr. Kahle's brother, Henry F., died at Long Branch in 1884. Mr. Kahle through industry and frugality owns a commodious and comfortable residence in Freehold, where he carries on a thriving business. He is a member of Captain Conover Post, No. 63, G. A. R., of Freehold, has served as junior vice-commander of the post, and is now its chaplain. He is also a member of the Order of Red Men of Freehold, and officer in the order.

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#### WILLIAM L. MACDONALD.

The family of Macdonald, of which William L. Macdonald, of Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a worthy representative, is of Scotch descent and in every generation for hundreds of years its members have been soldiers in the British service. One such patriotic Scot of the Macdonald family, after filling his term of service in Canada, remained at Quebec, where William Macdonald, father of the subject of this sketch, was born.

William L. Macdonald was born in the house in which he now lives at Eatontown, New Jersey, in 1807, a son of William and Josephine Macdonald. His father, who was a carriage maker, did a large shipping trade with the southern states until the outbreak of the Civil war, when his business suddenly became restricted and the collection of accounts was practically impossible. After the war he resumed business, but the western trade and cheap factory work so cut into the volume of his business that he deemed it advisable to abandon the enterprise entirely. His work was of a superior quality and he had never employed anything but the best material, so that he was not in a position to compete with popular trade against the cheap machine-made buggies produced at Cincinnati and other points in the West. His factory was located at Rahway, New Jersey, and he had a repository in New York City. The New York salesroom was closed in 1860, and the factory was abandoned in 1865, when Mr. Macdonald located at Eatontown. About 1872 he finally withdrew from active business life, and his last carriage factory was converted into a hat factory by Henry Pearce. Mr. Macdonald was a worthy citizen, whose good qualities of mind and heart won him many friends, and he was a member of the Masonic order who most religiously lived up to its principles. He died in 1893, and his wife died in 1892. They had four children, Mary W., Edward W., William L., and Benjamin, the three former arriving at maturity, the latter dying in childhood.

William L. Macdonald received but a limited education for the reason that in his youthful years his health was not sufficiently robust to permit of his becoming a hard student; but of active mind and very observing, he has obtained a knowledge of



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men, things and events such as is invaluable to a man in business, and his tact is of a superior quality. In 1896 he engaged in the bottling business at Eatontown, and the output of his establishment amounts to about ten thousand dollars a year. He is regarded as one of the bright, hustling, and successful young business men of Monmouth county, and those who have watched his upward course thus far predict for him abundant success in the years to come. His brother, Edward W. Macdonald, is a vegetable gardener and runs several market wagons. William married Miss Margaret Pierce, by whom he has two children, Edward and George.

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#### JOHN W. CONINE.

John W. Conine, one of the reliable citizens of Adelphia, Howell township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, engaged there in the harness making business, was born in Blue Ball, Howell township, March 16, 1855, son of Henry I. Conine, a blacksmith and wheelwright of that place, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Conine was educated in the district schools of his county and learned the harness trade of his father. In 1880 he removed to Asbury Park, where he was engaged in a harness shop until 1884. In 1884 he returned to Blue Ball, established his present business of maker and retailer of harness, and there continued ever since, meeting with marked success in business, and becoming prominently interested in town affairs.

He is a Democrat and has been clerk of Howell township since 1890. He is a notary public and fraternally connected with the orders of Knights of Pythias and the Jr. O. U. A. M., and is district deputy of the lodges of Freehold, Englishtown and Adelphia, Knights of Pythias, and secretary of the Adelphia lodge. He is prominent in the Methodist church of Adelphia, being president of the board of trustees of the church; secretary of the official board; leader of the choir, and president of the Epworth League.

In 1882 he was married to Kate M., daughter of J. Raymond Jones, of Adelphia. Her father died in 1886, leaving children besides Mrs. Conine, John V.; Jones, who is a veterinary surgeon at Atlantic City, New Jersey; Dr. H. F. Jones, of Spring City, Pennsylvania; Mrs. B. C. Stillwell, of Adelphia; Mrs. George Wagner, of Lakewood, New Jersey; Mrs. Samuel Hall, of Tottenville, Long Island; and Mrs. Carrie Grout, of New York.

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#### CORNELIUS C. BARKALOW.

Cornelius C. Barkalow, scion of the founders of the Dutch settlements in America, and direct descendant of the original proprietor of the tract of land now comprised in Howell township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born in New York City, August 24, 1812, while his father was in the Federal army during the war of 1812.

The Barkalow family left Holland early in the seventeenth century and settled on Long Island, New York. Later in the seventeenth century Cornelius Barkalow came to Monmouth county, New Jersey, and bought a tract of land two miles square, in what is now Howell township. Hechid and his son Derrich Barkalow inherited this land, which passed on from father to son through Derrich to Cornelius, one of Derrich's sons, whose portion descended thence to Stephen, the grandfather of the

present Cornelius C. Stephen Barkalow was born in Howell township December 10, 1748, and died March 14, 1820. He owned the "Barkalow Mill," a grist and saw mill, and lived during the trying period of the Revolutionary war; he left several sons and daughters. One of these sons, Cornelius S. Barkalow, was the father of our subject. He was born in Freehold township, February 22, 1772, and died February 2, 1842. The mother of Mr. Barkalow, Zededah Errickson, was born in Freehold township, July 8, 1780, and died May 6, 1860. They were married a year before the war of 1812. As already intimated, Cornelius S. Barkalow served during the war of 1812, having grown up to manhood as a millwright.

Cornelius C. Barkalow, son of the preceding, received his early education in the district schools of his time and has supplemented his early education by wide experience and extensive reading. Growing to manhood, he bought and cultivated land, upon which he lived until 1872. He then for a year lived at Blue Ball in Howell township, a small country place, and from there removed to his present home, two miles from his original farm, where he has since resided. He has always devoted his time and energies to farming. In his eighty-third year he fell from an apple tree in which he was working and injured his hip, necessitating now the use of a cane. Otherwise he is in active, vigorous health, retaining the full possession of his mental and physical powers at ninety years of age.

In March, 1827, he was married to Catherine Errickson, who died September 30, 1861. To this union were born Silas, Cornelius S. and John E. Cornelius S. was one of the veterans of the Civil war. He was mustered into the service of Company I, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, as first sergeant, and served with his regiment continuously except a few months, when he was laid up in the hospital with his wounds. He was shot in the breast in July, 1864, at Monocacy, Maryland, and was supposed to be mortally wounded. The father went to the battlefield and stayed with his son until the latter returned home on a furlough. In January, 1865, he returned to the command and was with the Fourteenth up to the close of the war. He was made first lieutenant September 10, 1864; captain, December 1, 1864; and brevet-major, April 2, 1865. He died February 12, 1866.

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#### JAMES H. MINTON.

James H. Minton, a native and resident of Fair Haven, New Jersey, was born on April 16, 1834, the son of the late John M. and Margaret Minton, also natives of Fair Haven, and members of an old and highly respected family, originally of English extraction. John Minton was an early oyster planter, when that business was at the zenith of its prosperity.

The subject of our sketch, James H. Minton, received his education in the public schools of his native town; here he manifested a disposition to take advantage of every opportunity that presented itself, and through close application mastered the preliminary instruction that was afterward fortified by the more practical experiences of life. In early life he became interested with his father in the cultivation of oysters, but this occupation did not long claim his attention. Being of a mechanical turn of mind, boat building soon attracted his notice as a business more exactly suited to his inclination and ability. It did not take long to demonstrate his peculiar genius for the art of boat building; his expert workmanship has attracted widespread attention and some of the finest craft on the river are the product of his labor.

When young Minton made up his mind that his choice of occupation was a wise





*James H. Minton*



one he wasted no time in journey work, but at the age of twenty years he took upon himself the responsibility of conducting business on his own account. In this step he made no mistake, as his present extensive business indicates.

His marriage took place in December, 1861, his bride being Cornelia, daughter of Cornelius and Maria Morris, the former being a descendant of Robert Morris, of Revolutionary renown. Nine children were the result of their union, seven of whom are living, namely: Elwood, Laurence E., Ada H., Cecelia C., Charles A., Harriett K., and Prentiss I.; John M. and Cornelius M. are the two deceased children.

As a citizen Mr. Minton is held in high esteem, as the fact of his having held the office of school trustee for twenty-three years conclusively shows. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Red Bank, New Jersey, in which institution he has occupied the office of steward and class leader for a number of years:

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#### WILLIAM HENRY HENDRICKSON.

It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate as far as is possible the memory of an eminent citizen—one who by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflected credit upon his city and state. Through such memorials as this at hand the individual and the character of his services are kept in remembrance and the importance of those services acknowledged. His example, in whatever field his work may have been done, thus stands as an object lesson to those who come after him, and though dead he still speaks. Long after all recollection of his personality shall have faded from the minds of men, the less perishable record may tell the story of his life and commend his example for imitation.

William H. Hendrickson was for three terms a distinguished member of the state senate and throughout his business career he devoted his attention to the work of agriculture, which, to quote from George Washington, "is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation to which man can give his energies." He resided in Holmdel township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and was born near Middletown, this county, on the 3d of June, 1813, a son of William H. and Eleanor (Dubois) Hendrickson. His paternal ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of Monmouth county, having located here as early as 1698, and the land which they then secured (fifteen hundred acres) has since been in possession of their descendants, the farm of the son of our subject, James P. Hendrickson, having been a part of that property; and containing the old homestead.

In his youth William H. Hendrickson was a student in the grammar school connected with Rutgers College and was pursuing the work of the sophomore year in the college when his father died and he returned to the home farm to assume its management and control. Throughout the greater part of his business career his attention was devoted chiefly to agricultural pursuits, which he conducted so systematically and capably that his labors were annually rewarded with good financial returns. His attention, however, was not entirely given to this one line of activity. He was a man of resourceful ability and in addition to the management of his farm he acted as the president of the Middletown & Keyport Steamboat Company and was the president of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Middletown Point, now Matawan Bank. While connected with the Steamboat Company and in furtherance of its interests, the Middletown & Keyport Turnpike Company was organized, opening up a large territory. He presided over its interests for many years.

On the 28th of February, 1839, Mr. Hendrickson was united in marriage to

Miss Elizabeth E. Woodward, of Cream Ridge, Monmouth county, a daughter of Nimrod Woodward, who belonged to an old Quaker family of that locality. By this marriage six children were born: Charles D., now deceased, who was a farmer by occupation and was a colonel on the staffs of Governors Beale and Abbet; while in Company G. of the New Jersey National Guard, at Keyport, he served as lieutenant; William, who has also passed away; Elizabeth, the wife of William H. Barron, a merchant of New York City; Hendrick, deceased; Henry; and one who died in infancy. The mother died on the 13th of December, 1805, and on the 24th of June, 1808, Mr. Hendrickson was again married, Rebecca C. F. Patterson becoming his wife. They had two children: James P., who is now living near Red Bank, William H., assistant cashier in the Mercantile Co-operative Bank of Red Bank. He attended Freehold Institute; in the year following his graduation from that office was connected with the county clerk's office. In 1880 he entered the employ of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Matawan. In 1868 he was elected to his present position. Mr. Hendrickson has been active in the interests of his party, but has not sought political preferment. He belongs to the Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 52, Matawan, I. O. O. F., and is a member of Monmouth County Historical Society, Holland Society, New York and Monmouth Boat Club. He married, April 12, 1898, Miss Louisa V., daughter of Henry S. Bush, of Philadelphia. The one son born of this union is William H. Hendrickson, third. He was one of the founders and the first secretary of the Red Bank Golf and Country Club.

While Mr. Hendrickson was well known in his native county as a representative of important business interests, his greatest reputation was probably gained through his service in the state senate. In this way he gained more than local renown. He was a member of the board of freeholders in Monmouth county for eleven years, and in 1858 he was elected to represent his district in the upper house of the general assembly of New Jersey for a three years' term. In 1872 he was elected to the same office without opposition and on the close of that term was immediately chosen for a third term, so that his service in the legislative councils of the state covered nine years, during which time he served on a number of important committees, including the finance, education and printing, and was chairman of the education committee during his first term. Mr. Hendrickson was especially active in his senatorial capacity in securing the legislative permission for the New York & Long Branch Railroad Company to cross the Raritan, a measure that was most bitterly and vigorously fought by the Camden & Amboy Railroad. He was one of the founders and first president of the Monmouth County Agricultural Society. He was for a number of years one of the members of the Geological Survey Commission of the state of New Jersey, representing the third congressional district, and as such rendered especially efficient service. He was a man of well balanced mind, practical and yet progressive, carefully considering every question which came up for settlement and looking beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future. He never sought office, but his fellow townsmen, recognizing his ability and his loyalty to the best interests of the country, called him to office and he faithfully served them in a manner that promoted the welfare of the state. His death occurred February 23, 1899, when he had attained the age of eighty-six years. Throughout his entire life he resided upon the farm which had been the home of his ancestors from the latter part of the seventeenth century, and in the community where he was so widely known he enjoyed in rich measure the regard of his fellow men. His remains are interred in the family burying ground on the home-stead farm. This is one of the historic burial spots of Monmouth county, having been in use as such for two hundred years, as inscriptions on some of the stones that mark the last resting place of members of the family attest.

## THOMAS T. FALLON.

Sergeant Thomas T. Fallon, of Freehold, New Jersey, enjoys the exceptional honor of having been awarded by the Congress of the United States, a medal of honor for bravery and meritorious conduct in battle. He was born in Ireland in 1837, removed thence to England in his eighth year with his parents, and in 1859 came to the United States. In 1860 he located in Freehold, New Jersey, which has since been his home. His parents have long since died in England.

In 1861 he enlisted at New York City in Company K, Thirty-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry, known as the famous fighting Irish regiment from New York City. He took part in the first Bull Run battle and was with McClellan in 1861 and 1862, his regiment belonging to Kearney's famous division of the Third Corps,—a regiment that was always to the front and on the firing line. The record of Sergeant Fallon's active service covers the entire period of the war. The more notable instances of his bravery include the incident of May 5, 1862. He was one of ten men who composed a skirmish line at the battle of Williamsburg, Virginia. Only four of the number came back alive. General Kearney, who was an eye witness, ordered that their names be recorded for bravery. In 1864 Sergeant Fallon was again honored by being given a thirty-day furlough for bravery at the battle of Big Shanty. Ordered to lead the left wing of his company in a charge upon the enemy's earth-works, one officer and twenty-eight men of the enemy were captured. He personally captured the officer on the breast-works and pulled him over into the Union line. He participated during 1861 in the battle of Bull Run, the engagement at the Polish church and Opequon Creek, Virginia. In 1862 he took part in the siege of Yorktown. He was in the advance on Richmond during May and June, and June 25th was sent out as a spy by order of General Kearney to watch the Confederate artillery at Charles City Cross Roads and was recorded for meritorious conduct by General Kearney. From June 25th to July 1st he was in a seven-days' battle before Richmond, at the battle of Carter's farm on the Chickahominy, at the White Oak Swamp and at Malvern Hill. At Harrison's Landing, Virginia, he was transferred by order of General Kearney to Battery K, Fourth United States Artillery. He participated in the battle of Manassas, Bull Run, August 30th, and the battle of Chantilla, Virginia, where General Kearney was killed. He was afterwards at the bombardment of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and was in the battle near the Rappahannock, December 13th.

In 1863 he participated in Burnside's second campaign, known as the "Mud" campaign, and in the Chancellorsville campaign of April 28-30. May 1, 1863, his term of service having expired, he was discharged with a record of being in all engagements. Returning to his home at Freehold he remained there until the second call of President Lincoln in 1863. September 24th of that year he was mustered in sergeant of Company H, Thirty-fifth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and in November was assigned to a provisional brigade in the army of Tennessee. He was with the expedition from Vicksburg to Meridian, Mississippi, Bolton Depot, the battle of Resaca, Georgia, New Hope Church, Dallas, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Rowells Mills, Nickjack Creek, Decatur, and the siege of Atlanta. He was with the army in its march to the sea and the siege of Savannah. In June, 1865, he was at Crystal Springs, Washington, D. C., and July 20th was mustered out of service at Alexandria, Virginia.

In 1891 Sergeant Fallon received from the war department under the date of February 13th, the following:

"Mr. Thomas T. Fallon,  
late of Co. K, N. Y. Vol.,  
Freehold, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.

*Sir:* I have the honor to inform you that I have this day forwarded to you by registered mail a medal of honor, awarded you by the secretary of war in accordance with the act of Congress approved March 3, 1863, providing for the presentation of medals of honor to such officers, non-commissioned officers and privates as have most distinguished himself in action."

The medal bears this inscription "The Congress to Thomas T. Fallon, late private, Co. K, 37th N. Y. Vol., for bravery at Williamsburg, Va."

Sergeant Fallon was married in New York City in September, 1863, to Catherine Garrity. They have two married daughters, Mrs. James Bennett, of Freehold, who has one child, Raymond; and Mrs. Elliot Briscoe of East Orange, whose father was a veteran of the Civil war; they have three children: Leonti, Lellona and Ronald. Two brothers of Sergeant Fallon, Peter and Patrick, served also in the Civil war. Mr. Fallon's name appears on the roster of the "Medal of Honor Legion" in the war department at Washington, D. C.

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#### PETER HALL PACKER.

Peter Hall Packer, the son of William B. and Mary A. Packer, was born at Neshanic, Somerset county, New Jersey, July 13, 1853.

He remained with his father, assisting him on the farm and attending the Montgomery public school until he was eighteen years of age. In 1874 he became associated with his uncle in the contracting business in Long Branch, New Jersey. In 1876 he located at Sea Bright, New Jersey, with Cloughly Brothers in the lumber business, with whom he remained until 1879. He then purchased the hardware and tin roofing business of W. H. Cooper, of Sea Bright, with a branch at Atlantic Highlands, where he became one of the first promoters in the opening up of that well known resort.

In 1882 he sold out the business to Irwin & Nesbit. On December 16, 1881, he founded the Sentinel at Sea Bright and was its editor and publisher for seven years. As editor he strongly advocated municipal improvements, such as good roads, street lights, sanitary improvements, the establishing of the Sea Bright Beach Club, the building of a town hall, jail, the engine house, and many other improvements beneficial to Sea Bright.

Politically he is a Republican and one of the leaders of that party in this section of the state. He was the first to organize a Republican Club in Sea Bright and served as its president for sixteen years. A resume of the political career of Mr. Packer is indicative of the activity of his identification with the interests of his party and the esteem in which he has been held by his constituents. He served as a member of the county executive committee for fifteen years, and has been for twenty years a member of the township executive committee. He has been delegate to nearly every county, congressional, gubernatorial and state convention that has been held since he attained his majority. He was the first official elected in his township by the Republican party, being elected to the office of justice by a majority of eighty-four votes against a defeat by seven hundred votes of the remaining nominee on his ticket. He was secretary of the first board of commissioners, and a member of that board, save



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during 1890, up to 1895; in the latter year he was president of the board. In 1896 he was elected first mayor of Sea Bright and served continuously as the incumbent of that office by re-election up to 1900. In 1896 he was a candidate before the Republican convention for the office of state senator. He was appointed commissioner of deeds of New York by Governors Morton and Roosevelt, notary public by Governor Voorhees, and a commission of deeds for New Jersey by the state senate.

Mr. Packer put forth much time and energy in getting the handsome new draw-bridge over the Shrewsbury river at Sea Bright. He was chiefly instrumental in securing the extension by the New Jersey Telephone Company of its lines in Monmouth county, and has ever since continued as the company's manager. He has also been manager of the Sea Bright exchange of the New York and New Jersey Telephone since 1873.

He is the founder of Ashland Council, Junior O. U. A. M., and for several years was its representative in the grand council in the state, and in 1893 was elected grand vice-councillor of New Jersey, and in 1894 grand state councillor of New Jersey. During his administration he installed thirty-five new councils and secured into the order eight thousand two hundred and forty.

He is a member of the Sea Side Lodge, Knights of Pythias, a past chancellor commander, a member of the grand lodge of the state, and present grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of New Jersey.



#### REV. I. P. BROKAW, D. D.

Mr. Brokaw is a native of Somerset county. He was born not far from New Brunswick, July 27, 1845, and is of French Huguenot and Holland-Dutch descent. After completing his preliminary education he entered the freshman class in Rutgers College in 1859, the late Vice-President Hobart being a classmate from the sophomore year; there he pursued his studies until after the beginning of the Civil war, when feeling that his duty was to his country in her hour of need he enlisted on the 1st of September, 1862, in the Thirtieth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, serving in the First Corps of the army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Chancellorsville, from the 1st to the 4th of May, 1863, and after partial recovery from illness contracted in the service he re-entered college and was graduated with honors in the class of June, 1866. Continuing his studies in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, he was ordained to the ministry in May, 1869, and was the first pastor of the East Reformed church, now Trinity Reformed church, of Newark, New Jersey, filling that pulpit from 1869 until July, 1874. During his ministry there, a substantial church edifice and a parsonage were erected and the work moved forward in substantial manner along many lines.

A new organization having been effected on Jersey City Heights under the name of the South Bergen Reformed church, Dr. Brokaw was called to take charge, and labored in that field until January, 1879; and in the meantime he was instrumental in securing the erection of a comfortable chapel. The church has since been transferred to the Congregationalists. Removing to Freehold in January, 1879, he still resides here in the twenty-third year of his pastorate, enjoying the love, confidence and respect of his people and of many outside of his denomination. He has been a member of the board of education and is still of the board of domestic missions of the Reformed church; for several years he was vice-president of the New Jersey State Sunday-school Association and has been an official member of various religious

societies in Monmouth county during the most of his ministry in Freehold, being at the present time stated clerk and treasurer of the particular synod of New Brunswick of the Reformed church.

In 1870 Mr. Brokaw was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Emma E. Perlee, of Raritan, New Jersey, and they have three living children. Mrs. Brokaw is a faithful assistant to her husband in his great work, and the influence of their home is widely felt for good. A man of strong convictions and earnest purpose, yet considerate of the feelings and rights of others, he is warmly upheld by his loving people in the work to which he has devoted his life.

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#### REV. HOWARD ERNEST THOMPSON.

Rev. Howard Ernest Thompson, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a native of Bordentown, New Jersey, and succeeded to the charge of his present parish in 1900. He is a graduate of the General Theological Seminary of New York, and was ordained deacon at Princeton, New Jersey, by Bishop Scarborough, June 9, 1878, and the year following was ordained priest at Trenton, New Jersey, by the same bishop. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he ministered as curate of St. Timothy, Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and successively as rector of Trinity church, Woodbridge, New Jersey, of Christ church, Woodbury, New Jersey, and of Emmanuel church, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He was instituted rector of St. Peter's parish, Freehold, Monmouth county, on St. Peter's day, 1900.

St. Peter's church is one of the historical landmarks of this section of the state. The parish was prominent in colonial days, and the church was standing on its present site at the beginning and throughout the Revolutionary war. Its erection dates between 1751 and 1763. At the beginning of the war Rev. Samuel Cooke, a Church of England priest, was in charge of the parish, having been sent out from the mother country, and in his flight it is thought he carried with him the early records of the church. It is known, however, that the original church gathering was at Topenemes in Freehold township, in October, 1702, and that its first pastor was Rev. John Keith. In 1736 the organization received its charter, granted by Colonel John Hamilton, commander in chief and president of the province of New Jersey. This charter, dated June 4, 1736, is recorded in the office of the secretary of state at Trenton, New Jersey. The church passed through many trials, and remained uncompleted until 1838, during the rectorship of Robert B. Croes. It is of record that on May 8, 1838, Bishop Doan consecrated the structure, making the following minutes: "On Tuesday, May 8th, I consecrated St. Peter's Church to the worship of Almighty God." He also adds: "The signs of life which at the visitation in the autumn were apparent were now far more than realized. It seems impossible that the old church building, never finished, in which I had officiated, could be the neat, commodious, and beautiful building which I was now called upon to consecrate." In 1878 the church was enlarged in harmony with the original style of the building and entirely refinished, as shown by the records of Rev. Thomas H. Cullen. He records at the same time that some of the timber of the original church at Topenemes was brought and used in its construction between 1751 and 1760. At the present time, under the efficient control of Rector Thompson, this old historic church is one of the foremost in Monmouth county. Many of the leading and most influential families of Freehold are among its communicants.

Rev. Howard Ernest Thompson was married to Matilda Roberts French, eldest

daughter of General Samuel G. French, formerly in the United States regular army, thereafter in the Confederate service during the Civil war. The marriage ceremony was celebrated in Christ church at Woodbury, New Jersey, January 7, 1897. General French is now in his eighty-second year, a resident of Florida, and in the enjoyment of phenomenal health and strength.

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### JOHN WILLIAM ROOME.

John William Roome, who resides in a handsome residence on South street, Freehold, New Jersey, was born in New York City, September 14, 1864. He is in the seventh generation from ancestor Peter William C. Roome, who came from Holland in 1684 and married Hester VanGelder in New York City. His descent from this ancestor is through Peter (2d), Samuel (3d), John (4th), Peter (5th), Martin R. (6th), his father. His father, Martin R., was born in New York City, December 9, 1826, and died at Pompton Plains, Morris county, New Jersey, February 14, 1895. His mother, Rachel Ann (Ryerson) Roome, was born at Wayne, Passaic county, and is living at Pompton Plains, New Jersey.

John William Roome was reared and educated in New York, where he learned his trade, and removed to his present residence in Freehold in 1891. In September, 1890, he was married to Marietta, daughter of Robert Cook Smock and Eleanor (Schenck) Smock, now of Freehold. Both the Smock and Roome ancestral lines are traced back to Holland ancestry, the immigrant ancestor in either case being among the earliest settlers in New Jersey. The Smock ancestral line traces back as follows: Robert Cook Smock, Mrs. Roome's father, was born February 26, 1823, on his father's farm in Holmdel, Monmouth county; was married to Eleanor Schenck Smock, February 18, 1847, on her father's farm in Marlboro township. His father, George G. Smock, was born May 8, 1788, in the same township, and was married December 19, 1811, to Sarah Schenck Smock. He died on his farm April 21, 1868. His father, George Smock, was born November 24, 1754. He was a private in the Revolution, and at the battle of Monmouth was detailed to cut off British supplies, and got back just as the battle was over. He captured a gun from British soldiers, which is now in possession of Mrs. V. P. Buck. He was married May 4, 1770, to Sarah Conover, and died December 7, 1834, on his farm in Holmdel. His father, Colonel John Smock, born February 13, 1727, married Elizabeth Conover, May 7, 1747, and died February 26, 1808. Colonel John Smock's father, Hendrick Smock, was born in Holmdel, October 16, 1698, was married in 1721 to Mary G. Schenck, and died May 30, 1747. His father, Johannis Smock, was born in 1665 and married Catherine Barrents in 1692. He died December 14, 1754. He was born and married on Long Island. He bought property at New Utrecht, Long Island, but left there and located at Holmdel, Monmouth county, in 1712. He bought there three hundred acres of land, for which he paid eight hundred pounds sterling. He died on his farm, which was the original Smock homestead, although subsequently divided between his sons. His father, Hendrick Malijsen Smock, was born in Holland and came to Long Island in 1654. He married Gearje Hermans in Holland. Mrs. Eleanor Schenck Smock, wife of Robert Cook Smock, and the mother of Mrs. Marietta Roome, was the daughter of Aaron Smock, son of Captain Henry Smock, who was the son of the famous Colonel John Smock. The Smock family of Holland trace their ancestry back to royalty. A coat of arms is now in possession of Robert Cook Smock's family in Freehold. The Smocks have been members of the Reformed Dutch church for generations and

are at present members of the Reformed Dutch church of Freehold, as are and have been the Roome family, past and present.

Colonel John Smock fought in the Revolutionary war in the First New Jersey Regiment. He was captain, then major, and lieutenant colonel at the battle of Monmouth. He was captured, escaped, and captured and confined in the British prison in New York City. The Colonel's brother, Lieutenant Hendrick Smock, was confined in a British prison for four years; another brother, Garrett Smock, was a colonel in a North Carolina regiment. Colonel John Smock received two thousand dollars in Continental money for five months' service, and with it he purchased for his wife two calico dresses. Captain Henry Smock, son of Colonel Smock, was captain of a company of the First New Jersey Regiment and took part in the battle of Monmouth. He was also captain of artillery in the battle of Germantown in 1780. Aaron Smock, father of Mrs. Eleanor Schenck Smock, was a lieutenant in the war of 1812, and was engaged at Sandy Hook.

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#### JOHN C. PATTERSON.

The career of General John C. Patterson of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, is replete with thrilling experiences which would delight the military novelist. It has been his fortune to serve during many of the most arduous campaigns of the Union army during the Civil war, and to serve his state for a phenomenal term of years as a member of the National Guard, and he was honored in both by the conferring upon him of high rank. He has been fully as distinguished in the more important of the peaceful walks of life, in one of which he has received the most signal recognition that can be bestowed under the national authority.

He was born October 29, 1834, in Howell, Monmouth county, New Jersey, son of John C. and Sarah (Riddle) Patterson. He was educated in the public school in his native town, and passed his youth on the parental farm, laboring in the field and at the carpenter's bench, his father being a mechanic as well as a farmer. When he was eighteen years of age he gave his sole attention to the trade which he had learned, in association with his father. The opening of the Civil war distracted his attention from civil pursuits, and inspired by patriotic ardor, young Patterson enlisted as a private in Company F, Fourteenth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers. His capability for leadership was recognized at once and at organization he was elected to the first lieutenantcy. Promotion came to him rapidly, well won through splendid soldierly conduct. In October, 1863, he received his commission as captain. At the battle of Cedar Creek, West Virginia, October 19, 1864, a desperate contest was made for the possession of McKnight's battery of six guns. Captain Patterson, with his company of seventy men, rushed in to save the guns and succeeded in rescuing five of them, after a protracted conflict and three charges and counter charges. General Wright, commanding the Sixth Corps, rode up and said to Major McKnight, "Major, you saved your battery." McKnight responded that the credit was due to Captain Patterson, whereupon General Wright saluted and addressed Patterson as "Major Patterson." The gallant deed was reported to the war department by Major McKnight and General Wright, who united in recommending promotion, and Captain Patterson shortly afterward received the commission of brevet major. He was made full major January 27, 1865, and April 9, 1865, the day of Lee's surrender, he received the two brevet commissions of lieutenant-colonel and colonel. He participated in all the campaigns of the war in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, and took part in



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thirty two engagements, among them being some of the most desperate and bloody battles of modern times. June 27, 1865, he was honorably mustered out of the service, the war having ended two months before, and the national flag having been re-established throughout the land.

His service as a member of the National Guard of New Jersey covered the remarkably long period of thirty-four years, and during that time his soldierly conduct and capacity for command served to advance him by regular gradation from the lowest to all but the highest rank. Enlisting as a private he was soon promoted to sergeant. He was subsequently commissioned lieutenant, and rose through the various line and field grades to the full rank of colonel, and was finally retired with the brevet rank of brigadier-general.

He was for sixteen years a member of the United States Life Saving Service, and in his line of duty was conspicuous for many noble deeds of daring, at his own imminent peril. For thirteen years he was on duty at Station No. 1, Sandy Hook, and for three years at Station No. 7, at Avon. He received the highest acknowledgement which is made under the national authority, the gold medal awarded by the Life Saving Service under act of Congress, "for saving life from the perils of the sea." He was for six years a member of the United States life saving board for testing and passing upon all appliances used in the Life Saving Service.

General Patterson took up his residence in Ocean Grove in 1871, and from that day he has been prominent in all public affairs in that village, and has proved a most useful citizen. For more than thirty years past he has occupied his present position of chief of police, and for several years past he has also been building inspector. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he has ever been an active and influential advocate of its principles. In the recent presidential campaign he was president of the McKinley and Roosevelt Republican Club of Ocean Grove. For the last six years he has served as president of the Monmouth county board of election. He is a member of the C. K. Mall Post, No. 41, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was the first commander; of Asbury Lodge, No. 142, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Asbury Park; of Neptune Lodge, No. 84, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of Monmouth Lodge, No. 107, Knights of Pythias.

General Patterson was married June 29, 1859, to Miss Mary Parker Corlis, daughter of Chandler and Maria Corlis. Their children are George W., born February 13, 1862; and Alida, born September 19, 1866.

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#### JAMES J. BARKALOW.

James J. Barkalow, a member of the Barkalow family, whose genealogy is elsewhere given, was born in Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, August 23, 1835, son of Henry and Eleanor (Errickson) Barkalow, both born in Freehold township, the former in 1803, the latter in 1802.

He received only an ordinary district school education. His father dying when he was young, he was compelled to earn his own living and recalls working on a farm for twenty-five cents a day. This farm is across the road, opposite the farm which he now owns. He early learned the carpenter's trade and commenced housekeeping in Freehold with his mother, whom it was his ambition to comfortably support. One of the most satisfying recollections of his life is that he was able to provide his aged mother with all the comforts of life during her declining years. He made for her a home until she died at his house in 1885. Mr. Barkalow worked at his

trade in Freehold until 1862; he then bought and carried on the undertaker's business in Freehold, in which he was successful. Suffering from ill health, he relinquished this business and followed farming for two years. He then re-engaged in the undertaker's business at Freehold, continuing from 1872 till 1895. He then retired from active business, purchasing a farm one mile from Freehold, and now spends his time leisurely between his farm and his fine residence on South street.

In November, 1859, Mr. Barkalow was married to Roxana Garrett. They have had four children: John V., Emma D., Kate and Harry. John V. is in the Pennsylvania Railroad service. In 1881 he married Medora Sherwood and resides at Camden, New Jersey. They have two children, Harold and Nelly. Emma D. is now Mrs. Morris L. Rarey. Kate is now Mrs. Edwin Thompson, of Freehold, and has one child, Edwin. The youngest child, Harry, lives at home, and is a graduate of a commercial college.

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#### FRANKLIN PATTERSON.

Franklin Patterson, the efficient and popular superintendent of the New York Yacht Club, No. 8, located at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, was born on January 23, 1861, at Sandy Hook, and is a son of the late Charles W. and Anker (Pettinger) Patterson, the former of whom was the trusty light keeper of the main light at Sandy Hook during the long period between 1860 and 1888, and the latter is a daughter of Richard Pettinger, of Ardena (now Adelphia), New Jersey.

John C. Patterson, who was the grandfather of our subject, was not only a prominent resident of Howell township, in Monmouth county, where until his death he held the office of assessor, but he was also the father of men who became distinguished in the public affairs of the state. These sons need only to be mentioned to be recalled by every loyal son of New Jersey. Austin H. Patterson, a citizen of Asbury Park, served in the state legislature for six years, and during two years of that period was speaker of the house. He was the author of the free school system of the state, which came into force while he was speaker. During the Civil war he was a member of the Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and finally became its gallant colonel; General John C. Patterson, now of Ocean Grove, was also an officer during the Civil war, organized a militia company, and finally became brigadier-general of the state troops; George W. Patterson was captain of the Fourteenth Regiment during the war of the Rebellion, was also a member of the New Jersey legislature and was the author of the anti-usury bill; while Charles W. Patterson has most acceptably filled the public position in which he was placed. The latter was the father of three sons, Travonian, Franklin, and Edwin Stanton Patterson.

Franklin Patterson was reared and educated at Sandy Hook, first at a private school near his home, later at Pennington Seminary under the tutoring of the distinguished Dr. Thomas O. Hanlon, and later at Freehold institute. After completing his education our subject engaged for a time in teaching, acceptably filling positions in Turkey and Squankum, New Jersey. Alert and ambitious, his mind was full of enterprises, and one of these developed in the founding of the "Monmouth Press," at Freehold, in 1889, of which he was both editor and publisher, successfully conducting it for three years and then selling it to Prof. E. A. Cook, of Atlantic Highlands. One year later he again assumed control, but subsequently sold it to George Barcal, and soon after it was merged into the Atlantic Highlands Independent, but still later, when Mr. W. J. Leonard took charge, it was reorganized under its original name.





*Franklin Patterson*



For four years Mr. Patterson was an employe of the United States government at Sandy Hook proving grounds; at this time the dynamite company was formed, with Mr. S. F. Schuyler as president, to place two fifteen-inch guns and one eight-inch gun as defences of the harbor of New York, and Mr. Patterson was made superintendent of this important work.

In 1895 Mr. Patterson was made superintendent of the New York Yacht Club, and this important position he has held with dignity and thorough comprehension. In 1898 he was also made a justice of the peace, having previously been both notary public and postmaster under the administration of President Harrison.

Mr. Patterson is a consistent Christian, and it was mainly due to his faithful efforts that the first Protestant church was established on Sandy Hook, a success which reflects much credit upon him. As Mr. Patterson was a local preacher, he supplied the pulpit in the new church until a regular pastor could be appointed. He is held in high esteem in his neighborhood. In politics he is a Democrat and during the last presidential campaign was one of the most convincing expounders of Democratic doctrine, being much gifted as an orator and debater.

Mr. Patterson married July 17, 1880, Miss Jennie Warner Prickett, daughter of Hon. William Augustus Prickett, United States consul at Rheims, France, an office to which he was appointed by President McKinley in November, 1896, and re-appointed in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have two children, Warner Forrest and William Augustus Patterson.

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#### DANIEL CONOVER.

One of the landmarks of Monmouth county is what is known as the "Old Brick Church," in Marlborough township. Upon the old Conover farm near by occurred the birth of our subject, June 4, 1838. There he lived and died, and when his life's labors were ended, August 10, 1893, he was laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the old church where he had worshiped for so many years. He represented one of the most prominent of the old families of his county, the name of Conover having been through many decades connected with the history of this region. His father, John E. Conover, son of Elias Conover, was born on the old homestead farm, February 26, 1801, carried on agricultural pursuits there for many years and then passed peacefully away, July 24, 1871. In the old Brick church, March 27, 1822, he had married Eleanor Peacock, who was born October 8, 1803, and died in 1873.

The ancestral family home was the playground of Daniel Conover in his youth, as well as the scene of his business activities after he had attained to man's estate. His educational privileges were those afforded by the district schools. Throughout his entire life he engaged in the tilling of the soil, and year after year planted his crops, watched with interest their growth, and at length garnered his harvests. He kept in touch with the improved methods of the times, was progressive and enterprising, and became widely known as a prosperous and influential farmer.

On the 20th of January, 1858, in the old Brick church, where he had attended divine services from his boyhood, he was married to Miss Almira T., daughter of Jonathan H. and Diahana (Van Winkle) Morgan, of Monmouth county, who were born in Middlesex county, New Jersey, and settled at what is now Morganville, named after its first settlers. To them were born two children, but the younger, Morgan, who was born July 24, 1867, died November 28, of the same year. The elder son, John D. Conover, was born November 25, 1858, and on the 18th of January, 1882, he married Elizabeth Hankinson, by whom he has four children: Almira M.,

born November 28, 1882; Mary E., who was born December 20, 1884, and died October 10, 1895; Daniel J., who was born January 9, 1888, and died November 26, 1897; and William H., born October 1, 1898. John D. Conover and his family reside upon the old farm with his mother, and he manages the business and operates the land, thus relieving her of all care. The entire family are members of the old church in which their ancestors had worshiped, and throughout the community they are highly esteemed. The husband and father, Daniel Conover, was long a prominent member of the church, took an earnest interest in its work and upbuilding, and was a generous contributor to its support. His word was as good as his bond, his name was a synonym of honor, and when he was called to his final rest the community mourned the loss of one of its most valued and exemplary citizens.

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#### THOMAS THOMPSON.

Thomas Thompson, a resident of Perrineville, Millstone township, was born in Millstone township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, February 20, 1846, son of John and Mary Thompson. The family is of Scotch ancestry, the original ancestor of this line of the family coming from Scotland in the seventeenth century and settling in Monmouth county. He had a son who was in the war of the Revolution, and a member of the old Tennent church. Another descendant, grandfather of Thomas Thompson, was a soldier in the war of 1812. John Thompson, son of the latter, was a prosperous farmer of the county. He and his wife died about 1848, leaving a son, Thomas, then under three years of age.

Thomas Thompson at the death of his parents was taken by his cousin, Stephen Thompson, who owned a farm in Millstone township. He was educated in the district school of Monmouth county and worked for his cousin on the farm until his sixteenth year, when he went into the army. In September, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, Second New Jersey Cavalry. His regiment was attached to the army of the Potomac; he served with it in various engagements throughout the Civil war. He was discharged from service September 1, 1865. After leaving the army he returned to Millstone township, where he has since been engaged in farming. He is a member of Conover Post, No. 68, G. A. R., of Freehold, New Jersey.

In February, 1867, he married Sarah M. Anderson, of Millstone township. They have had three children: Sarah F., now Mrs. William Clevenger, and residing at Asbury Park; Harry C., commercial agent for the Deering Machine Company; and John L., in the employ of the Western Steel Iron Company. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Presbyterian church of Perrineville.

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#### EDGAR H. SMITH.

Among the prominent, progressive and successful young farmers of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is Edgar H. Smith, who was born on his father's farm in this township in 1871, and was a son of William J. and Mary E. (Hays) Smith, who were married on December 9, 1868. William J. Smith was born on October 16, 1825, and died on October 31, 1894.

The mother of our subject was born on February 10, 1835, and she was a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Mount) Hays, who were married in 1831. Benjamin

Hays was born on May 12, 1781, and died on May 12, 1851, while his wife was born on January 27, 1802, and died on February 25, 1889, and both of them lie at rest in the old cemetery in connection with the church in Tennent. The Hays family is one of the old and prominent ones in this county, and John Hays, who was the great-grandfather of our subject, came to this county when the land was still a forest. He purchased and cleared this and the adjoining farm, and at his death the land came into the possession of Grandfather Benjamin Hays. At his death the property was bought by William J. Smith, who was the father of our subject, and this now constitutes the fine estate upon which our subject has his residence.

Mr. Smith, of this sketch, had the advantage of superior educational facilities. His early boyhood was passed in attendance at the district country school, but later he entered a private school at Marlboro and continued a student there until he graduated at that institution in 1888. Returning to the home farm he assisted his father until the latter's death, but since 1894 he has had entire charge of the large estate, and is already known through the township as one of the most practical and progressive agriculturists of his locality. Mr. Smith has made a study of farming, and applies to it the scientific principles which bring success in other lines of business. He believes thoroughly in modern methods of tillage and makes use of modern machinery, the results being of a most satisfactory character.

The marriage of Mr. Smith was on April 16, 1899, to Miss Armenia C. Hayward, and the children of this union are: William T., born August 21, 1891; Harold G., born on August 19, 1895; Annie May, born on May 14, 1898; and Mary C., born October 14, 1900. Mr. Smith and both his mother and wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and are among the most highly respected residents of Marlborough township.

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#### RICHARD M. QUACKENBUSH.

It is a matter well worthy of pride when one's ancestors have lived through a very long period and have ever borne themselves with such honor and usefulness that the family name is transmitted untarnished from generation to generation. Such is the ancestral history of Richard M. Quackenbush, a leading and influential farmer of Middlesex county, where he owns and operates a valuable tract of land of ninety acres in Madison township.

He traces his descent from Allen Quackenbush, who in the eighteenth century resided in Monmouth county, where he owned extensive real-estate interests and was a man of marked prominence, who largely aided in molding public thought, opinion and action in his day. He left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the times in his county, and at the age of one hundred and three years was called from this life. He had two children, one of whom was Peter Quackenbush, the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Monmouth county in 1708, and in 1815 was united in marriage to Rhoda Pease, whose birth occurred in 1795. They became the parents of seven children, namely: Holmes, who was born in 1816; Mary, in 1817; Allen, in 1818; Elias, in 1820; Margaret, in 1822; Rebecca, in 1826; and Caroline, in 1831. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, frequently called Peter Quackenbush to public office, and he acceptably filled several township positions.

Allen Quackenbush, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Monmouth county and became a prosperous farmer, his energy, industry and careful management bringing to him success. He, too, was an active factor in public affairs

and held the office of committeeman in his township. On the 8th of March, 1841, he wedded Mary Magee, who was also a native of Monmouth county, and they became the parents of the following named: Catherine E., born in 1842; Joel E., in 1843; Richard M., in 1845; Rebecca A., in 1846; Experience M., in 1848; William M., in 1849; Rhoda J., in 1852; Mary M., in 1853; Luther H. Van D., in 1856; James J. R. M., in 1857; Eleanor, in 1860; Allen H., in 1862; and Walter G., in 1867. The father died August 13, 1884, and the mother on the 4th of May, 1892.

Richard M. Quackenbush was born, reared and educated in Middlesex county, and the occupation with which he became familiar in his boyhood he has made his life work. He has confined his energies to agricultural pursuits, and the farm which he now owns was formerly the property of his father. It comprises ninety acres of rich land, which is under a high state of cultivation and is improved with all modern equipments and accessories. Modern farming methods are followed with good results and the richly cultivated fields annually return to the owner a desirable income.

On the 26th of November, 1884, Mr. Quackenbush was united in marriage to Miss Annie R. Pullen, a daughter of William A. and Sarah R. Pullen. She was born in Englishtown, New Jersey, March 25, 1893, and by her marriage has become the mother of two interesting children: Chester R., born February 11, 1887; and Albert M., born January 21, 1894. Mr. Quackenbush is a member of the historic Tenment church, has been librarian of Hill-boro Sunday-school, and for a number of years served as its Sunday-school superintendent. His life, upright and honorable, industrious and energetic, commands for him the confidence and respect of his fellow men in a portion of the state in which the name of Quackenbush has been associated for more than a century with all that leads to good citizenship and upright manhood.

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#### GEORGE A. SMOCK.

George A. Smock is a descendant of Hendrick Mathyson Smock, who came to this country as early as 1654; he settled in the town of New Utrecht, purchased land there in 1665, took the oath of allegiance in 1687, and served as magistrate from 1690 to 1680. From this stock was descended Hendrich H. Smock, who married Anna Vanderveer. Their son, Garret Vanderveer Smock, married Susan Jane Wikoff, and these were the parents of George A. Smock.

George A. Smock was born at West Long Branch, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on September 16, 1857. His boyhood was spent in the vicinity of Eatontown, Monmouth county, and his education was acquired in the public schools of Eatontown and Shrewsbury, he subsequently pursuing a business course at Eastman's Business College, of Poughkeepsie, New York. He then entered the firm of what was then Smock & Buchanan, and in 1880 was admitted as a partner. On January 1, 1901, the Buchanan & Smock Lumber Company was organized, with a capital of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. They carry a stock of about one hundred thousand dollars of lumber and builders' supplies, and their sales amount to two hundred and fifty or three hundred thousand dollars annually. Mr. Smock acts as the secretary-treasurer of the company.

Mr. Smock was also one of the incorporators and is at the present time the president of the United Ice Company of A-bury Park, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, their harvesting plant being situated at Jamesburg, New Jersey; they have the supplying of ice along the Jersey coast from Long Branch to Seaside Park.

Mr. Smock is a member and serves in the capacity of treasurer for the First Congregational church of Asbury Park. His marriage to Miss Susan B. Wardell, of Long Branch, occurred on October 2, 1879.

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#### CAPTAIN JOSEPH CLARK LETSON.

A quiet and uneventful life usually sums up the career of the ordinary farmer. However, exceptions to the rule are not infrequent, and a case in point is that of Captain Joseph C. Letson, the subject of this brief chronicle.

Captain Letson was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 20, 1841. He received his early education in the schools of his native town, and later finished his studies at Mount Washington Collegiate Institute, New York City. In 1862 he became a soldier in defense of the flag in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting in Company C, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. He was elected captain of his company, showing his peculiar fitness for a military career. He led his command at Fredericksburg, where he was wounded in the arm, but retained his command until the close of the action, and at the battle of Chancellorsville he was so severely wounded as to incapacitate him for further service in the army. He retired to private life, and in 1870 he was elected to the state legislature in Middlesex county, serving two terms. Subsequently he ran for state senator. As the people's representative he made an honorable record, as it was his desire and aim to further their interests in every way possible. Captain Letson was also collector for Middlesex county, in which county he has property interests; he also owns a nice place near Matawan, where he has spent the latter years of his life quietly.

Captain Letson married Miss Garetta Moore on April 5, 1872; she was a daughter of Hart Moore, of New Brunswick, and was born March 13, 1840. She died March 24, 1901. Captain and Mrs. Moore had two daughters and one son: May, wife of J. J. Cleveland, a merchant of New York City; Annie, wife of Daniel S. Briggs, also in business in New York City; and Robert Carol Letson, who is engaged in the painting business in Matawan.

Captain Letson is a son of the late Clark Letson, of New Brunswick, a former New York hotel proprietor of many years standing, and an active and energetic man of business. The family is an old one, of English and French extraction, the early ancestors in this country having settled at Shrewsbury, Monmouth county, before the Revolutionary war, many of whom participated in that struggle for independence.

The Captain was for years a Democrat in politics, but is now inclined to be an Independent.

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#### WEBSTER SWAN.

One of the old and honored families of Monmouth county was the Swan family, of Holland Dutch origin, which had a prominent representative in Captain Jacob Swan, born September 11, 1779, who lived and died at Navesink. He was a sea captain and served in the war with Great Britain in 1812. By his marriage with Catherine Johnson, December 21, 1805, he became the father of nine children: Morgan (who died in infancy), Morgan second, Jacob, Catherine, Rachel, Mary, Sarah, Eliza and Clarissa.

Morgan Swan, eldest child in the family of Captain Jacob Swan, also lived and

died in his native town. For many years he commanded a packet plying between Navesink and New York. He was a man of high character, a member of and trustee in the Methodist Episcopal church, and a school trustee. He was a Republican in politics. He married Alice Leonard, who bore him the following named children: Morgan, deceased; Catherine; Webster, named below; John B.; Alice Amanda; Mary Ann; Sarah; and Leonard. The father died at the age of eighty-two years and the mother at the age of seventy-eight years.

Webster Swan, oldest surviving son of Morgan Swan, was born at Navesink, March 5, 1840, and was educated in the public schools of his native village. At the age of fourteen years he engaged in oystering, in association with his father, and was so occupied until 1864, when he enlisted in the United States navy, on board the dispatch steamer "Ceres" of the North Atlantic squadron. It was during the crucial period of the Civil war, and he participated in various stirring and dangerous missions along the shores and up the streams of Virginia and the Carolinas infested by rebel guerrillas and flying masked batteries. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged, and he returned to his native place, where he opened a general grocery, hay and feed business and real estate and insurance, which continues to occupy his attention.

Mr. Swan has held various important public positions. For several years he served acceptably as school trustee and district clerk. He is president of the Bayview Land and Improvement Company, which laid out and adorned the Bayview cemetery. He served as postmaster under appointment by President Harrison, and again under a commission signed by President McKinley. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is president of its board of trustees, and is a comrade in Arrow-mith Post, G. A. R., of Red Bank. He has always been prominently identified with all the movements pertaining to the welfare of the community.

Mr. Swan was married on November 21, 1870, to Miss Eliza G. Mount, who died on January 26, 1878, leaving him one child, Norma Lippincott. His second wife was Miss Frances Henrietta Williams, a daughter of Andrew Jackson Williams, of Navesink, whom he married April 15, 1881, and of this union were born two children, William W. and Harry Swan.

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#### THEODORE GOTTHART PETERS.

If change and variety add spice and zest to a man's life, surely the varied experiences through which Theodore G. Peters has passed in different parts of the civilized world, should have amply seasoned his. Mr. Peters is a native of Germany, having been born in Hamburg June 17, 1853; thence he emigrated to England in 1869, remaining there a short time. In 1870 his restless spirit prompted him to come to the United States, as offering greater opportunities for progress, beside, our republic appealed particularly to his liberty-loving disposition. Even here, however, his roving nature was unsatisfied to remain long in one place, and so he became a follower of the sea, traveling to almost every known land between the years 1870-1880. In the latter year he landed in South Africa, where again his desire for change took possession of him, and he enlisted in the Volunteer Corps, in which he remained until 1885; next he served under Sir Charles Warren in the Second Mounted Rifles; in this command he fully demonstrated his prowess and courage as a soldier. After serving two years he was honorably discharged from the service. This time inclination





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directed his feet toward the diamond fields of Kimberly, and while there his insatiable desire for adventure induced him to enter the company's service as a detective, which hazardous occupation he followed for two years. Once more he took up his restless march, visiting in turn the Orange Free State and other points in South Africa, including Mozambique. In 1888 he returned to his native land (Germany), where he remained until 1890, when for the second time he visited the United States.

He located in Red Bank in the same year in which he came to this country. Here he entered into business, forming a co-partnership with his brother, which lasted until 1893. They were contractors and builders, this being a trade with which Mr. Peters was thoroughly familiar. Since the dissolution of said co-partnership Mr. Peters has been conducting business on his own account. He is a mechanic of marked ability and skill, which is amply attested by the beautiful residences of George C. Hance and others, which stand as undisputed evidence of this fact.

Mr. Peters occupies a handsome residence on Beach street, which he designed and built and which, with its picturesque environment, stands out as a delight to the eyes of all beholders.

Mr. Peters was united in marriage to Miss Jessie M., daughter of John H. and Jane Brower, in 1892. Four children have been born to them, three of whom are living: Frederick, Marie F., and Theodore G., Jr. Mrs. Peters is a native of Red Bank.

Mr. Peters is a member of the I. O. O. F. and enjoys the distinction of being past grand and past chief patriarch. He is as well a member of the Grand Lodge of the state of New Jersey. Mr. Peters is a true lover and advocate of all humane principles.

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#### FRANKLIN OSBORN.

Franklin Osborn, one of the leading and influential farmers of Monmouth county, was born on the 16th of January, 1841. He is a son of Forman Osborn and a brother of Abram and Cornelius Osborn, and the ancestral history of the family will be found in the sketch of Abram Osborn. Franklin received his education in the public schools of his locality, and after completing his studies was for several years mate on the barque "Gratta," with Captain James Craig, engaged in the European and West Indies trade. For a number of years, however, he has been engaged as a tiller of the soil in Monmouth county, his farm being located in Wall township, where his well tilled fields annually yield golden returns.

On the 1st of June, 1863, Mr. Osborn was united in marriage with Mary Jane Allen, who was born January 3, 1843, a daughter of Elias and Ann (Smith) Allen. The father was a farmer by occupation, having for a number of years had one of the most extensive farms in the vicinity of Manasquan. He was a son of Stephen and Fanny (Height) Allen, of English descent, and the great-grandfather of Mrs. Osborn, Captain Samuel Allen, was a minute man during the Revolutionary war and was a nephew of the celebrated Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. The father of Captain Samuel Allen was a large land owner in what is now Wall township, nearly all of which the son inherited, and he became a wealthy and influential citizen of his locality. On account of his youth, being only fifteen years of age at the commencement of the struggle for independence, he was never a regular officer in Washington's army, but he raised a company of young men who became a part of the home guard, and during the entire struggle for independence Captain Allen was a brave and gallant soldier. On three different occasions his home and contents were burned by the

Tories, and several times he was taken prisoner, but he always succeeded in making his escape. His daughter-in-law, Fanny Allen, married Colonel Abraham Osborn, who was also an officer during the Revolutionary war. It will thus be seen that the ancestors of both Mr. and Mrs. Osborn have been loyal and influential citizens, and their many descendants are now scattered throughout the different states of the Union, and many are occupying honorable and influential positions.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Osborn have been born eight children, namely: William F., who married Mrs. Melissa King; Anna, wife of Captain Asa Curtis, of Manasquan, New Jersey; Alvin, who married Ellen Shafto; Adelaide C. Forman, Elizabeth, Charlotte and Arthur, all at home. Mr. Osborn exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, but he has never taken an active interest in political matters. In his social relations he is a member of the Masonic lodge at Manasquan, and the family are members of the Presbyterian church. He has thoroughly identified himself with the section in which he resides, and all moral public measures which commend themselves to his excellent judgment find in him a hearty and liberal supporter.

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#### LOUIS CAMPBELL POTTER.

One of the oldest and most highly honored residents of Woodbridge, New Jersey, is Louis Campbell Potter, who is the president of the Anness & Potter Fire Brick Company, and has long been identified with one of the leading business interests of this portion of the county.

The Potter family, of which Louis Campbell Potter of this sketch is a most worthy member, is of English ancestry, the first members of which who are known to have settled in New Jersey being Marmaduke Potter, who came from England and established this branch of the family.

Reuben Potter, who was the grandfather of our subject, was born in Middlesex county, where he became the owner of considerable land and there engaged in agricultural pursuits. His entire life was spent in this locality, where he attained the age of ninety years. His children were as follows: Ellis; James; Joanna, who married Jacob Woodriff and resided in Rahway; but they all have passed away, remembered, however, for honorable lives.

Ellis Potter, who was the father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge township in 1800 and passed a quiet agricultural life in his native place, dying January 25, 1875. His marriage had been to Esther Campbell, who died September 10, 1859. Their children were: Louis C., of this sketch; Francis, who died in April, 1901; Samuel, who died August 4, 1851; and Edward C.

Louis Campbell Potter was born on October 9, 1828, and was the eldest son of Ellis and Esther (Campbell) Potter. His education was acquired in the best schools in his locality and he spent his boyhood and early manhood on the homestead farm in Woodbridge township. On reaching manhood he purchased a farm and until 1870 he was successfully engaged in its management, but in that year he abandoned agricultural pursuits and engaged in the digging of fire brick and terra cotta clay. For thirty years following Mr. Potter carried on this business alone, developing it from a small beginning into one of the greatest industries of Middlesex county, but in June, 1900, a stock company was formed and the firm name now stands before the world as the Anness & Potter Fire Brick Company, with our subject as the president, Mr. Anness as manager and treasurer, and Louis E. Potter as secretary.



L. C. Patten



The marriage of Mr. Potter was in Woodbridge, New Jersey, to Miss Anna M. Dally, who was a daughter of Samuel and Delorah Dally, and their children are as follows: Esther, deceased; Alice, who died in infancy; Anna M., deceased; Mina D., the wife of F. F. Anness; Samuel E.; Louis E.; Elizabeth, the wife of James Livingood; and John D.

Mr. Potter for many years has been one of the leading and substantial members of the Methodist church, where both he and family are attendants and in which he holds the responsible position of president of the board of trustees. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, is public-spirited and has always adhered to a high standard of living, both in public and in private life, and enjoys the unfeigned esteem and respect of all who know him.

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#### ABRAM OSBORN.

Abram Osborn, one of the most respected and honored residents of Monmouth county, was born on the old home farm near Manasquan, on the 17th of October, 1838, a son of Forman and Elizabeth (Bailey) Osborn. The family is of English descent, and the family history is traced back to Colonel Abraham Osborn, the grandfather of our subject. He was a colonel of militia during the war of the Revolution, and was a brother-in-law of Colonel Sam Allen, mention of whom is made in the sketch of Franklin Osborn. Colonel Osborn was a wealthy land owner, owning several thousand acres extending from Squan river to Allaire, in Wall township, Monmouth county, and a part of this old home place is now owned by the heirs of the late Charles Osborn. His wife bore the maiden name of Jane Forman. Their son, Forman Osborn, was born in 1806, on Squan river. He was a prominent and well known man of his day. When a young man he came to what is now Spring Lake and purchased a tract of about three hundred acres of land, on which he resided during the greater part of his life, but in 1875 he sold the property to the Spring Lake Land Company for eighty thousand dollars. When only eighteen years of age he was an officer on a sea vessel, having followed the water for many years during his early life. For generations the family have been members of the Presbyterian church.

Abram Osborn, whose name introduces this review, received his education in the schools of what is now known as Spring Lake, to which place his father had removed about 1830, and there he was reared to farm pursuits. When twenty-four years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil war, in 1862 becoming a member of Company K, Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as a non-commissioned officer. He took part in many of the hard-fought battles of the war, including those of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He now draws a small pension from the government in compensation for his army service, and he still retains pleasant relations with his old comrades of the blue by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1868 Mr. Osborn purchased the fine farm on which he now resides, and in addition to its cultivation he has also been extensively engaged in the lumber business, conducting a large sawmill, and in that undertaking success has abundantly rewarded his efforts. In the evening of life he is now surrounded by all of the comforts and many of the luxuries which wealth can procure, but all that he possesses has come to him as the result of unremitting labor and honorable business methods.

On the 23d of March, 1864, Mr. Osborn was united in marriage with Miss Kate

Rogers, a daughter of Captain Cornelius Rogers, for many years a sea captain sailing to South America and the West Indies. Unto this union have been born three children,—Addison F., of Brooklyn, New York; May, the wife of Howard Remsen, of Manasquan; and Florence, at home. Mr. Osborn gives his political support to the Democracy, but has never taken an active interest in party affairs. Socially he is a genial and companionable gentleman and is much respected by all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

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#### SPAFFORD W. REED.

Among those who have hewn out their own fortunes and by their energy, industry and perseverance have placed themselves well on the high road to success, the name of Spafford W. Reed, of Monroe township, is deserving of a conspicuous place. Mr. Reed was born near Red Tavern, Middlesex county, New Jersey, on September 27, 1837, the son of William Reed and Sarah Dey. His father, William Reed, was a practical farmer, who followed as well his trade of wheelwright, of which he possessed a thorough knowledge. Our subject's early mental training was acquired in the schools of his native town, which amply fitted him for his life as a practical farmer; agriculture always appealed to young Reed as a desirable occupation, and forty years of his life were spent in threshing, during its season, for the farmers of the surrounding country. He employed for this purpose none but modern machinery, and consequently gave his patrons the best possible satisfaction. Besides his practical knowledge of farming Mr. Reed is a thoroughly capable of taking care of and operating his own machinery. For many years he followed farming in the interests of others on shares or otherwise, but he finally became convinced that the most profitable results could be obtained only from land owned and tilled by himself; he therefore purchased the property which for six years he had lived upon and cultivated under lease. This farm is located in Monroe township, Middlesex county, and contains ninety-two acres of valuable farm land devoted to the general cultivation of farm products.

Mr. Reed comes from a substantial and patriotic stock. His maternal grandfather, James T. Dey, was a soldier in the war of 1812; for meritorious conduct and the invaluable services rendered his country during this war, he was granted a pension during the term of his natural life. When the Civil war broke out, it did not take long to stir the good old fighting blood in young Reed, and he forthwith joined Company C, Twenty-ninth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, in the hope of aiding his country to preserve the Union. He fought well and valiantly in this righteous cause, participating in some of the fiercest battles of the war, among them being the historically familiar battle of Chancellorsville. At the expiration of his term of service he received his honorable discharge.

The high estimate in which our subject is held by his fellow citizens is attested by the public offices with which he had been honored, no able among them being that of overseer of roads, which office he has most acceptably filled.

In 1861 Mr. Reed was joined in marriage to Miss Susan B., daughter of Isaac and Eliza Kerr, of Englishtown, New Jersey. To them were born the following children, viz.: Jane, on April 13, 1865; Sallie (deceased), April 26, 1868; Willard, November 5, 1870; Bell, June 28, 1873; Ada, September 11, 1875; Lizzie, April 26, 1878; Mabel, October 11, 1881; Howard, February 26, 1884; Spafford W., Jr., July 10, 1889. Miss Mabel Reed is an accomplished teacher in one of the schools of her



own township. Jane is the wife of Amason Applegate, a worthy farmer. Ada married William Peterson, also a farmer.

Mrs Susan B. (Kerr) Reed, the mother of this interesting family, was born near Englishtown, New Jersey, April 10, 1846. Her grandfather, Joseph Kerr, participated as a soldier in the war of 1812. She had two brothers, Isaac N. and William H., who served during the Civil war as musicians; they were captured and held as prisoners of war.

The Reeds well merit the respect in which they are held in their community.

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#### A. T. PURCHASE.

"A man's life is what he makes it" has been reiterated from time immemorial and it would indeed seem that this maxim deserves credence, since out of so many humble beginnings men have shaped for themselves lives of usefulness and gained no small measure of success. In the case of our subject, A. T. Purchase, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, who was born on the southern coast of England in November, 1870, the son of Thomas and Alice (Green) Purchase, we have an example of what energy and perseverance will accomplish for a man. In 1886, at the early age of sixteen years, after acquiring a public school education in England, his ambitions led him to emigrate to this country. His first employment was as clerk in butcher business in the city of Brooklyn, New York; later he followed the same line in New York City. Subsequently he spent one year in Kansas and at other western points, following the same line of business. He had early absorbed the idea that "A rolling stone gathers no moss," and he applied himself diligently to the complete mastery of every detail of the business in which he had first engaged. On March 27, 1896, Mr. Purchase took up his residence in Asbury Park, and in May of the same year established his present business on Bangs avenue, where he has a flourishing trade. Mr. Purchase's father died in England in 1887. His mother, who still survives, resides with her son in Asbury Park.

In April, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha, daughter of Louis Holler, of Jersey City, New Jersey; they have one child.

Politically Mr. Purchase is interested in the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and Grand Fraternity.

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#### GEORGE C. LOW.

George C. Low, a prominent member of the Ocean county bar, comes of Scotch and English stock, and traces his ancestry to the year 1790, when his paternal grandfather, William Low, a native of Dundee, Scotland, emigrated to the United States, and settled in Monmouth county, New Jersey. By trade he was a cabinet maker. William Low, his son and the father of George C. Low, became a merchant and conducted business at Cedar Creek, subsequently acting in the capacity of cashier for the First National Bank of Toms River, New Jersey. He married Sarah Rogers, and of their union were born two sons, Henry A. and George C. Low. Mr. Low was a member of the Presbyterian church, and he was also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was a man of high character, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all in his community. His death occurred March 5, 1866.

George C. Low was born at Cedar Creek, Ocean county, New Jersey, in the year 1858. He acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Cedar Creek and Toms River, and took an academic course in the Freehold Institute. He entered Princeton College in 1874, and after one year's study there, in 1875, he took up the study of law under the preceptorship of Judge Martin of Toms River, remaining with him for four years. In February, 1880, he was admitted to the bar, but did not at once enter upon the practice of his profession. He was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a member of the engineer corps, and was subsequently in the employ of the New Jersey Central Railroad Company.

In 1892 he entered upon law practice in Toms River; in the same year he was elected, as a Democrat, to the office of justice of the peace, and in 1897 and 1902 was re-elected. Mr. Low's popularity in the community in which he resides is well attested by the fact that his election and re-election were in a district in which the Republican party predominates.

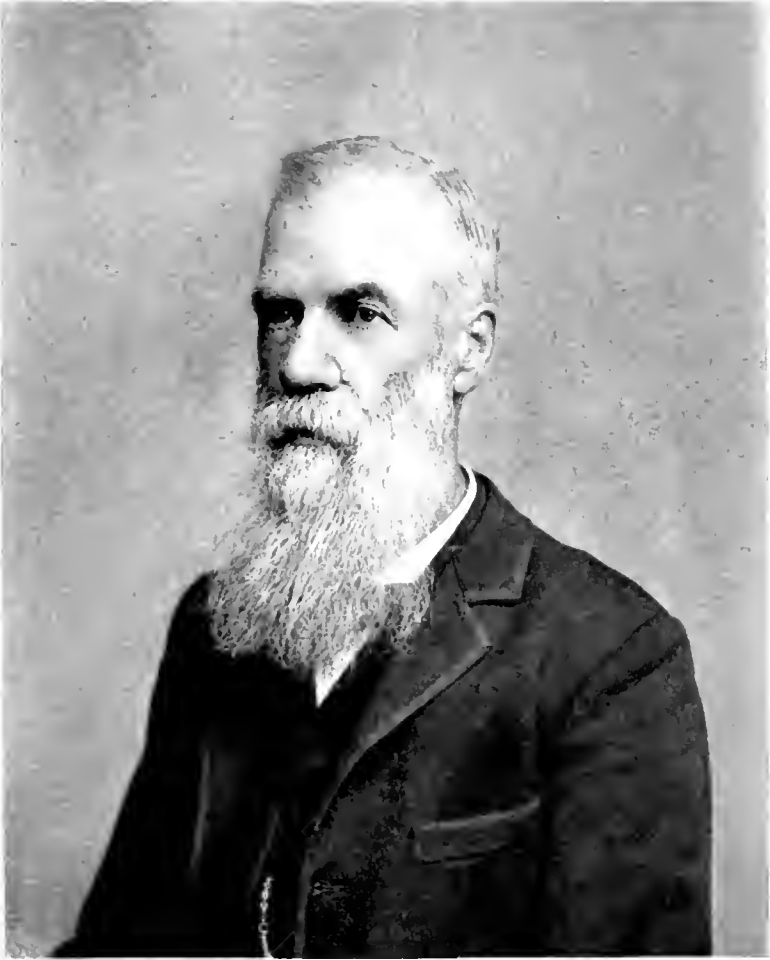
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#### EDWARD HICKS PHILLIPS, M. D.

Since the year 1868 Dr. Phillips has engaged in the practice of medicine in Cape May, a period of sufficient length to test his ability in various departments of the profession, and that he holds rank among the leading practitioners of the county stands in evidence of his skill. From the beginning his patronage has steadily increased, until he is now the attending physician in many of the best households of Cape May and the surrounding counties, and from his large practice he has derived a good income.

The Doctor was born in Middletown township, at Neshaminy Falls, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1832, and is a son of the late Robert and Naomi (Garrison) Phillips. He is descended from English ancestry, who were connected with the Society of Friends, the family having been founded in America by two brothers, Thomas and John Phillips, who crossed the Atlantic, the former taking up his abode in Solebury township, Bucks county, while the latter became a resident of Mercer county, New Jersey. The Doctor is of the fifth generation from Thomas Phillips. His grandfather, Thomas Phillips, was born in Solebury township, Bucks county, and there operated a grist mill for many years. He was a member of the Hick-site Society of Friends, attending the Solebury meeting. He wedded Elizabeth Eastburn, and to them were born the following children: Moses, Aaron, Thomas, David, Robert, Rachel, Mary, Mercy and one son who died in early manhood, being frozen to death while going to his business one morning. The father of these children died in February, 1840, at the age of seventy years, and his wife passed away in 1836, at the age of seventy.

The Doctor's father, Robert Phillips, was born in Solebury township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1797, and with his father learned the miller's trade. He afterward operated a mill in the state of New York, later carried on the same business in Trenton, New Jersey, and subsequently in Lambertsville, New Jersey, where he conducted the Pine Hope Mill. He then began the operation of a mill at Neshaminy Falls, Pennsylvania, and on selling that property removed to Byberry township, Philadelphia county, where he built a mill, which he operated until 1846. He then sold out and started westward. He made his way to Chicago and soon afterward purchased a farm in the Fox river valley, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death. He was a member of the Society of Friends and was a most honorable man. He took quite a prominent part in public affairs in early life, was



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an active advocate of the anti-slavery movement, and in this was associated with the renowned Robert Purvis. He was also a member of the jury which tried Mrs. Chapman for the murder of her husband at Andalusia, Pennsylvania, about 1835. This was one of the most celebrated cases of early days, in which the purported son of a Spanish don, but probably a common tramp, was convicted; but the woman was acquitted. Mr. Phillips was called to his final rest January 3, 1888, when more than ninety years of age, and his wife passed away January 3, 1892, at the age of seventy-seven years. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters, of whom the Doctor is the eldest. Willet, the second, a farmer of Henry county, Illinois, married Miss Melinda Balch, and their children were Fred and Annetta. Maria married Isaac Griswold, a carpenter by trade, who served throughout the Civil war and was the chief of the orderlies on Grant's staff at the battle of Vicksburg and later was commissioned captain. After the war he removed to California, but is now a contractor and builder of Seattle, Washington. In their family are five children. Harriet, the third child, was drowned when about two years of age in the mill race running through the yard. Emma, the fifth child of Robert Phillips, was the wife of William Sorter, now deceased; he was a blacksmith and ranch owner of Larkspur, Colorado, and they had one son, Robert. She afterward married A. B. Sears, of Detroit, Michigan, but now of Lansing, Michigan. Howard, a farmer, living on the old family homestead in Henry county, Illinois, is married and has two children, Walter and Robert.

Dr. Edward Hicks Phillips, whose name introduces this review, acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Byberry township, Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania, and was later a student in the English Seminary, in Elgin, Illinois. Determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, he studied in the New York Medical College, in which he was graduated in 1858. Ten years later he graduated in the Hahnemann Medical College, in Philadelphia, and then located at Cape May, where he has continuously maintained a place as one of the leading representatives of the profession in the county. He is a member of the State Homeopathic Medical Society and the West Jersey Medical Society, of which latter he was president in 1899. He is also a member of the board of health in Cape May, is a member of the Building & Loan Association of this city, and was one of the organizers and secretary of the Staten Island Building & Loan Association.

The Doctor was married on Christmas day of 1859, to Miss Jennie Spinning, a daughter of John Spinning, a cattle broker of Summit, New Jersey, and they had one child, Russell, who was born October 31, 1862, and married Lizzie William, by whom he has four children,—Bert, Helen, Russell and John. He was formerly a photographer, later engaged in the bicycle business in Washington, and is now on the photographic staff of the New York Herald. Mrs. Phillips died December 5, 1865, and the Doctor afterward married Miss Anna Hughs, a daughter of Ellis Hughs, a farmer of Cape May county. They have four children,—Walter, Edward, Albert and William.

Ellis Hughs, the father of Mrs. Phillips, was born July 7, 1793, and died in June, 1862. He was the son of Thomas H. Hughs, who was born in 1769 and died in 1839. He represented the first congressional district of New Jersey in the house of representatives from 1820 until 1833. He was a prominent member and one of the trustees of the Cold Spring Presbyterian church, and contracted for and rebuilt the present brick church there about the year 1830. He also took an active part in the cause of temperance in that early day. He had five children: Thomas P., Ellis, Ellen, Lydia, and Sarah.

Thomas P. Hughs married Mary Boon, of Salem county, and had one son,

Benjamin. Thomas P. represented the county in the house of assembly for one term, and was also the sheriff of the county, serving therein for two terms. His death occurred in 1863. Benjamin, his son, married Mary Wales, a sister of Eli and Edmund L. B. Wales, M. D., the latter being a prominent member of his profession and holding a number of public positions in the county and state.

Ellis Hughs married Sarah Higgins and had two children,—Ellis and Sarah. Ellis married Hester Cran and reared three sons and two daughters. Sarah married the late Dr. Randolph Marshall, and they had five sons and four daughters. Dr. Randolph, Jr., and Dr. Joseph succeeded to their father's practice at his death. Benjamin, the eldest, studied medicine, but preferred another calling and has been in the mercantile business. He represented his township in the board of fire holders for a number of years. Ellis, the youngest son, served for two terms as a member of the legislature. Sarah (Higgins) Hughs, the wife of Ellis Hughs, Sr., died, and he afterward married Nancy Teal, and of this marriage were born eight children: Thomas, John, Lydia, Richard, Smith, Albert, Martha and Annie, the last named the wife of our subject.

Of the other children of Thomas H. Hughs. Ellen married Richard S. Ludlum, who built and was proprietor of the Mansion House at Cape May until it was burned. They had no children. Lydia married Richard Edmunds and they reared a large number of children. Sarah married Eli Wales and brought up several children. The Hughs family have been prominent and active in all good work.

Of various civic societies the Doctor is a valued representative. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Good Templars, and since sixteen years of age has been identified with the Sons of Temperance. He does all in his power to promote the cause of temperance and overthrow the liquor traffic. In politics he was formerly a Republican, and his first presidential vote was cast for John P. Hale. He now exercises his right of franchise in support of the Prohibition party, which embodies his ideas on the temperance question. He is a member of the Swedenborgian church at the corner of Twenty-second and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, and at all times he lends his support to those interests which tend to uplift humanity and improve the condition of life. Honorable and upright, he commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact, his kindly manner and helpful spirit winning him many friends.

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#### JOHN W. J. BONNELL.

John W. J. Bonnell, who is descended from Welsh ancestry, was born in Bayville, Ocean county, New Jersey, August 11, 1857, a son of Clark F. and Josephine T. Bonnell, the former mentioned being born in Bayville, New Jersey, August 2, 1831. Clark F. acquired his education in the public schools of his native town and subsequently entered business life as a merchant. In his politics he was a Republican, holding the office of postmaster for a number of years, besides several township and town offices. In his religion he was an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church. Josephine T. Bonnell, his wife, was also born in Bayville, New Jersey, on May 23, 1835.

John W. J. Bonnell received his education in the public schools of Bayville, and chose for his work in life the occupation of traveling salesman. Politically Mr. Bonnell is a Republican, and he was elected at the age of twenty-one years, by a unanimous vote, to the office of town clerk in his native town. He resigned from this office and served for two terms on the board of town commis-

sioners of Red Bank; he was also a member of the committees on streets, fire and light. He was renominated this year, but he has declined the honor. He is a member of the Shrewsbury township Republican committee and is interested in the building and loan association of Red Bank, being a member of that body. He also holds membership in the Navesink hook and ladder company. Fraternally Mr. Bonnell is a member of a Masonic lodge, in which he has held two offices, namely: senior deacon and junior warden. He is a consistent member and serves on the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church at Red Bank.

Mr. Bonnell was united in marriage on April 25, 1838, at Asbury Park, New Jersey, to Miss Lida C. Smock, daughter of Gerrit V. and Susan J. Smock, the former mentioned being a prosperous lumber merchant. The family residence is at No. 157 Maple avenue, Red Bank.

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### CHARLES PULLEN.

Charles Pullen, who resides in Millstone township, is the owner of one of the fine fruit farms of Monmouth county which have contributed in large measure to the excellent reputation which New Jersey bears as a fruit-producing state. The carefully tended orchards, the thrifty condition of the trees, and the neatness and order which everywhere prevade the place mark the owner as one of the most progressive and enterprising horticulturists along the Jersey coast.

He is a native of Burlington county, New Jersey, born November 10, 1834, and traces his ancestry back to the seventeenth century, when representatives of the name came from their native Scotland to cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of the new world. William P. Pullen, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Burlington county, this state, and made farming his life work. In 1855, accompanied by his grandson, Charles Pullen, of this review, he went to Sangamon county, Illinois, where his son, Jonathan, was living upon a farm in the vicinity of Springfield. There he spent his remaining days, dying in his son's home in 1850. William Pullen, Jr., the father of our subject, also a native of Burlington county, was long a successful and well known farmer of Red Valley, Monmouth county, and died on the old homestead there in 1801. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Pullen, whose birth also occurred in Burlington county, passed away on the home farm in 1855.

The boyhood days of our subject were quietly passed under the parental roof, his time being devoted to the work of the school room in the winter months and of the field in the summer season. In 1855 he accompanied his grandfather to Illinois, where he remained until the fall of that year, when he returned to his native state and again worked on his father's land until about 1858; he then turned his attention to other business interests, opening a meat market in Inlaystown. There he conducted his store until 1861, when his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, and he offered his services in its defense.

It was in August, 1862, that Mr. Pullen enlisted as a member of Company D, Fourteenth New Jersey Infantry, and with him took fourteen recruits to the camp where his regiment was rendezvoused. He was with his command in all the actions constituting the campaigns of 1863 and 1864 until totally disabled for further service. He was first wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, sustaining a slight flesh wound in the left leg, but he remained with his company and on the 2d of June, 1864, at Cold Harbor, he was slightly wounded in the left shoulder. He did not, however, consider his injuries sufficient to necessitate his retirement from

the command and was at the front in the engagement at Opequan, Virginia, September 19, 1864, when struck by a minie ball in the lower part of the right forearm, the ball passing upward, fracturing the humerus and lodging below the elbow. Gangrene set in and one-third of the large bone was removed. Mr. Pullen was sent to the field hospital, thence to the McClellan hospital in Philadelphia, and later to the Beverly hospital in Trenton, New Jersey, where he remained until March 25, 1865, when those in authority endeavored to make him join the invalid corps. But his fighting spirit was not quelled, and desiring active service in the field he refused to obey the command and was then sent back to his company. When near Danville, Virginia, the officer in command of his company ordered him to carry a rifle. Not being able to do so he refused and was ordered to report to Colonel Truax, in command of the regiment. The Colonel expressed surprise at seeing Mr. Pullen there and told him he would make him his mounted orderly, telling him also to return to his captain and inform him that he was under the Colonel's command. Under such conditions our subject remained with his regiment until it was mustered out of service at Trenton, New Jersey. There was no more brave or loyal soldier in the command and none deserves more commendation for fidelity than Mr. Pullen.

When the war was over he returned to his home and soon afterward purchased his present farm, since which time he has given his undivided attention to farming and fruit growing. He now has an excellent fruit farm in splendid bearing condition, and the products of his orchards find a ready sale on the market, commanding the highest prices by reason of the size, quality and flavor. Mr. Pullen is continually studying to improve the grade of his fruit, and his opinions are largely received as authority on horticultural subjects.

On the 26th of February, 1856, Mr. Pullen was married to Miss Hannah A. Haley, and unto them have been born four children: Edward, who was born in 1858, and died in February, 1866; Lloyd B., who was born in 1860 and is married and resides on a farm near Perrineville; Harriet, who was born in 1862 and died when ten months old; and Howard A., who was born in 1869. Mr. Pullen and his family are all members of the Manalapan Presbyterian church, and when a young man belonged to Gellow Meeting House at Imlaystown. He is identified with Conover Post, No. 63, G. A. R., at Freehold, and has represented the organization as a delegate in the state encampment. His record of citizenship in times of peace is as commendable as that which he made when, on the battlefields of the south, he fought for the stars and stripes, and he is also widely known for his straightforward dealing in business.

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#### WILLIAM BRYAN.

William Bryan was the first to establish the florist business at Elberon, New Jersey, and besides his extensive floral interests he is a contracting landscape gardener and deals largely in first class nursery stock. His beautiful place, located on Lincoln avenue, has the reputation of being one of the finest and most artistically arranged and kept of all the magnificently designed grounds from Sea Bright to Cape May. He has been engaged in landscape work practically all his life, and no man understands the art better than he. Some of the finest gardens along the New Jersey coast bear evidence to his wonderful taste and skill, and his services are ever in demand where unexcelled workmanship is desired. It has been said that his own place compared more than favorably with gardens that have successfully competed in contests for their beauty and artistic arrangement; competent judges conceding





Wm Bryan



that had Mr. Bryan's place been in competition none other could have borne off the laurels. His grounds cover about two acres of land, situated on the line of the New York & Long Branch Railroad and the Atlantic Coast Electric Railroad.

William Bryan was born in 1850, and in 1883 came to Boston from the Vice Regal Gardens in Dublin, Ireland, where for several years he had served as gardener to Earl Spencer. After arriving in this country he soon found employment with the leading landscape architects of Boston, and is still engaged in executing their plans. In Boston, in 1886, he was married to Maria A. Cairns, who died on the 24th of June, 1902, leaving no children. Besides his Elberon property Mr. Bryan owns a fine place on the Rumson road. He is by nature a true gentleman, and possesses the happy faculty of making and keeping friends.

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#### WILLIAM T. CONOVER.

The Conovers, or, as the name was formerly spelled, Cowenhoven, are one of the oldest and most respected families of Monmouth county. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, Daniel Conover, who was born in 1750 and died in 1820, was a resident of Atlantic township, Monmouth county, and was a farmer by occupation. He was united in marriage with Margaret Rezo, of French descent, who was born in 1763 and died in 1825. Their children were Daniel G., Garrett, Tyler, Eleanor, Elizabeth and Margaret. Tyler Conover was born on the first day of January, 1791, in Atlantic township, and on the 9th of December, 1812, was united in marriage with Maria, a daughter of Garrett Schenck. Their children were Sarah Ann, born in 1814; Daniel, born in 1820; William V., born on the sixth of January, 1824; Garrett S., born in 1831; and Tyler, born in 1836. After his marriage Mr. Conover removed to the farm in Middletown township, now owned by his grandson, the subject of this review, which he continued to operate until his life's labors were ended in death in 1847. He was an ardent supporter of Democratic principles, manifesting much interest in political affairs, and his opinion on matters of both public and private import were regarded with much respect.

William V. Conover, the father of him whose name introduces this review, remained under the parental roof until seventeen years of age, and then, desiring to begin the battle of life on his own account, he removed to Long Branch, where he was employed as a clerk in a mercantile store until twenty-one years of age. He was then admitted to a partnership in the business, which was then carried on under the firm name of Conover & Morford, and there he remained until the death of his father, in July, 1847, when he returned to the old home-stead on the banks of the Shrewsbury river. He is a practical farmer, and his well directed efforts have brought to him a handsome competence. Aside from his many business duties he has also found time to devote to politics, being a staunch supporter of the Democracy, and he has been the choice of his party for the office of freeholder and for many other positions of honor and trust. In 1875-6 he represented his constituency in the state legislature, where he served on various committees. He was also a director and president of the Red Bank and Eastern Turnpike Company, and was prominently identified with every movement calculated to prove of benefit to his town or county. On the 22d of December, 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine, a daughter of John Bennett, of Middletown township, and they have had the following children: John B., born August 9, 1854; Sarah M., born March 22, 1856; William T., born November 10, 1857; and Henry H., born December 12, 1860. The parents are worthy and zealous members of the Presbyterian church.

William T. Conover, the immediate subject of this sketch, is one of the promising young farmers of Middletown township, where he was born, reared and educated, and with the exception of the year 1893, which he spent as a commission merchant in New York, he has devoted his time exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He is now residing on one of the oldest farms in the locality, it being formerly the property of Rev. Thomas Morford, an Episcopalian minister, who owned it in connection with his brother Garrett. It subsequently became the property of Thomas Layton, was next owned by David Conover, and its present owner is one of the rising young farmers of the county. On the 22d of December, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Annie A. Cooper, who was born on her father's farm in Middletown township, a daughter of George F. and Elizabeth Cooper. This union has been blessed with four children,—Bessie, John B., Elsie and Lester. In his social relations Mr. Conover is a member of the Monmouth Boat Club, and served his time (five years) as a member of the Second Cavalry Troop of New Jersey.

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#### REV. WILLIAM DISBROW.

Rev. William Disbrow, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, Howell township, Monmouth county, was born in Trenton, New Jersey, in 1863, son of Milton Disbrow, who was born at Cranbury, New Jersey, in 1810, and died August 15, 1901, at the home of his son in Howell township. He was a shoemaker by trade, carried on his vocation in Trenton, New Jersey, and until a few years of his death was a man remarkably active and free from sickness. Rev. Mr. Disbrow's mother died in 1894, aged seventy-four years, at the residence of her son. The Disbrows are among the old families of Monmouth county, his paternal grandfather Disbrow being a native of New Jersey, and his maternal grandfather, John Voorhees, who was captain of a boat plying between New York City and New Orleans, also a native of New Jersey, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Rev. William Disbrow is a graduate of Pennington Seminary, Trenton, New Jersey, and since 1887 has been in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, has met with continuous success in his various appointments, is prominent in conference and is particularly acceptable to his present charge.

In 1886 Mr. Disbrow was married to Anna Stryker, at Kingston, New Jersey, who is a descendant of General Stryker, of Revolutionary fame. They have two children: Clara and Russel, both young children.

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#### E. A. HULTS, M. D.

Dr. E. A. Hults, who occupies a leading position among the medical fraternity of Middlesex county, his home being located in Perth Amboy, where he has a large and growing practice, was born in Plainsboro, of the same county, August 26, 1861, his parents being John and Leah (Howell) Hults. The family name indicates its Teutonic origin and is unquestionably the original name of the family, coming down to the present generation unchanged either through interpretation or abbreviation, as is frequently the case in transplanting a name from the old world to the new.

James Hults, the grandfather of the Doctor, was born in Plainsboro, New Jersey, and was a well known and prosperous farmer. His political support was given

the Whig party, but he never sought office as a reward for fidelity to its principles. At an early age he was married and became the father of the following named: Ellen, the wife of S. Davidson; Eva Ann, the widow of John Maple; Alfred, deceased; and John. The last named, the youngest member of the family, is the father of the Doctor. He, too, is a native of Plain-boro, and throughout his entire life has been identified with agricultural pursuits, his well cultivated land bringing to him a fair return for his labor. He is highly respected, both as a man and citizen. In politics he is an earnest Republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party, and in religious belief he is a Baptist and lives a consistent Christian life. In early manhood he married Miss Leah Howell and both are still living in the enjoyment of a happy and healthy old age. There are three children in their family: Carrie, Jacob M. and Eugene A., whose name begins this record.

Dr. Hulst pursued his education in the public schools of his native town until sixteen years of age, when he put aside his text-books in order to provide for his own support. He secured a clerkship in a store, where he remained for a year, and at the age of eighteen began teaching. This vocation he followed for only a brief period, when, realizing his own need of better educational training, he entered the Normal school at Trenton. After studying there for a time he again engaged in teaching and during the winter season for four years was thus engaged, devoting his summer months to the study of medicine, having resolved to make the practice of the science his life work. He first studied under the direction of Dr. Skillman, of New Brunswick, and then again engaged in teaching until his exhausted exchequer was somewhat replenished. He then continued his medical studies, with Dr. G. M. Skillman, of Bound Brook, New Jersey, as his preceptor for two years, subsequent to which time he engaged in teaching school in Washington Valley for another year. His next step was matriculation in Hahnemann Medical College, of Philadelphia, in which institution he was graduated with the class of 1886.

His equipment was unusually good and thus it was not long before Dr. Hulst had gained an enviable position in the ranks of the medical fraternity. He opened an office in Perth Amboy and from the beginning his patronage has increased until it has now assumed extensive proportions. He is medical examiner for various insurance companies, including the Home Life Insurance Company, while his relation to the Royal Arcanum is of a similar nature. On May 15, 1900, he was appointed by Governor Voorhees as health officer for the port of Perth Amboy.

On the 16th of June, 1886, Dr. Hulst was married to Miss Lucy Voorhees, a daughter of Charles Voorhees, and unto them have been born four sons—E. Arthur, Sidney E., Charles V. and Willard S. Socially the Doctor is identified with the Royal Arcanum and with the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He is an earnest and devoted Christian gentleman. He is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the material development and the intellectual and moral upbuilding of the community, but naturally devotes most of his time to his profession. Whatever tends to promote the interests of his profession and place before man the key to the mystery of that complex problem which we call life, at once attracts the interest and co-operation of Dr. Eugene A. Hulst.

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#### PAULINE WILKINS

Miss Pauline Wilkins, one of the most popular and successful educators in Monmouth county, New Jersey, is a granddaughter of George Wilkins, Sr., and a daughter of Job Wilkins, of Colts-neck. Her grandfather was born in England, March

24, 1823, a son of John and Mary (Needle) Wilkins, and her father was born near Coltsneck, September 10, 1851, a son of George Wilkins, Sr., and his wife Pauline Cottrell. Job Wilkins, who is an industrious and prosperous farmer, married Mary H. Cottrell in 1880. She was born in Shrewsbury, Monmouth county, New Jersey, March 19, 1859, and has borne her husband three children,—Pauline, already mentioned; Kathryn, who was born July 25, 1884; and Van, born September 10, 1886. Kathryn was graduated in the Freehold high school with the class of 1902, and will serve as a teacher during the coming year. Job Wilkins moved to his present farm of seventy acres in 1880. The place, which is one of the best in the neighborhood, was formerly owned by his father, George Wilkins, Sr., a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Miss Pauline Wilkins was born in Atlantic township, May 23, 1881. After receiving a preparatory course in the district school she was graduated in the Freehold high school with first honors, being a member of the class of 1897, and since that time she has been teaching with much success, the result of careful preparation and painstaking work. Firmly believing that there is no higher calling, she has devoted to it the entire strength of her conscientious and energetic character. Her achievements thus far, gratifying as they are to her and her hosts of friends, are regarded by those who know her best as but a generous promise of better things for the future, and the people among whom she labors in her chosen calling congratulate themselves that their children have so able an instructor.

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#### WILLIAM C. COTTRELL.

William C. Cottrell, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, is properly to be named among the most useful men in the state, his skill as an architect and builder finding monumental attestation in many splendid edifices, known to all who seek the most beautiful of the summer resorts on the New Jersey coast.

Mr. Cottrell is a native of this state, born near Freehold, Monmouth county, October 10, 1858. His parents were Job and Eliza Cottrell. His education was begun in the public schools of his native town, and had its amplification in the days of his apprenticeship to the profession he has long adorned. When but seventeen years of age he found employment in the office of Hon. Austin H. Patterson, the well and favorably known architect and builder at Freehold. Mr. Patterson was a master of his profession, thorough in its every department, and was designer and constructor of many of the most substantial and attractive edifices in the state, among which was the state capitol at Trenton. Under this excellent tutorship young Cottrell acquired a thorough practical knowledge of designing and construction, and after a period of ten years, during which no department of work escaped his attention or share of labor, in 1885, he began business upon his own account at Asbury Park. For eleven years he followed both designing and construction, but in 1896 he abandoned the latter branch to devote his attention solely to the work of an architect. Among the many beautiful and substantial edifices of his design are the Columbia Hotel, the Minot Hotel, the First Congregational church and the First Methodist Episcopal church, all at Asbury Park, the last named being one of the most imposing structures in the entire state; also the First Methodist Episcopal church at Atlantic Highlands and the First Methodist Episcopal church at Bradley Beach. In these and many other elegant buildings Mr. Cottrell has not only added materially to the beauty and dignity of the cities and towns in which they are located but he has built enduring



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monuments to his own achievements—those of an industrious, conscientious, self-made artist.

Mr. Cottrell has given considerable attention to inventing, and on November 22, 1900, he patented the Cottrell ball-bearing trolley wheel.

Claim 1. A wheel comprising inner and outer sections independently revolvable, and annular plates secured to the side faces of one section and projecting beyond the same into engagement with the side faces of the other section to hold the two sections engaged, said plates having annular projectings extending inwardly between the sections of the wheel to form a bearing surface for the one upon the other.

2. A wheel comprising inner and outer sections independently revolvable, annular plates secured to the side faces of one section and projecting beyond the same into engagement with the side faces of the other sections to hold the two sections engaged, said plates having annular projections extending inwardly between the sections to form a bearing surface, and bearing balls arranged to run on said surface.

Mr. Cottrell is a member of the board of trade at Asbury Park, of the Order of American Mechanics and of the Knights of Pythias. His political associations are with the Republican party, but he has never been ambitious for political distinction. He was married, March 18, 1878, to Miss Florence A., daughter of John Hampton, of Farmingdale, New Jersey. Born of this union were Arthur F., September 8, 1879; Walter P., March 10, 1885; and Helen, August 6, 1892. The eldest son, Arthur F., has engaged in the same profession with his father, and is his assistant, sharing his office in the Appleby building, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

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### JOSHUA LIDDLE.

Joshua Liddle, a prominent and energetic farmer of Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, was born October 3, 1840, on the Liddle homestead, which is located about one and one-quarter miles from Woodbridge, New Jersey, where he is now residing. His father, who bore the same name as our subject, was a native of Westmoreland, England, his birth having occurred there on the 8th of March, 1807. He came to the United States when about twenty-five years of age, settling at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, where he engaged in working on a railroad. Later he purchased a farm in Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, which he has greatly improved, and is now one of the most productive farms in that community, being known as the Liddle homestead. The father married a young lady by the name of Anna Buck, who was of great assistance to him in his life work. Mr. Liddle was a loyal Republican, and for a number of years was a member of the school board.

The early boyhood of Joshua Liddle was spent on the homestead, his education being acquired in the public schools of Woodbridge, which he attended until fourteen years of age. He then assisted his father with the work on the farm, here learning lessons of industry and enterprise, and also the labors and duties which are a part of the farm life. When eighteen years of age he engaged in teaming for a time, when he entered the employ of A. Hall & Sons as foreman of their clay works. He held this position for twenty-three years, always performing his duties with promptness and accuracy, which won to him the confidence and esteem of his employers, as well as those with whom he labored. He then resumed the life of an agriculturist, assuming the work on the old homestead where he first saw the light of day, and where he now resides. He is also engaged in the ice business. The farm is under a high state of cultivation, and in its neat and thrifty appearance, indicates the enterprise and careful supervision of its owners.

Mr. Liddle was married on the 23d of October, 1866, to Miss Anna L. Melick, a native of Woodbridge, New Jersey. Two children have been born to them, as follows: Arthur M., born September 24, 1867, who married Miss Fannie Tyler, and lives with his father on the home farm; and Clarence M., born September 29, 1871, the husband of Clara Pieffer, resides in Woodbridge, New Jersey. In politics Mr. Liddle is an earnest Republican, strongly upholding the principles of his party. He has held the office of township freeholder, is a member of the board of education, and also holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal church at Woodbridge, New Jersey. He leads an honest and consistent Christian life, and is active in every movement which promotes the welfare of his community.

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#### ISAIAH D. BARCLAY.

On the roster of public officials in Middlesex county appears the name of Isaiah D. Barclay, who since 1899 has served as county sheriff. This is his native county, his birth having occurred in Cranbury township on the 7th of August, 1834; his parents were George and Margaret (Duncan) Barclay. After acquiring his education he entered upon his career as a farmer, and also for thirty years was engaged in the agricultural implement business, securing a liberal patronage, for his honorable business methods and his promptness made his sales large and he has a very valuable farm in Cranbury township, where he lived until he was made sheriff. He has ever been deeply and actively interested in the progress and development of his native county and his fellow citizens recognizing his patriotic spirit, his worth and his reliability, have frequently called him to position of public honor and trust. For two terms he has served as a freeholder of Middlesex county and was also a member of the township committee of Cranbury township for three years. In 1899 he was nominated and elected county sheriff and is now acting in that capacity, discharging his duties without fear or favor. He is very loyal to the trust reposed in him and has won the commendation and support of both political parties, although he is a stalwart Republican in his political allegiance and does all in his power to promote the party cause in legitimate campaign work.

On the 2d of January, 1862, Mr. Barclay was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth S. Silvers, a daughter of Ezekiel and Lydia Ann (Stonaker) Silvers, of Cranbury township, and unto them were born a daughter and a son, Catherine V. (Mrs. John Major), and Ezekiel S. married Lizzie Chamberlin. Mr. Barclay holds membership in the Second Presbyterian church of Cranbury, in which he is now serving as elder. He is widely known in his native county and his upright career has won for him the sterling friendship of many of the leading citizens.

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#### HON. WILLIAM TABER PARKER.

Hon. William Taber Parker is a worthy descendant of an English family which during the past three generations has been prominently identified through its representatives with the historical annals of the state of New Jersey.

William Parker, grandfather of William Taber, was a son of "Rich Billy" Parker, who was a successful dealer and slaughterer of cattle, and a member of the Society of Friends. He followed farming as an occupation, residing near Eatontown, Mon-

mouth county, New Jersey, where he was the owner of immense tracts of land. He married Miss Corlies, and they reared a family of five children.

William Parker, father of William Taber, was born at Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, but in 1837 removed to Little Silver, and located on a farm, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1861. His attention was directed to farming and butchering, and he was known by the title of "Butcher Billy." In politics he was an old-line Whig, and in religion he was a member of the Society of Friends. He was united in marriage to Miss Lydia L., a daughter of the Rev. Taber Chadwick, one of the pioneer preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church in New Jersey. The following children were born to them: William Taber; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Benjamin F. King, of Little Silver; and Richard, a farmer of the same place.

Hon. William Taber Parker, son of the parents above named, was born at Little Silver (formerly known as Town Neck), on May 6, 1844. He acquired his education in the public schools, and at Ocean Institute, Oceanport, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He then engaged in farming and oystering, but upon the death of his father, two years later, he succeeded to the management of the farm for the following three or four years, when his brother Richard identified his interests with him, and they have been in business association until the present time. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Parker is a director in the Second National Bank at Red Bank, and is a stock holder in many other financial institutions. He was also a director in the Lovett Nursery Company until the company dissolved; the nursery is now owned by J. T. Lovett and is the largest nursery in the state for small fruit.

Mr. Parker is a leader in the Republican party for his section of the state, and he has been honored by election to the following named offices: Surveyor of highways for a number of years; member of the township commissioners for twenty-five years, and for eighteen years as chairman of the board. He was a member of the general assembly of the state of New Jersey during the sessions of 1891-2 and 1892-3, and in that body he introduced the famous "Race Track Bill," commonly referred to as the "Parker Race Track Bill," during the session of 1892-3. He was re-elected to the next session, the only candidate on the Republican ticket who was elected in Monmouth county, during which, after a hard-fought battle on the assembly floor, he succeeded in getting his bill passed, the text of which is as follows:

"Assembly Bill No. 200, entitled 'An Act concerning the maintaining of the race course in the state of New Jersey, to provide for the licensing and regulating the same.' No. 300, entitled, 'An Act to provide that betting and the practice of betting, commonly known as bookmaking, upon horse races within the enclosed grounds of any corporation, association, or body in this state, or the keeping of a place or places within such grounds to which persons may resort for such betting, shall not constitute any misdemeanor or criminal offence when such association or incorporated body is not indictable for the carrying on said races therein.' No. 301, Supplemental to an Act entitled 'An Act for the punishment of crimes.' (Revision.) Approved March 27, 1894."

This was one of the most important measures ever passed by that body, and excited much discussion and interest throughout the state. His successful championship of this popular measure gave him a wide reputation, and brought him into prominence. He served during his first term on the committees of agriculture and federal relations; and during his second term on fisheries, incidental expenses and lunatic asylum committees. Fraternally he is a member of Red Bank Lodge, No. 233, B. P. O. E., and of the A. O. U. A. M.

Mr. Parker has a beautiful residence at Little Silver built in modern style of

architecture and design, which he enjoys to the utmost, and where he entertains his many friends drawn to him through appreciation of his worth and ability.

On October 3, 1866, Mr. Parker married Miss Ananda Lippincott, of Little Silver, and the following children were born to them: Susan; Jessie, wife of Henry Crossley, of New York City; Sudie L., wife of B. J. Parker, of Shrew-bury; and Frances M.

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#### IRA S. CHAMPION

The Atlantic coast of New Jersey has become a summer resort to which annually many hundreds of people go, finding there rest and recreations from the cares and responsibilities of business and social life. To attend to the needs of these visitors many enterprises have been established, and of the control of one of which Mr. Champion has charge. His efforts have largely contributed to the welfare and up-building of Ocean City, and his labors have not only brought him individual support, but have been a factor in the prosperity which has attended the city in which he makes his home.

Numbered among the native sons of New Jersey, Mr. Champion was born in Pleasantville, Atlantic county, July 27, 1866, and is a son of Smer-T. and Anna M. (Lake) Champion. His grandfather, Elmer Champion, resided at Absecon, Atlantic county, and was a sea captain. His children were Elmer, Enoch, Daniel, Caroline, Jane, Ruhanna and Anna. The father of our subject obtained a common-school education, and has spent his entire life in New Jersey. Since 1880 he has been interested in sea shore real estate, carrying on business at Atlantic Highlands. He was the superintendent and the secretary of the Atlantic Highlands Association for about eight years, and he owns extensive real-estate interests there. He received the first deed for lands sold by the Ocean City Association, in May, 1880, and has been an important factor in the advancement of the beautiful towns which overlook the Atlantic.

In his political views he is a strong Republican and his opinions carry weight in the councils of his party. He has labored earnestly to secure its success, and for three years he served as the sergeant at arms in the New Jersey senate. One of the most prominent and valued members of the order of Knights of Pythias, he is now occupying the position of grand chancellor, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. During the Civil war he manifested his loyalty to the Union cause by offering his services to the government, and as a member of Company B, Twenty-fifth New Jersey Infantry, he followed the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields. The friendships which he formed in those days are still continued through the medium of the Grand Army post. His religious belief is in harmony with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is accounted a representative member. He has held all of the church offices and has efficiently served as the superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr. Champion married Miss Anna M. Lake, and they became the parents of eight children.—Frank E., who married Flora E. Risley, and has four children, Periam, Jesse, Milton and Alfred; he is now living a retired life in Trenon, New Jersey; Ira S. is the second of the family; Ezra R., who married Clara Haines, has one son, Stanley, and is proprietor of the Portland hotel at Atlantic Hills, New Jersey; Barton F. resides at his parental home; Jesse died at the age of fourteen years; and the other three children died in infancy. The mother of this family was called to her final rest June 15, 1868.



IRA S. CHAMPION.



Ira S. Champion is indebted to the public-school system of Atlantic county for the early educational privileges which he received. Later he attended Pennington Seminary, and on the 4th of March, 1884, was graduated in Eastman's Business College. Thus well equipped for the responsible duties of life he entered upon an active commercial career in Ocean City, as the proprietor of a meat market and grocery. He afterward spent two years as a bookkeeper for the firm of Strawbridge & Clothier, of Philadelphia, and in 1886 came to Ocean City, where he has since been engaged in the manufacture of ice cream for the sea-shore trade. He has prettily appointed parlors, and not only sells to the local trade but does an extensive wholesale business as well, shipping to various points in Cape May county. He is also successfully engaged in business as a milk dealer, handling eighty thousand quarts of milk annually. He built his residence and place of business in 1885, a substantial structure thirty-five by seventy feet. In addition to his other interests he is the manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Ocean City and the operator of the exchange, which is located in his office.

On the 15th of October, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Champion and Miss Florence M. Cronin, a daughter of Edmund D. Cronin, of Philadelphia. They now have four children.—Anna M., Violet M., Beulah G. and Ira Barton. Their youngest child, Florence E., died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Champion hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as a trustee. He is connected with various fraternal organizations, belonging to Iota Council, I. O. A. M., the Improved Order of Red Men and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is also a representative to Ocean City Lodge, No. 66, K. of P. The various enterprises which tend to benefit the city receive his support, and his active co-operation has been a much prized factor in the advancement of various movements for the public good. He is an active member of the Ocean City fire department, and in 1895-6 served as a member of the city council. Later he filled the position of city clerk, and at one time was a representative to the general assembly. The Republican party receives his allegiance and he frequently attends its conventions, where his counsels carry weight, for his opinions are practical and contain the elements of success. His prosperity in business is due to his close application to the varied interests in which he is engaged. His unassailable reputation and his honorable doings have gained him the respect and good will of all who know him.

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#### BENJAMIN VAN BRUNT.

Among the various occupations of men, the greater number are followed as a means of livelihood, and however honorable the calling, are such as attract no particular attention. There are those, however, who perform duties which are especially hazardous, for the protection of their fellows—duties which demand a degree of personal courage similar to that demanded upon the battlefield, yet never find the same reward in the plaudits of the world and the distinction of rank. Among such occupations, is that of the life-saving service along our coasts and a fit type of the gallant men engaged is found in the person of Captain Benjamin Van Brunt, keeper of the United States Life Saving Station at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

He was born March 23, 1852, in Tinton Falls, Monmouth county, New Jersey, son of Benjamin and Maria (Macdonald) Van Brunt. His ancestry through both his parents was from that hardy maritime people whose constant warfare with the elements has endowed them with peculiar courage and resourcefulness upon the

waters, and heredity doubtless afforded him a predilection for his calling. He received a common school education, and he labored upon a farm until he reached the years of manhood. When twenty-one years of age he engaged in fishing, along the treacherous Atlantic coast of his native state, and he has constantly followed that occupation to the present time. In this he is in no way different from thousands of his fellows. His long service, however, in the life saving department, signals him out for more particular mention. In November, 1875, when twenty-three years of age, he became Man No. 1, at Station No. 7, at Shark River, one of the most dangerous points along the Atlantic coast. Four years later he was transferred to Asbury Park Station, where he was on duty in the same position until November, 1894, when he was made keeper at that station, and there he continues to serve in that capacity. During his service there, Asbury Park has grown from an insignificant point to be one of the most important on the coast, and, during the summer season, the population is phenomenally large, while during the winter its vicinage witnesses many disastrous wrecks and narrow escapes of imperiled shipping. Through all his long service of more than a quarter of a century, Captain Van Brunt has borne his part with intrepid courage and sailor-like resourcefulness, and he has been instrumental in saving many lives and much valuable property. With muscle and nerve inured to hard-hip and exposure, his iron constitution shows no evidence of impairment, and he gives promise of many more years of faithful and efficient service.

Captain Van Brunt was married September 1, 1878, to Miss Emeline White, daughter of Tucker and Mary White, of Asbury Park, and they are the parents of one child, Florence, born February 11, 1880. The family are members of the West Park Methodist Episcopal church. Captain Van Brunt is a Republican in politics, and he is a member of Neptune Lodge, No. 84, I. O. O. F., and of Park Lodge, No. 38, A. O. U. W.

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#### JOHN H. GREGORY.

Among the most important interests of the city of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, is its maritime affairs, in which it has held pre-eminent place from its very founding, and in those lines John H. Gregory stands as one of its most conspicuously useful and successful representatives.

A native of the state of New York, he was born at Sag Harbor, Long Island, September 16, 1862, a son of Matthew H. and Mary J. (Talmage) Gregory, also of that place. His youth was principally passed in his native village, and there he acquired his education in greater part. When he was sixteen years of age he became a resident of Red Bank, New Jersey, and there made his beginning as a wrecker. In 1888 he removed to Perth Amboy, which has since been his place of residence. He had become expert in his calling, and there is not a detail of the business of buying, selling and breaking up steamers and sailing vessels, saving cargoes and raising sunken vessels with which he is not entirely familiar. He soon engaged in business upon his own account, and conducted it most successfully from the outset. No difficulty or danger could disturb him, and on occasion, when others have shown timidity, although an employer and director, he frequently engaged in the most arduous labors and dangerous tasks of the wrecker. For a number of years past he has given his attentions to larger operations in a kindred line, purchasing sunken vessels and cargoes, raising them and marketing the material and merchandise saved. In these ventures he has been eminently successful, his practical knowledge of wrecking operations and of property values being familiar and ample. He is also a me-





*John H. Gregory*



chanical engineer, holding an engineer's license, and he has served as an expert witness with reference to machinery in important cases.

Mr. Gregory is one of the public spirited citizens of Perth Amboy, and has a deep interest in the welfare of the city. In 1900 he aided in the reorganization of the Perth Amboy Savings Institution, of which he was elected vice-president, a position which he has occupied to the present time. As trustee he has charge of the large estate interests of his father at Great Neck, Long Island. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, a member of its board of trustees, and chairman of its repair and building committee, and is a governor of the city hospital. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the Foresters, and is treasurer of the local lodge of the last named order.

Mr. Gregory married Miss Ella A. Shafto, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, and he has two children, John and Arthur.

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### JOSEPH P. SPROUL.

Ever since his birth, which occurred on October 12, 1853, Joseph P. Sproul, has lived upon the farm which he now owns and so successfully cultivates. This farm is located in Raritan township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, contains sixty acres and is considered one of the finest producers for its size in that section. Its products include a general line of garden truck; twelve acres are covered by fine fruit trees, bearing apples, peaches and pears, while nine acres are devoted to the raising of asparagus. Mr. Sproul's life-long experience enables him to utilize every available inch of ground to the best possible advantage.

Mr. Sproul is a descendant of a substantial Scotch family, which came to America among the early settlers. His great-grandfather, James Sproul, served as an ensign during the Revolutionary war, in which service he lost his life, being killed in battle at Short Hills, New Jersey. He was a man of family, having married Zephia McChesney, by whom he had two children, Oliver and Elizabeth; the former was born on October 10, 1776, and in 1797 married Rachel Dorsett; they were blessed with seven children, as follows: Alice, James, John, Joseph, Jonathan, Samuel and Samuel, second. The father of these children died June 3, 1859, upon the farm now occupied by his grandson, Joseph P. Oliver's son, Joseph, born September 15, 1805, was the father of our subject. He was reared on the old farm and learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for many years; finally abandoning it, however, he purchased his father's farm, from that time (1860) devoting himself to agricultural pursuits. He married Elizabeth Walling, about the year 1830; she was born in the year 1815, and comes of an old family who were among the early settlers of the county, and have ever been among the most influential families. Four children were the result of their marriage, all of whom lived to maturity, namely: Emeline M., who married John S. Conover, Holmdel; William D., of Jersey City; May H., wife of A. P. Ackerson, of Holmdel; and Joseph P., of whom this sketch is written.

Our subject was reared on the old farm, educated in the common school, and from early life engaged in the occupation of farming. On September 25, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Elenor C. Bedle, who was born October 27, 1857, daughter of James and Louise C. (Carhart) Bedle, of Raritan. No two families in this section are better or more favorably known than the two last mentioned. For generations their names have been connected with the affairs of both county and state, they having taken an active interest in all things pertaining to the advancement and growth of their community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sproul have four children: Harvey B., born June 24, 1886, is a graduate of the Keyport high school, and is now qualifying to become a mechanical engineer; Frank P., born May 10, 1884, now residing at home; Elizabeth, born July 13, 1890; Lois, born December 12, 1892.

The male members of the Sproul family for many years have been staunch Democrats. Mr. Sproul has occupied a position on the school board for fifteen years. He is a member of the Fruit Grower's Association, of which he is a director. He and his family are all attendants of the Baptist church.

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#### WILLIAM A. KELLY.

William A. Kelly, the well known proprietor of the Long Branch Steam Laundry, was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1867, the son of Thomas and Mary (Hayes) Kelly. After receiving a thorough common school education, he entered the State Normal School at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated in the year 1889. For two years subsequent to the completion of his studies he acted as instructor in the schools of his native county, but finally entered the employ of Swift & Co., of Chicago, well known throughout the country for their superior beef, where he remained for six years. The territory in which his business was transacted covered New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including the Wyoming Valley. His employers were thoroughly appreciative of the young man's energy and interest in their behalf, yet young Kelly recognizing the opportunity and the wide field for his present work in Long Branch, determined to try his fortune by venturing in business on his own account. So in 1899 he purchased a site and built his present establishment, which is situated on Lippincott avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey. His plant is capable of turning out three hundred shirts a day, besides as many collars and cuffs and other pieces. His machinery is operated by steam, and the workmanship can not be surpassed by any laundry in Monmouth county. His property covers a space of 58 by 150 feet, and is thoroughly and well equipped with all modern appliances. Mr. Kelly's ability as a business man is best appreciated in measuring his successful career. Not only has his present business prospered under his able management, but other enterprises have found a stimulus through his energy and persistence. In 1894 Mr. Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Viola A., daughter of Hubbard H. and Ann M. Howland, of Eatontown, New Jersey.

Mrs. Viola A. Kelly was born at Eatontown in 1876, and is a most estimable lady; her family is well known, her ancestors being among the early settlers of the Jersey coast.

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#### EDWARD L. RICE.

On the roster of the officials of Cape May county appears the name of Edward Ludlam Rice, who is one of the most popular and efficient officers that have filled the position of county clerk. A gentleman of scholarly attainments, of marked individuality and strong force of character, he is well fitted for the place of leadership accorded him in Democratic circles, for his personal worth and recognized ability secure to him the confidence and respect of the public. The true measure of individual success is determined by what one has accomplished, and, as taken in contradiction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own



Charles H. Rice



country, there is a particular interest attaching to the career of the subject of this review, since he is a native son of the county in which he has passed his entire life and has so directed his ability and efforts as to gain recognition as one of the representative citizens of Cape May county.

His birth occurred in Dennisville, January 25, 1804, his parents being Leaming M. and Maria (Ludlam) Rice. The Rice family is of English origin and at an early day the progenitors of the family in America took up their abode in New England. For some time the Rices resided in Boston, whence Edward Rice, the great-grandfather of our subject, removed to Philadelphia. He was the captain of a merchant vessel sailing between Philadelphia and European ports and engaged in the East India trade. He died and was buried at sea while making the return voyage from Liverpool to his home. He married Hannah Leaming, and our subject now has in his possession two fine paintings of them, the work having been executed in 1791. Hannah Leaming was a daughter of Christopher Leaming and a granddaughter of Aaron Leaming. After the death of her first husband she married Aaron C. Moore. Edward Rice, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Philadelphia and came to Cape May county, where he engaged in teaching school. His last days, however, were spent in his native city. He held local offices and was a gentleman of considerable prominence. His last days were spent in the city of his birth, where he died in 1853, at the age of sixty years. His wife passed away at the age of eighty years. She bore the maiden name of Jane Diverty, and was a daughter of a Scotchman. Unto Edward and Jane Rice were born the following named: James D., who married Rebecca Johnson, became a miner in California at the time of the gold excitement and served his country during the Civil war; and Leaming M., the father of our subject.

William Diverty, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, March 15, 1754, and was married February 11, 1780, to Jane Smith, whose birth occurred March 28, 1757. He was connected with the Bruces, one of the oldest and most prominent families of Scotland that furnished to that land one of its most distinguished heroes. William Diverty died in 1811, and his wife passed away in 1832. James Diverty, their son, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, November 25, 1783, and when seventeen years of age came to the United States to complete his education. He afterward learned the cooper's trade, and when on a trip to Cape May county, where he intended to purchase hoop-poles, he met Miss Deborah Hand, whom he afterward married. She was born in 1787 and was a daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Leaming) Hand, the latter a daughter of the celebrated Aaron Leaming. After his marriage Mr. Diverty located in South Dennis, where he engaged in merchandising and ship building, and also dealt in cord-wood. He died May 11, 1858, at the age of eighty years, and his wife passed away in 1830. They became the parents of James, Jesse, Jane, Mary and William.

Leaming M. Rice, of Dennisville, attended the old South Jersey Academy, at Bridgeton, and at the age of twenty years went to the west on government business. For many years he was engaged in surveying and in later years has devoted his time more exclusively to the real-estate business. He is well informed concerning realty values in this section of the state, and has handled much property. He has been the secretary of the Dennisville Building & Loan Association since its organization, and for twenty or thirty years he held the office of freeholder. In 1867 he was elected to the state senate, the first Democrat ever sent by Cape May county to the upper house of the legislature. He has always taken an active interest in the success and welfare of his party and is a recognized leader of Democracy in his town-ship. At one time he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, but is not now

connected with that organization. He still resides in Dennisville, at the age of seventy years a respected and honored citizen. His wife passed away in 1882. They were the parents of six children: James Diverty, the eldest, is now deceased; Mary is the wife of Uriah Gandy, the proprietor of the Gatzmer House, at Dennisville; Hannah is the wife of Louis B. Lloyd, a painter of Dennisville; Jane is the wife of Vincent O. Miller, of South Dennis, who for fifteen years served as the county superintendent of schools, and in 1898 was a candidate for the legislature; Edward is the fifth in order of birth; and Leaming completes the family.

Edward L. Rice acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Dennisville and then entered Rutgers College, where he pursued his studies until eighteen years of age. He subsequently engaged in teaching in Gloucester county and then became a teacher in South Dennis, Cape May county. For three years he was principal of the schools in Tuckahoe and was then elected principal of the Cape May schools, but in the fall of 1889 he resigned the latter position to accept the office of county clerk, to which he was elected, defeating Jonathan Hand, who had filled that position for a half century. He was not then twenty-five years of age and was the youngest county clerk in the state. In his own township he received over three hundred votes out of four hundred cast. After entering the office he discharged his duties so ably and promptly that in 1891 he was re-elected by a majority of one hundred. All of the Republican county representatives were elected by a majority of from seven to eight hundred, and Mr. Rice was the only Democrat elected in the state with the exception of two or three assemblymen in Hudson county. This fact certainly indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by the people of his native county. Mr. Rice has studied closely the political situation of the country and the questions which are now before the people, and is an ardent advocate of Democratic principles. He has done some campaign work and is a very pleasing and effective speaker.

Socially Mr. Rice is connected with the Tuckahoe Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias in Dennisville, and is a director in the State Mutual Building & Loan Association. He was married in 1891 to Miss Phoebe, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza J. Steelman, her father a merchant of Tuckahoe. They now have three interesting children,—Dorothy, Edward and Martha. They have a beautiful residence in Cape May Court House, which was erected by Mr. Rice. It is built in a modern style of architecture, handsomely finished in hard wood, and its beautiful furnishings indicate the refined tastes of the inmates. Mr. Rice is endowed by nature with strong mental power, but this counts for naught without the individual efforts which cultivate it and applies it to the practical affairs of life. His marked energy and laudable ambition, however, have enabled him to work his way steadily upward, and to-day he occupies an honored position in political and social circles.

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#### ANDREW ALBRIGHT, JR.

Andrew Albright, Jr., the manager and owner of the Eaton Stud Farm, is one of the most successful and progressive young business men of Monmouth county. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1870, and was a son of Andrew and Almira (Crisper) Albright. Our subject was reared in Newark and there received his preparatory education, and then entered Yale College.

The fine farm upon which Mr. Albright raises the horses which have given Seward township its notoriety contains two hundred and fifty acres of land, and



is fitted up with every modern improvement for the use to which it is put. Soon after leaving college Mr. Albright became interested in fine horses, and ever since that time has taken pleasure in carrying on a farm, where he keeps some twenty brood mares and averages some twelve race horses annually. These are of the highest strains, superior in intelligence, swiftness and strong constitution, while their beauty satisfies the eye of the most critical. The head of the stud at the present time (1902) is the noted Peep-O-Day (Imp.)

Mr. Albright is interested in the stud farm as a matter of pleasure, his other interests taking much of his time. He is the vice president of the Rubber and Celluloid Harness Trimming Company, of Newark, New Jersey, of which his father is the president, and is one of the directors of the Central America Commercial Company. In 1888 he established his summer home in Shrewsbury and thoroughly enjoys its pleasures and restful atmosphere, but his winters are spent in his palatial home in New York, where he is active in the great business world.

Mr. Albright was married in 1895 to Miss Miriam Bedell, who is a daughter of the banker, Horace Bedell, of New York, and to this union two children have been born, Andrew Albright, Jr., and Horace B. Mr. Albright is a member of the Sheepshead Bay Club and a number of business and social organizations.

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#### JOHN C. CLEVINGER.

John C. Clevenger, farmer of Freehold township and veteran of the Civil war, was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, August 17, 1830, son of John R. and Sarah (Saggers) Clevenger. He is descended from an old patriotic New Jersey family, which has contributed many soldiers to the country's wars. William Clevenger, one of the first of the family in America, fought under General Washington in the Revolutionary war, and was wounded in the battle of Monmouth. William Clevenger, his son, and grandfather of John C. Clevenger, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a native of Burlington county, New Jersey, where John R. Clevenger, father of our subject, was born in 1808. John R. came from his native place to Monmouth county, where he settled at Smithburg in Freehold township, and engaged in farming. For nine years he was on a man-of-war vessel, "Brandywine," and when General Lafayette made his first visit to America, Mr. Clevenger was an officer on the "Brandywine," on which boat Lafayette was entertained. He died in 1895 at the residence of his son-in-law, David Cottrell, in Freehold township. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Clevenger, died in 1890.

John C. Clevenger was educated in the public schools of Millstone township. In early life he worked at farming, but in 1861 entered the Union army and served throughout the Civil war. He enlisted in Company G, Third Regiment New Jersey Infantry, April 27, 1861, for three months, and was discharged July 1. He returned to his home and the following September re-enlisted in Company E, First New Jersey Cavalry, and thereafter participated with his regiment in their various engagements. On August 9, 1862, he was wounded in the right leg, at Cedar Mount, Virginia, and taken to the field hospital, from which he was sent, successively, to the hospitals in Alexandria, Virginia, Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, being confined in the hospitals for seven months. At the end of that time he returned to his regiment, and thereafter, with the exception of a period during the latter part of his service when he was confined in the hospital with a fever, he was in active service till the close of the war. In 1863-64 he was an orderly on General Sedgewick's staff, and

was on special detail service as a scout for General Selgwick at various times. While on scout duty, he was taken prisoner in December, 1863, and after three days' imprisonment escaped, reached the Union lines at Culpepper Court House, and joined his regiment. In July, 1864, he witnessed an interesting incident which occurred at Fort Stephens, near Washington, and in which President Lincoln figured. The President was present, the sharp-shooters' bullets were flying and President Lincoln was requested by an officer to retire; the President refused to do so, but ordered the officer to have one of his men demolish a building in which a Confederate sharp-shooter was concealed, and the order was obeyed to the relief of all. In September, 1864, Mr. Clevenger was discharged from service a few days after the expiration of his time, at Petersburg, Virginia. In 1865, however, he re-enlisted in Company B, Sixth Regiment Hancock's Veteran Reserve Corps, and was finally discharged in September, 1866. He returned home, resumed farming, and has cultivated a fine and profitable fruit farm in Freehold township. He has been a member of the Masonic order since 1861, and of the Knights of Pythias for fifteen years.

In 1868 Mr. Clevenger was married in Millstone township to Miss Mary Jane Hawkins. They have one child, Phoebe K., who married Richard Stillwell and is living at Long Branch, in Monmouth county. Mr. and Mrs. Clevenger are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.



#### JAMES E. NOE.

James E. Noe, an active and prominent citizen of Perth Amboy, is the eldest son of David O. and Hester M. (Harned) Noe, who are referred to at length in an accompanying sketch in this work. He was born in 1845 in Perth Amboy. He acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of that city, and subsequently completed liberal courses in the Seminary of New Woodbridge and the Pennington school. Following this ample preparation he took a full commercial course in Eastman's Business College. He then engaged with his father in oyster planting and shipping, and the business association between father and son has been pleasantly and profitably maintained to the present time. For many years past the conduct of the business has practically devolved upon him, and he is widely and favorably known to the trade and to the business community of the city and of the marketing points to which it is related.

Mr. Noe is recognized as a man of enterprise and public-spirit, whose activities have been devoted to the welfare of the community in all laudable public undertakings and in the public service. He was a highly valued member of the board of education for several terms, and he served most acceptably and usefully as a member of the city council. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been for thirty years superintendent of its Sunday-school, and for several years the leader of the church choir. He holds membership in the order of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Noe was married to Miss Anna Valentine, a member of an old and influential family. Three children were born of this marriage. Edward, the eldest, is well established in an upholstereing business in Newark, New Jersey; he married Miss Mary Eddy, of the city named, and two children, Thurston and Gertrude, were born to them. A daughter, Margaret, is the wife of Mr. William Anderson, of Boston, Massachusetts, to whom was born one child, Catherine. Another daughter, Catherine, resides with her parents.

## DAVID O. NOE.

The Noe family of Middlesex county, New Jersey, dates back to an early period, to the time when the family home was in the historic old village of Woodbridge. David O. Noe, born February 22, 1824, at Woodbridge, was a son of Mordecai and Hannah (Moorehouse) Noe. The father was a most exemplary man, a contracting stonemason and bricklayer, who died about 1892. Three of his children came to maturity—James, David O. and Charles. The first named is deceased, and the two last named are now living in Perth Amboy.

David O. Noe passed his boyhood in Perth Amboy, where he acquired his education. In young manhood he developed a taste for a sea life, and for several years he was engaged in the coasting trade, sailing on various descriptions of vessels. He subsequently engaged in oyster dredging and culture, and is numbered among the pioneers in the development of the last named important industry. For many years past he has worked large oyster lots or beds in Raritan bay and marketed the product in the Metropolitan market. His shipping business is one of the most considerable in its region, and he is numbered among the best known, as he is one of the most extensive and successful oyster planters and dealers in the waters tributary to New York. To his efforts is ascribable in large degree the splendid reputation which Raritan bay enjoys in the markets of the country. He maintains a spacious oyster dock, immediately upon the bay, and near it is his residence. Mr. Noe has always been among the most active and useful in advancing the interests of his community, and has been frequently elected to important public positions, having served as a member of the council and board of aldermen of Perth Amboy. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a licensed exhorter, and also a member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Noe was married in early life to Miss Hester M. Harned, a most exemplary Christian woman, whose death occurred, in 1899. Of this marriage were born seven children—James E., Sarah (deceased), Hester N. (deceased), David (deceased), Henrietta, now the wife of Robert Kipp; Elizabeth, now the wife of James Smith; and William K., who is engaged in the terra cotta business.

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 ADAM WORTH.

Adam Werth is one of the leading and representative citizens of Elberon, whose residence is located on Pearl street, near Norwood avenue. He was born September 7, 1858, in Ocean township, Monmouth county, on what is now the main avenue between West Long Branch and Asbury Park, but it was then called "Sandy Lane." He is a son of the late Adam and Rosina (Gerner) Worth, both natives of Germany. The father was a thrifty and industrious farmer, and by his honest toil succeeded in gaining a competence. His death occurred on the 10th of July, 1890, but his widow is still living. Their family consisted of eight children, seven of whom still survive.

Adam Worth, their fourth child in order of birth, was reared in his native township, and his educational advantages were received in the same school of which he is now a trustee. Since early life he has been identified with agricultural pursuits, and for the past twenty years he has received contracts for keeping in the highest state of artistic beauty the lawns of many of the finest homes in Elberon. He has also been honored with the office of school trustee for a period of fourteen years, and during thirteen years of that time has served as secretary of the board. He is a mem-

ber, and since 1881 has been secretary of the Elberon engine company, No. 4, being now an exempt fireman.

On the 5th of December, 1880, Mr. Worth was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Brown, who was born in Lakewood, Monmouth county, in 1801, a daughter of Theodore and Louise Brown, also of that city. The children of this union are Edith, Estella, Christina, Milton, Donald and Rosina. Mr. Worth holds membership in the First Reformed church of Long Branch, in which he has served as deacon for many years, and for the past twenty-five years has been Sunday-school superintendent. During the summer season Mr. Worth has, since 1870, held the office of sexton of St. James Chapel, Protestant Epi-copal church, Elberon.



### JOHN WESLEY KEOUGH.

Of the men who have made a distinctive impress upon the town of Keyport, there is none whose industry, business sagacity, enterprise and sterling worth generally have contributed more materially to the substantial development of that community than John Wesley Keough. His success as a merchant, his identification as president of one of the most substantial banking institutions of the county, and his careful, conservative and conscientious discharge of the duties of the offices which he has been called upon to fill, all attest his worth and emphasize the importance, in the interests of completeness, of outlining his career for this publication. John Wesley Keough was born May 15, 1851, in Hightstown, Mercer county, New Jersey, son of the late Christopher and Leah (Pullen) Keough, the former a native of County Kildare, Ireland, and the latter of Mercer county, New Jersey, a descendant of a colonial settler of that section. The late Christopher Keough was born August 10, 1819, and came to America about 1837, and immediately thereafter located at Hightstown, New Jersey, where he was for a number of years in the employ of Richard Moore Smith, for several terms state treasurer of New Jersey. He subsequently followed farming in Mercer and later in Middlesex counties, making a specialty of raising peaches, in which he was signally successful. For ten years prior to his decease, October 10, 1901, he lived in retirement in Keyport. Of his children the eldest is the immediate subject of this sketch; Margaret A., wife of Frank Perrine, a farmer of Middlesex county; Mary J., wife of W. H. Martin, in the brick business at Perth Amboy; and Smith Keough, of Norwich, Connecticut. John Wesley Keough received his education in the public schools, this being supplemented by two winter's attendance at Brainard's Institute. He started into the serious business of life, the earning of a livelihood, when fifteen years of age, finding employment at New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he remained seven years. In 1875, largely with his own savings, he established himself in a modest way in the retail grocery trade at Keyport on a part of the site of his present extensive establishment. In connection with the grocery business he has added successively the feed, hay, straw and grain, agricultural implements, and fertilizer branches, in all of which lines of merchandising he is one of the leaders in the county of Monmouth. Mr. Keough was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Keyport and one of its board of directors, and has been a member of that board through the entire period of the operation of that institution and its successor, the Keyport Banking Company. Of the latter he is now president. Mr. Keough has been, since attaining his majority, active in his identification with the interests of the Democratic party, and has contributed liberally of both his time and services to its work. He has served as chairman and treasurer of the town-ship com-

mittee and as delegate to numerous local conventions. He served also as member and chairman of the board of commissioners of Keyport for several years, and as collector of the township. In 1899 he was elected to fill the unexpired term of John Carr to the office of freeholder, and was his party's nominee and elected to the same office in 1900, and re-elected thereto in 1902. He is president of the Keyport Building and Loan Association. He was married November 23, 1875, to Eliza, daughter of the late James Barr, of New Brunswick. Mrs. Keough died May 23, 1891, leaving three children: Maggie M., wife of David C. Walling, Jr., of Keyport, who has one child, Stanley; Bessie A.; and John C. Keough. Mr. Keough married a second time, August 25, 1901, Miss Mary W., daughter of the late George W. Holmes, of Keyport. Miss Holmes was one of the efficient educators of Keyport, and served as vice-principal of the graded school of that town.

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GEORGE N. WOOD.

The ancestral history of the Wood family goes back to a period before the Revolutionary war. His great-grandfather, Winant Wood, removed from Long Island long before the strife between the colonies and the mother country in the independence and liberty of a great nation. He located in Middlesex county, New Jersey, where he became the owner of extensive real-estate holdings and was known as an influential and leading man. Among his children was Timothy Wood, the grandfather of our subject. He was a worthy and honorable man and throughout his entire life resided in Middlesex county, but when the colonies, aroused by the injustice of the mother country, gathered at the seat of war and began to fight for their liberties he, too, put aside all business and other personal considerations and became colonel of a regiment which did some hard fighting in defense of those principles which were so dear to him and for which he was willing to sacrifice his life. After the war he took an important part in affairs in the community, and for some time was justice of the peace and also constable of his township. A consistent Christian gentleman, he held membership with the Methodist Episcopal church and died in that faith at the age of seventy-four years. He married Sarah Lambertson, and unto them were born four children: Mary E., Cornelia, Sarah J. and David.

The last named, the father of our subject, was born in Madison township, Middlesex county, in 1828, and throughout his entire life was connected with agricultural pursuits. He owned and operated an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres and was thus enabled to secure a comfortable living for his family. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Miss Emily Maxfield, a daughter of Ambrose and Jane Maxfield, and their children were as follows: Timothy, who was born in 1858; Sarah J., who was born in 1860 and is now deceased; Orient, born in 1862; Ernest, in 1866; David, in 1868; George N., in 1872; Emily, in 1873; and William, who was born in 1875 and is now deceased. The father died in 1899, and the mother passed away April 9, 1902.

Upon his father's old homestead George N. Wood resides, and the occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work. He has a rich and productive tract of land there, and the well tilled fields annually return a golden tribute for the care and labor bestowed upon them. He has good buildings upon the place, the latest improved machinery and all modern equipments, and its neat appearance indicates to the passerby the enterprising character of the owner.

On the 28th of October, 1896, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wood and

Miss Dora Dowdell, a daughter of Edward and Martha Dowdell, of South Amboy, in which place Mrs. Wood was born. Their marriage has been blessed with two interesting children: Myron G., born October 3, 1898, and Norman M., born October 1, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have a pleasant home in Madison township and throughout Middlesex county their friends are found.

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#### GEORGE H. REEVES.

Everywhere in our land are found men who have worked their own way from lowly and humble beginnings to places of leadership in the commerce, the great productive industries and the management of the veins and arteries of the traffic and exchanges of the country. Obstacles and difficulties in their path seem but to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on their part, and they find that labor is the key that unlocks the portals of success. Such has been the career of Mr. Reeves, who now occupies a leading position in the industrial circles of Cape May county, being now at the head of an extensive gold-beating concern in Cape May.

A native of West Cape May, he was born January 29, 1849, and is a son of Joshua and Eleanor (Woolson) Reeves. His father was a shoemaker and farmer in West Cape May and a representative man of that town. He was a great Bible student and particularly prominent in church work. He served for many years as ruling elder in the Presbyterian church at Cold Spring and took an active part in the work of the Sunday-school. He was a strong opponent of the liquor traffic, belonged to the Sons of Temperance, and gave his aid and influence to all measures which he believed would uplift humanity. His death occurred in the forty-seventh year of his age, and his wife died in August, 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. This worthy couple were the parents of eleven children, two of whom died young,—Charles W. and Anna E. The other nine are as follows: David, a gold-leaf manufacturer of Cincinnati, Ohio, married Lizzie A. McWilliams, and had one son, Lewis F.; Swain S., a farmer of Cape May Point, in Lower township, married Sylvia Church, and their children are George H., Edward S. and Elmer; Andrew H., a gold-leaf manufacturer of Chicago, Illinois, married Carrie Bright, of Illinois, and had four children,—Eleanor, Harry, Carrie and Charles Fowler; John W., a farmer of West Cape May, who has several times served as freeholder and one term as sheriff of Cape May county, married Emma L. Nott, and their children are Andrew H., David Leroy, A. Carl and Samuel W.; Joshua H., a lighthouse keeper at Sea Isle City, married Josephine Ross, and their children are Bertha and John W.; Mary E. is the deceased wife of Charles Schellenger, and their children are Jennie, Taylor and Washington; George H. is the next of the family; Eliza W. is at home; and Anna E. is the wife of Fred Neal, a farmer in Rio Grande, and their children are Lydia, Warren, Mary E. and Robert.

Mr. Reeves, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the old Cape schoolhouse, and at the age of fourteen began to earn his own livelihood. He learned the gold-beating trade in Philadelphia, and for four years was indentured to his brother, Andrew H., in Chicago. He became foreman of the shop in 1866 and thus continued until the great Chicago fire of October, 1871, when his brother's plant was destroyed; he then returned to the east, being employed by a gold-beating establishment in Philadelphia, 1871-2. He returned to Chicago and again became foreman for his brother, who had resumed business, and with whom he remained until 1878, when, owing to failing health, he again came to the east. Here he



*George H. Revere.*





worked on a railroad with a section gang for a dollar a day and had a hard struggle for some time. He applied for a position in a large factory, but did not obtain it because he could not comply with the conditions of the labor organization. He was afterward sought by the firm of Hastings & Company to establish a business at Cape May; he began operations on a small scale, his force of employes consisting of two boys and two girls. After two years he was sought to manage a factory which the firm desired to establish at Cape May. The factory was opened with six employes, but under his management the business steadily increased until employment is now furnished to eighty operatives, and the output is large and the business profitable. Mr. Reeves superintended the building of the factory, which is forty by forty feet and two stories in height. There are now three departments,—a beating, a filling and a cutting department. When Mr. Reeves opened the factory he employed untrained workmen, taught them the business and thus secured competent employes. He is ever just and considerate in his treatment of them and they know that faithfulness on their part will win promotion as opportunity offers. This is now one of the paying business concerns of the city, a fact which is due to the competent management of Mr. Reeves.

On the 19th of January, 1871, Mr. Reeves married Miss Georgiana H. Bancroft, a daughter of Reuben F. Bancroft, of Philadelphia. Their children were as follows: Theodore W., who married Mary Hughes, by whom he has a son; Orien W. is foreman in the gold-beating establishment, is a member of the school board of West Cape May, is superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday-school there, is the archon of his local society in the Order of Heptasophs, and was a delegate to the national convention of that order in Buffalo, in 1899; Reuben B., the younger son, was a student of music in the South Jersey Institute, where he spent three years, and is now in Philadelphia Musical College.

In political affairs Mr. Reeves is a Republican and a recognized leader in the ranks of the party. He was the mayor of West Cape May from 1893 until 1897, and his administration was progressive and beneficial. He served five years as a justice of the peace and is a notary public and commissioner of deeds. He served as a member of the school board several terms. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and belongs to the First Methodist Episcopal church in Cape May, in which he has held various offices. He has been a member of the board of trustees for ten years, was the Sunday-school superintendent six years, and for twenty years has been a local preacher. His life has ever been an upright and honorable one, and over the record of his public and private career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He is thoroughly honorable in all business dealings and at all times commands and deserves the confidence of his fellow men.

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#### ALFRED COOPER.

Alfred Cooper, of Cape May Court House, is a son of the late George Burr and Annie Elizabeth (Henderson) Cooper, and was born in Kinderhook, Columbia county, New York, September 6, 1859. On the paternal side he is a representative of an old American-Quaker family, while on the maternal side he is of English lineage. At a very early day the Coopers resided in Burlington county, New Jersey. The grandfather, Joseph Cooper, became a dry goods merchant of Philadelphia, carrying on business on Market street. He made his home in that city till his death, but conducted business enterprises elsewhere, and was the owner of very extensive land

interests in this state. He often exchanged goods for land, and through his well-directed efforts and enterprise became a wealthy man. His political support was given to the Whig party, and in religious belief he was an Episcopalian, belonging to Christ church, in which he held a number of official positions. He married Ann Verre, and they became the parents of eight children: William; Joseph, deceased; Mary; Colin Campbell; George B.; Alfred; Thomas Franklin; and Joseph, the second of the name.

James Henderson, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in 1800, in Warwick, England. His father was a British officer in the English navy. James Henderson came to the United States with his wife and two children, Francis and Sarah, in 1822, and located in Cohoes, New York. Subsequently he removed to Valatie, New York, but spent his last days in Millville, New Jersey. He was the superintendent of the Valatie mills, and subsequently operated a woolen mill in Valatie, with his son Francis, but his last days were spent in retirement from labor. He married a Miss Johnston, and they had a son Francis, who married Christina Schermerhorn and after her death married Mary Prussian. Sarah Henderson, the second child, became the wife of Dr. Preston Van Vlek, of Columbia county, New York, who served as a surgeon in the Civil war and died at Fortress Monroe. Of the other children, Margaret is also deceased; Ann Elizabeth became the mother of our subject; Thalia has also passed away; Mary is the deceased wife of John Hoffman, a manufacturer, of Poughkeepsie, New York; and Delia is deceased. The father of these children died in 1888, and the mother's death occurred in 1860, when she had reached the age of sixty years.

George B. Cooper acquired his education in the Friends' school of Philadelphia and put aside his text-books in order to enter his father's store, where he was employed as a clerk until 1850, when his health failed him and he went to Fort Elizabeth, New Jersey. There, in connection with Charles Townsend, he purchased the Getsinger Glass Works, which they operated for several years under the firm name of Cooper & Townsend. Subsequently Mr. Cooper engaged in dealing in lumber and builders' materials, at Millville, handling Jersey timber. That proved a profitable industry and he conducted it until his death. His political support was first given to the Whig party and afterward to the Republican party. He was a warm admirer of Henry Clay and was a leading factor in the political parties of his state. After a hotly contested election he was chosen clerk of the New Jersey assembly, serving in the years 1864-5. By appointment of Judge John T. Nixon he held the office of United States commissioner for several years. Of Christ Episcopal church he was a faithful and valued member, was active in building the church in Millville and served as a member of its vestry. He died in 1873, and in his death the community lost one of its most prominent, esteemed and valued citizens. His widow, who was born January 9, 1827, died January 10, 1900.

Alfred Cooper attended the public schools in his early youth, later was a student in a private school at Valatie, and in Pierce's Business College. He entered upon his business career in a printing office in Millville, and when he had thoroughly mastered the trade in all its departments he opened a job printing office on his own account in the same city. In 1870 he established the Cape May County Gazette, at Cape May Court House, the first issue of the paper making its appearance on the 6th of March, 1880. It is a weekly journal, published each Friday, a four-page, eight-column sheet, twenty six by forty inches. It is Republican in its political proclivities and is devoted to the advancement of the party and the progress and upbuilding of the county. It is an excellent advertising medium, receives liberal patronage in that line and has a circulation of about twelve hundred. Mr. Cooper has built a job print-

ing office in this place and has also erected a comfortable residence. He has made extensive investments in real estate, his landed possessions aggregating several thousand acres in Cumberland, Cape May and Atlantic counties, New Jersey, and in the Catskill mountains of New York.

On the 15th of September, 1891, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Fabelle, a daughter of Charles P. Smith, and they have one child, Annie Elizabeth. Mr. Cooper is connected with a number of civic societies, holding membership in Arbutus Lodge, No. 170, F. & A. M., of which he has served as master; Richmond Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; Olivet Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar; and in Hereford Lodge, No. 108, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all of the chairs in this order as well as in the F. & A. M. He was instrumental in organizing Hereford Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is also vice-president of the Mechanics and Laborers' Building and Loan Association, and is one of the board of directors of Millville National Bank. He is taking an active interest in local political affairs, but has never been an office-seeker, though for several years he served as a member of the county board of elections and formulated the list of questions for the examination of the candidates of the board. He is distinctively American in thought and feeling and his efforts in behalf of the public interests of his county have been practical and followed by very desirable results. In his business interests he has earned for himself an enviable reputation and is known for his prompt and honorable methods of dealing, which have gained him the deserved confidence of his fellow men. He is pleasant and agreeable in manner, affable with those whom he meets and has the happy faculty of inspiring strong friendships.

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#### ANGELLA W. APPLGATE.

The subject now under consideration, Angella W. Applegate, is one of a few living direct descendants of the old and celebrated White family. She now occupies the old "White Homestead," situated near Branch avenue between South and Centre streets, Red Bank, New Jersey. This house was used during the Revolutionary war as the headquarters of the British during that mighty struggle for supremacy of right over might. For two hundred years the house has withstood all the varying changes of the elements, and is to-day in an excellent state of preservation. During its occupancy by the English officers it was the scene of many a bloody contest, and has at times resounded as well with the revelries of that too confident cohort of the King's own. This house is conceded to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in this section of the country, and perhaps even the state can claim no older residence.

Robert White, the paternal great-grandfather of the present occupant, also resided in this ancient, yet well preserved, home. The Whites were reared in the simple Quaker faith, and therefore, believing that men should live in harmony and peace with one another, took no part in the combat which meant so much for the future of our nation. Their peace-loving disposition, however, did not prevent them from arraying themselves on the side of liberalism, and they were known to be substantial Whigs. The above named Robert White had a son, also Robert, who was born in Red Bank in May, 1753, and died December 16, 1815. His wife, Clemmence Dennis, was born March 29, 1760, and died March 8, 1847. They followed agricultural pursuits as an occupation, were people of quiet habits and pure sentiments. Their family consisted of four children, namely: Littleton, Nancy, Ephraim and Asher.

Asher White, the father of our subject, Mrs. Angella (White) Applegate, was

born in Red Bank. He married Miss Amanda Smith, of Middletown, New Jersey, by whom he had two children, Thomas R., born June 5, 1840, and Angella W., born May 21, 1849.

Angella W. White married Edwin C. Applegate on November 4, 1893. Mr. Applegate is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and was born October 10, 1850. He comes of a distinguished literary family. His parents were Colonel Edwin F. and Mary L. Applegate, both of whom were natives of New York City. Colonel Applegate prior to the Civil war was one of the Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard, commanded the Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and participated in many of the bloody contests waged during the Civil war. He was an early volunteer fireman and a member of one of the early leading dramatic societies. He was editor of the Warren, Rhode Island, "Telegraph" for some years, and also one of the founders of the Providence, Rhode Island, "Daily Press." On his removal to Red Bank he took charge of the "New Jersey Standard." For twenty years he edited the "Monmouth Enquirer," which position he held at the time of his death. Colonel Applegate was a member of the F. A. M., and carried into his every-day life their high and noble principles. The Colonel's father, William Applegate, was a prominent newspaper man and publisher of New York City. He died in 1849.

Edwin C. Applegate, the husband of our subject, was reared and educated at Rhode Island and in Red Bank. In early life he began to familiarize himself with his father's business, that of publisher, he having inherited from him and his grandfather the literary genius which characterizes him. The first enterprise in which he engaged on his own behalf was the publication of the "Bordentown Republican," of which he was also editor. Subsequently he became editor of the "Brownville (Pa.) Clipper," of which his brother, William F., is now the head. For twelve years he was connected with the "New York Times," as well as engaged on other periodicals.

Mr. Applegate is one of those who have found favor among his fellow citizens, their esteem being evinced by conferring upon him various positions of public trust. He has been assistant postmaster at Freehold and was made assistant to the engrossing clerk while Garrett A. Hobart was presiding officer of the New Jersey legislature. Mr. Applegate is in the prime of life and his prospects for future successes are most promising.



#### WILLIAM A. SPENCER.

While no country offers as great opportunities to her citizens as America, it is also true that business position and success depend more largely upon individual effort in this land. In America "labor is king"—it is the only sovereignty which our liberty-loving people acknowledge, and the man who wins business honors and property must put forth every effort toward achieving them. It is particularly true that in the "learned professions" advancement must depend upon individual merit, for distinction in those callings is based upon mental activity—a quality which cannot be secured by inheritance, purchase or gift. When one has gained prominence, therefore, it may be taken as unmistakable evidence of his ability. Mr. Spencer, although one of the younger representatives of the legal fraternity in Perth Amboy, has already attained success that many an older practitioner might well envy.

He represents a family that has long been connected with Somerset county, having been established there by Caleb Spencer, a son of Caleb Spencer, Sr., and the great grandfather of our subject. Two of his children are still living, the daughter, Ann, being the wife of Peter Martin and a resident of Somerset county. The son,



Wm. A. Spencer



John Spencer, is the grandfather of our subject. He is still living near Martinsville, Somerset county, at the age of eighty-five years, but his wife has departed this life. His son, Aaron Howe Spencer, the father of our subject, was born in Martinsville in 1840, and early in his business career conducted a feed store in Rahway and a grocery store in Elizabethport, but when the financial panic of 1876 swept over the country he, too, met reverses and retired to a farm near Martinsville, where he has since engaged in horticultural pursuits, making a specialty of the raising of peaches. Well known in Democratic circles he has been honored with a number of offices in the township. In early manhood he married Anna M. Drury and three of their four children are still living: Ira Thorp, a practicing physician of Woodbridge, New Jersey; William A., of this review; and Musette, the wife of Charles Skillman, of Skillman Station, New Jersey. The youngest, a daughter, died in infancy. Mrs. Spencer, the mother, was a daughter of William Drury, who spent his entire life in Ireland, while the daughter accompanied two of her brothers to America.

William A. Spencer was born at Union Village, Somerset county, November 7, 1872, pursued his studies in the Round Top school house, near Martinsville, and when eighteen years of age began teaching in Mount Prospect, Somerset county. Later he was a teacher in the Piscataway town school in Middlesex county and through the three succeeding years was principal of the Fairfield school in Middlesex county. During the last year there spent he also read law with the firm of Reed & Codington, at Plainfield, and four years later was admitted to the bar. Later he was licensed to practice as a master in chancery. After his admission he opened an office in Perth Amboy and has since been engaged in general practice. He has already gained a good clientage and has handled some important litigated interests. His resolute nature, laudable ambition and strong mentality are an excellent foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of success, and his friends feel confident that his future career will gain him high prominence among the members of the legal fraternity of this part of the state. He is now attorney of the Perth Amboy Mutual Loan, Homestead & Building Association of Perth Amboy, and solicitor for Raritan township.

Mr. Spencer was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Pfeiffer, and they have a little son, Lester. He is a member of Perth Amboy Council, No. 1100, R. A. M., and the Improved Order of Red Men and the Independent Order of Foresters. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, attends the conventions of his party, and is now a member of the board of education of Raritan township.

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#### WILLIAM K. WILLIAMSON.

Ocean City has no more active champion than this gentleman, whose deep interest in its welfare is manifested in his well-directed efforts for its improvement and upbuilding. He was born in Bloomfield, Essex county, New Jersey, September 4, 1848, and is a son of William J. and Amies (Keene) Williamson.

William K. Williamson having acquired preparatory education in the Bloomfield Academy later matriculated in Columbia College, where on the completion of the classical course he was graduated in 1871. Two years later he was graduated in the Columbia Law School. He was admitted to practice in the New Jersey courts in June, 1873. He has taken an active and important part in the upbuilding of the town, and does all in his power to promote the improvement of Ocean City.

Mr. Williamson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a noble of Lu Lu

Temple, A. A. N. M. S. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and recognized as a leader in the rank of his party in Cape May county. He is now a member of and the president of the common council, and his efforts to promote the welfare of Ocean City have been ever effective.

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#### HOWARD CARR LANDIS.

Howard Carr Landis is numbered among the stirring, progressive business men of Asbury Park, and is influential in political and fraternal society affairs. He was born January 15, 1859, in Trenton, New Jersey, son of Hiram and Ruth Landis, people of excellent character and high standing in the community. He was educated in the public schools of his native city. At the age of seventeen years he entered the employ of Charles Dobbins, a practical plumber, under whom he learned the trade and with whom he remained, with the exception of one year, until 1883. In this year he located in Asbury Park. For seven years after his coming he followed his trade in the employ of Robinson & Brother. In 1890 he established his present business, which has grown to large proportions. His operations extend to all descriptions of plumbing, drainage, sewer connections, steam and gas fitting. He makes a specialty of sanitary plumbing, using all the most modern and approved methods, which he has applied in buildings of the first class, both public and private. His office is located at No. 614 Bangs avenue.

Mr. Landis affiliates with the Republican party, and is an earnest advocate of its principles and policies. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, of the Asbury Park Wheelmen Club, and of the Bonnett Gunning Club. October 20, 1880, he was married to Miss Lydia A. Bond, daughter of Joseph A. and Eliza J. Bond, of Trenton, New Jersey. Three sons have been born of the marriage: Raymond Bond, February 11, 1883; Miles H., January 3, 1897; and William Hathaway, December 25, 1899.

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#### DAVID SCHANCK.

The history of no family in New Jersey is more interesting than that of the family of Schanck, of which David Schanck, a well known farmer of Marlboro township near Holmdel, is a representative. David Schanck was born December 21, 1831, on the farm on which he now lives. His parents were David and Sarah (Smock) Schanck. His father was born on the farm mentioned above May 10, 1783, and died there April 23, 1872. His mother was born in the same neighborhood December 2, 1799, and died February 2, 1832. David Schanck, Sr., was a son of Captain John Schanck. The latter was a son of Garrett and Janetie (Cowenhoven, now Conover) Schanck, and was born on the old homestead of his ancestors in Pleasant Valley, within sight of the present farm of the immediate subject of this sketch, where his grandfather, Garrett Schanck, an emigrant from Holland, had settled in 1696. He was a descendant in the sixth generation of General Peter Schanck, a brother of the celebrated General Mathew Schanck. Captain Schanck's father died when the Captain was comparatively young, and the latter was obliged to undertake the labors of the farm very early in life. Later he learned the fuller's trade and after that during his active life was extensively engaged in weaving. Soon after his marriage with Marie De Noy in 1767, he bought and settled on the farm in Pleasant Valley adjoining his





*David Schanck*



father's. He proved himself a patriot in the Revolution. Having been captain of a militia company he almost constantly rendered valuable service to Washington's army, although he was never regularly attached to that body. Soon after the beginning of the Revolution he was offered a large sum in British gold if he would espouse the royal cause, and his answer to the proposition showed the quality of the spirit that animated him: "The whole of Europe cannot buy me. Give me liberty." He was bold, active and aggressive, and at length a reward of fifty guineas was offered for his capture dead or alive. His sister Ann, who lived on Long Island, sent him a brace of pistols and a note beseeching him never to permit himself to be taken alive. Those pistols are now owned by the subject of this sketch, who regards them as a most sacred heirloom. Many times Captain Schanck was obliged to seek rest and security in hidden places and he suffered many deprivations and hardships. In his later years he manifested a strong antipathy to those who had been tories in the Revolutionary days and could never bring himself to speak of them with complacency. To those whom he esteemed he was a warm friend. He died August 2, 1834, on his eighty-ninth birthday.

David and Sarah (Smock) Schanck had four children, named George, Mary, John and David, all of whom except David are dead. Sarah Smock was of the original Smock stock of New Jersey, and sketches of some of her relatives appear in this work. David Schanck was married February 12, 1861, to Amanda Conover, a descendant of the original Cowenhovens, who was born May 25, 1832, and died March 5, 1900. She was the daughter of Daniel D. and Mary (Vandever) Conover, who were descendants of some of the oldest families in the county. To Mr. and Mrs. Schanck were born children as follows: Mary L., born March 14, 1862, is the wife of Charles H. Conover, a farmer living at Freehold, New Jersey. Luther, who was born July 28, 1865, is superintendent of the Brookdale farm in Middletown. He married Luella Smock. Sarah A., born October 25, 1870, and Leta C., born December 20, 1871, are members of their father's household. Kittie D., born September 1, 1874, is the wife of G. Conover Hendrickson, a farmer at Freehold.

Mr. Schanck is a scientific and prosperous farmer. His farm, consisting of about two hundred acres, is devoted largely to the cultivation of potatoes. While he votes the Democratic ticket, he is not in any sense an active politician. He is a liberal supporter of the Dutch Reformed church at Holmdel, upon the services of which members of his family are regular attendants.

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#### GEORGE W. PITTENGER.

George W. Pittenger, a leading citizen of Asbury Park, prominently identified with the real-estate interests of that city, and an active participant in all enterprises conducive to the city's development and improvement, was born December 16, 1867, on the same farm where was born his father, four miles west of Freehold, the county seat of Monmouth county, New Jersey. His parents were Lewis C. and Deborah (Patterson) Pittenger.

George W. Pittenger attended the public schools near the home farm until he was thirteen years of age, when he went to Asbury Park and entered the high school in that city. He was a diligent student, and completed the three years' course in two years. He developed considerable literary taste and ability, and from 1883 to 1885 he was an associate editor on "The Torch," published under the auspices of the Sigma Zeta, a Greek letter society of the Asbury Park high school. After leaving school

he found employment as clerk in a dry goods store in Asbury Park, and he occupied that position for four years, relinquishing it to become money order clerk in the post office. After being employed in the latter capacity for two years he was engaged for eleven years thereafter in the office of Willisford Dey & Company, real estate dealers. In 1900 he began business for himself, opening an office for the transaction of a real estate, mortgage, loan and life insurance business, which he yet conducts, and has expanded it to large proportions. He manages estates and performs the duties of commissioner of deeds and notary public. He is also special agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. Methodical and careful in the conduct of all branches of his business, he has established an irreproachable reputation for ability and probity. He is a past master of Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. & A. M., and a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He is an earnest member of the Republican party.

Mr. Pittenger was married, October 1, 1806, to Miss Mary Frances O-born, of Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Their children are Willard O., born November 28, 1807, and Robert A., born November 14, 1809. The family place of residence at present is Allenhurst, New Jersey.

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#### AUGUSTUS STELLE.

The Stelle family in America was founded by Pontius Stelle, and is of those inflexible French Huguenots who, to enjoy religious freedom, left their native land and came, between the years 1668 and 1675, to these shores. The company to which present reference is made settled on Staten Island, and some of their descendants are now to be found in Raritan township, Middlesex county, New Jersey, while the family name is commemorated in that of Stelton, a beautiful village situated on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The eldest son of Pontius Stelle was Benjamin, born in New York in 1683. He was ordained pastor of the Piscataway (Stelton) Baptist church about 1739, and continued in this relation usefully and faithfully for twenty years, passing away at the ripe age of seventy-six years. He was succeeded in the pastorate of the Stelton church by his son, Isaac, who had been ordained as assistant to his father in 1752; he died October 9, 1781. The Rev. Isaac Stelle had among his children two sons, Joseph and Samuel. Joseph had a son Isaac, who had five sons, Samuel, Lewis R., Augustus, James and Alexander. Augustus, son of Isaac, and grand-son of Joseph, was born in what is now called Stelton, Raritan township, Middlesex county, New Jersey, October 23, 1815. He was educated in the subscription schools of the period, known as "pay schools," and he followed farming for a livelihood. He was a member, and for many years clerk, of the Piscataway Baptist church at Stelton. For many years he was a Democrat in politics, but he afterward became a Prohibitionist. He was a man of sterling principle, progressive, and abounding in good deeds. He aided every worthy enterprise in his neighborhood and secured the location of the railway station at Stelton, and exerted his utmost endeavor to build up that village. He was a ready helper of the poor and afflicted, and in all the relations of life his example was one worthy of emulation. February 14, 1840, he married Maria Stelle. His death occurred January 14, 1869, and his wife died on January 15, but thirteen hours afterward. Thus had this devoted husband and wife lived together nearly fifty-nine years, and in death they were not divided, as they were buried side by side, with the same religious service. Their children were John Newton, born June 4, 1842; Angeline A., born January 20, 1845; Julia R., born February 20, 1848; and Spencer C., born August 10, 1854.

John N. Stelle, eldest son of Augustus and Maria Stelle, was born June 4, 1842, on the homestead at Stelton, where he now resides. He was educated in the public schools at his home and in Flushing. For fifteen years he conducted a general store at Parkersburg, Pennsylvania. He is now managing the old homestead farm at Stelton. A man of industry and probity, sympathetic and kindly, he is held in high regard throughout his neighborhood. March 7, 1865, he was married to Mary A. Conaway. His unmarried sisters, Angeline and Julia, re-side with him.

Spencer C. Stelle, the youngest son of Augustus and Maria Stelle, was born August 10, 1854, on the family homestead. He acquired his education in the public schools and the grammar school at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and at the Peddie Institute in Hightstown, New Jersey. He engaged in silk manufacturing at Scranton, Pennsylvania, and gave the business his personal attention until the death of his father, in 1890, made it necessary for him to return home in order to settle up the paternal estate, retaining, however, his financial interest in the silk factory. His business record is that of a well-equipped, resourceful man of affairs, and his integrity has ever been unquestioned. March 20, 1878, he was married to Ellen C. Conaway. The family occupy a handsome residence in Stelton, near the old Stelle homestead.

The Stelle family, as traced in this sketch, dates back with the earliest Huguenot immigrants who aided in peopling the Raritan valley. Through its various generations down to the present time its members have borne a useful and honorable part in the establishment of communities and in fostering those religious, educational and social institutions which are the adornment of our country, and upon which are largely dependent its healthful progress and perpetuity. Such a record is not solely the inheritance of the immediate descendants of worthy ancestors but is a heritage to be honored by all who have shared in the advantages consequent upon their labors.

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#### LYBRAND SILL.

The village of Asbury Park, New Jersey, known throughout the country and to thousands of foreign tourists as one of the most delightful seashore resorts in America, owes much of its fair repute to the good-natured disposition and business sagacity of those who provide entertainment for visitors in their hotels and boarding houses. One of the best conducted and most popular hotels in the region is the Grand Avenue hotel, at Asbury Park, and its proprietor, Lybrand Sill, is favorably known to the greater number of those who visit the town.

He is a native of Ohio, born in Franklin, July 5, 1832. He acquired a liberal education, which he began in the common schools in his native state and completed in Union College, Schenectady, New York, from which he was graduated shortly before attaining his majority. For twenty years following he taught school in the east, for the greater part of the time in New York and in New Jersey. In 1873 he located in Asbury Park, New Jersey, and from that day he has been identified with the development of the village as a business man and a public-spirited citizen. He came before the place was greatly sought by visitors, and his first venture was a joint grocery and hotel business, using different portions of the same building for these various purposes. As time passed the hotel business became more and more important, and he finally abandoned the grocery department, to afford more accommodations for guests. Additions and improvements were made from time to time, and in 1901 he built a large wing to the original hotel structure, at a cost of fifteen

thousand dollars, making the entire edifice a symmetrical whole, of double the previous capacity. The new wing, fronting on Summerfield avenue, contains on the first floor a magnificent amusement hall and ballroom, suitable for entertainments and private theatricals. All the rooms are steam heated, and the parlors and lounging places are cosy and homelike, the entire impression being that of a large, well-kept private residence rather than of a house for the entertainment of the general public. The Grand Avenue hotel is now one of the largest as well as one of the most admirably equipped hotels on the Atlantic coast, and as much care is taken to promote the comfort of guests during the winter months as during the summer. Mr. Sill is deservedly popular with the patrons of the house and with the traveling public generally, on account of the untiring care which he affords them, and his intelligence and readiness in responding to their calls for information with reference to the village and its vicinity, its history, and its old-time celebrities.

Mr. Sill was married, June 5, 1873, to Miss Melvina Stout, of Hamilton, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and a daughter, Elizabeth, has been born of the union. Mr. Sill is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he is a Republican.

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#### JOHN HENRY NEVILL.

John Henry Nevill, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Carteret, Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, was born in New York City, January 2, 1868, and when but four years of age came with his parents to Carteret. His father, Timothy Nevill, was a native of Ireland, and came to America in 1851. He married Miss Mary B. Kenney, and both parents are now living at Carteret. The early boyhood of John H. Nevill was spent on his father's farm in Woodbridge township, where he remained until twenty years of age, learning the duties of farm life, and at the same time pursuing his studies in the public schools of Carteret. Upon attaining his majority he left the farm and secured a position on the New York Central Railroad with Brady Brothers, railroad contractors, where he remained for eighteen months, and then entered the employ of Holmes & Cohan, contractors. Having thoroughly acquainted himself with this work, he started in business for himself, which he successfully carried on for two years, after which time he obtained a position in the Colwell Iron Works at Carteret, there serving an apprenticeship for two years. The balance of his apprenticeship was served in the Henry Worthington Pump Works at Elizabeth, New Jersey, after which time he entered the employ of the Wheeler Condensing Works at Carteret, where he remained for eighteen months. He then went to Sistersville, West Virginia, where he engaged in the tank business with his brother-in-law for one and one-half years, and upon returning to Carteret at the expiration of this time entered the employ of the Wheeler Condensing Works. Here he worked as a moulder in the moulding department for three years, his faithful service being rewarded by his promotion to assistant foreman of that department, which position he holds at the present time, being himself a practical moulder. He has always given satisfaction to his employers, and his success in his work is due to his untiring energy and persistent labor.

On the 25th of February, 1894, Mr. Nevill was joined in marriage to Miss Bertha E. Carroll, of Alleghany, New York, who has been to him a loving and faithful companion. They are the parents of three children, namely: John J., born April 25, 1896; Jennie Loretta, born November 26, 1898; and Joseph Leo, born May 20, 1900.

In politics Mr. Nevill is a stalwart Republican and is recognized as one of the

leading representatives of his party in this locality. He has served as a member of the school board and for three years was honored with the office of president of the board. In April, 1899, he was elected a member of a township committee for a term of two years and is the present chairman of that committee. In all his duties he has acted with promptness and intelligence, and has won to himself the confidence of all concerned. Socially he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, being interested in everything pertaining to the progress and welfare of these societies. He is president of the Carteret Building & Loan Association, and is an active and consistent member of St. Joseph Catholic church of Carteret. He has been an important factor in the development and advancement of the community in which he resides, and does all in his power to promote intellectuality and morality and to advance law and order. During his residence in Woodbridge township he has won many friends, who respect him for his honesty and integrity.

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#### JOSEPH CONOVER PATTERSON.

Joseph Conover Patterson is a worthy and highly respected citizen of Middletown township, where he was born on the 6th of December, 1850. He is a member of an illustrious and well known family of the county, which is of Scotch-Irish descent. His paternal grandfather became a distinguished citizen of Monmouth county, and for thirty years he occupied the office of judge of the court, besides filling many other positions of honor and trust. He was married to Hannah Gordon, and their children were: James, Charles, Rachel, Rebecca and Ann.

James Patterson, the father of our subject, was a native of Middletown township, Monmouth county, where he was born in 1798. He early developed a taste for agriculture, which he made his life occupation. He was a man of superior worth and executive ability, was public spirited to an eminent degree, and for twenty years he served as freeholder of his township. He was also a member of the state council, and for two terms was a member of the legislature. He passed away in death in 1866, at the age of seventy-four years. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Deborah Trafford, and they had the following children: Jehu, who was an able attorney and served as clerk of his county; Mrs. Hannah Hopping; Mrs. Joseph S. Applegate; and Ann. For his second wife he chose Lydia T. Hopping, and their children were: John H., who for two years served as doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of the United States; James H., a noted physician; Mary E., who became Mrs. Joseph Burrowes and who is now deceased; Samuel H., who for several years served as freeholder of Middletown township; Andrew; Charles G.; Rebecca, the wife of ex-Senator W. H. Hendrickson; Allen; Henry; Charles E., an attorney; Harriet; Joseph C.; and Mrs. Lydia Frost.

Joseph C. Patterson, whose name introduces this review, received his early education in the district schools of his native township, and afterward attended school at Hightstown, New Jersey, where he enjoyed superior educational advantages. As a life occupation he chose the vocation of his father and grandfather, and his efforts as an agriculturist have been crowned with a high and well merited degree of success. His farm contains one hundred and seventeen acres of well tilled and productive soil, and for many generations this place has remained in the possession of the Patterson family, having been sold but once, and then it became the property of a member of the family. Mr. Patterson was married on the 7th of September, 1875, Miss Lydia R. Sherman becoming his wife. She is a daughter of William

Sherman. Three children have been born unto this union: William A., who is engaged in business in New York as cashier of the Anaconda Mining Company; James A., who is a student of New York Law School; and Harriet, deceased. The family are members of the Baptist church of Middletown.

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#### JOHN LIDDLE.

Among the representative citizens of Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, is John Liddle, who was born July 18, 1844, on the Liddle homestead, which is located about two and one-half miles from Woodbridge, Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, New Jersey. His father, Joshua Liddle, was a native of Westmoreland, England, his birth having occurred there on the 8th of March, 1807. When about twenty-five years of age he came to the United States, settling at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, where he engaged in working on a railroad. He later purchased a farm in Woodbridge township, which he has greatly improved, and it is now one of the finest farms in that community, being known as the Liddle homestead. The father married a young lady by the name of Anna Buck, who has been to him a faithful companion.

John Liddle received his early education in the public schools of Woodbridge, and during the vacation periods assisted in the work on his father's farm, learning the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained here with his parents until seventeen years of age, when he went to South River, New Jersey, to learn the trade of a blacksmith, serving an apprenticeship of three years and four months. At the expiration of this time he went to Fords, Woodbridge township, where he engaged in blacksmithing, and where he has since followed that business.

On November 1, 1866, Mr. Liddle was joined in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Emmons, a daughter of John Emmons. They are the parents of three children, namely: Charles A., born December 8, 1869, who married Miss Grace Murdock, September 20, 1894, and by whom he has three children, namely: Violet, Beatrice, John Parker; Mary E., born February 12, 1873, who was married December 1, 1892, to Edward Pfeiffer, and who is the mother of five children, namely: Edward and Russell, deceased, Sophia, Clifford and John Spencer; Leslie Elmer, another son, was born December 21, 1881.

Mr. Liddle gives his political support to the Republican party, and is a steadfast adherent of its principles. He has been a member of the school board for two years and has always discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, and is a man greatly interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community in which he resides. A man of honor, strong of purpose and upright in all his dealings, he commands the respect and confidence of all his fellow citizens.

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#### JOHN TYLER REYNOLDS.

Among the representative and highly respected citizens of Southard, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is John T. Reynolds, who is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Howell township, Monmouth county. His great-great-grandfather, John Reynolds, settled in this locality and reared a family. Of his children was Joseph Reynolds, the great-grandfather of our subject. He was a farmer of considerable note, being quite influential in local affairs and having held some prominent offices





*John J. Reynolds*

MRS. HENRY REYNOLDS.



in the township. He married Miss Mary West, who became the mother of twelve children, five of whom are now living, namely: William, Israel, Charles, Jane and Mary. Joseph Reynolds lived to the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Of his children who are now deceased was John W. Reynolds, the grandfather of our subject. He was born in 1818 in Howell township, Monmouth county, where he engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits and held some of the important offices in the township. He and his wife, who was Miss Hester A. Estell, were the parents of ten children, as follows: Hannah J.; Robert J.; Elizabeth; Mary; Britton C.; George; Carrol, now deceased; U. S. Grant; John T.; and Ruth. Of these children John T. Reynolds is the father of our subject, and was born in Howell township in 1843. He received his education in the schools of his native township, and as soon as he was able to handle the plow assisted in the labors of his father's farm and at the same time learned the carpenter's trade. In 1862, when his country was in danger, he offered himself upon her altar as a living sacrifice, and enlisted as a private in Company D, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three years. He heroically engaged in the following battles: Mine Run, Seven Days' Fight, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Bermuda Hundred, Monacacy, Winchester, Fishers Hill, Harrisonburg, Stroudsburg and Cedar Creek. During the last named engagement he received a wound in the left leg below the knee, which disabled him for further active service. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war and returned to the duties of civil life, taking up the saw and plane where he had laid them down, becoming a loyal and useful citizen. His close application to business and his unflinching energy have brought to him marked success, and in his county he is recognized as a high class mechanic and contractor. In 1881 he was elected to the office of postmaster, which he has efficiently held for twenty years, having won the confidence and respect of his fellow men. Two years subsequent to his election he opened a store in Southard, which he still conducts by proxy. He has also served as overseer of the highways. The cause of education has found in him a loyal supporter and advocate, and he has ably served for eighteen years as school trustee, and is now an active member of the new board of education. At one time he was a nominee for freeholder and was defeated by a very strong opponent, by one majority. Politically he is a loyal Republican and does all in his power to advance the welfare of his party. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Lavenia Riley, who was born in 1844. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have been born nine children, namely: Samuel, deceased; Lizzie, who has passed away; John, also deceased; John T., the subject of this review; William H.; Walter, also deceased; Viola; Ellen; and Thomas.

John T. Reynolds was born in Howell township, Monmouth county, in 1875, and there received his early education. Following his father's footsteps, he learned the carpenter's trade, in which he has been eminently successful. His natural ability, coupled with his industry and perseverance have made him a careful and expert workman, and he gives promise of becoming a leading factor in his line of trade. In 1896 he led to the marriage altar Miss Nancy E. Elder, a native of North Carolina. This union has been blessed with two interesting children: William H. and Maud C. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are people of intelligence and refinement, and are highly respected by all who know them.

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#### DAVID COMPTON BOWEN.

David Compton Bowen, to whom the Asbury Park public are largely indebted for the excellent sanitary conditions they enjoy, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1860, the son of Lorenzo and Beulah Compton Bowen. The

public schools of Morristown and Dividing Creek contributed to his education. His first business venture was in the mercantile line at Bridgeton; later he associated himself in the same line of trade at Asbury Park, New Jersey, in which he continued up to the year 1802; at that time he was appointed secretary to the board of health of Asbury Park, which position he still fills. Mr. Bowen is also chief inspector for the board; to more faithfully fulfill the demands of the office he has devoted much time and study to public sanitation, and in order that he might thoroughly familiarize himself with the subject in all its technical features, he took a special examination in municipal hygiene in the scientific department of Rutgers College, and holds one of the first certificates issued by that college, covering all branches of this exhaustive science.

His marriage, which occurred on April 18, 1885, to Miss Rodella Johnson, daughter of John and Sarah Johnson, of Dayton, Ohio, has resulted in the birth of one child, namely, Elmore, born February 28, 1889.

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#### ARTHUR LESLIE PHILIPS.

Arthur L. Philips, one of the respected citizens and substantial agriculturists of Monmouth county, was born in New York City, November 11, 1857, a son of Alexander and Mary (Stanley) Philips. The father was born in Linlithgow, Scotland, near the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots, about 1810, and in 1822 he came with his parents to America. His father was a stonemason and quarryman, and the son also engaged in that occupation, owning one of the first free stone quarries in New Jersey at Avondale, where he did an extensive business in shipping stone and as a contractor. He erected the beautiful church of the Rev. John Hall in New York City, and many other fine buildings. He was also engaged in milling, owning the mill at Harmony, Monmouth county, and at one time he had in his employ four hundred and fifty men. He was a shrewd business man and accumulated a fortune. He was a Republican in his political views, and in 1878 was elected to the state legislature, where he was active and influential during his service. His business at Avondale is still owned by his two sons, Henry and Austin. His death occurred in 1887, at the age of sixty-eight years, while his wife survived until 1900, passing away at the age of eighty-six years.

Arthur L. Philips, the subject of this review, received his education in the schools of Avondale, where his parents had removed when he was seven years of age. After reaching years of maturity he engaged in business with his father, afterward learning the milling business, and in 1877 he came to his present location and assumed charge of the gristmill at Harmony, where he subsequently built a sawmill; he also followed agricultural pursuits. In recent years, in connection with his many other interests, he has also engaged in the ice business, and each season cuts from fourteen hundred to two thousand tons of ice, which is largely consumed by the fish trade and used by private consumers and hotels within a radius of eight miles. His farm is well conducted, and he is extensively engaged in the raising of garden vegetables and small fruits.

The marriage of Mr. Philips was celebrated on the 20th of January, 1888, when Miss Isabella Scott became his wife. She was born April 12, 1862, and is a daughter of Daniel and Isabella (Ramsey) Scott, who were of Scotch ancestry. Five children have been born of this union, namely: Alexander, who was born July 8, 1880; Isabella, born May 7, 1891; Marion, born December 3, 1895; Arthur L.,

born May 6, 1897; and Edgar R., born October 1, 1899. Mr. Philips is a Republican in his political views, but takes no active part in the affairs of his party, preferring rather to give his time to his extensive business interests. The family are members of the Reformed church at Middletown, Monmouth county.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY HAMILTON.

William Henry Hamilton, at present postmaster at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, was born on January 14, 1867, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, his parents being William H. and Caroline (Keyser) Hamilton. His education was acquired in the public schools of his birthplace; after leaving school young Hamilton entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Ocean Grove as a messenger boy; he remained there for some time, but finally secured a position as clerk in the Ocean Grove postoffice; this position he retained until under the administration of the late President McKinley he was appointed postmaster on May 17, 1897, and has been reappointed under President Roosevelt. Mr. Hamilton is a Republican in politics, and while actively interested in the success of his party never sought political favor. That he fills the office he now holds acceptably is amply proved by his recent reappointment. January 1, 1902, he was elected president of the Ocean Grove National Bank.

Mr. Hamilton possesses an exceedingly sociable temperament, as is attested by the many social organizations of which he is a member, among them being Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. & A. M.; Neptune Lodge, No. 84, of Odd Fellows; Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Asbury Park Wheelmen.

On October 9, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Effie Lewis Covington, the daughter of Algic and Margaret (Davis) Covington, of Virginia; their union has been blessed with one daughter, Kathryn, born March 7, 1891.

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#### SAMUEL ASAY CLIVER.

Samuel Asay Cliver, proprietor of the Westminster hotel, Asbury Park, is one of the most enterprising residents of that beautiful residential and pleasure resort. He is a gentleman of excellent business ability, and has served with great capability in various positions of honor and trust.

He was born November 7, 1849, at Wrightstown, Burlington county, New Jersey, son of Joseph K. and Hannah H. (Asay) Cliver. He received an excellent education, beginning in the public schools, and finished in the Mount Holly Academy, at Mount Holly, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1870. His first venture in business was in general merchandising in his native town, in which he continued with gratifying success from 1874 until 1885. In the spring of 1886 he took up his residence at Asbury Park, and entered upon a career of much usefulness. During the earlier years he was employed as bookkeeper in the establishment of Wainwright & Errickson. In 1896 he engaged in business on his own account, in the conduct of a fancy goods and notion store, which he yet controls, and which has an extensive and remunerative patronage. Its location is at No. 632 Cookman avenue. In 1898 he established the Westminster hotel, of which he is the present proprietor, and which under his management has become one of the most popular hostilities along

the Jersey coast, and has numbered among its patrons, during the summer season, many of the best class of pleasure seekers, from abroad as well as from all portions of the United States. It is pleasantly situated on the south side of Fourth avenue, only one block from the beach, and commands an expansive view of the ocean. It has accommodations for one hundred and fifty guests.

In politics Mr. Cliver is a Democrat, and he has at all times been an influential figure in political circles. While a resident of Wrightstown, he was appointed postmaster, serving from 1879 to 1885. For six years he was clerk of the township of Hanover, Burlington county. After his removal to Asbury Park he was appointed assistant postmaster and served from 1887 to 1892; he was twice elected assessor of Neptune township, Monmouth county. In 1900 he was Democratic nominee for the state assembly, but failed of election. He is a member of Asbury Park Lodge, No. 142, F. A. M., Standard Chapter, R. A. M., Corson Commandery, K. T., Mecca Temple, A. A. O. M. S., the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the United Workmen.

Mr. Cliver was married, March 19, 1874, to Miss Mary E. Emley, daughter of William H. and Mary (Platt) Emley, of Wrightstown, New Jersey. She is of excellent family, and is a lady of education and refinement. One son, Samuel Leon, was born of the marriage, February 15, 1883.

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#### HENRY LEVY, M. D.

The medical profession presents almost limitless opportunities to its representatives. The field of knowledge is broad, great skill is required and there is demanded a nicety of judgment little understood by the laity; therefore when one attains a position of prominence in the ranks of the medical fraternity, it is because he is particularly well adapted to and qualified for his chosen work. Such is the case with Dr. Levy, who is now practicing in Perth Amboy.

The Doctor is a native of New York City, his birth having there occurred on the 14th of February, 1857, his parents being Lewis and Caroline Levy. The family is of German extraction. The paternal grandparents of the Doctor were Samuel and Ida Levy, the former born in the Province of Nassau in 1789, while his death occurred in 1864, in New York City, where he had resided for many years.

Of this family Lewis Levy, the father of our subject, was born in the province of Nassau, Germany, November 17, 1822, and pursued his education in his native land. He came to America in 1846 and soon afterward engaged in the purchases and sale of live stock, in which business he continued up to the time of his death, which occurred in New York on the 14th of May, 1876, while his wife departed this life on the 23d of April, 1897. She bore the maiden name of Caroline Kramer and they were married in April, 1852. Her birth occurred in the kingdom of Bavaria, May 1, 1829, and by her marriage she became the mother of seven children.

Dr. Levy, whose name introduces this record, acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of New York and enjoyed advanced privileges in the New York College, in which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He studied medicine in New York University, where he was graduated in 1878, and for a year and a half thereafter he was resident physician in the Charity Hospital, on Blackwell's Island. In October, 1879, he began the private practice of medicine in New York City, where he remained until 1898, when in the spring of that year he came to Perth Amboy and opened an office. His reputation as a most competent physician and



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surgeon preceded him and within a very short time he found himself in control of an extensive and important patronage. During his practice in New York he was sanitary inspector and was connected with the New York and German dispensaries. He is a member of the New York State and the Middlesex County Medical Associations, and through his association therewith is continually broadening his knowledge by gaining from the experience of others, while his own researches and work have enabled him to contribute at the meetings facts of importance to the followers of the healing art.

On the 20th of July, 1897, in New York the Doctor married Miss Jacobine Levy, a daughter of Jacob and Violet Levy, natives of Hamburg, Germany. The Doctor and his wife have already formed a wide acquaintance in Perth Amboy and have gained many warm friends in those circles of society where intelligence and true worth are received as passports.

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#### GEORGE MEYERS BENNETT.

George Meyers Bennett, of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, is the son of William J. and Sarah M. (Middleton) Bennett, and was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1848. During his childhood his parents moved to Hopewell, now Glendola, New Jersey, where his education was acquired at the public schools. Later he applied himself to learning the painter's trade, which in due course of time he thoroughly mastered, and in 1873 he located in Ocean Grove, where he has ever since followed his vocation. In his political views Mr. Bennett is a Republican. He is past master of Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. & A. M. In the Corson Commandery, No. 15, K. T., he occupies the honorable position of past commander. The high positions Mr. Bennett has attained in these organizations speak well for his tireless energy in the interests of the cause they represent, and the deserved popularity which he has in consequence gained.

He is a member of the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church of Ocean Grove, of which he is its honored treasurer. His marriage to Miss Eugenia V. Dey, daughter of John M. and Elizabeth M. Dey, of Ocean Grove, was solemnized on March 27, 1878. Mrs. Dey departed this life on July 3, 1896. Their one daughter, E. Blanche, was born March 7, 1879. Mr. Bennett's second marriage occurred on July 24, 1901, to Genevieve Eugenia Pfeiffer, daughter of William and Gertrude Pfeiffer.

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#### JAMES IRVING.

Among the well known and highly esteemed residents of Manalapan township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is James Irving, a veteran of the Civil war, and for many years a prominent and successful farmer. The birth of Mr. Irving occurred in Freehold township, on October 21, 1831, and he is a son of Michael and Mary (Smith) Irving, the former of whom was a sawyer and miller by occupation.

The early education of James Irving, of this sketch, was acquired in the district schools of his township. When he reached maturity he chose farming as his life work, following this occupation and also working occasionally in sawmills, but for the last thirty years he has been established on his present farm. This consists of a small truck farm. One of the first to respond in defense of his country at the outbreak of the Civil war was Mr. Irving, and his record as a veteran in company A,

Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, reflects honor upon him. His marriage occurred on August 13, 1853, to Miss Martha A. Smith, who was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith, the former of whom was born on May 7, 1790, and died on September 8, 1851, and the latter was born on June 20, 1792, and died on September 25, 1851. These children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Irving: Margaret E., born on August 30, 1854, married Plymouth Smith; Julia E., born September 1, 1857, married John Boyce; Mary, born on October 21, 1860, married Christopher Heiser; William H., born on November 9, 1864, married Emma Irving; Emma J., born on August 25, 1867, married George Topp; and Carrie M., born on July 28, 1873, married Amos Burke. One son, Edwin, died prior to the Civil war. The family is connected with the Methodist church, and all are among the most reliable and substantial citizens of Monmouth county.

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#### JOHN J. CAMPBELL.

John J. Campbell is one of the popular hotel proprietors of Keyport, New Jersey, where he was born and acquired his education in the public schools of that town. He is the son of Andrew and Maria (Drake) Campbell, the former having been engaged in the hotel business during a period of forty-four years, on the site of the present hotel now conducted by his son. He was three times married and was the father of twenty-eight children by the three marriages. He passed away at the age of sixty-six years. His was the first Catholic family to settle in Keyport and he hauled the first load of brick used in the construction of the church.

John J. Campbell, of this review, was born in 1869. After his father's death the mother conducted the hotel until the son was old enough to take charge, since which time he has been its efficient proprietor. In addition to this vocation he is interested in farming and is the owner of several vessels. He is a member of the Red Men, Chingarora Tribe, No. 116; the American Order of Hibernians; and has been a member for twelve years of the Keyport Engine Company. In his political views he is a staunch and loyal follower of the principles laid down by Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Campbell was joined in marriage to Miss M. Victoria Gryson, whose father was an old resident and a prosperous merchant and shoe manufacturer of Keyport. He was for years a bass singer in the Catholic church, and three children have been born of this union.

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#### WILLIAM MASON SEELY.

William Mason Seely, of Port Monmouth, New Jersey, was born February 26, 1848. His paternal grandfather, John Seely, was a resident of Keansburg, New Jersey, where he followed farming as an occupation, and he remained there until his death. James E. Seely, father of William Mason Seely, was born at Keansburg, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He removed with his parents when very young to Port Monmouth, where he resided during the remainder of his life. When only a boy he decided to lead a seafaring life, and he continued in that line of work up to a few years ago, when he resigned on account of his age and retired to the quiet pursuits of a farm, which he owned at Belford, New Jersey, there remaining until his death. He was one of the oldest sea captains in the bay, and for twenty-four years acted as captain of the celebrated boat "Jesse Hoyt." He was

a member of the Baptist church, and also acted as trustee. He married Miss Amanda Mason and five children were born to them, namely: James, Uriah, William Mason, Melissa and Eliza. Mr. Seely died in 1888, aged seventy-four years, and his wife died in 1850, aged thirty-six years.

William Mason Seely, third son of James E. Seely, acquired his education in the public schools of his native town, and while quite a young boy was employed to act as cook on a vessel plying between Port Monmouth and New York. Then he was employed for seven years on a trading vessel. After the expiration of this time he became a deck hand on the steamboat "Jesse Hoyt," of which his father was captain for many years. Later he was promoted to the position of mate, then to pilot, subsequently was placed in charge of the bar, and acted as steward of the boat for eighteen years. He then decided to abandon the work he had been pursuing for so many years, and thereupon became engaged in mercantile business at Port Monmouth. At first he carried only a line of groceries, but now he has a general store, where he conducts an extensive trade, which is increasing from year to year, due to the honorable business methods which he adopts.

Mr. Seely has always been an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and President McKinley during his first term appointed him postmaster of Port Monmouth, a position which he has held ever since. He is a member of the Morton Commandery, of New York City, and of the Knights Templar. He is a consistent member of the Baptist church of Port Monmouth, and acts in the capacity of trustee.

Mr. Seely was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte C. Murphy, and one son was born to them, Seymour, now deceased. During the Spanish-American war, when the country was in need of his services, he enlisted as a private in Company J, Second Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, and later was promoted to the rank of corporal. He contracted typhoid fever in the camp at Jacksonville, from which he died three weeks after his removal to his home. He was then only twenty-three years of age, and was very popular among his associates, being of a genial disposition and irreproachable character. He was a member of the Second Regiment, which was organized at Paterson, New Jersey.

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#### EDWARD BATCHELOR.

The beautiful town of Avon-by-the-Sea is a monument to the progressive spirit, enterprise and business ability of Edward Batchelor, who has been the most important factor in its development and upbuilding. Its beauty, adornment and scenic development is almost solely due to his efforts, and as an investment it has been a paying one. The place is also indicative of this appreciation of design, of natural loveliness and of advancement that will contribute to the pleasure that one gains from nature's beautiful pictures, supplemented by the artistic handiwork of man.

Mr. Batchelor is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born September 22, 1837, and a son of William and Sarah Batchelor. The father was of English lineage, while the mother belonged to an old colonial family that sent forth its representatives to fight for the independence of the nation in the Revolutionary war. Edward Batchelor pursued his education in the grammar schools of his native city until twelve years of age, when he entered upon his business career, working for only one dollar a week. The years and his efficiency, however, brought him advancement and a consequent increase in salary, and later he became extensively interested in the

growing of tobacco and the manufacture of cigars. He was at one time the owner of the largest cigar factory in the city of Philadelphia, and is still engaged in the wholesale trade, having a very extensive patronage, his place of business being located at Nos. 458-461 North Oranna street, Philadelphia.

In 1879 Mr. Batchelor purchased several tracts now including the present site of Avon-by-the-Sea. They covered about three hundred acres, mostly an unbroken wilderness, and to this place he first gave the name of Key East. It was his intention to develop it as a manufacturing town, but the place rapidly became a famous summer resort. In 1883 he undertook with great earnestness and activity the task of transforming this into a beautiful town for summer residents, and on the 3rd of April of that year had the first pool sale of one hundred and sixteen lots. The lots sold at five hundred dollars per share and won the highest premium ever obtained at any seaside operation, amounting to three hundred and fifty dollars per lot. About this time the name of the place was changed from Key East to Avon-by-the-Sea, and the appropriateness of this is at once suggested to those who visit this ideal resort. There was but one avenue in the town at the time when active work was begun in 1883, but improvements were rapidly instituted and developed and many streets were opened, these being adorned by native pine trees. All the streets are from eighty to one hundred feet in width; the lots are fifty by one hundred and forty feet, and there is a lane or alley from twenty to thirty feet wide in the rear of each lot.

Mr. Batchelor has been largely interested in the building operations in the place. He erected the Avon Inn, the largest hotel in the town and one of the finest on the Jersey coast. He also built the Berwick and several large and well equipped cottages, which, together with over one hundred desirable cottages built in varying but beautiful styles of architecture, make a town to suit the most fastidious taste. The most commendable features of the place are the extensive groves of native pines, its high elevation above the sea level, its excellent beach, fine surf and still water bathing, boating, crabbing, fishing, and its quiet, restful healthfulness. There is also an ample and perfect sewer system, unsurpassed anywhere, with complete arrangements for flushing the entire system by a constant stream of water from Sylvan lake.

Avon-by-the-Sea is now well built up with hundreds of beautiful homes and is one of the most delightful places for a summer sojourn on the Jersey coast. Mr. Batchelor has been a liberal contributor to the building and support of three churches, the Baptist, the Methodist Protestant and the Protestant Episcopal, and withholds his co-operation from no movement calculated to prove of general good, or that will advance the growth and welfare of the place or add to its attractiveness and beauty. He is a man of excellent business ability, of marked foresight, of reliable judgment, and possessed of a liberal share of the enterprising American spirit which has evolved the wonderful development of this country and particularly that of the north New Jersey sea coast.

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#### JOSEPH W. JOHNSTON.

Joseph W. Johnston is now living a retired life at Eatontown, Monmouth county, and his rest is well deserved, for in former years he was actively connected with mercantile interests, whereby he won the competence which now enables him to rest from his labors and yet enjoy the comforts which a good income brings. He represents one of the old families of the county, his grandfather, John I. Johnston, being one of the sons of an early settler near Eatontown. John I. Johnston was born in Monmouth county, where he became a leading agriculturist, and he was known as a man



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of sterling worth until the eighty-four years of his earthly career were terminated in death. His wife was also a native of Monmouth county. The grandparents had eight children, all of whom lived to advanced age. Their son, Gilbert H. Johnston, the father of our subject, was born at Middletown, New Jersey, about 1810, and was a blacksmith. Locating in Eatontown in early life he there followed his chosen calling for many years and all who knew him respected him on account of his busy, useful and honorable life. He passed away at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Annie Beadle, was born in 1812 and lived to the age of seventy-seven. She, too, represented one of the oldest families of Monmouth county. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, all of whom reached adult age.

Joseph W. Johnston was born in Eatontown, February 24, 1840, and his educational privileges were only such as were afforded in the log school house of the neighborhood, but reading and broad experience have made him a well informed man. At the age of sixteen years he entered upon his business career in the capacity of a clerk in the store of White & Curtis, general merchants, with whom he remained from December 17, 1855, until the 1st of January, 1860. Soon thereafter he became engaged in business in association with his brother-in-law, B. D. Wolcott, and D. F. Wolcott. They opened a general store and from the beginning enjoyed a growing trade. After four years this firm was dissolved, Messrs. Johnston and B. D. Wolcott purchasing their partner's interest. Two years later Mr. Johnston purchased B. D. Wolcott's interest and conducted the business alone. In 1890, having accumulated a very desirable competence, Mr. Johnston retired, this step being prompted by failing health. He has also been active in establishing the leading manufacturing interests of Eatontown and he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who, while promoting their individual success, also contribute to the general welfare.

On the 15th of October, 1863, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Phebe A. Wolcott, of Eatontown, who was born July 11, 1841, a daughter of Edmund and Sarah A. Wolcott. Her father was of Quaker ancestry and throughout his business life was known as one of the most honorable and trustworthy business men of Eatontown. He died at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife still (1901) survives. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are the parents of one daughter, Adeline B., the wife of James Hathaway, of Eatontown, who is a general agent of the United States Express Company. Our subject and his wife hold membership in the Second Adventist church and are well known in their native city as people of genuine worth, who justly merit the regard in which they are uniformly held. Starting out in business life empty-handed he worked his way gradually upward and his energetic methods and fidelity to commercial ethics insured his prosperity.

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#### ALBERT D. McCABE.

Albert Dunlap McCabe, a thoroughly representative business man of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park and active in municipal and social affairs, is a native of New Jersey, born at White Horse, near Trenton, township of Hamilton, Mercer county, July 7, 1846. His parents were George H. and Mary C. McCabe, old and highly respected people.

Mr. McCabe was educated at the public school at Yardville, near the family residence. At the early age of fifteen years he undertook the severe task of locomotive fireman on the old Camden & Amboy Railroad, and followed it continuously

for five years. During this time he gained an intimate knowledge of railroad engines, and frequently acted as engineer, acquiring such skill that, had he persisted in his occupation, he would undoubtedly have risen to a responsible position. It was not suited to his health, however, and he performed farm work for one year, after which he engaged in butchering at Yardville. After being thus occupied for six years, seeking a larger and more remunerative field, in 1876 he located at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, where he began a similar business, in which he is yet engaged. His building, located on Main street, Asbury Park, is in all respects the best for its purposes on the New Jersey coast, being a substantial and commodious brick edifice, in which is contained attractive furniture and every appliance that can be utilized in a modern first-class meat market. Careful in his dealings, and watchful for the wants of the community, he occupies a place among the leading business men of the place, and is highly respected in all his relations with them and with his patrons.

Mr. McCabe is an active and influential Democrat, and a man whose integrity and capability in public concerns commands wide confidence. For six years he represented the township of Neptune in the board of chosen freeholders for Monmouth county, and he safeguarded the interests of his constituents with such intelligence and ability as to command general approbation, which would have found affirmation in his continued re-election had he so desired. In religion he is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Ocean Grove. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

On December 23, 1868, Mr. McCabe was married to Miss Mary C. West, a daughter of William West, of Groveville, New Jersey. Their children were George H., born March 9, 1876, an industrious and capable young man, who is employed in his father's establishment; and Lulu May, born February 19, 1882. Mrs. McCabe died in April, 1895, and Mr. McCabe was married to Miss Mary L. Sayers, daughter of William Sayers, of Newark, New Jersey, January 6, 1897.



#### F. H. PARSELLES.

F. H. Parselles, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, in 1878. The name is of French origin, and he is a descendant of a French Huguenot family that have made their home in Bound Brook, New Jersey, for the past one hundred years. On his mother's side he is a descendant of English stock. His ancestors on the paternal side have always been ready to serve their country in times of peril. One of them served in the Revolutionary war, and his grandfather, John Parselles, participated in the Civil war. John R. Parselles, was father of F. H. Parselles. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and takes an active interest in all matters that pertain to the welfare and betterment of the community in which he resides. He married Miss Ella Holmes, daughter of David Holmes, of Binghamton, New York.

F. H. Parselles acquired his education in the Bound Brook high school, from which he was graduated. Subsequently he was appointed postmaster of Deal Beach, and he faithfully discharged the duties of the office for three years, after which he resigned in order to accept the position of bookkeeper with the firm of Stevens & Son, manufacturers of shirt waists, etc., of Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Mr. Parselles has always been an ardent Republican, and he is engaged in the capacity of borough clerk of Deal Beach, New Jersey. He is a member of the



Asbury Park Wheelmen, and he also holds membership in the Knights of the Golden Eagle. In 1890 Mr. Parselle<sup>s</sup> was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Barkillow. One child has been born of this union.

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LEWIS JAMES FELTMAN.

Lewis James Feltman, dairyman and manager of the City Steam Laundry, of Red Bank, New Jersey, was born in Mercer county, New Jersey, October 18, 1860. His parents, Andrew and Anna Feltman, were natives of Germany, whence they came to the United States in childhood. They were married at Bordentown and both are deceased. L. J. Feltman received a common school education, learned the nursery business at Hightstown, Mercer county, under Enoch Ely, and was subsequently engaged for two years in the same business on his own account. In the fall of 1890 he located at Red Bank, where he established himself in business as a butcher and was thus employed for five years. Since 1898 he has successfully conducted a milk dairy business and in conjunction therewith has, since 1899, been connected in a managerial capacity with the City Steam Laundry of Red Bank. He is a member of Wigwam 255, Improved Order of Red Men, and Independent Order of Foresters.

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CHARLES CHAUNCEY HOMMANN.

Charles Chauncey Hommann is a worthy descendant of an old German family, who emigrated from Saxony to this country after the close of the Revolutionary war. John Christopher Hommann (grandfather) was the first of the name to settle here. He made Philadelphia his home, and spent the remainder of his life there, passing away in the year 1837, being then eighty-three years old. While in his native country he served as officer in the regular standing army. In his religious belief, he adhered to the principles of the Lutheran church. He was united in marriage to Constantia Herbert, and they became the parents of the following children: Constantia, wife of Charles Frederick Hupfeld; John Christopher; Charlotte, wife of Rev. Isaac Smith; Charles; Sarah, wife of Charles Harrison; Amelia, wife of Dr. Levi Hartlett; Jane, wife of Rev. Williams; and William Hommann.

William H. Hommann (father) was born in the city of Philadelphia, in March, 1814. He received his early education there and in 1835 graduated from the General Theological Seminary of New York, and the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal church. He acted as pastor for thirty-five years in various Episcopal churches in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Wisconsin, and latterly in the state of New Jersey. His useful life came to a close on March 12, 1870, when in his fifty-seventh year, his wife having passed away in March, 1860, aged fifty-one years. Two children survived them, Charles Chauncey and James W. Hommann; the latter departed this life in 1875, after having graduated from the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, and was at the time of his decease engaged in the study of medicine in New York City.

Charles Chauncey Hommann, born May 21, 1851, at Green Bay, Wisconsin, was the son of William and Fidelia (Smith) Hommann. His early education was acquired in various cities, owing to the fact that his father was a clergyman and his pastorate changed from time to time. When he reached the age of seventeen years

he entered Lafayette College, but left before graduation. He then went into the office of General Egbert L. Viele, of New York City, and took up the study of civil engineering, which profession he has continued in up to the present time. He has worked on various railroads in the United States and in Central America. In 1876 he removed to South Amboy, New Jersey, and took up the study of law with the late Charles Morgan, Esq., being admitted to the bar from that office as an attorney in 1880, and as a counsellor in 1886. In the year 1880 he changed his residence to Perth Amboy, and has resided there ever since. Being city surveyor of Perth Amboy, all the engineering of the various improvements made in the town has been under his superintendence.

Politically he is a believer in the Democratic principles, and religiously he is connected with St. Peter's Episcopal church of Perth Amboy. He is also an active member of the First Troop of New Jersey, the Essex Troop of Newark, commanded by Frederick Frelinghuysen. In March, 1866, Mr. Hommann married Mrs. Bessie Higgins, a widow, who had two sons, Eugene Elliott and John De Bree. By her second marriage she has one son, Charles Chauncey, Jr.

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#### BORDEN HANCE.

Borden Hance, a leading agriculturist of Monmouth county, who resides at Red Bank, was born on the Rumson road, May 10, 1855; he is a son of the late Borden and Rebecca (Wooley) Hance, natives of Monmouth county and descended respectively of the early German and English settlers of the colony of New Jersey. The late Borden Hance was a leading farmer, being one of the largest peach growers of New Jersey; he died in 1859, his wife in 1895. Borden Hance, Jr., received a common school education, entered upon a farmer's life at an early age, subsequently purchased property in Shrewsbury township, where he resided and cultivated the soil up to 1895 and since the latter date has been a resident of Red Bank, still retaining his agricultural interest in Shrewsbury township. His place of residence is 268 Broad street, and he is a widower without children. Politically he is a Republican and has held the office of town commissioner since 1892. His religious affiliations are with the Friends.

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#### WESLEY B. STOUT.

Wesley B. Stout, a well established lawyer of Monmouth county, and formerly junior member of the firm of R. T. & W. B. Stout, is a prominent citizen of Asbury Park, New Jersey. He was born at Farmingdale, Monmouth county, being a son of Richard Ten Broeck and Elizabeth (Beck) Stout. The ancestors of both sides were among the earliest settlers of Monmouth county. His mother's family were of German extraction and settled at Toms River, New Jersey, while his father's ancestors were of English and Holland Dutch origin, and for four generations have lived in Middletown township, Richard Stout, great-grandfather of Wesley B., being one of the first white inhabitants of the township. The family name has been conspicuously identified with the colonial wars, with the ownership of extensive timber lands, and with the pioneer history of the county. Richard Stout, his grandfather, was a successful lumberman, was engaged in general mercantile business and was a prominent coast trader. He became eventually a large land owner, holding original grants from



Wesley B. Struss.

Although a true Republican Mr. Bateman has never entered the political field as a politician or as a candidate for public office. He is content to exercise his right of franchise as an ordinary citizen rather than to enter political strife. The fact that Mr. Bateman is most socially inclined is evidenced by his connection with the following fraternal organizations: He is a member of Wall Lodge, No. 73. Free and Accepted Masons, of Manasquan, New Jersey, and of Asbury Park Council, No. 23, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Asbury Park. He is also a highly respected member of the Methodist church of Spring Lake. Mr. Bateman's marriage to Miss Josephine Sherman, daughter of Joseph D. and Mary J. Sherman, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was solemnized on November 10, 1897.

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#### LONGSTREET HARVEY.

Longstreet Harvey, one of the oldest residents and most successful farmers of Eatontown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born at a place on the road leading from Shark river to Farmingdale, New Jersey, on November 24, 1816. In the paternal line Mr. Harvey's grandfather was Stephen Harvey, who was born in Monmouth county, of English parents. The name in that section was founded (it is supposed) by two brothers, who on their way from England were wrecked off the Jersey coast at a point which has since been known as Harvey Cedars. The aforementioned Stephen, who was a direct descendant of one of the brothers, was an extensive farmer and successful business man of his day. His wife Peggy bore him a son, David, who was born at a place on Shark river, in 1783, and died in 1828 at the age of forty-five years. David was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was stationed at Sandy Hook. He married and had six children, four of whom are still living, namely: David, residing at Oceanic; Thomas, a resident of Manasquan; Annie, wife of Joseph Taylor, of Bordentown; and Longstreet Harvey.

Longstreet Harvey, son of David and Abigail Harvey, acquired his education in the common schools near his birthplace. At the age of thirteen years he left the scenes of his childhood, and shortly afterwards took up farming, which vocation he has ever since followed. Mr. Harvey has always given much attention to his home interests, and has never had any marked political ambitions, yet his true public spirit has ever prompted him to assist to the extent of his ability in all movements which in his good judgment have been for the advancement of the general good. Both he and his aged wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he has served as deacon for many years.

November 27, 1830, Mr. Harvey married Miss Sarah Van Note, who was born at Farmingdale, New Jersey, November 24, 1821, a daughter of the late Daniel and Hannah Van Note. In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey took possession of the farm of George A. Corlies, and in 1866, just after the close of the war, bought the farm and have lived there for fifty-six years. All of their ten children were born there, five of whom are still living, as follows: Alice, wife of Gilbert White; Huldah, wife of Charles De Camp; Wellington R.: a business man of New York City; Edmund A., who is employed on the old farm, and David D. Harvey, who follows mercantile pursuits at Long Branch, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey celebrated the sixty-second anniversary of their marriage on November 24, 1901, at which four generations were represented. The aged couple have twenty-five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. While Mr. Harvey is in his eighty-sixth year, and his companion just five years younger, both are remarkably active and distinctly remember dates and happenings of three score years ago.

## GEORGE SHWENDEMAN.

George Shwendeman, a retired farmer of Howell township and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Germany, April 23, 1837. His parents were born, lived and died in Germany. In 1854, at the age of seventeen, young Shwendeman, together with his brother, Anthony, seeking a wider field and a better opening for fortune than was afforded by their immediate native surroundings, emigrated to America. Landing in New York City, Mr. Shwendeman soon after went to Newark, New Jersey, where he found employment for one year. He then returned to New York City. In 1858 he again removed to the state of New Jersey, and settled at Coltsneck, Monmouth county, where he purchased a farm, and thereafter followed an agricultural life.

In 1862 Mr. Shwendeman was among the patriots who responded to the call of their country during the Civil war. August 26th of the above year, he was mustered into the United States service, in Company A, Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. He served with his company throughout the war, being in all the hard-fought battles of the regiment, and his individual history during this period is identified with the history of the regiment. Although frequently sick, he refused to go into the hospital and was continuously at his post of duty. He was discharged from his company June 18, 1865. Returning from the war he took up farm life near Coltsneck, Monmouth county.

In September, 1861, he was married to Fredericka Elgreen, of Colt's Neck, by whom he has had seven children: Mary, who died in infancy; Kate, now Mrs. Charles Snively, residing at Red Bank, Monmouth county, New Jersey; George W., Ann, Edna, Mable and Emma, all of whom reside at home with their parents. Mr. Shwendeman is a member of the M. E. church of Howell.

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 ELIAS C. TANTUM.

The above named, Elias C. Tantum, was born at Manalapan, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on March 22, 1845. He is one of a family of nine children born to Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Ely) Tantum, three only of whom are now (1901) living, namely: Hartson, Miriam and Elias C. Samuel S. Tantum, the father of our subject, was a very prominent and popular man in Monmouth county. Politically he was a staunch Democrat and his general favoritism was acknowledged in his selection by the people to occupy various positions of public trust. There were only two offices in the township which Mr. Tantum never filled, those of collector and assessor; these he refused to accept under any consideration.

The paternal grandfather of Elias C., was Hartson Tantum, a native of Middletown, Monmouth county, New Jersey. He was a conspicuous figure in the county as the owner and operator of a gristmill. He was a man of exemplary character and highly respected by all with whom he was brought in contact.

Elias C. Tantum married Miss Margaret E. Dey, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Mount) Dey, on December 30, 1874. To them were born the following children: Lydia V., February 4, 1877; Lizzie M., June 27, 1879; Samuel P., March 27, 1883; Mabel A., November 4, 1887; Adelaide, August 14, 1889. Mrs. Margaret A. Tantum was born November 1, 1845.

The Tantum family have resided upon their present farm since 1878; this is located in Monroe township, Middlesex county, and was formerly the property of Peter Dey, Mrs. Tantum's father, and always known as the "Dey Farm." There

are one hundred and ninety-six acres of highly cultivated land, producing a general line of farm truck, under the modern and practical methods followed by Mr. Tantum, who is thoroughly versed in the farmer's art, and capable of attaining the very highest results in all his undertakings. Aside from the ordinary course of circumstances and events the life of our subject has been quiet and uneventful.

Peter Dey, the father of Mrs. Margaret Tantum, was a native of Monroe township, where he was born in 1805. His marriage to Margaret Mount, which occurred in 1834, was productive of nine children, namely: Lydia M., born February 28, 1835 (deceased); David S., February 15, 1837; Thomas M.; Orlando; Margaret A.; Lydia; George E.; May 18, 1850; Adelaide and Ella. Peter Dey was the owner of about four hundred acres of valuable farm land at the time of his death, which occurred in 1878. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife survived him until the year 1880.

Peter Dey was also the name of Mrs. Tantum's grandfather, who was born in the year 1762; his marriage to Martha Barclay, born in 1770, resulted in the following family of children: David S., born in 1792; James, in 1794; Elizabeth, in 1796; Rulof S., 1800; William P., in 1802; Peter, 1805; Ann S., in 1807; Solomon, 1809; John, in 1811. Peter, the father of the foregoing and grandfather of Mrs. Margaret Tantum, was a farmer of some importance in his community and was possessed of about one hundred and thirty-five acres of land. His death occurred on December 30, 1830. His wife Martha died on March 3, 1812. On the maternal side Mrs. Tantum comes of a long lived family, her great-grandmother, Margaret, died in 1813, having lived to a ripe old age. Her great-great-grandmother, whose name was also Margaret, reached an extreme old age, dying in 1817.

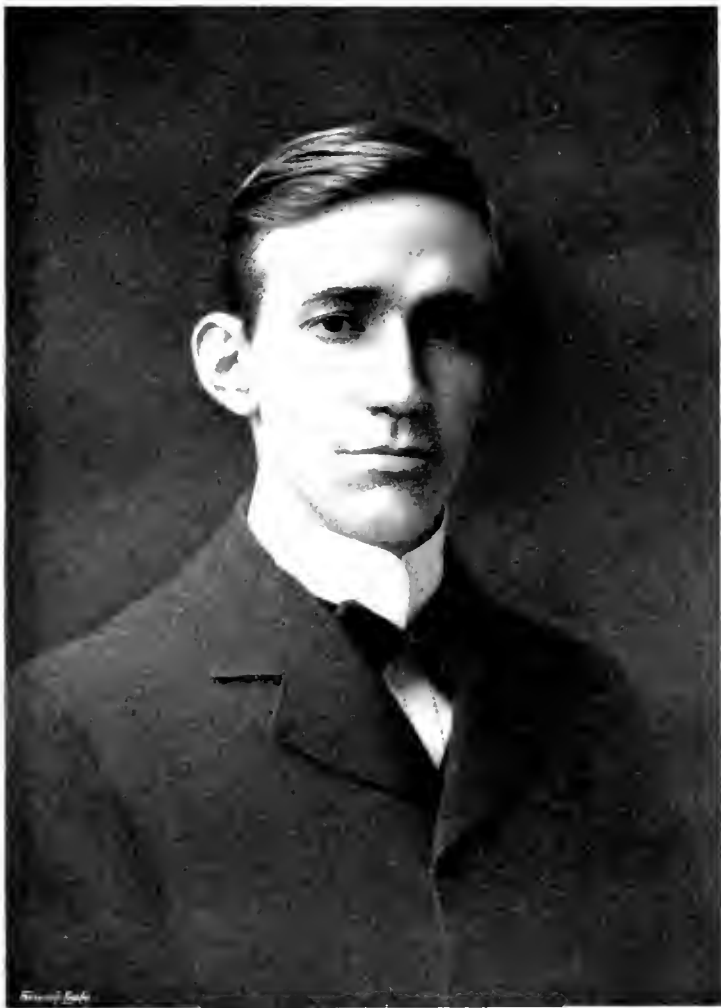
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#### FREDERICK I. STULTS, Jr.

It is established beyond peradventure that the subject of this sketch has the distinction of being the youngest justice of the peace in the state of New Jersey, while his official career has been such as to show that youth constitutes no barrier to maximum efficiency, for his administration has been of signal discrimination and ability, as is evident from the fact that only two appeals have been taken from his decisions, and in each of these cases his rulings were confirmed by the superior courts. The sententious scriptural statement that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," has been broadly and comprehensively applied in connection with all lines of human endeavor, but effectual denial of such application is found in the case of Mr. Stults, for he is held in high honor in South Amboy, New Jersey, which figures as his birthplace and also as the field of his able and effective efforts in the office mentioned.

Mr. Stults was born in South Amboy, Middlesex county, New Jersey, on the 21st of September, 1876, being the son of Frederick I. and Ellen R. (Stult-) Stults, natives of Cranbury, New Jersey. The father of our subject has been for more than two score years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, being one of the veteran and honored employes of this great corporation. He removed with his family to South Amboy in the early 60s and has ever since maintained his home here, being sixty-three years of age at the time of the writing. He and his wife became the parents of fourteen children, of whom nine are deceased.

Frederick I. Stults, Jr., has passed his entire life in South Amboy, where he received his educational discipline in the public schools. After leaving school he was



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for two years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, after which he became a salesman in the mercantile establishment of the firm of Steiner & Salz, of this village, being thus engaged for a period of two years. Soon afterward he began reading law in the office of A. A. Chambers, devoting his time to technical study under this able preceptor for two years. An ardent and uncompromising Republican in his political proclivities, Mr. Stults early began to take an active interest in public affairs of a local nature, and in 1899 he was induced to accept the nomination for the office of justice of the peace, being triumphantly elected at the polls for a term of five years, and the proper endorsement at the time being pronounced, since he ran ahead of his ticket. Of his official career the following mention is made in a newspaper article published about the time of his completion of his second year in his present incumbency: "During his two years in office Justice Stults has done all kinds of business that falls to the lot of a justice of the peace. He has twice performed the marriage ceremony. He has given judgment in two hundred and sixty-eight civil suits. Only two appeals have been taken from his decisions. In one case a jury in the upper court sustained him. In the other, court after court was invoked by the appellant until finally the court of errors and appeals was reached, and there the South Amboy justice was upheld. When he was elected Justice Stults defeated Henry M. Thomas, who had held the office fifteen years."

Mr. Stults holds membership in the Lincoln Club, a political-social organization; in the Lincoln Club and Battery, a local political club; in the volunteer fire department; and the Crescent Club, while fraternally he is identified with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in which he has passed all the official chairs, also representing his lodge in the state council of the order; and with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, enjoying marked popularity in each of these organizations, as does he also in the general business and social circles of his native town. Mr. Stults is a young man of high principles and exemplary habits and well merits the high esteem in which he is held in the community. His knowledge of the law makes him specially capable in the administration of the duties of his office, and his course has been marked by signal justice and impartiality. He has fine literary tastes and appreciation, and in addition to acting as correspondent for various newspapers he has written a number of poems of distinct merit.

On the 13th of May, 1901, Mr. Stults was united in marriage to Miss Emma B. Stratton, who was born in Chili, New York, being the younger daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Stratton, he the late pastor of the Second Methodist Episcopal church in Lockport, New York.

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#### GEORGE C. BENNETT.

George C. Bennett, a sturdy product of the New Jersey coast, was born near Avon on August 5, 1861, the son of Jacob and Margaret Bennett. Such knowledge as he acquired in his boyhood was received at the public schools; these days were spent on his father's farm, where the lad gained physical and mental strength day by day, which amply fitted him for the rigorous life he was to lead in manhood. In 1890 he went to Asbury Park, where he thought there would be a larger demand for oysters, in which business he had decided to embark. He was not mistaken in his theory, for he has found a ready sale among a large patronage for the dainty shell-fish he so successfully raises; his store is situated at No. 411 Bond street, Asbury Park.

Politically Mr. Bennett is a true Democrat. His fraternal affiliations are with

Asbury Council, No. 23, Jr. O. U. A. M., and with Corinthian Castle, No. 47, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He was married October 19, 1870, and his children are: George Lewis, born July 13, 1880; Olena, born January 8, 1883; and Walter J., born March 28, 1886.

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JAMES C. YOUNG.

James C. Young, one of the prominent business men of New Jersey, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1850, a son of George W. Young, the president of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company. James C. Young acquired his early education in the public schools of Jersey City, and later this was supplemented by a course in Cooper Institute, New York, from which institution he was graduated. Immediately after his graduation he commenced his business career in a real estate office, and later engaged in the real estate business in Jersey City on his own account. Three years ago his father became associated with him in the management of the business, and they purchased three hundred and eighty-five acres of land at what is now known as Deal Beach. It is located within the township of Ocean and the borough of Deal, New Jersey. They have been instrumental in making vast improvements there, such as the laying out of twenty thousand feet of streets, the building of ten thousand feet of sewers, and at the present time (1902) they contemplate the construction of water works. They have already disposed of a number of plots, and the Monmouth Deal Golf Club and Links are located on one hundred and twelve acres of this tract.

Mr. Young was formerly the president of the Register & Transfer Company, and he acts in the capacity of president of the Continental Investment Company, which owns Deal Park, and he is also the vice-president of the National Realty Company of Jersey City. He has an interest in the American Chicory Company, the Chewing Gum Trust, the American School Company and the Standard Chain Company. Mr. Young has always been an ardent adherent of the Republican party, and he takes an active interest in all political affairs. He was chosen to represent Hudson county in the Republican state committee. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Cortelyou Club, the Yale Golf Club of Jersey City, the Union League Club of New York and the Jersey City Athletic Club.

Mr. George W. Young, father of James C. Young, is the owner of a beautiful residence, known as Oakwood farm, situated in the tract of land which is owned jointly by father and son. It was formerly the property of the late Thomas Murphy, collector of the port of New York during General Grant's first administration. During his occupancy of it many noted politicians and capitalists were entertained there. When Mr. Young acquired the property he became so much interested in its historical associations that he caused a search to be made of former titles to the land, and as a result now has in his possession a copy of an Indian deed for a large tract of land embracing a considerable portion of his estate. The deed is in the names of three chief sachems of a tribe of Indians who inhabited the country along the sea coast and were probably a branch of the Delawares. It is dated at Long Branch, April 6, 1687, and disposes of a tract of land "lying within the branches of a great pone called by the said Indians Wickapecko and bounded by Thomas Potter and Samuel White on the north side, by the pone on the east, the immediate southmost brooke and branch on the south, and by a line of marked trees on the west, on the Skirts of the Pone Hills, which land above written with the meadow of the two small ponies on the south side of the Great Pone Wee." The consideration of the grant was

"One gun, five Match Coats, one Kettle and two pounds weight of Powder in the hands of the said Gawin Drummond." Mr. James C. Young resides in a handsome, commodious residence, which he has erected to suit his tastes and requirements near Deal Station, New Jersey.

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### CHRISTOPHER HISER.

Christopher Hiser, a soldier of the Civil war and a substantial farmer of Freehold township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born October 14, 1837, in Middlesex county, New Jersey, son of John and Elizabeth (Morris) Hiser. His father was a farmer in Morganilla, Middlesex county, New Jersey, where he was born in 1818. He moved to Marlboro township in 1849 and reared a family of five boys and five girls, two of whom, George and John, are farmers in Monmouth county, and Albert lives in Wilmington, Delaware. Four daughters are married, Mary Elizabeth is now Mrs. John Morris, Irene is Mrs. J. McPett, Anna is Mrs. Dennis Sweeney and Ella is Mrs. Elias Bover.

Christopher Hiser attended the district schools of his native town and grew up to agricultural life upon his father's farm. When the Civil war broke out he responded to the first call for volunteers and was mustered into service September 20, 1861, in Company C, Ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, at Bordentown, New Jersey. He went with his regiment to North Carolina, at Roanoke Island, and afterwards to Hilton Head, South Carolina, and was in this service from 1861 to 1864. The first year of his service he was stricken with typhoid fever, but after his recovery returned to his command. In September, 1864, he was mustered out of service, having been with his regiment the entire period from his enlistment, except when laid up in the hospital with a gunshot wound in the right arm, received at Goldsboro, North Carolina. Returning to his home in Marlborough township from the war he followed farming until 1878. He then relinquished farm life and engaged in the candy business, which he has conducted ever since, for the first eleven years, from 1878 to 1889, at Jamesburg, New Jersey, and since then at Freehold. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has always been a staunch Republican.

In 1867 he was married to Maggie Holmes, who died in 1876. Two children were born to this union, William A., living at East Liverpool, Ohio, surviving. In 1881 he was married to Mary Ella Irving, of Englishtown; three children have been born to them, Laura E., Arthur C., deceased in 1890, and John B. The parents of the present Mrs. Christopher Hiser, on both sides, are natives of Monmouth county.

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### HUGH S. KINMONTH, M. D.

Hugh S. Kinmonth, M. D., one of the prominent physicians of Asbury Park, New Jersey, is descended from Scotch ancestors, his grandfather, John Kinmonth, having emigrated to this country from Dundee, Scotland, in 1823. He married Ann Taylor, and seven children were born to them, namely: Sandy, Hugh, John, Jeanette, Mary, Isabel and Catherine Kinmonth.

Hugh Kinmonth, the second son of John Kinmonth, was the father of the Doctor; he was born in Scotland in 1803, and accompanied his parents to this country about 1835, locating at Kortright, Delaware county, New York, where he turned his attention to farming. He married Elizabeth Lyle, daughter of David Lyle, of Forrest,

Scotland, and the following children were born to them: John T., Mary Amelia, deceased, Anna B., David Lyle, deceased, Hugh S., Elizabeth J., Mary Amelia, deceased, and William L. Kinmonth. Mrs. Kinmonth died on October 23, 1853, and Mr. Kinmonth took for his second wife Jeanette Lawson; three children were born of this union, namely: Margaret H., Mary R., and James Ena, all of whom are deceased. Mr. Kinmonth passed away on May 30, 1876.

Dr. Hugh S. Kinmonth, third son of Hugh and Elizabeth Kinmonth, was born on January 31, 1848, in Kortright, Delaware county, New York, where he acquired his education and spent the early part of his life. When he attained the age of sixteen years he entered the army during the war of the Rebellion as a bugler, and served for two years in Company I of the Thirteenth New York Cavalry Regiment, and continued in the service until the conflict was ended. Upon his return to his native town he resumed his studies at the Andes Academy in Delaware county, subsequently being engaged in teaching. He commenced the study of medicine in 1867 with Doctors Fitch and Buckley, of Delhi, New York. He attended the lectures given in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, from which he was graduated in the early part of 1870. He became a resident of Asbury Park in 1872, being the only physician there for quite a period of time. He has been practicing his chosen profession continuously since 1872, and now enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. Kinmonth was the founder and acted in the capacity of editor for two years of the "Shore Press." He possesses a large amount of real estate in Asbury Park, and naturally is greatly interested in everything that pertains to the advancement and interest of that beautiful seaside resort. Politically he is a Democrat, and although never seeking public office, he was very prominently spoken of for congressional honors in the fall of 1884. Fraternally he is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Hobart, New York.

In 1876 Dr. Kinmonth was united in marriage to M. Adele Kenney, daughter of the Rev. Edward J. Kenney, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Kinmonth was a woman possessing excellent mental abilities, and was prominently identified with literary work. She took an active part in organizing the Ladies' Literary Society of Asbury Park, and was selected as its first president; she also was a consistent Christian worker in the community. Her death occurred January 31, 1882.

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#### REV. JOSEPH S. CLARK.

Among the prominent and well known citizens of Belford, New Jersey, is Rev. Joseph S. Clark, who not only is a successful and progressive business citizen but is also the beloved pastor of the Pentecostal church in this village.

The birth of Mr. Clark was on August 4, 1865, in Belford, where he has lived a worthy life and is now surrounded by friends who have known him from his earliest years. The greater number of the young men who have grown up on the coast engage in fishing or kindred pursuits, and until 1892 our subject was one of these, leaving it to succeed Mr. J. S. Compton in the lumber, coal, hardware and paint business. The latter had been a merchant in this village for forty-one years and the business was one that had its foundations laid when the flourishing town was but a hamlet.

During the year 1893 a religious revival took place in Belford and vicinity, many being convinced of the truths of Christianity under the eloquent pleadings of Rev.



Joseph S. Clark



Lippincott, who was an earnest and convincing preacher of the Methodist faith, and among those who were influenced was our subject, Joseph S. Clark, the immediate result of this conversion being his admittance into the folds of that church as a local preacher and exhorter. Being a man of strong convictions and fearless in thought and action, also being a man of deep thought and reflection, he soon felt the bonds of the Methodist church were too tightly drawn for the full exercise of his belief, therefore he severed his connection with it, as many other good and holy men have done before, and will do again, and joined the Pentecostal church. In this he was ordained minister in June, 1897.

A church building had been begun in the year prior to this and as soon as it was completed Rev. Joseph S. Clark was installed as its pastor, although at that time the congregation had but a few faithful members. Now the congregation numbers one hundred, and the Sunday-school, under his wise and energetic direction, consists of eighty interested children. Mr. Clark has won the love and confidence not only of his own flock but he is highly esteemed through the community.

The fellow citizens of Mr. Clark have honored him at various times with political offices, making him school trustee for a period of six years, and for four years he was highway surveyor. Thoroughly competent and conscientiously exact, he filled these offices with great satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Clark was married in June, 1886, to Miss Jessie Lohsen, who was born in Belford, in 1869, the marriage being performed by Rev. J. Guinn, and she was a daughter of M. C. Lohsen, a well known resident. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Effie B. and Harrison M.

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#### JOHN THOMSON.

John Thomson, a leading business man of Avon, New Jersey, active in municipal affairs, and a prominent member of various fraternal organizations, is a native of Scotland, and is an excellent specimen of the rugged manhood of that country, which is as distinguished for its men of great accomplishments as it is for its poets, historians and philosophers. The Scotchman who does not make a model American citizen is a rarity, and it was Scotch-Americans who fought for the union of the states during the Civil war, who have placed, in Edinburgh, side by side with the statue of their great author, David Hume, that of our own great Lincoln; it was not far from where Mr. Thomson was reared, and he came to America in his young manhood, proud to become a citizen of that nation which he had learned to regard so highly.

He was born December 9, 1864, in Lochee, Scotland, son of John and Margaret (MacIntoch) Thomson. In his native town he acquired a common school education and learned the trade of butcher, which he followed until he came to the United States, in May, 1882, when he was eighteen years of age. He located in Asbury Park, New Jersey, where he was for a year in the employ of Mr. Sexton, an undertaker. He then spent a year traveling through the southern states, but neither climate nor conditions were suitable to his disposition, and he returned north, locating at Avon, New Jersey. For a time he was employed by a company engaged in street grading in the village. In 1884 he formed a partnership with William P. White, and the two opened a meat market, which they managed for two years, in the meantime having also established another market in Asbury Park. In 1888 his partner retired and Mr. Thomson succeeded to the sole charge of the business in both places. His

market in Avon is located at Sylvania avenue and Main street, and that in Asbury Park at No. 19 South Main street. His business is among the most useful and extensive at either of these points, his trade extending to the hotels and boarding places in both towns.

While held in high esteem as a business man, Mr. Thomson is also recognized as an enterprising, progressive citizen of the representative type, and he has long been prominently connected with municipal affairs. He rendered excellent service for the long period of six years as a member of the borough council of Avon, and in 1901 he was elected to the mayoralty of the village for a term of two years. As a public official, his conduct has been dominated by a public spirit which at once recognizes the demands of progress and the obligations due to the taxpayer in avoidance of extravagance, and his service has been approved by his constituency to the fullest degree. In politics he is a Republican, and he is looked to as a leader in the party. He is chief of the Avon fire department, and he is a member of Ocean Lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M., of Belmar, New Jersey; of Monmouth Lodge, No. 107, Knights of Pythias; and of Tecumseh Tribe, No. 60, Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Thomson was married March 18, 1886, to Miss Olive M. White, daughter of Charles P. and Catherine White, of Avon. The children born to them were: Kathryn, January 7, 1887; Charles W., June 4, 1889; Marion, June 17, 1891; and Edward Hill McCray, May 9, 1895.

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#### JOHN REID.

Among the loyal sons of Monmouth county who went forth to battle for the Union in the war of the Rebellion was John Reid, and throughout his life he has manifested in the discharge of his duties the same zeal that he displayed when on southern battlefields he followed the stars and stripes to victory. He well deserves mention in this volume among the representative men of New Jersey, and it is with pleasure that we present his life record to our readers.

John Reid was born in Jerseyville, Howell township, Monmouth county, on the 29th of May, 1835, and is a son of Peter and Jane Reid, also natives of that city. The father, who also followed the tilling of the soil, died in Brooklyn, New York, in 1846, while his wife passed away in the same city ten years later. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Thomas Reid, was also a native of Jerseyville, Howell township, and there followed agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career. He was a Revolutionary hero, as was also the maternal grandfather, John Matthews. The district schools of Howell township afforded to our subject his educational privileges, and when a boy he began work on his father's farm near Blue Ball, having ever since been engaged in the tilling of the soil. In 1866 he became the owner of the land on which he now resides, where he is engaged in general farming, and his possessions are a monument to his thrift, the forethought, sound judgment and enterprise which form the elemental strength of Mr. Reid's character having brought to him a well merited prosperity. In August, 1862, he offered his services to the Union cause, becoming a member of Company D, Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, of which he was appointed second sergeant. He remained with his company until wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, on the 1st of June, 1864, receiving a ball in the right leg, below the knee, and at that engagement he was also taken prisoner. He was incarcerated in Libby, Andersonville and other southern prison pens until June 16, 1865, when with the other prisoners he was abandoned by the Confederates about ten miles from Jacksonville, Florida, because of the surrender of



Lee's army and the termination of the war. From that point he made his way to the Union lines.

Mr. Reid was first married in 1838 and by this union had the following children: Mary Jane, Henry, Joseph, Eleanor, Flora and Howard. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond in 1872, and in May, 1874, Mr. Reid married Sarah Matthews, who is also deceased, passing away in 1893. By his second wife he became the father of three children: Samuel, who was born in 1876; John, born in 1878; and Morris L., born in 1890. For his third wife Mr. Reid chose Ann Baker, their wedding having been celebrated in 1894. Mr. Reid has ever taken an active and commendable interest in the welfare of his locality, and for the past eleven years he served as postmaster at Ardena. He is a charter member of Asbury Park Post, G. A. R., in which he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades of the blue, while of the Baptist church at Ardena he is also a worthy and zealous member.

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#### JOSEPH E. REED.

Joseph E. Reed, a resident of Oakhurst, New Jersey, and a practical carpenter and builder, well and favorably known throughout that section of the country, was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, on May 16, 1852. He is the son of Lorenzo and Amelia (Scull) Reed.

Our subject was reared and received his early education in his native county, where he also acquired the trade which he has since followed and so thoroughly mastered. It was in 1882 that he took up his residence in Oakhurst, where he purchased a plot of ground and erected a house according to what he wanted his home to be, and certainly it is one in which any man might feel a pardonable pride. The other necessary buildings about the place are all fitted up suitable for their various purposes, the whole presenting a neat and attractive appearance.

As a business man Mr. Reed can be classed with the successful; he has a wide circle of patrons, and his business is constantly on the increase. Socially Mr. Reed is affiliated with the Jr. O. U. A. M., and also is a member of the I. O. R. M.

In 1874 Mr. Reed was joined in marriage to Miss Lizzie, daughter of Joseph and Mary Loveless, of Burlington county. To this union were born Joseph L., Millissa and Harry W. The death of Mrs. Reed occurred on April 16, 1900, since which time the brightness seems to have gone out of the home for both father and children.

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#### WILLIAM B. PARKER.

William B. Parker, who resides on a farm situated between West Long Branch and Eatontown, is descended from an old and prominent family of Monmouth county. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Parker, was born September 15, 1794, and was engaged in following the sea, running between the ports of Red Bank and New York. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Caster, was born on the 7th of December, 1784, and her ancestors took an active part in the struggle for independence. Their family consisted of the following children: John C., who was born January 30, 1812, died in the following year; John C., the second of the name, was born November 3, 1813; H. B. was born December 6, 1815, died in 1890; Margaret A., born February 20, 1818; William B. was born May 20, 1820; Asher S. was born October 8, 1822; Mary J., born April 25, 1825, died in 1829; Joseph L., born in March, 1827, died in 1838;

Joseph H., born in 1830, died in 1836; and Robert F., born in 1831, died in 1891. John C. Parker, the father of our subject, was a native of Red Bank, and was a farmer of considerable means and a worthy citizen. He removed to the farm now owned by our subject in 1845, there spending his remaining days, passing away in 1895. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Sevan, was born in 1814, and died in 1894. Their children were five in number, of whom three are living: Elizabeth, who was born in 1844, married Dr. S. H. Hunt, a surgeon in the Union army during the Civil war and afterward practiced medicine at Eatontown, New Jersey; Mary, who was born in 1840; and William P.

The latter was born on the farm on which he now resides, in 1855, and his entire business career has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. In September, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Alburta Wendell, who was born at Hamilton, New Jersey, in 1858, and is a daughter of Albert and Susan Wendell. Unto this union have been born two children—Charles M., who was born in June, 1879, and Asher S., born in February, 1883. Mr. Parker is well known in business circles throughout the county, and his reliability has gained him uniform confidence and regard.

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#### PETER V. PATTERSON.

The "Plainfield Dairy Farm" at Red Bank, Monmouth county, New Jersey, is one of the best known farms in that vicinity. It is the property of Peter V. Patterson, some account of whose busy, useful and successful career it is the purpose of the writer to give in this connection.

Peter V. Patterson is a native of Navesink, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and was born in 1859, a son of John L. and Maria Patterson. His father was born in Nova Scotia in 1812, and was during his entire active life a practical farmer. His parents were Robert and Catharine Patterson, who removed to New Jersey when John L. was six years of age. John L. Patterson was reared to farming and owned, until 1885, the farm on which his son, Peter V. Patterson, now lives. John L. and Maria Patterson had thirteen children, seven of whom are now living—Mary E., Alexandra C., Virginia, Hattie, John F., William F. and Peter V.

Peter V. Patterson married Miss Hannah Soper, of Poughkeepsie, New York, January 2, 1887, and she has borne him seven children, named respectively, Robert, Rachel, Abraham, Cora M., Charlotte C., Allie J. and William F. Charlotte C. is dead. Mr. Patterson's farm consists of fifty acres of fertile and well cultivated land which was originally a part of the Grover estate. He is not only a practical farmer but a practical dairyman as well, keeping twenty choice cows and selling an average of seventy-five quarts of milk a day. In politics he is independent, but his interest in his township and county have led him to demonstrate his public spirit in many ways, and his fellow citizens know that they may safely depend upon him to the extent of his ability in all movements tending to the general good.

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#### PHILIP DALY.

Throughout all the years of the greatest prosperity of Long Branch, when it was by far the most popular of the summer resorts of the Atlantic seaport, Mr. Philip Daly was a prominent figure in causing the steadily increasing flow of its visitors.

As a club man no one was perhaps more widely known in the United States. His reputation was international, and he numbered among his friends and patrons many of the most prominent men of the old world as well as of the new. From the beginning to the close of his long and active business career his reputation was that of an absolutely fair man, and his word is and always has been as good as his bond, in a meaning repetition of this trite and much abused phrase. Mr. Daly has always been an efficiently generous man, and no solicitation for his contribution to a worthy public enterprise or charity has ever found in him an indifferent ear.

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### JOHN HENRY SKIDMORE.

For many years past one of the most familiar names in connection with Atlantic Highlands neighborhood has been that of Captain John Skidmore, a pioneer steamboatman, and one of the most active and useful of those who brought that picturesque and historic spot into favorable notice for residence purposes.

He was born near Atlantic Highlands, February 28, 1828, son of Benjamin Skidmore, who was a son of Dr. John Skidmore, who was born in Philadelphia. He lived at Atlantic Highlands during the war of 1812; he died at the age of sixty-seven years, and his widow is yet living at the age of seventy-four years. Their family consisted of four sons and four daughters—William, Benjamin, Richard, John Henry, Mary Ann, Eliza, Valeria and Sarah.

John H. Skidmore, third son of the parents named, attended the district school at Navesink, but when a mere boy, only eight years of age, he went to sea, and proved so thorough a sailor that his salt water experience was extended to a full half century of time. During this long period he sailed on various vessels of almost every description in the coasting trade, and commanded at one time or other single-stickers, schooners and full rigged ships. In all his journeyings along a treacherous and dangerous shore he never once met with a serious disaster, although he made many narrow escapes from shipwreck, and witnessed many mournful scenes where human lives were literally washed away into eternity. Mr. Skidmore enjoys one peculiar distinction—he put into commission the first steamboat which carried passengers between New York City and Atlantic Highlands, and during the same time he aided largely in the settlement and upbuilding of the region last named. About 1886 he abandoned a seafaring life, and since that time has devoted his attention to real estate operations and the timber business. In politics he is a Democrat.

Captain Skidmore was married to Miss Mary Cord, of Navesink. Four children were born of this marriage, of whom the eldest, Mary, is deceased. Those living are Valerie, Thomas and Benjamin, and of these the daughter named became the wife of George W. Walling, and to them were born four children.

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### PAUL L. DODGE.

Paul L. Dodge, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, was born in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1861, a son of E. R. Dodge, who was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, and received his education at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Later he attended the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Surgery. He secured a position as surgeon in the United States navy, and also acted in the

same capacity during the Rebellion under Generals Porter and Farragut. He suffered severely from exposure to the elements, and he was also caught in a terrible typhoon while performing his duty on board the battle ship "Dakota." Subsequently he removed to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in order to give his children a thorough education, and his death occurred there when he was only thirty-eight years of age. His two sons were Fred H. and Paul L. Dodge.

Fred H. Dodge, brother of Paul L. Dodge, obtained his educational training in Bucknell University, and after his graduation he became an architect. He is employed at the present time (1902) as head designer for the firm of Potier & Stern, of New York City, one of the largest manufacturing companies in the country. He is a resident of New York City, but has a handsome country seat at Allenhurst, New Jersey.

Paul L. Dodge acquired his education at Bucknell University. Upon completing his studies there, he attended the Spring Garden Institute, and later was a pupil in the Art School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he pursued a course of study in designing. He then entered the carpet mills in the capacity of stamper, and remained there until he was thoroughly familiar with all the details of the carpet business. He has been engaged as a designer in various large carpet houses in Philadelphia, and he is associated at the present time with the firm of Potier & Stern, of New York City. He also performs house architectural work for the firm, and they have designed the Waldorf-Astoria and the Manhattan hotel in New York. Mr. Dodge has designed the patterns for the carpets of the Vanderbilt, Astors and Goulds. Some of the carpets that he has designed the pattern for are sold for twenty thousand dollars.

Mr. Dodge was united in marriage to Miss Katie, daughter of David B. Kerr, who is the superintendent and manager of the carpet manufacturing firm of E. S. Higgins & Company, of New York.

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#### CHARLES HORNER.

Charles Horner, a resident of Clarksburg, was born in Ocean county, New Jersey, March 25, 1838. His grandfather, Ezekiel Horner, was also a native of this state and spent the latter part of his life in Ocean county, where in 1817 occurred the birth of Ezekiel Horner, Jr., the father of our subject. He devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits throughout the long years of an active business career, and died in Hightstown, Ocean county, in 1897, at the advanced age of eighty years, while his wife, Mrs. Susan Horner, who was born in 1819, passed away in 1894.

The family farmstead was the playground of our subject in early youth and his training school for the active duties of an agricultural career. His mental discipline was received in the district school of the neighborhood and he continued to assist in the cultivation of his father's land until he began farming on his own account. His time was thus employed in Ocean county until 1873, when he engaged in the hotel business, conducting an excellent hostelry until 1884, when in company with his son Frank he opened a general mercantile store in Clarksburg, Millstone township, in which he carried on business until 1899. They enjoyed a large trade, for those who once gave them their patronage remained as their regular customers and their reliable dealing together with the full line of goods which they carried secured to them the business support of a large majority of the residents of the community. At length with a good bank account, which had accrued from his labors, Mr. Horner retired from the store, which he sold to his son, and is now living in Clarksburg free from the cares and responsibilities of active business life.

On the 1st of September, 1862, Mr. Horner joined a company of soldiers preparing to go to the front, known as Company E, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Regiment, and with his command he participated in all the engagements of the campaign until mustered out July 9, 1863, the term of enlistment having expired. Soon after his return home he was married in Millstone township to Miss Ellen Bills, a granddaughter of John and Mary Bills, and a daughter of John and Lucy Bills. Her grandfather died in 1855. His wife was born July 20, 1773, and the mother of Mrs. Horner was born November 15, 1820, and died in 1868, having survived her husband about thirteen years, his death having occurred in 1885. All of Mrs. Horner's ancestors were natives and residents of Ocean county. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children: Walter, who was born October 25, 1868, and died October 5, 1890; Luella, who was born March 11, 1871, and is the wife of Charles Smith, by whom she has one child, Frank I.; Frank, who was born July 19, 1869, and married Gertrude Sylvester, of Clarksburg, by whom he has one daughter, Grace; Mary Eva, who was born September 21, 1873, and married Edward E. Fountain, principal of the public schools of Clarksburg, by whom she has a daughter, Mabel Ruth; and John H., who was born December 1, 1876, and married Eda Ely, at Perrineville, their children being Russell and Ruth. The parents and children hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Clarksburg, and Mr. Horner belongs to Conover Post, No. 63, G. A. R., and the Order of Red Men of Clarksburg. As a representative citizen of Monmouth county he deserves mention in this volume and with pleasure we present his life history to our readers.

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#### HARRY A. HANKINS.

One of the prosperous and energetic agriculturists of Jackson township, Ocean county, is Harry A. Hankins, who resides on a well improved farm of eighty-seven acres. He is a descendant of Richard Hankins who served in the Revolutionary war, displaying great courage in the battles of Valley Forge, Princeton and Monmouth. Among his children was John C., the grandfather of our subject,—a man of intelligence and high respectability. His family have all followed honorable professions, mostly that of agriculture. Among them was John W. Hankins, the father of our subject, born August 29, 1840, near Bennetts Mills, Jackson township, Monmouth county. He was taught the trade of a carpenter, which he has followed in connection with agriculture during his entire life. The courage and patriotism of his ancestors was clearly manifest in him when in 1862, in response to the call of his country for soldiers, he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. At the expiration of nine months, the term of his service, he was honorably discharged and returned to his trade and the peaceful pursuits of citizenship. He was married in 1863 to Rebecca Applegate, by whom he had three children: Mary E., deceased; Harry A.; and Charles A.

Harry A. Hankins was born May 12, 1865, at Bennetts Mills, Jackson township, Monmouth county, and received his early education at the district school in New Prospect, which has been supplemented by reading, observation and experience. Upon his leaving the school room, he chose for his life's work that of agriculture, and his farm is one of the finest in the township, and in its neat and thrifty appearance clearly indicating the care and labor bestowed upon it by its owner. The modern residence has been erected on a natural building site which commands a pleasant view of the surrounding country. Substantial barns and outbuildings provide shelter for his grain and stock, and the well cultivated fields yield to him golden harvests.

On the 20th day of December, 1885, Mr. Hankins was joined in marriage to Miss Georgia White, a daughter of James and Elizabeth White, of Hope Chapel. She was born at Hope Chapel in 1865, and belongs to a family of wide repute and high respectability, whose ancestors have resided at Whitesville, some of whom have been members of the bench. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Hankins has been blessed with seven children, as follows: Luella, Clara, Harold, Lloyd, Cecil, Pearl and Helen.

Harry A. Hankins is a man of sterling qualities, greatly respected by his fellow citizens, and both he and his wife have many friends throughout Ocean county. Mr. Hankins is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and takes an active part in the advancement and welfare of his community.

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#### ROBERT A. TUSTING.

Robert A. Tusting is well known throughout his locality and is a worthy representative of an old and honored family. He is a son of Robert and Louisa (Hack) Tusting, and was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of December, 1860. In both the paternal and maternal lines he is of English descent. On leaving that country the paternal grandfather of our subject purchased a large tract of land in Canada, from which place he subsequently removed to the United States, here pursuing his profession as a doctor of medicine in Philadelphia. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a collector for the port of London.

The boyhood days of Robert A. Tusting were passed in Allentown, New Jersey, where his father practiced medicine for many years. He attended the public schools of that place and was prepared for Princeton, but owing to astigmatic conditions of his eyes constant study so weakened the sight that he was compelled to forego a collegiate course. However, endowed with a retentive memory and naturally studious, he was, while still a boy, able to teach school, beginning his career as an instructor in Middlesex county, near Cranbury. From childhood he had displayed a taste for music, and under the tuition of his mother became an able pianist, while subsequently he continued his musical studies in Philadelphia and later studied the pipe organ under Peter Sneeker, of New York. During the time that he was employed in teaching school at Cranbury and Ellisdale Mr. Tusting was also privately engaged as a teacher of music, and after his removal to Monmouth county he was elected supervisor of music in the Long Branch schools, having charge of the piano department. Constant application to his profession and continual study, however, caused too great a strain upon his weak eyes, and he found it necessary to seek an occupation which would require less strain upon the sight. Accordingly in 1883 he purchased the musical instrument business of William Baldwin, which he has since conducted with success. As a merchant he has displayed the same powers of concentration that made him a successful teacher, and by constant application and good business judgment he has built up a large and profitable mercantile enterprise. He is also a stockholder, director and secretary of the Monmouth Trust & Safe depository. Shortly after establishing himself in Asbury Park Mr. Tusting became a member of the board of education of the township, and when the city was organized he was elected president of the board, since which time he has continuously filled that position. From the age of fourteen years, when he went from door to door to call a meeting to agitate the erection of a school house, until the present time he has been deeply interested in schools, and it is but just and merited praise to state that he has been largely instrumental in giving Asbury Park its present satisfactory system of public education. His experience as



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a teacher and his knowledge of the requirements thereof, together with the enthusiasm which he displays in all movements in which he becomes interested, have made his services of more than ordinary value. He is also a member of the building committee of the school board, and the erection of the present modern school edifice—a model of its kind—can be attributed largely to his efforts. Another educational enterprise with which he is actively identified is the Public Library Association, of which he has been a trustee since the organization of the board.

In August, 1860, occurred the marriage of Mr. Tusting and Miss Mary F. Ford, of Whippany, Morris county, New Jersey, and they have two sons,—Robert E. and Philip Ford. In his fraternal relations our subject is a member of the Masonic body, being a past master of Asbury Lodge, No. 142, a member of Standard Chapter, No. 35, of Long Branch, and of Corson Commandery, No. 15, K. T., of Asbury Park.

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JOHN L. ELY.

John L. Ely, who is engaged in farming in Holmdel township, where he owns a part of the old family homestead which came into possession of his ancestors in the latter part of the seventeenth century, was born March 27, 1860. It was in the early part of the seventeenth century that the Ely family was founded in America by English emigrants, who settled near Boston, Massachusetts. Soon afterward representatives of the name came to New Jersey. The first of whom we have any record in Mercer county is John Ely, who purchased a large tract of land in what is now Monmouth county, and a part of this constitutes the home farm of one hundred and fifty-one acres, upon which our subject now resides, while another portion of the original purchase is comprised within a large farm owned by his brother. Joshua Ely, probably a son of John Ely, also lived in this locality and at one time owned most of the original purchase. He was the great-grandfather of our subject.

Joshua Ely married Ann Chamberlain and unto them were born four children, one of whom, John J. Ely, the grandfather of our subject, became a leading and influential man of the state; possessed of acute perceptions and a broad and cultured mind, he exercised strong influence in public affairs and was well fitted for leadership, owing to his ability and his loyal devotion to the general good. In politics he was a Democrat and on the ticket of that party was elected to the general assembly, where he served on several important committees. He also filled the office of sheriff of Monmouth county for two terms. Throughout his business career he carried on general farming and was widely and favorably known for his upright principles, his fidelity to business ethics and his adherence to whatever he believed to be right.

Thomas C. Ely, the father of our subject, was born on the old home farm December 22, 1822, and pursued his early education in the village schools of Holmdel, while later he continued his studies in an academy at Lenox, Massachusetts. The chosen occupation of his ancestors he also made his life work, and his energy and industry were among his salient characteristics and led to his success. He was held in uniform regard wherever he was known, for he merited the trust and respect of his fellow men. His death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. In 1858 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Longstreet, a representative of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of this part of the state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ely were born three children, of whom two sons grew to manhood: John L. and William H. The latter was born July 1, 1862, and now owns and operates the western portion of the old home-stead, which was formerly in possession of his grandfather.

John L. Ely was educated in the village schools and in early life worked on the home farm, following the plow almost as soon as he was old enough to reach the handles. He has placed his land under a very high state of fertility, making it one of the most productive places in this portion of the state. His fine orchards embrace twenty acres of land and contain splendid varieties of apple, pear and peach trees, the fruit from which commands a ready sale on the market, owing to the excellence, flavor and size of the product.

On the 16th of December, 1885, Mr. Ely was united in marriage to Miss Adeline, a daughter of John L. and Adeline (Walling) Jewett, both members of old families of Monmouth county. Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Elizabeth, Adeline, Aelsah and Thomas C. Mr. Ely votes with the Republican party and strongly advocates its principles, but does not seek or desire office, preferring that his attention shall be devoted to his business affairs, whereby he is annually increasing his income. He is a member of the Junior League of American Mechanics and is favorably known within and without the order.

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#### CAPTAIN WILLIAM DE GROFF.

Captain William De Groff, a prominent resident of Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born on September 23, 1848, at Perth Amboy, New Jersey. He is a son of Abram and Sarah (Lansing) De Groff, the former a native of Hyde Park, Dutchess county, New York. Abram De Groff acquired his education in the public schools of his native town, subsequently removing to Perth Amboy, where he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits and to the cultivation of oysters. Politically he was an old-line Whig, later becoming a Republican. While residing at Hyde Park he was made captain of a company of home guards. Mr. and Mrs. De Groff reared a family of thirteen children, namely: Adelia, married to J. L. Crowell, of Perth Amboy; John L.; Ezekiel; Mary; George; Marilla; and Jane, all deceased; Eugenia, wife of Richard Maxwell, of Yonkers, New York; Edwin; William; Sarah; Jacob and Stephen De Groff.

William De Groff for several years was a student at the high school of Newark, New Jersey. He then assisted his father with the management of the farm, and subsequently for five years found employment on board a steamship plying between Delaware and New York. So faithful was he in the discharge of his duties that he was advanced from rank to rank, finally becoming a captain. In 1875 he established himself in the oyster trade at Keyport, and so successfully has he carried it on that now he conducts the largest business of its kind in the town.

In his political views Mr. De Groff is a staunch and firm believer in Republican principles; though never seeking office, yet on account of his popularity among the citizens he has been made chairman of Raritan township committee, and is also a member of the county committee. He takes a keen interest in all municipal affairs, and is recognized as a leader in the district in which he resides. He is a member of the Masters and Pilots Association of New York City, and a member of the Keyport fire engine company.

Captain De Groff is a firm adherent of the Masonic order, being a member and actively interested in Cesarea Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M., a member and high priest of Delta Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., and he is also a member of Corson Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar. He has the good will and respect of the brethren of the Masonic order throughout the state of New Jersey.

Captain De Groff was united in marriage to Emma Hanson, daughter of James Hanson, of New Castle, Delaware. Two children have been born of this union, Mary and Lolita.

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DAVID F. VAN NORTWICK.

Monmouth county, New Jersey, includes among its leading and highly esteemed citizens David F. Van Nortwick, who is now living retired at his beautiful home in Belmar. A native of New Brunswick, New Jersey, he was born in 1850, a son of Christian and Eliza (Gordan) Van Nortwick. The father, who was of Holland Dutch ancestry, was one of the early settlers of New Jersey, as were also the mother's people. Her grandtather Gordan was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Van Nortwick was an enterprising and successful farmer, much respected in the locality in which he made his home, and was a liberal contributor to the Reformed church.

David F. Van Nortwick, of this review, was married on the 21st of February, 1870, to Isabella White, who was born in 1855, a daughter of Peter and Jane (Shafto) White both of English ancestry. An uncle of Mrs. Van Nortwick, Robert Shafto, at one time owned a large tract of land where the village of Spring Lake now stands. Peter White was also a large land owner, owning extensive tracts at Belmar, but in 1872 he sold two hundred and fifty acres to the association which has since developed the place into a popular summer resort. His father, John L. White, owned at one time over six hundred acres of land at this place, which he purchased at a very early day for six hundred pounds sterling. He was an extensive farmer, a successful business man, a much respected citizen and a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian church. The home of Mrs. Van Nortwick is a part of the original purchase of her grandtather and has been in the possession of the family for over one hundred years, the plot consisting of one acre. Peter White, who was born at Belmar in 1801, died in 1884, and his wife survived until the 1st of January, 1802, passing away at the age of seventy-eight years. They had a family of three sons and two daughters, but the sons have all passed away. Mrs. Van Nortwick's sister, Sarah, is now the wife of John Davison and a resident of Wall township, Monmouth county. One brother, Robert, was a soldier in the Civil war, and he was called upon to lay down his life in the defense of his country. Mr. Van Nortwick is a genial and much respected citizen, and is a Republican in his political affiliations. For several years he has been a member of the common council of Belmar. He is a prominent member and an elder in the Presbyterian church, to which both he and his wife are liberal contributors.

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E. E. CRENNING

The world is not slow to pass judgment upon the individual, and when a man has won the respect and confidence of those with whom he has had business and social relations it is by reason of his intrinsic honor and worthy achievements. Among the representative business men of the younger generation in Milltown, Middlesex county, New Jersey, is the gentleman whose name initiates this review and who is a native son of the town which now figures as his home. Through well directed effort and honorable methods he has built up an important and profitable enterprise here, in the manufacturing of extracts and drug specialties, and his is the prestige and success which come only as the concomitant of progressive ideas worked out to a practical realization. Such is his standing in the community that he is particularly worthy of representation in this work.

Mr. Crenning, as has already been stated, is a native of Milltown, where he was born on the 9th of October, 1863, being one of the four sons of Henry and Harriet (Mulholland) Crenning, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in New York City. At the age of fourteen years Henry Crenning left the German fatherland and came to the United States. He had been trained in the excellent schools of Germany and had also been taught the valuable lessons of industry and self-reliance while he was still a mere lad, so that he was not ill equipped to face the problems of life, even though early thrown upon his own resources. He located in Milltown, New Jersey, soon after his arrival in America and here entered the employ of the Meyer Rubber Company, with whose operations he continued to be identified for nearly half a century—until the concern closed up its business. He was a faithful and honored employe of the company, as is evident from his long term of service, and in the community where he has thus practically passed his entire life he has ever commanded unequivocal respect and esteem. He and his devoted wife still reside here, the former having now practically retired from active business associations. They became the parents of four children, namely: E. W.; William H.; E. E., the immediate subject of this sketch; and O. J. The father and all of his sons give their political support to the Republican party.

E. E. Crenning secured his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools of Milltown and later attended the Oak Hill school. While yet a mere lad he assumed personal responsibilities, as had his father before him, being employed by the same company with which his sire had inaugurated his business career. Finally, having attained a good knowledge of business methods, Mr. Crenning determined to engage in business on his own responsibility, and associated himself with Mr. Brisett, under the firm name of Brisett & Crenning, and engaged in the manufacture of and wholesale dealing in extracts and rug specialties. The partnership was dissolved at the expiration of four years and since that time our subject has individually conducted the enterprise, which has grown to be one of considerable scope and importance. He has been essentially progressive and has directed his business with discrimination and with that integrity of purpose, which always begets objective confidence and supporting patronage. In connection with his manufacturing and wholesale business Mr. Crenning also conducted a wholesale drug business in his native town for a number of years until 1901, when his store was destroyed by fire and he has not resumed business in the retail line, finding that the other branches of enterprise place full demands upon his time and attention. Mr. Crenning has thus far clung to a life of celibacy, residing with his parents, to whom he accords the deepest filial solicitude, conferring credit upon them as well as himself by his upright and useful career as a business man and a citizen.

While a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party and an active worker in its local ranks, Mr. Crenning has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office. Fraternally he is identified with Charles L. Walters Council of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, of which he is treasurer at the time of this writing; and with the New Brunswick Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having identified himself with this fraternity when twenty-two years of age.

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#### DANIEL F. HENDRICKSON.

Daniel F. Hendrickson, who is the subject of this biography, is a descendant of one of the most conspicuous families of Monmouth county, New Jersey, its antiquity and honorable character placing it in the front rank.

In 1663 Hendrick Henderson, of Westphalia, Holland, left his home by the Zuyder Zee and crossed the ocean to the new world. He had brought with him his wife and household goods and located in the same part of the United States which claims its ancestry from Holland. The exact location which this ancestor selected was Flat Lands, Long Island, and from that forefather came the family to which our subject belongs, the branches of which are now scattered over many states. Hendrick Henderson married Jane Lutguirt and they had two children,—Hendrick and Daniel.

Daniel Hendrickson, that is, Daniel, the son of Hendrick, was the first Dutchman who held high office under Queen Anne in Monmouth county, New Jersey, Her Majesty appointing him to the position of high sheriff.

Daniel Hendrickson, son of Daniel, married Catherine Van Dyke, and they also had a son Daniel, who was born in 1723. This son was educated at Yale College, at which he graduated, and was then sent to France to complete his education as a minister of the Reformed church, but later his artistic instincts caused him to abandon that idea and become an artist. A picture portrait of himself, painted from his reflection in a mirror, is still a possession of the family. Daniel Hendrickson became distinguished during the Revolutionary war, being captain of a company of Monmouth troops and was particularly mentioned for gallant action at the battle of Lewisburg. The wife of this noted ancestor was Catherine Cowenhoven, and they had a family of twelve children. Daniel (3) died in 1788.

Cornelius Hendrickson, son of Daniel (3), was born in 1746, and he, too, was conspicuous in the Revolutionary war, being one of the "minute men." He married Lydia Vanderbilt, who was a sister to the father of Commodore Vanderbilt, a name well known not only through New Jersey but over the world. Cornelius died in 1804, leaving three children.—Daniel C. (4), Catherine and Peggy.

Daniel C., the fourth Daniel in the family line was born in 1783, and married Deborah Tilton and died in 1863. Their two sons were Daniel T. and Cornelius.

Daniel Hendrickson, the fifth of the family name, was born in 1822 and died in 1857. He married Deborah Morris, who was a daughter of George W. Morris, and to this union six children were born, five of these still surviving.

Daniel C., the sixth Daniel and the father of our subject, was born in 1854 and married Lillian Bloodgood, who was a native of New York, and the one son of this union is our subject, the seventh Daniel, who was born on July 29, 1876. Fortunate social surroundings and family influence gave our subject every possible educational advantage. From the district school he passed into the Keyport high school, at which he graduated with honor in 1891, and then entered Peddie Institute, graduating at this institution in 1895. Then he entered Princeton College and there pursued a classical course for the succeeding two years, since which time Mr. Hendrickson has taken a prominent part among the brokers of New York City. His trained faculties, his excellent judgment and his inherited calm good sense and business instinct have all contributed to the happy results by which the name of our subject has become a synonym for excellent and substantial citizenship.

Mr. Hendrickson was united in marriage in 1901 to Miss Bertha L. Willett, who was a daughter of George Willett, of Port Monmouth, New Jersey. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, the Royal Arcanum, the Holland Society, the Alpha Phi fraternity, the Princeton Club and the Cavalry Troop of Red Bank.

Mr. Hendrickson well represents a family which traces an ancestry far beyond the American founder, even to Captain Cornelius Hendricks, the famous commander of the "Onrest," which was the first vessel from Holland to enter New York harbor, in 1598. Our subject is a type of the manly, energetic citizen produced by a com-

mingling of superior blood, social opportunities and high education, and his business career has shown that he can be trusted with great responsibilities and large business interests.

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THOMAS HOBEN.

One of the much respected citizens of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is Thomas Hoben, who was born in Ireland, on December 23, 1839, and who was a son of Patrick and Mary Hoben. The former died in the old country in 1848, but the mother lived to cross the sea, in 1892. She lived but two years in the strange land, dying in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. Hoben has always been a farmer and has passed forty years at agricultural work in Manalapan township. During the Civil war he became connected with the navy and faithfully served his adopted country from 1861 to 1865.

Mr. Hoben was married at the Catholic church at Freehold, in 1860, to Miss Ann Mehan, and eight children were born to them. It is most sad to record that all of the bright little lives were ended in 1873 from that scourge of infancy, diphtheria. This was a crushing affliction to Mr. and Mrs. Hoben. When a niece, who was Miss Mary Hoben, was married to James McCaffery, a farmer of Manalapan township, they took up their residence with them.

Mr. Hoben and wife are worthy and consistent members of the Catholic church, while he is fraternally connected with Conover Post, No. 63, G. A. R., of Freehold, in which he is highly valued.

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EDMUND STERNE MORGAN.

A man whose life has been one of active and successful labor is Edmund S. Morgan, who is now living retired at Jackson Mills, Ocean county, New Jersey. He is a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was born on the anniversary of the independence of our country, July 4, 1854. In early life he spent much of his time abroad, receiving his education in various schools of the east and at the Western University of Pennsylvania (Pittsburg). Desiring a broader knowledge along educational lines, he crossed the ocean to Germany and there entered the Heidelberg University, taking a course in the medical department, from which he was graduated. Upon his return to his native land he engaged in newspaper work, which he followed with marked success for twenty-five years, principally upon the morning papers of New York City.

For his companion through life he chose Miss Fostina W. Matthews, a daughter of Benjamin and Patience (Strickland) Mathews. Mrs. Edmund S. Morgan is a descendant of an old and highly respected family of New Jersey. Her maternal and great-grandfather, Cornelius Strickland, removed from Blue Ball early in life, locating in the vicinity of Jackson's Mills and was numbered among the first settlers of that section of the state, then known as Howell township, Monmouth county. At this time the Indians were numerous and the Meteteconk tribe dwelt in close proximity to Mr. Strickland. He married Miss Bennett, and of the children born to this worthy couple was Berkalow Strickland, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Morgan. He and his wife, Abbey Strickland, became the parents of a family of children, of whom was Mrs. Patience Mathews. She was joined in marriage to Benjamin Mathews, who was born in 1836, and is now living in retirement on a farm of three hundred

acres, the property of Mrs. Mathews. Benjamin Mathews is a man widely and favorably known in Ocean county. He has spent considerable time in Keyport, where he successfully conducted a livery business, and through his upright dealings and high moral principles became known as a man of true worth. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Mathews now consists of Mrs. Fostina W. Morgan, and Mrs. Anne E. Sproul, who married the Honorable John S. Sproul, of Keyport, New Jersey, who is now deceased. He was a member of the assembly from Monmouth county, and an active worker and leader of the Republican party in his county.

Mrs. Padience (Strickland) Mathews is the owner of the mill now known as Jacksons Mills. Before she came into its possession the property had passed through several hands. In 1750 the place was known as Lawrence's Mill; in 1763 it passed to Samuel Reynolds, who conveyed it in 1814 to Samuel I. Foreman; in 1821 Hugh Jackson became the owner of the property, but sold it in 1832 to Cornelius Foreman. Three years later it again became the property of Hugh Jackson, but during that year passed into the hands of Benjamin Mathews, who married Miss Ann Jackson. The property is in good condition and is considered very valuable.

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#### WILLIAM TRUSTRUM.

William Trustrum, who is an energetic and prosperous agriculturist of Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, was born July 21, 1830, in Gamble-Gay county, Cambridgeshire, England. He is a representative of an old English family; his grandfather, Thomas Trustrum, as well as his father, William, were natives of England. The father, with his wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Violetta Moore, a daughter of Thomas Moore and a native of England, came to America in 1834, when our subject was but four years of age, and settled at Woodbridge Neck, Woodbridge township, Middlesex county. Here he engaged in farming and was greatly respected by all who knew him.

William Trustrum, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the public schools of Rahway, New Jersey, until seventeen years of age, when he learned the business of manufacturing sash and blinds. For twelve years he pursued this business at Morrisania, New York, and for a period of ten years, during that time, he also conducted a milk business in New York City. He then returned to Woodbridge township and located on a farm, where he is still residing. He has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, being the owner of a comfortable residence, a large dairy of forty cows, substantial barns and outbuildings, and all modern implements and equipments necessary with which to carry on farm work. His industry and well guided efforts have brought to him well merited success, and his well tilled fields annually yield to him golden harvests.

On the first day of June, 1852, William Trustrum was joined in marriage to Miss Jane Scardefield, a young lady of intelligence and refinement, who has been to him a most willing helpmate in his life work. She passed away on the 10th of June, 1889, greatly mourned by all who knew her. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Trustrum have been born five children, namely: Violetta, William, Jane, George, deceased, and Mary.

In politics Mr. Trustrum is a staunch Democrat, supporting the men and measures of this party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Morrisania, New York, and also holds membership with the St. Paul Episcopal church at Rahway, New Jersey. His life has been one of perseverance and fidelity to his duties, and as a man of honor and uprightness, he well deserves the high regard in which he is held by his friends and associates.

## RICHARD E. K. ROTHFRITZ.

Richard E. K. Rothfritz is one of the representative German-American citizens of Asbury Park, New Jersey. Always a faithful and conscientious workman at his trade of marble and granite cutting, he has worked his way gradually toward the top of the ladder that so many climb only to fall, overcome by the obstacles they encounter, until he is now the head of the successful establishment located at 905 Main street, Asbury Park.

Mr. Rothfritz was born in Maulbroun, Germany, February 17, 1857. He is the son of William and Katherine Rothfritz. His education was received in the schools of Maulbroun and Stuttgart, Germany. After completing his schooling he took up the trade of marble and granite cutting, thoroughly mastering its details. Growing restless in the confines of a small town, and looking out toward a future bright with possible achievement, young Rothfritz made his way to America, and located at Newark, New Jersey. Here he worked at his trade for about two years and in 1883 took up his residence in Asbury Park, New Jersey, where he was employed by Genung & Co. in the same line of work until 1895. He then established himself in business as the successor of Genung & Co., in the manufacture of granite and marble headstones, curbing, flagging and the furnishing of all kinds of stone for building purposes. His yard and office are located, as before stated, on Main street.

Fraternally Mr. Rothfritz is a member of Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. & A. M.; of Asbury Park Lodge, No. 253, I. O. O. F.; Park Lodge, No. 38, A. O. U. W. He is also connected with the Asbury Park Wheelman Club. He is an honored member of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the Atonement, of Asbury Park. On August 22, 1883, Mr. Rothfritz married Miss Katherine Stoll, who was also a native of Germany. Their marriage took place at Newark, New Jersey, and their four children are as follows: K. P. Mary, born June 20, 1884; Emma E. A., born January, 1887; Charles W., born October 26, 1891; George G. A., born January 26, 1893.

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 JOHN BAIRD.

John Baird, who was one of the most honored of the old and substantial farmers of Marlboro, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born on his father's farm in Marlboro, May 5, 1822. He was reared to farm life, attending school only during the winter months. He remained on the farm, achieved an abundant competence, the universal respect and confidence of all his townsmen and an honorable old age. He died suddenly in his chair of heart disease in his old home at Marlboro July 10, 1898.

In 1848 he was married to Sarah DeNise, with whom he lived on the old homestead for fifty years. They were members of the old Marlboro Dutch Reformed church. The children born by this union were: Sarah, born in 1849; James H., born in 1851; Daniel De Nise, born in 1854; David August, born in 1857; Robert Cook, born in 1860; and Carleton H., born in 1865. Of these children Daniel D. died in 1872; David is living, a widower with his mother, Mrs. John Baird, on a farm near Marlboro village. James H. is engaged in the produce business in Marlboro village.

Mr. Baird's father, Mr. James J. Baird, was born in Marlboro township, Monmouth county, in 1791, and followed farming there during his entire life time. By marriage to Emma Birch, he had six children: Elizabeth, John B., David, K. H., Henry Q and Caroline B., all of whom were either farmers or farmers' wives. This ancestor died March 1, 1848, and his relict died March 10, 1861.

Mrs. Sarah Baird, widow of John Baird, the subject of this sketch, is the only



surviving member of the family of her father, Daniel De Nise. He was a native of Freehold, now Marlboro township, Monmouth county and was born in 1795. Her mother was Ann Wycoff, a native of old Freehold township and was born in 1797. Mrs. Baird is the only survivor of a family of five sisters: Jane Maria, Alice, Catherine, Mary G. and Sarah, born to their parents between the years 1817 and 1831. Alice became Mrs. Henry Buck; Catherine, Mrs. John DeNise; Mary, Mrs. Sylvesta Buck; and Sarah, Mrs. John Baird. Her father, Daniel, died in 1885 and her mother five years later. The ancestor of the DeNise family, according to tradition, was Tennis Denise, born in Gelderland, Holland, and died in Freehold township in 1663. His descendants took an active part as patriots in the Revolutionary war and also distinguished themselves in the war of 1812.

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#### WILLIAM H. BANNARD.

William H. Bannard was born in Plainfield, New Jersey, February 16, 1875. He prepared for college in the Princeton preparatory school, entered Princeton University in 1894 and was graduated in 1898. At college he was deeply interested in athletics and was a member of the foot ball teams of 1894-95-96 and 97. He displayed oratorical ability and participated in the graduating exercises of 1898 as the recitation orator. After graduation he began the study of law, remaining for eighteen months as a student in the office of Fred Parker in Long Branch. While engaged in studying law he invested some money in the furnishing business then conducted by Walter Davis in Asbury Park. In the summer of 1900 Mr. Davis died and Mr. Bannard purchased the entire business. He then discontinued the study of law and has since given all of his time and attention to his mercantile establishment.

There is probably no other city of the size of Asbury Park that can boast of any mercantile establishment of the style and size of that conducted by Mr. Bannard. The line of merchandise handled is best described as "furnishings," including all materials for furnishing and decorating homes from the lowest in price to artistic gems of highest value. The business extends from Seabright to Barnegat bay and goods are shipped all over the United States and Canada and occasional deliveries have been made to points in Europe and Asia. Two large buildings 100 by 75 and 100 and 40, five stories in height, having floor space of nearly 60,000 square feet, are required to transact the business, which it can truthfully be stated has been remarkably successful.

Mr. Bannard is deeply interested in politics. He is secretary of the Republican executive committee of Asbury Park and is vice-president of the Young Men's Republican Club. He is a director of the Asbury Park Wheelmen, a director of the Monmouth Club and a member of the University and Princeton Clubs of New York.

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#### GEORGE SMITH LIDDLE.

George Smith Liddle, who is holding the responsible position of superintendent of clay mining for E. A. Edgar, is an enterprising man widely known in his native county—for he was born on the old Liddle homestead in Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, August 11, 1855. His father, Joshua Liddle, was born in Westmoreland, England, March 8, 1807, and spent the first twenty-five years of his life in his native land. He then bade adieu to home and friends and sailed for the new

world. Locating at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, he was first employed on the railroad and later purchased a farm in Woodbridge township, Middlesex county—the place now known as the Liddle homestead. He at once began its further development and improvement and transformed it into a very desirable property. His wife bore the maiden name of Anna Buck.

In the local schools near his home George S. Liddle pursued his studies until fourteen years of age and after that attended only in the winter months, for in the summer season his services were needed upon the farm in the cultivation of the fields and the harvesting of crops. At the age of twenty-two he went west, remaining for a year, but on the expiration of that period he returned to New Jersey and locating in the town of Woodbridge, there conducted a grocery store for four years. On disposing of his stock he entered his present position as superintendent of clay mining for E. A. Edgar, and for eight years he has served in this capacity, having charge of the labors of those who are engaged in digging clay on Mr. Edgar's land.

On the 20th of October, 1884, Mr. Liddle was united in marriage to Miss Anna Augusta Hope, of Woodbridge township, Middlesex county, and they have three living children: Thomas Wesley; Ralph Farnum; and Nettie Manning. Willam, a fourth child died in infancy. They reside at Fords, and are well known people of the community. In his political views Mr. Liddle is an earnest Republican and for several years he held the position of road master for one of the districts of Woodbridge township, during which time his capable service was highly commended. His life has been one of industry and all that he has achieved through his own efforts.

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#### WILLIAM J. McDEDE.

Success is methodical and consecutive and comes only as the result of well directed endeavor backed by unwavering integrity of purpose. In referring to the career of Mr. McDeDe we can do so with a feeling of respect and satisfaction, for he is recognized and honored as one of the reliable and representative business men of New Brunswick, New Jersey, where practically his entire life has been passed. Here he is engaged in the undertaking and livery business, having a well equipped establishment in each department of his enterprise and so conducting the same as to merit and secure the good will and confidence of all with whom he has dealings, thus adding to the high reputation secured by his honored father, who established the business and whom he succeeded in the same. A brief review of the career of Mr. McDeDe is therefore signally appropriate in this work.

Mr. McDeDe was born in Warren county, New Jersey, on the 18th of June, 1857, and thus is one of the younger generation of business men in New Brunswick. He is the youngest of the children born to William and Mary (Butler) McDeDe, and one of the seven surviving at the present time. His father was born in Ireland, of staunch old stock and inherited the indomitable energy and alert mentality so characteristic of the race. He emigrated to America as a youth and here was solemnized his marriage to Miss Mary Butler, a native of New Jersey. About the year 1830 they located in New Brunswick, the father here establishing himself in the undertaking business at 23 Easton avenue, where our subject now has his headquarters in this line, the place having been consecutively utilized for this purpose from the time of the inception of the enterprise, many years ago. His livery and auxiliary headquarters are located at 68 and 70 Albany street, and he figures as the leading funeral director and liveryman of the town.

Our subject received his early educational discipline in the public schools of New Brunswick and supplemented this by an effective course of study in an excellent institution in the city of Philadelphia. He left school in 1878 and forthwith became associated with his father in business, thus continuing until the death of the latter, in 1883, when he succeeded to the business, purchasing the remaining interest in the same. The livery adjunct of the enterprise had been added in 1881, and this has received an excellent support from the start, while affording also exceptional facilities in connection with the undertaking branch of the business. The mother of our subject is still living, having attained a venerable age,

In his political proclivities the attitude of Mr. McDede is indicated by the staunch allegiance he accords to the Democratic party, but the only official preferment which he has held is that of coroner. Fraternally he is a popular member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Royal Hibernians. He is well known in New Brunswick, where his friends are in number as his acquaintances.

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#### F. M. KITCHEL, D. D. S.

The acknowledged leader in the ranks of the dental fraternity in Perth Amboy, Dr. Kitchel has risen to his present enviable position through earnest study, close application and marked ability. With a nature that could not be content with mediocrity and prompted by a laudable ambition to rise in his profession he has steadily advanced step by step, keeping in touch with the progress made in the science of dentistry and thus he has gained prestige that is indicated by the regard which his fellow practitioners entertain for him and by the liberal patronage which he receives.

He is descended from one of the old and prominent families of the state, tracing his ancestry back to Robert Kitchel, who was born in 1604 and died in 1672. He married Margaret Sheaffe, a daughter of the Rev. Edward Sheaffe, of Cranbrooke, Kent, England, and on the 26th of April, 1629, they left the "merrie isle" with the company of Puritan refugees, led by the Rev. Henry Whitfield, sailing in the first vessel that landed its passengers in the harbor of Quinepiac, now New Haven, Connecticut. They settled at Guilford and Robert Kitchel became one of the leading and influential residents of the community, but not satisfied with the location on account of the liberality denied the Puritans he joined colonists from Guilford, Branford, Milford and New Haven and removed to New Jersey, becoming one of the most prominent of the first settlers of Newark. Robert Kitchel was accompanied by his son Samuel, who was born in 1633 and died in 1700. He first married Elizabeth Wakeman and after her death wedded Grace Pierson, a daughter of Abraham Pierson, one of the leaders in the Newark settlement. Robert Kitchel also had two daughters: Joanna, the wife of the Rev. Jeremiah Peck, and Sarah, who died in Guilford, Connecticut.

The children of Samuel Kitchel by his first wife were Elizabeth, Abigail, Samuel, Mary and Susanna, while those born of the second marriage were Abraham and Grace. The former married Sarah Brunen and their children were Samuel, Joseph, John, David, Grace, Mary Alice and Abigail. Of this family David was the ancestor in direct line to our subject. He married Ruth Tuttle and unto them were born four children, Uzal, Stephen, Zenas and Abigail. Stephen married Hannah Darling and their children were Ezekiel, Joseph, Zenas, Jemima, Susan and Timothy.

Zenas Kitchel was the grandfather of the Doctor. He wedded Mary Tuttle

and unto them were born the following named: Elizabeth, Stephen, Francis Wilmot, Isabella, David F. and Parkhurst. Stephen Kitchel, the Doctor's father, was united in marriage to Miss Ann Kelsey and their union was blessed with nine children: Frank M., Mary, Clara, Nellie, Ned, Bessie, Anna, Elma and Susie.

Dr. Kitchel, whose name forms the caption of this article, was born February 21, 1854, in New Jersey and after acquiring his literary education he prepared for the practice of dentistry, following the profession for a quarter of a century. Of this time twenty-two years have been passed in Perth Amboy and he has easily maintained a leading place in the ranks of dental practitioners. He has a well appointed office and his liberal patronage is constantly increasing. Prominent in social circles and in public affairs, he is a well known and valued representative of the Masonic fraternity and the Royal Arcanum of Perth Amboy. He is also a member of the New Jersey Historical Society and is president of the board of trustees of the Perth Amboy library. He takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community along lines of progress and improvement and is accounted one of the most prominent and respected citizens of the county.

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#### THOMAS H. HAGERTY.

Thomas H. Hagerty is one of the younger members of the bar of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, but his prominence is by no means measured by his years; on the contrary he has won a reputation which many an older practitioner might well envy. A native of this state, he was born on the 3d of January, 1877, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, at which place his parents, Patrick and Mary (Hughes) Hagerty, still reside.

During his boyhood and youth Mr. Hagerty attended both the public and parochial schools of New Brunswick, and after completing his literary education took up the study of law, in the office of Peter F. Daly, where he read Blackstone and other commentaries for a time. He subsequently entered the New York University Law School, and was graduated at that institution in 1899. On the 12th of November, 1900, he was admitted to the bar and came to Perth Amboy, at once opening an office at this place. Although his stay here has been of short duration, he has already built up a good general practice, and his clientage is constantly increasing. He practices in all the courts of the state and is thoroughly versed in the law. In his political affiliations Mr. Hagerty is a stalwart Democrat, and in his social relations is connected with the Knights of Columbus.

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#### JOHN HENNESSEY.

The subject of this review is the prime factor in the well known firm of Hennessey Brothers, of North Long Branch, New Jersey, and though the business is conducted under the title given, Mr. Hennessey's brother and able coadjutor in the enterprise died in 1895, since which time the management of the business has devolved entirely upon the gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph.

Mr. Hennessey is a native son of New Jersey, having been born at Hamilton, Monmouth county, on the 18th of November, 1844, a son of John and Elizabeth (White) Hennessey, the former of whom was born on the fair Emerald Isle and the



*John Hennessey*



latter in Monmouth county. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom eleven attained years of maturity, the subject of this sketch having been the third in order of birth. John Hennessey, Sr., was a farmer of considerable means and wielded no slight influence in the community where he maintained his home. He was a man who commanded uniform confidence and esteem, as his incumbency of the office of road master for a period of more than fifteen years amply testifies.

Our subject's maternal grandfather, Garrett White, achieved a brilliant record as an intrepid and efficient officer in the war of 1812, during which conflict he was stationed at Sandy Hook, in command of a company of Monmouth county militia. He was every inch a soldier, with loyal fighting blood coursing through his system, and in every cause and in all the relations of life he gave unequivocal evidence of his devotion to duty and his intrinsic patriotism, thus winning the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

John Hennessey, Jr., to whom this sketch is dedicated, received his early educational discipline in his native town, and, as is the case with the average boy reared near the seaboard, he early acquired a taste for fishing, and forthwith began to turn his efforts in this direction to some profitable account, thus showing that business sagacity and pragmatic ability which have conserved his success in connection with industrial enterprises of later years. Thus through his love of fishing came his introduction into the field of commercial endeavor. When in his seventeenth year he began operations at Port Monmouth, where he continued for some time. In 1863 his next venture in connection with the fisheries industry was made in the Shrewsbury river, but his success did not meet his anticipations, and in 1864 he took up piloting as a business, having already become a skillful navigator through his long experience along the coast and its bays and rivers. This vocation, however, he soon abandoned and accepted a position on the City of Richmond, a vessel which was at that time used as a transport in the government service. Mr. Hennessey did not long retain this incumbency, leaving the same to become an *attache* of a steamer belonging to the Old Neptune line. During these several changes the war of the Rebellion had been in progress, and it was now that the intrinsic patriotism and loyalty of the young man proved its dominating influence, for he prepared to enter the ranks of the Union army and to assist in suppressing that armed rebellion which threatened the integrity of the republic. However, before he could be mustered into service General Lee surrendered and peace was declared. Once more our subject turned his attention to fishing, the new field of his labors being in the waters off Sea Bright. In this line of enterprise he continued to be actively engaged for several years, passing the winter seasons in the New England states and thus being able to consecutively follow the same vocation throughout the entire year. In 1878 Mr. Hennessey engaged in business on his own responsibility, in Galilee, New Jersey, and in 1880 removed to North Long Branch, where he immediately established himself in business on Ocean avenue, and he now enjoys the full confidence of his many patrons. His success has encouraged and enabled him to establish three other fisheries on the Jersey coast. In 1878 he admitted to partnership William H. Monahan, and this business alliance continued for a period of eight years, at the expiration of which his brother Michael became his associate and the present firm name was adopted. This relationship continued until the death of his brother and partner, who passed away in 1895.

Mr. Hennessey's experience has been so wide, varied and interesting that it is unfortunate that space will not permit the recounting of some of his adventures in detail. He has done sea duty on board eighteen different vessels, serving in various capacities, from the lowest to that of acting captain, and in more than one instance

his heroism and dauntless courage have saved both life and property. One year, when the three-masted schooner *Thomas W. Havens* went ashore, Mr. Hennessey put off to the rescue in his own boat. In the face of a terrific storm, the surf lashing the shore in relentless fury, he braved the elements, facing death itself to do what he conceived to be his duty. His valiant and self-abnegating act resulted in the saving of three lives, and in this connection it may well be said that too much praise can not be given a man who will jeopardize his life for the sake of others.

In the year 1874 Mr. Hennessey was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Frances, and to them have been born six children, namely: Ada, Mary E., Harry, Amelia, Ralph and Ira. The family deserve and enjoy the good will and respect of their neighbors.



#### JACOB HANSON.

A very important industry in coast countries is the building of wharfs and docks, this line of work requiring thorough knowledge of different kinds of labor. Among those who have successfully pursued this business in the state of New Jersey is Jacob Hanson, a resident of Perth Amboy, but who was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on June 3, 1851. He was educated in the public schools of his native land and there learned the details of his trade, working at it until 1870, when he came to America, locating in the city of New York. For the succeeding ten years he followed his trade in that city, working for others.

In 1880 Mr. Hanson engaged in business for himself, his first contract being the building of the lighthouse at Stamford, Connecticut, a work of prodigious magnitude, which was successfully performed. Mr. Hanson has been engaged in much work for the government and has also done a large amount of bridge building, but his principle interest lies in the construction of docks, and for several years he has been actively engaged in this work for the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Mr. Hanson was united in marriage in Perth Amboy to Miss Julia Peterson, who is also a native of Denmark, and the two surviving children are William and Howard. Socially he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and is a reliable, industrious and most respected citizen.



#### WILLIAM F. FISHER.

William F. Fisher is descended from an ancestry which for three generations past has been well and favorably known in Fishkill, New York, where William F., a son of David Fisher, was born and received his education in the public schools, later at the Schooley's Mountain Seminary, Warren county, New Jersey. After completing his studies he became manager of the general store of Sayre & Fisher for seven years, and then removed to Metuchen, New Jersey, where he conducted a grocery business until he was twenty-four years of age. He then engaged in the brick-making business at Sayreville, and conducted it alone for one year, and for two years in association with Mr. Edwin Furman, to whom he afterward sold his interest. In the early part of 1880 he established a new yard at South River, and he also became the owner of the yard of the late Casper T. Waite, of Metuchen. Mr. Fisher also owns and operates a yard at Cheesewick, in the vicinity of South Amboy,



which was formerly the property of the Ross-Hillward Company, Mr. Fisher being a member of that firm for five years.

Mr. Fisher manufactures all kinds of building, sewer and general hard brick, adamantine and other special kinds of brick. His yards cover an area of eighty acres, and he gives employment to two hundred and seventy-five men, who produce annually the great quantity of thirty-two million bricks. The plant and machinery are of the most modern type, and only continuous kilns are used. Mr. Fisher owns and sails two schooners and six brick barges, his shipment being in greater part by water to Newark, Jersey City, Brooklyn and New York City. He also has business relations in the large cities in the middle states, and he is well and favorably known among the builders and architects as a successful and prosperous business man. He is a member of the New York Brick Exchange.

Mr. Fisher is a Democrat in his political views and engages actively in all matters pertaining to local affairs; from 1877 to 1880 he was a member of the board of chosen freeholders.

His marriage to Miss Medora Rose, a daughter of Elias Rose, of Middlesex county, occurred on November 15, 1876. Seven children were born of this union, namely: Leon and Rufus, who died in infancy; William J., Jr.; Anita; Adrian; Maud and Elberon Fisher. Mr. Fisher made his residence in New Brunswick in 1892 and built for himself a beautiful and commodious home on Livingston avenue.

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#### ISAAC B. ESBERG.

Many people give music the highest rank among the fine arts. It has not the limitations of sculpture or painting, it is not bounded by form and color and size and therefore leaves much greater play for the imagination. It reaches man only through the sense of hearing and exercises over him an intangible power, probably the more strongly felt because indescribable. From the remotest ages it has administered to man's pleasure, has given enthusiasm to the soldier on the field of battle, brought comfort to the sorrowing and heightened the happiness of the joyful. One of the best interpreters as well as instructors in music in Perth Amboy is Professor Isaac B. Esberg, who now devotes his time largely to teaching, in which profession he has won distinction.

Mr. Esberg was born in Hanover, Germany, July 3, 1856, his parents being Benjamin and Sarah (Koenig) Esberg. His paternal grandfather, Memdel Esberg, was an extensive dealer in horses and cattle in Germany and was a man of wide local reputation. His son, Benjamin Esberg, also followed the same business in the fatherland for many years, and in 1866 he came to the United States, locating in New York City, where he was engaged in the liquor business. He was of the Jewish faith and was a consistent and zealous supporter of the synagogue. His death occurred in 1878. His wife, a daughter of Isaac Koenig, of Felsberg, Germany, passed away in 1880, leaving four children: Johanna, Isaac B., Marianna and Moses.

In the common schools of his native land Isaac Esberg began his education and after accompanying his parents on their emigration to the new world he continued his studies in the day and night school of New York City. His business experience was in learning the printer's trade, being employed in the composing room of the New York Daily News for some time, after which he became foreman on a German weekly paper, occupying that position for a number of years. During that period, while working at his trade, he was also diligently studying music, for which

he had an inherent taste. He gave special attention to the violin under such noted masters as Buesing, Larz and Seitz, and finally he abandoned his trade in order to devote his entire time to studying and teaching music, which occupied him twelve years. In 1884 he established a wholesale liquor house, which he conducted for a few years and then sold out. In 1890 he removed to New Jersey, spending two years on a farm near Perth Amboy, but in 1894 returned to the profession of music. He has gained an enviable reputation as one of the most skillful and successful teachers in Perth Amboy and he has a large number of pupils from among the best homes in the city, his services being in constant demand.

In his political views Mr. Esberg is a Republican, voting for the men and measures of the party, but never seeking office. Religiously he adheres to the faith of his ancestors. His social manner as well as his talent renders him a favorite in social circles. He is not only a superior teacher but a fine performer on both the violin and mandolin and his musical selections add to the pleasure of many a social function.

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WILLIAM J. VAN PELT.

The maritime interests of the eastern shore of New Jersey are well represented by William Joel Van Pelt, who is now extensively and successfully engaged in the construction, sale and rental of yachts and boats at Perth Amboy. The superiority of his workmanship and the well known reliability of the members of the firm, for in the business he is associated with his nephew, have brought to them a very gratifying degree of prosperity.

Mr. Van Pelt of this review is descended from one of the oldest and most honored families on Staten Island, and his birth occurred near the old Methodist church at Woodrow, on Staten Island, September 1, 1838, his parents being John and Susan Ann (Christopher) Van Pelt. The VanPelt family is of Holland extraction and was founded in America in the seventeenth century. Peter Van Pelt, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Woodrow, Staten Island, and spent his boyhood days upon the old homestead farm, but removed to Perth Amboy about 1842. By occupation he was a steamboat engineer and for seven years followed that line of business on the steamers Transport, William Penn, John Nelson and Thomas Hunt. From 1861 until 1865 he served as an engineer on government transports and after the close of the war he returned to South Amboy. For four years he continued steamboating and then purchased a steamer called the Mary Robert and subsequently a second one named the W. P. Boggs. With these vessels he plied between Perth Amboy and New York, carrying paper, fire brick and clay, until failing health caused him to abandon the water and he engaged in the ship chandlery and grocery business at the corner of Front and Broad streets until 1882, when he retired from active business life, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. Peter Van Pelt was a leading and influential citizen and served as a member of the town council of Perth Amboy. He was a charter member of Lawrence Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was a consistent member of the Methodist church, taking a deep interest in its work and advancement and doing all in his power to extend its influence. In his will he bequeathed a sum of money to the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church for the purchase of a chime of bells. He also took a deep interest in political affairs and was a staunch Republican in his affiliation. He married Jane E. Sanford, and their children were John, George, Alice, Henry and William, the last named being the only surviving member of the family.

Of this family John Van Pelt was the father of our subject. He was born at the old homestead, near Woodrow, Staten Island, and after acquiring a common school education, he learned the stonemason's trade, which he followed throughout his entire life on Staten Island. He was a skillful mechanic and built the old Moravian church at New Durep, Staten Island. He was also a consistent member of that church, and his remains as well as those of other members of the family now repose in the old graveyard connected with the church. He married Susan Ann Christopher, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: John C., who is residing at Greenwich, Staten Island; Peter, deceased; George, who is residing at Pleasant Plains, Staten Island; Tunis, who makes his home at Annandale, on Staten Island; Mary E., deceased wife of James Woglom; and William Joel.

The last named was educated in the old Huguenot school, at Huguenot, Staten Island, and learned the black-smith's trade. After becoming proficient in that department of labor he went to Buffalo, where he remained for a year and then removed to East Hamburg, Erie county, where for four years he carried on business for himself. In 1876, however, he disposed of his interests at that place and went to Montana, making Helena his headquarters until 1893, in which year he returned to Perth Amboy, where for a short time he was engaged in the real estate business. In 1895, in connection with his nephew, William F. Van Pelt, he engaged in the building and renting of yachts and boats, a pursuit which he has since followed, and in this constructive labor his mechanical skill finds ample scope. The enterprise has prospered and the firm is now doing a successful business. Mr. Van Pelt is a member of the Order of American Mechanics and of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Perth Amboy. He has a wide acquaintance in this portion of the country where he has so long resided and his sterling worth commends him to the confidence and respect of all.

William F. Van Pelt, the junior member of the firm, was born in Perth Amboy, March 22, 1863, and attended a school held in the old court house, the building now used as a town hall, completing his education, however, in public school No. 1. When eighteen years of age he assumed control of the grocery business formerly conducted by his father, and carried on the same for four years, after which he devoted his energies to the livery business for two years. When that period had elapsed he turned his attention to boating and yachting, which he followed until 1895, when he entered into partnership with his uncle, William Joel Van Pelt, in the building and rental of yachts and boats, which has proved a paying enterprise, their patronage continually increasing.

In Perth Amboy, April 27, 1890, William F. Van Pelt was united in marriage to Miss Ida, a daughter of John T. and Hester Woglom. He is now deputy health officer for the city, and from 1885 until 1890 he was a member of the Lincoln hose company. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, co-operating in every movement for the general good. In politics he is quite prominent, being recognized as one of the leading workers in the ranks of the party in his district, while at the present time he is an executive member of the Republican committee.

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#### IRVING L. CRANSTON.

The leading undertaker of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Irving L. Cranston, was born at Tarrytown, New York, July 13, 1860, a son of David and Ellen (Blauvelt) Cranston. The Cranston family is of Scotch ancestry, the father being born in

Sterlingshire, Sterling, Scotland, August 31, 1819. His wife was born at Spring Valley, Rockland county, New York, in 1820. David Cranston spent his boyhood in his native land, where he acquired a limited education. After coming to America he spent a short time in Massachusetts and soon after located at Nyack, where he learned the trade of tinsmith. He worked at this trade for a number of years and subsequently engaged in the retail dry goods business, which had previously been conducted by his wife's mother and was the first retail dry goods establishment in Nyack. He was engaged in this business until 1880, when he retired from active work for the balance of his life. He was connected with both the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, and took an active part in political matters, but always refused to hold office. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and lived a consistent Christian life. Both parents died at Nyack, New York, the father April 19, 1901, the mother January 27, 1894. Eight children were born unto them: Richard E.; Cornelius B., deceased; Rosetta, wife of Frank Blauvelt; John N., deceased; Irving L.; and three children who died in infancy.

The subject of this review, Irving L. Cranston, received his education in the public schools of New York, and upon leaving school learned the trade of carpenter and builder, which he followed for ten years. On May 1, 1888, he engaged in the undertaking business in Nyack, and three years afterwards established his business in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Embalmers, and his thorough knowledge of this work has brought to him gratifying success, until he now leads in this branch of business.

On June 17, 1894, Mr. Cranston was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Smith, and by this union one child has been born, Clair Lovatt. Mr. Cranston is a member of Middlesex Council, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council, L. & B., of Paterson, New Jersey; Junior Order U. A. M.; Daughters of Liberty.. He is identified with the Presbyterian church and is true to all its teachings. He is devoted to his family, and enjoys the confidence and respect of all with whom he is associated.



#### WILLIAM P. O'HARA.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Perth Amboy than William O'Hara. He has been an important factor in business and journalistic circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced many characteristics which go to constitute valuable citizenship. Reliable in business, he has built up one of the leading industries of the city, has published one of its leading papers, is an active factor in the control of political forces and contributes in large measure to the progress and success of every movement which has for its object the general good.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. O'Hara was born on the 16th of March, 1866, a son of John and Emily O'Hara. The father died in 1877, but the mother is still living in Perth Amboy, whither our subject accompanied his parents during his childhood days. The public schools here afforded him his educational privileges and his early business training was received in a printing office, where he learned the trade, following that pursuit in the employ of others until 1890, when he established a job printing office in company with Mr. Donovan, the firm being known as Donovan & O'Hara. This connection was maintained for a year, at the end of which time Mr. O'Hara purchased his partner's interest and has since been sole owner of the business. He engaged in general job printing and book work until September 22, 1900, when he

extended his labors into the field of journalism, purchasing the Perth Amboy Citizen, which is a Democratic paper and has a circulation of twenty-five hundred. It is one of the most popular papers in the county, neatly printed, tastefully arranged and containing all matters of local and general interest, including editorials which present the subject under discussion in a most concise, instructive and entertaining way.

In political matters Mr. O'Hara has for a number of years taken an active part. He is a student of the political situations and issues and is therefore able to support his position as an advocate of Democratic principles by intelligent argument. In 1892 he was appointed clerk of the legislative committee on railroads and canals, receiving the appointment from the Hon. John Beekman, of Perth Amboy. In 1898 he was elected alderman from the fifth ward and served so acceptably as a member of the city council that he was again chosen for the office in 1900, in which he is now serving. In the same year he was the Democratic candidate for the assembly, but was defeated. Reform and progress may well be designated as the watchwords of his political career, for he is ever active in promoting those measures which are calculated to benefit or improve the community.

Mr. O'Hara was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Larkin and unto them have been born five children, Emily, Lizzie, Theresa, Mary and Jane. Mr. O'Hara and his family are members of St. Mary's church and he belongs to the Lincoln Hose Company of the firemen of Perth Amboy. He likewise belongs to the Typographical Union, No. 365, of Rahway, New Jersey; to the American Order of Foresters, of Perth Amboy, and in both the local and state department of the society he has filled all the offices; serving for four years as an officer in the grand court; he is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus and San-salvador Council, Catholic Benevolent Legion. His actions have during his life been such as to distinctively entitle him to a place in this publication among the progressive and representative men on the Jersey coast. His life has been one of industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable business methods which he has followed have won him the support and confidence of many.

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#### WELCOME G. CLEMONS.

Without any especial advantages or opportunities to aid him in the journey of life, Welcome G. Clemons, placing his dependence in the substantial qualities of energy and industry, has advanced to an enviable position in the business world, winning creditable success. He is now superintendent of the American Snuff Company at Helmetta, and enjoys a high reputation in business circles.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Montrose, Susquehanna county, on the 2d of January, 1846, his parents being Henry and Eunice (Helme) Clemons, the latter now deceased. The son pursued his early education in the schools of his native town and later became a student in Eastman's Commercial College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. Removing to Connecticut, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits at New Preston from 1867 until 1882, but in the latter year he sold his farm and came to Helmetta, New Jersey, where he accepted the position of outside superintendent of the Railroad Snuff Mills, as they were then called. Since that time the name has been changed, business being now conducted under the name of the American Snuff Company. In 1888 he was appointed superintendent of the manufactory and has since served in that capacity, capably conducting the enterprise and making the business one of profit to the stockholders.

In New Preston, Connecticut, on the 9th of May, 1867, Mr. Clemons was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude A. Meeker, a daughter of David and Mary (Tracy) Meeker, old residents of the Charter Oak state. By this union have been born four children: George H., who was born June 28, 1868, and died in Denver, Colorado, October 22, 1900; Florence Gertrude, born December 3, 1872; Clinton Meeker, who was born March 23, 1875, and was married at Helmetta, April 21, 1897, to Alice M. Rush, a daughter of Walter Rush, by whom he has two children, Ruth Gertrude and Loring Meeker; and Melvina E., who was born March 23, 1887, and completes the family.

Mr. Clemons was one of the organizers of St. George's Protestant Episcopal Memorial church, in which he holds the office of vestryman. He has resided in Helmetta for almost twenty years and has long been regarded as one of its leading and influential citizens, keenly alive to its best interests, its welfare and progress. He has served for five years as a member of the borough council and is now its president. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum and is a genial courteous gentleman, who wins friends wherever he goes by reason of his sterling worth.



#### HENRY DELP ZANDT, M. D.

Scientific knowledge has broadened to a remarkable extent in the past half century. Research has resulted in marvelous discoveries and in no line has greater advancement been made than in the science of medicine. To-day its followers who win success and renown are men of strong mentality, accurate in comprehension, of wide reading and broad sympathy. A representative of this class is Dr. Henry D. Zandt, of Jamesburg, New Jersey, who, having long since left the ranks of the many, stands among the successful few.

The Doctor is a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred on the 22d of August, 1846, his parents being Frederick D. and Mary (Delp) Zandt. On both the paternal and maternal sides the ancestry is German and the family name was originally Von Zend. The paternal grandfather, Frederick Zandt, was born in Carlsruhe, Germany, and about 1820 crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in Philadelphia. He was a glass manufacturer and was one of the first to introduce that industry into the Keystone state. In the evening of life he removed to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he spent his remaining days in quiet retirement from business cares, his labors in former years having brought to him a comfortable competence. To him and his wife were born three sons, Thomas, Adam Henry and Frederick, all yet living.

Frederick Zandt, the father of the Doctor, was born in Carlsruhe, Germany, but was only six months old when brought by his parents to the new world. He pursued his education in the schools of Philadelphia and was there reared to manhood. He is an architect and builder and a large portion of his life has been passed in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, where he still resides. His children were Livinia, now deceased; Milton; Susan; Henry D.; Elizabeth; and Maurice.

In the public schools Dr. Zandt acquired his preliminary education and prepared for college in Freeland Seminary. He afterward matriculated in Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and studied medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in the spring of 1871 with the degree of M. D., and in the fall of the same year with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. His preparatory training for his profession was thorough and comprehensive and his college course has ever been supplemented by wide and comprehensive reading.

The Doctor began practice in 1873 at North Branch, Somerset county, New Jersey, where he remained for two years, after which he spent a similar period in Somerville. He was for two years engaged in the practice of medicine in Raritan and since 1879 has been in continuous practice in Jamesburg, where he is enjoying a large and lucrative patronage. He is one of the best informed practitioners in this part of this state and his knowledge is being continually supplemented by reading of medical journals and investigation into the medical works which are annually published. He belongs to the State Medical Society and the Middlesex City Medical Society and of the former was at one time president. He has served as health officer of Jamesburg; has been physician and surgeon to the State Home for Boys for twenty-two years; and for eighteen years has been surgeon to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

On the 25th of May, 1875, in Somerville, New Jersey, the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McCoy Reger, a daughter of August T. and Margaret Reger, of Somerville. They now have two living children, their first two, Maggie May and Bessie, having died in childhood. Frederick Berg, the only son, is a physician and surgeon of Erie, Pennsylvania, and is physician to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. The youngest member of the family is Mary Finch. The Doctor, his wife and daughter are consistent members of the Presbyterian church, take an active part in its work and do all in their power for its advancement. He is a member of Daphne Council of the Royal Arcanum, and is a gentleman of courteous and dignified manner, of genial disposition and genuine worth, prominent in professional life and highly esteemed in social circles.

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#### ASHER TUNIS APPLIGATE, M. D.

Asher T. Applegate, a leading physician of Englishtown, New Jersey, was born in the township of Monroe, Middlesex county, New Jersey, on September 17, 1840. He is the son of James and Dena (Dey) Applegate. The former was born and received his education in New Brunswick, New Jersey; early in life he started business as a merchant in New York, where he built up an extensive trade; unfortunately, however, his stock and store were completely destroyed in the great fire of 1836, leaving him to begin life anew. In these straits he removed to the farm of his father-in-law, well known as the "Dey homestead," and located on the line between Middlesex and Monmouth counties. Here he became favorably known, not only as a successful farmer, but as a dealer in real property and trustee of estates. Politically he adhered to Democratic principles; was elected sheriff of the county, in which official capacity he served from 1859 to 1862; he also served in the legislature, and filled various township offices. His wife was the daughter of John D. and Hannah Dey, the former a wealthy farmer of Monmouth county. Their family consisted of our subject, Asher T.; Amelia, wife of J. E. Van Dorn, of New York; and Hannah, wife of John Eli, a prominent attorney of Freehold, New Jersey. Mr. Applegate died in 1874, his wife in 1873.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Stephen Applegate, a prominent merchant of New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he died in 1861. His children were John, James, Maria, Elizabeth and Catherine.

Dr. Asher T. Applegate has spent much of his life in study and perfecting himself for the successful carrying out of his practice, and even now keeps abreast of advancing professional science in reading current literature pertaining thereto. In early life

he attended the public schools, was then under the instruction of a private tutor at New Brunswick, New Jersey, later entered the grammar school connected with Rutgers College, and then studied at the preparatory school of John C. Schenck at Princeton. In 1866 he entered the freshman class of Princeton College, where he remained until his sophomore year. Having decided to follow the medical profession Mr. Applegate entered the office of Dr. Thomas J. Thomason, of Perrineville. He then took a three-years' course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in March, 1869; in October of the same year he entered upon his professional career at Hamilton Square, Mercer county, but only remained there for a year, when he removed in April, 1871, to Englishtown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, where he has acquired a splendid practice. Dr. Applegate is a member of the Monmouth County Medical Society; New Jersey State Medical Society; is a member of Dement Lodge, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; Columbia Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M. He has acted as examiner for the Mutual and United States Life Insurance Companies.

A Democrat in politics he has never sought public office, but his personal attainments have attracted public attention and he has been called upon to serve in various capacities. In the spring of 1894 he was appointed county collector, and is usually elected a delegate to county, state and congressional conventions; he has also served on the board of health. He now occupies the exalted position of mayor of Englishtown. Like all men who have the good of his community at heart, Dr. Applegate is a church supporter, he being trustee of the Presbyterian church of Englishtown.

On October 22, 1873, Dr. Applegate married Miss Jennie C., daughter of Robert K. and Helena Wilson, the former a well known farmer and land owner of Monmouth county. Two children have been born to them, namely: James T., named in honor of his paternal grandfather and his father's preceptor, and Kenneth P.

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#### JOHN C. EVANS.

Everywhere in our land are found men who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to places of leadership, renown and high esteem, and it is still one of the proudest boasts of our fair country that such victors are accounted of thousand-fold more worth and value to the commonwealth than the aristocrat with his inherited wealth, position and distinguished name. Mr. Evans belongs to that class of valued citizens who owe their progress in business to their own efforts and to-day he stands among the most enterprising and prosperous residents of Milltown, his native city.

He was born here June 30, 1855, a son of John and Mary Augusta (Vanderbilt) Evans. In Rutgers College he acquired his education, attending the preparatory department and later pursuing the scientific course, which was completed by his graduation in the class of 1870. Four years later he became identified with the Meyer Rubber Company, of Milltown, now the Milltown India Rubber Company, and of the latter he is the president and general manager, successfully controlling the enterprise, which is now meeting with gratifying prosperity. His counsel and business sagacity are also important factors in the management of other important business concerns, for he is the vice-president of the New Brunswick Savings Institution and director of the National Bank of New Jersey, both of New Brunswick.

On the 21st of October, 1885, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Mary Fowler Austin, a daughter of Lemuel A. Austin, of New Haven, Connecticut. Their



home is blessed with six children: John C., Mary A., Austin, Herbert Vanderbilt, Helen and Gladys. Prominent in the affairs of the city Mr. Evans has done much to promote the city's welfare along social, material, intellectual and moral lines. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican and at the age of twenty-one he was elected clerk for North Brunswick township, Middlesex county. He has also filled the position of freeholder and was the first mayor of Milltown. He is now the president of the board of education and his labors have been most effective in promoting the interests and progress of his native village. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is now serving as trustee. He is known as one of the leading men of Milltown and is respected by all with whom he comes in contact, either in social or business circles.

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#### CHARLES A. LEWIS.

Charles A. Lewis, who is occupying the position of station agent at Deal Beach, is numbered among New Jersey's native sons, his birth having occurred in Dayton, on the 24th of June, 1873. He was reared upon his father's farm and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, for until twenty years of age he assisted in the plowing, planting and harvesting on his father's land. He then became connected with the railroad business, accepting a position as assistant station agent at Deans, New Jersey, with the privilege of learning telegraphy. When he had mastered that work and was capable of being entrusted with telegraphic work he was employed as an extra operator by the Pennsylvania Railroad, working in that capacity for three years. On the 11th of May, 1896, he secured a position as assistant agent at Elberon on the New York & Long Branch Railroad, where he remained for more than two years. On the 27th of November, 1898, the station took fire from crossed electric wires and Mr. Lewis and his brother were forced to jump from the window of a second story room, in which they were sleeping, in order to save their lives. The station was entirely destroyed. On the 9th of August, 1901, Mr. Lewis was appointed agent at Deal Beach and is now acting in that capacity. He is a popular employe of the road, owing to his courtesy and obliging manner, as well as his efficiency in this work.

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#### DEWITT C. WINCHELL.

DeWitt Clinton Winchell, who is now serving as post-master of Carteret, and who for twenty years has been identified with the building interests of this place, was born November 16, 1860, in Stone Ridge, Ulster county, New York, and represents one of the old families of the Empire state, for his grandfather was born there, as was also his father, DeWitt Clinton Winchell, Sr. The son was reared in the place of his nativity and at the usual age entered the public schools, where he pursued his studies until he had attained the age of eighteen. He then entered upon an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he mastered, becoming a proficient workman. In 1881 he removed to Carteret, taking up his abode here in the month of November. Since that time he has been identified with its building interests and evidences of his handwork are seen in many of the fine and substantial structures of this part of the county. He is reliable in his business methods, prompt in the execution of his part of a contract and in industrial circles he enjoys an excellent reputation.

On the 17th of March, 1888, Mr. Winchell was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Vonah, of Rahway, New Jersey, and they now have two daughters, Hazel K. and Ethel D. Socially Mr. Winchell is identified with the Foresters of America and with the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member of the Episcopal church of Carteret, and on the 19th of January, 1900, he was appointed post-master. His administration of the affairs of the office is giving good satisfaction, for he is notably prompt and reliable. He endorses the principles of the Republican party, does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success and is a loyal and public-spirited citizen.

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#### CHARLES HARVEY.

Among the men whose names are prominently connected with the legal profession of New Jersey is that of Charles Harvey, of Monmouth county, New Jersey. He was born at Oceanic, New Jersey, on July 10, 1856, and is the son of the late Samuel and Lydia E. Harvey, the former mentioned being for many years one of the prominent and successful merchants of Oceanic. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of all the citizens in his section, not only for his thorough business qualities, but also for his quiet and unassuming manners. His death occurred in 1884; his widow still survives him.

Charles Harvey, son of Samuel and Lydia Harvey, was reared in his native town, and acquired his education in the public schools, subsequently entering the Columbia Law School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1888. Prior to that time he had been under the tutorship of his brother, David Harvey, a prominent and popular attorney of Asbury Park, New Jersey. In 1888 Mr. Harvey was admitted to the New Jersey bar. He then decided to settle in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, where he enjoys an extensive and remunerative practice and is considered one of the leading men in the profession of law in the county.

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#### WILLIAM CARMAN.

William Carman, who is now serving as under sheriff of Middlesex county, and who has filled in most acceptable manner many positions of public trust, was born in Metuchen, this county, on the 31st of August, 1840. His education was obtained in the public schools of Newark, New Jersey, where as a young man he became assistant bookkeeper for the Clark Thread Company, with which he was connected for two years. On the expiration of that period he learned the drug trade, which he followed for ten years. In 1875 he became private secretary to Thomas A. Edison, and acted in that capacity for five years. Many times public positions of honor and trust have been conferred upon him. He has been a member of the board of education in Raritan township, Middlesex county, and in the borough of Metuchen for twenty years, and the schools find in him a warm friend, zealous and active in advancing their interests. For two years he has held the position of clerk of the board of freeholders, and in 1890 he was appointed to his present office, that of under sheriff, by Isaiah D. Barclay, the sheriff of Middlesex county. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, who does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party, in whose principles he believes so firmly. In his religious views he is a Presbyterian, holding membership in the church of that denomination in Metuchen.



*Chas. Hanby*



Mr. Carman was married in July, 1872, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary E. Bryson, of Newark, New Jersey, and their children are George E., Carrie A., William, Albert Stanley and Mary E. Mr. Carman's fraternal relations are quite extensive. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, to the Independent Order of Foresters, to the United Order of American Mechanics, to the Woodmen of the World, and has attained high degrees in the Masonic order. He belongs to Mount Zion Lodge, F. & A. M., of Metuchen, of which he is a past master; to Scott Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M., of New Brunswick, New Jersey, of which he is a past high priest; to Temple Commandery, No. 18, K. T., of New Brunswick, of which he is a past commander; and to the grand commandery of Knights Templar, of which he is junior warden. He has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite in the consistory at Jersey City and is identified with Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in New York City. Mr. Carman has a wide acquaintance throughout Middlesex county and is popular in official, fraternal and social circles.

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#### A. SALZ.

A splendid example of success attained through industry, persistency and integrity, without the adventitious aids of fortune or influence, is found in the career of Mr. A. Salz, one of the leading business men of Keyport, and also among those most enterprising and sagacious in the promotion of public enterprises.

He is a native of Austria, whence he came in 1861, a lad of seventeen years of age. He brought with him a fair education, but he was obliged to acquire the language of his foster country and to learn its ways. It was an arduous task, but he had an unconquerable ambition, and was determined to achieve success. On coming to this country he first located on Long Island, and engaged in various forms of labor, principally as an employe in a dry goods and clothing house. After he had been here six years, and when he was twenty-three years of age, he removed to Keyport, New Jersey, where he embarked in the dry goods and clothing business as a member of the firm of Block & Salz. Their business beginning was small, and they occupied a frame building, but they prospered, and four years later they leased and occupied a new and commodious brick store known as the Walling Building. After about ten years the partnership was dissolved and the partners operated different establishments. Something more than a year later (December 21, 1877) occurred a disastrous fire in which about thirty buildings were destroyed, among them those occupied respectively by Mr. Salz and Mr. Block. The latter immediately secured another store building, but Mr. Salz was not so fortunate, and he was obliged to wait for a time. Finally the Walling estate agreed to rebuild if Mr. Salz would lease the premises for a long term. To this he agreed, and in the spring of the year following the fire he entered upon the occupancy of a new and splendid structure, and June 21 he resumed business with a larger stock of goods than he had ever carried before. In course of time his business expanded to such proportions that additional room was needed, and an adjoining building owned by Mr. Salz was utilized. Shortly afterward Mr. Salz purchased the main building from the Walling estate and opened sales departments for furniture, carpets and other goods in the two upper stories, which had been previously used for hall purposes, and in 1901 a two-story rear extension was made to the clothing department. With these additions the Salz stores are without exception the most extensive and complete in that part of the country, and have few equals even in the cities along the shore.

In 1897 Henry Salz, only son of Mr. A. Salz, was admitted to partnership and the firm name was changed to that of A. Salz & Company. Henry Salz at that time assumed a large portion of the conduct of the business, enabling the senior Salz to enjoy some degree of respite from close application to business for fully a third of a century. A man may well be judged by his conduct toward his employes, and in this connection it is interesting to note that George M. Collins, in charge of the dry goods department, has been in the employ of Mr. Salz for more than twenty-five years, and Miss Sproul, of the millinery department, has been with him for nearly as long a time.

Mr. A. Salz, during his long residence in Keyport, has actively aided every public enterprise, and is honored as one of its most public-spirited citizens. He was an early member of the volunteer fire department, and is affiliated with local lodges of Free Masons, Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum. He was married to Miss Bessie Rice, and of this marriage were born one son and four daughters. The son, Henry, who has been previously mentioned, possesses the business traits and tastes of the father in marked degree. He was born in 1873, and was educated in the Keyport Academy and Dr. Saxe's Collegiate Institute. For a time he was employed in a commission house in New York City, but soon entered his father's establishment, with which he has since been continuously and actively identified. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of various social organizations.

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#### CAPTAIN SAMUEL LUDLOW.

Captain Samuel Ludlow has been largely interested in the affairs of Spring Lake and vicinity during his entire life. He was born July 16, 1822, at Harlem Heights, on the Hudson river, a son of James and Nancy (Lee) Ludlow. The father was a farmer and fisherman by occupation, and was a soldier in the war of 1812, while the paternal grandfather, Anthony Ludlow, was a gallant defender of the colonists during the memorable struggle for American independence. The family are of Scotch descent. On his mother's side our subject is descended from the Lees of Virginia, and old Fort Lee was named in honor of this family.

Captain Ludlow's parents were very poor, and at the early age of fourteen years he was obliged to start out in life on his own account. He became a sailor, and when twenty-one years of age was made mate of a vessel. Being a man of strong native ability, he soon rose to the position of first mate and was later made captain of his vessel. For a period of eighteen years, from 1863, he was captain of the life-saving station at Spring Lake. In 1882 he sold his fine farm of one hundred acres to the association who were developing the place into a summer resort, receiving a very high price for his land, and he has since been interested in the real-estate business. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Manasquan, New Jersey.

The marriage of Captain Ludlow was celebrated in 1844, when Sarah Smith became his wife, and they had eight children, six of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Rachel, Joseph S., Lewene E., Garrett B., Caroline and Susan. The wife and mother died in 1861, and three years later the Captain was united in marriage with Nancy Johnson, by whom he has had nine children, eight of whom reached adult age,—Jacob L., Ulysses G., James J., Frederick R., Sally, Fred, Jennie S. and Wesley B. Thus it will be seen that out of the seventeen children born unto Captain Ludlow fourteen grew to years of maturity and that a numerous posterity are his. In political matters he gives his support to the Republican party, and has been

honored with a number of township offices. Socially he has been a prominent Mason for forty-seven years. He is a leading member of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which he has held the office of trustee for many years, and during the erection of the church of that denomination at Como he gave about ninety per cent. of the entire cost of the church. Recently, during the rebuilding of the church, he also gave very liberally of his means. He has now reached the eighty-second milestone on the journey of life, but he still retains his full mental vigor, and is an interesting and instructive companion.

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#### EDWARD BROWER.

Edward Brower, a prosperous young business man of Asbury Park, New Jersey, was born February 20, 1863, at Coltsneck, Monmouth county, New Jersey, the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Clayton) Brower. His paternal grandfather was also Isaac Brower, he, too, being a native of Coltsneck, where he was well known as a successful farmer. His son Isaac, father of our subject, also became a farmer by occupation, which he followed up to the time of his death. In the year 1860 he enlisted in the Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers, among the nine months men, and when his term expired he re-enlisted and served until the close of the struggle. His death occurred in Marlborough township, Monmouth county, in 1892. His career was marked by upright living and just dealings toward his fellow men, no less than by a deep consecration in his love of country.

Edward Brower, subject of this short biographical sketch, passed his childhood at Coltsneck, from whence he removed with his parents when quite young to Marlborough township. Here it was that his education was acquired in the public schools. In the year 1884 he located at Asbury Park, where he established his present extensive milk business. Success has marked his efforts in the commercial field, and he now conducts one of the largest enterprises of its kind in his section of the country.

Mr. Brower's political views are in sympathy with the Democratic party, but close attention to his large and constantly increasing business has precluded his engaging personally in political strife.

He is a member of National Tent, No. 6, Knights of the Maccabees, and of the American Mechanics.

His marriage to Miss Ella Bennett, daughter of Pierson Bennett, of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, was celebrated on July 20, 1890.

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#### JAMES L. FERRIS.

James L. Ferris and his sister, Mrs. F. H. Pownall, are the only surviving direct descendants of an old and illustrious family whose progenitors, Isaac, James and Benjamin Ferris emigrated to this country from England in the year 1665. The brothers were granted a tract of land embracing the townships of Stamford and Greenwich in Connecticut, by Charles the second of England. In the course of time they removed to New York and eventually the descendants of Benjamin found their way across the Hudson river and located in New Jersey. Thus we find the present descendants of Benjamin in Middlesex county.

The grandfather of our subject, Josiah Ferris, was born in New York in 1787. His wife, Lydia Bangs, was born in 1792. Their marriage occurred on November

10, 1868; their family consisted of six children, namely, William J., born in 1810, Addison, born in 1816, Josiah, born in 1819, Harriet M., born in 1823, Eliza, born in 1826, and James, the father of our subject, in 1830. Josiah (grandfather) was the owner of about seventy-five acres of land in Monroe township; he followed law as a profession.

James Ferris, the father of James L., was a practical farmer, who owned and cultivated fifty acres of land. He was a man very socially inclined, mingling freely among friends and neighbors in the community in which he lived, and was exceedingly well thought of. He held the office of justice of the peace for sixteen years, and while he was a staunch Democrat, he was not a politician. He believed firmly in the doctrines of the Presbyterian church, to which he closely adhered, and was held in high esteem by all its members. He married Miss Tacy Saunders of Rhode Island, by whom he had three children, the two survivors being James L. and Mrs. Pownall. The third child died in infancy. Fanny Ferris married Frank H. Pownall, a prominent citizen and business man of Jamesburg, New Jersey. James L., who was born July 23, 1859, married Julia, daughter of William S. and Abbie Bergan in the year 1884; one daughter blessed their union, namely, Tacy, born in 1886. Mrs. Julia B. Ferris is a native of Cranbury, New Jersey.

On the maternal side Mr. Ferris is related to the Vars, who were of French origin, and although of noble birth made their way to this country in 1719. His maternal great-grandfather, Stephen Saunders, acted as a colonel during the Revolutionary war. It was on his farm that the first military troops were trained to do battle in the great cause of freedom. His grandfather, Elias Saunders, was also a soldier, who took active part in the war of 1812.

Mr. James L. Ferris followed the same vocation as his father, yet on a somewhat larger scale; he owns and operates one hundred and twenty-five acres of choice land.

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#### JOHN LAWRENCE RIKER.

John Lawrence Riker, for many years a prominent business man of the metropolis and a representative of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Newtown, was born at Bowery Bay, Long Island, November 23, 1830, a son of John Lawrence and Lavinia (Smith) Riker. After the completion of his education in the public schools of his native town, he, at the age of seventeen, entered the counting rooms of Lawrence & Hicks, commission merchants in drugs, dyes, chemicals, etc. A short time afterward this firm dissolved and he accepted a position with Mr. Benjamin H. Field, then the first house in New York City in this line of business. Mr. Riker soon won the confidence and respect of his employer by his faithfulness to duty, his integrity, industry and caution, and he was soon placed in charge of the business. In 1854 he was admitted into partnership, which continued until 1860, when he withdrew to establish with his brother, D. S. Riker, the commission firm of J. L. & D. S. Riker, who by their honest and square dealings have gained the confidence and patronage of the prominent firms, not only of this country, but of others, and they have built up an extensive and prosperous business, which has passed unharmed through the panics and changes of nearly four decades. Mr. Riker still remains the senior partner, but owing to his personal interests in various corporations and institutions, he has relinquished to his son, John L. Riker, the active management of the business.

Mr. Riker is vice-president of several banks, of the Atlantic Trust Company, the Chamber of Commerce and several manufacturing companies, and he serves as director in a score of others. He is also a trustee of the Holland Society, a member





*John L. Riker*



of the St. Nicholas Society, Sons of the Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars; he is also a member of the Metropolitan, Union League, St. Nicholas and other social clubs, the New York Sewanaka and other yacht clubs, in all of which he takes a keen interest, but is deprived from taking any active part owing to the pressure of business affairs. In his religion Mr. Riker is a broad and liberal Episcopalian, and he has served for some twenty-five years as vestryman, and is now acting in the capacity of junior warden of the church of the Incarnation.

Mr. Riker was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jackson, daughter of John C. Jackson, a descendant of an old and well known English family. The following named children have been born to them: John Jackson; Henry Laurens; Margaret Moore, the wife of J. Armory Haskell; Lavinia, wife of James R. Strong; Samuel; Sylvanus, twin brother of Samuel, who died in infancy; Martha J., wife of J. H. Proctor; Charles L.; and Mary J. Riker.

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#### JOHN A. DAVISON.

The subject of this sketch, John A. Davison, is one of the youngest, yet most prosperous, farmers in Middlesex county. His farm is located in Monroe township, and he has under cultivation about seventy-five acres of highly productive land. He is the grandson of James W. Davison, a farmer of no little importance, who was possessed of considerable land in that section. During the war of 1812 he occupied a position of trust under the United States government. His wife, Hannah L. (Mount) Davison, bore him ten children, of which family only one daughter now survives. Among the sons of this family was James (deceased), who was born near Jamesburg in the year 1824, and was the father of our subject. He was a man of excellent repute, a practical farmer and a true and worthy citizen. His marriage to Miss Jane Perrine occurred in 1857; to them were born Rebecca, in 1870; John A., in 1872; and Elmer E., in 1877. There were seven other children, all of whom are now deceased. The surviving members of this family are all residents of Monroe township. The father, James Davison, died in 1898. His wife (Jane) is still (1901) living.

John A., our subject, married Jennie D., the daughter of John J. Perrine, in 1901. Mrs. Jennie D. Davison was born in Monroe township. The Davison family originally came from a Scotch ancestry, and have been well and favorably known in their community for generations.

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#### CLARENCE E. F. HETRICK

Clarence Eugene Francis Hetrick, an enterprising citizen of Ashbury Park, usually identified with its business, political and social interests, is a native of Ohio, born at Van Wert, Van Wert county, August 1, 1873. His parents were Colonel Joel Warren and Elmira Francis (Evers) Hetrick. The father served his country with conspicuous gallantry during the Civil war as a member of the Twenty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after the war he served in the Ohio National Guard, rising to the rank of colonel of the Second Regiment. He was an ardent Republican and a man of commanding influence in the party in that state while residing there.

Clarence E. F. Hetrick accompanied his parents to New Jersey in his childhood, and secured his education in the public schools of Asbury Park and at Rutgers College. For three years after leaving school he was employed in the real estate and insurance office of D. C. Covert, at Asbury Park, where he acquired an intimate knowledge of all departments of the business, which served him to useful purpose when he came to entering upon a vocation of his own. On leaving the employment mentioned he became associated with his father in a similar business, under the firm name of J. W. Hetrick & Son, which existed until the death of the senior Hetrick in 1890. The son, however, continued the business, maintaining the old firm name to the present time. A master of real estate and insurance affairs in all their details, he has been conspicuously successful, and, while young in years, he holds a foremost place among the men of affairs in his community.

Mr. Hetrick is active among the Republican leaders of the city and county and is a member of the Republican township executive committee and of the Republican county executive committee of Monmouth county. He affiliates with Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. A. M., and with Standard Chapter, R. A. M., of Long Branch. He is a member of Trinity church. He also holds membership in Beta Theta Pi, a Greek letter society of Rutgers College; in the Monmouth Club, of which he is a director and the treasurer, and in the Asbury Park Wheelmen's Club.

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#### JAMES CONOVER.

James Conover, a prosperous and energetic farmer of Jackson township, Ocean county, was born August 17, 1826, on the farm on which he now resides. The family are of Dutch lineage but settled in Monmouth county, New Jersey, early in the settlement of that county, where they were formerly known by the name of Cowenhoven and were one of the most prominent families in that community. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Cornelius Conover, a man of honor and integrity. He married Miss Catherine De Hart, of Hughstown, New Jersey, by whom he had six children, two of whom are now living, namely: Mrs. John Bordon and George Conover. The father of our subject, William Conover, is deceased, but during his life he was successfully engaged in farming owning two hundred acres of rich land, and also having accumulated considerable other property. His birth occurred in Monmouth county, where he spent his boyhood days. He was a member of the Harmony Methodist Episcopal church, and ever lived a consistent Christian life, honorable and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men. Both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Vorhees, were people of high social standing, and were greatly esteemed by all who knew them. They were the parents of six children, of whom two are now living, as follows: William and James.

In early boyhood James Conover was taught lessons of industry and perseverance, and the inherent qualities received from his parents were manifest in his frank nature and manliness. He has pursued agriculture through his entire life, always performing the duties of farm life with care and precision. The farm on which he now resides has been his life-long abiding place, and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision of the owner. James Conover was joined in marriage on the 18th day of November, 1860, to Miss Mary Strickland, who was born September 18, 1836, near Jackson's Mills. She is a daughter of Jonathan and Nancy Strickland, who were people of high respectability. Mr. Strickland was a man whose life was beyond reproach and whose influence for good was acknowledged by all who knew him.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conover was born one child, Fostena, now Mrs. Rggs, of Freehold, New Jersey. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conover are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, living strictly in accordance with its teachings. Mr. Conover has held the offices of trustee, steward and treasurer of this church, and has always performed his duties with promptness and fidelity, winning to himself the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been associated. His life record is one of truth, honor and fidelity and is an example well worthy of emulation.

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#### JOHN R. DEY.

John R. Dey was born in Monroe township, Middlesex county, on May 25, 1872. He is the son of John P. and Ann Elizabeth Dey. His early education was acquired in the common schools of his native town. His tastes and inclinations led him to follow agricultural pursuits, to which line he has devoted himself exclusively, making a study of farming in all its branches, bringing to bear upon the subject the results of scientific research to further his ideas of how a practical and up-to-date farm should be conducted. Thus it is that he, one of the youngest farmers in the county, has succeeded in bringing his seventy-five acres of farm land to its present wonderful state of productiveness, and earning for himself the credit of being one of the most prosperous farmers in Monroe township.

In the year 1890 Mr. Dey was united in marriage to Miss Annie, daughter of Lafayette and Mary E. (Merseow) Dey. To them have been born the following named children: Helen, June 1, 1891; Walter, September 1, 1893; and Warren, April 1, 1895. Mrs. Dey also is a native of Monroe township, where she was born in 1869. Her grandparents are Joseph and Rebecca (Hoffman) Dey, well known residents of the town-ship.

(For further information regarding the Dey family see sketch of John P. Dey.)

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#### SIDNEY HERBERT.

Sidney Herbert is one of the highly respected and influential citizens of Herbertsville, Brick township, Ocean county, New Jersey. He was born in this city in 1820, and has spent the greater part of his life here. His parents, Isaac and Sarah (Morris) Herbert, were prominent in agricultural circles in Brick township, Ocean county, but they died when our subject was but an infant. Of the twelve children born to this couple but two remain, Sidney Herbert and a daughter Sarah.

The early education of Sidney Herbert was acquired in the common schools of his native city, and when but fourteen years of age he left school life and began to work his way into the business world. He entered a brick-yard, where, with quick intelligence, he soon became thoroughly familiar with the art of manufacturing brick. At the age of nineteen he embarked in business for himself, and through well directed energy and perseverance he has become eminently successful, making as high as one million of bricks per annum. In addition to this business he conducted a general store in Herbertsville for over fifteen years, during which time he won to himself the confidence of his fellow citizens for his honorable dealings and his earnest desire to please his patrons. For thirty-four years his friends in Herbertsville have elected him to the office of a township committeeman, besides other minor offices for a more or

less term of service, and he has never, on any occasion, proven a disappointment to them, having always performed his duties with intelligence and promptness.

In 1869 he was joined in marriage to Miss Prudence M. Cooper, who was born near Farmingdale, Monmouth county, New Jersey. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Herbert have been born two daughters: Mary Ella and Laura E., both of whom are accomplished ladies, the latter being a teacher of considerable ability. Mr. Herbert is a practical farmer as well as a thorough business man, being the owner of three different tracts of land, which amount in all to one hundred and twelve acres of highly cultivated farming property. He is also very prominent in church work, being an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is one of its trustees. True to his convictions and to the teachings of Christianity, he is a leading spirit in the church, and is earnest and zealous in upbuilding all that is holy and righteous in the carrying out of the policy of the church government. His life has always been consistent with the principles of religion, and he fully realizes that his success is due, not merely to his perseverance and industry, but to his adherence to the principles of upright living and honorable dealings with his fellow men.



#### CORNELIUS MATTHEWS.

A prominent agriculturist of Ocean county, whose energy and perseverance have brought to him well merited success, is Cornelius Matthews, who resides on a valuable and well cultivated farm of seventy acres near Harmony, Jackson township, Ocean county. His birth occurred on this homestead in September, 1852, he being a son of John and Mary (Matthews) Matthews. The ancestors of the Matthews family were among the first settlers in Jackson township, and owned a large tract of land running down to the coast. The maternal great-grandfather was known far and wide throughout the country for his swift-footed horses and for his large possessions of real estate. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Charles Matthews, as was also the maternal grandfather, and indeed Charles seemed to be a favorite name in the family. John Matthews, the father of our subject, was born near Harmony, New Jersey, on the farm now owned by his son, Charles G. Matthews. He was a practical farmer and was the possessor of one hundred and fifty acres of rich farming property, which he divided among his sons. He passed away in 1896, at the age of sixty-seven years, leaving behind him a life record of honor and uprightness, a man whose word was as good as his bond. His wife, Mary, is still living, and was the mother of seven children, five of whom are now living, namely: Charles G.; Michael; Cornelius; William; and Annie. Mr. Matthews gave his political support to the Democracy, and was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Cornelius Matthews was early taught the labors and duties of farm life, and into his young mind were instilled lessons of honesty, perseverance and industry, and so well has he profited by these early teachings that he is now numbered among the eminently successful agriculturists of his community. A life devoted to agricultural pursuits has resulted in the possession of a beautiful and highly cultivated tract of land; the meadows of waving grain, the verdant pasture lands, and the groves of sturdy trees present to the eye a landscape of beauty and perfection. A comfortable dwelling and substantial outbuildings add to the attractiveness of the place, and everything about the farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance.

In 1873 Cornelius Matthews was joined in marriage to Annie Clayton, a daughter of Squire William Clayton. This union has been blessed with one son, De Witt,

who is a successful young merchant of Lakewood, New Jersey, where he owns and conducts a flourishing business. He also has a branch store at Harmony. Mr. Matthews is very popular in his native county, and has been honored with the offices of commissioner of appeals, overseer of the roads, and registrar. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and of the Daughters of Liberty. He also holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is trustee, and his life has ever been consistent with the teachings of Christianity. He and his wife have many friends in Ocean county, and all who know them entertain for them the highest regard.

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#### JAMES V. DANSER.

James V. Danser, of Monroe township, was born in Windsor, Mercer county, New Jersey, December 26, 1839, the son of George E. and Margaret (Barclay) Danser. His father, George E., was a native of Mercer county, in which he finally became one of its most prosperous farmers.

James V. Danser in early life, after receiving a common school education, mastered the carpenter's trade, to which he gave his attention for fifteen years. He bears the reputation of being an excellent mechanic, second to none in his particular branch. His inclination, however, induced him to take up farming as an occupation, as better calculated to suit his natural ability along agricultural lines. The wisdom of this step is evidenced by the success his efforts have won, for he now has one of the finest and most productive farms in the neighborhood of Applegarth, consisting of one hundred and two acres of highly cultivated land, devoted to the raising of general farm products.

Mr. Danser was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anderson August 11, 1864; six children were the result of the union, five of whom are now (1901) living, namely: Euphemia, Margaret A., Charles S., George V. and Carrie. Mrs. Danser is a native of Hightstown, New Jersey.

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#### ELIJAH P. SUYDAM

Elijah P. Suydam, an old resident and highly respected citizen of Madison township, Middlesex county, New Jersey, was born December 31, 1825, upon the farm which is now his personal property. Indeed, Mr. Suydam not only first saw the light of day on this spot, but it was there he was reared, educated and began his career as an agriculturist. His farm contains fifty acres of well cultivated fields, whereon is also situated a fine old residence.

Mr. Suydam is the son of Cornelius and Margaret (Perrine) Suydam. His father, Cornelius, was a native of New Brunswick, New Jersey; from this place, when a very young man, he accompanied his parents to Madison township, where they permanently located. When only seventeen years of age he responded to the thrill of patriotic enthusiasm which stirred the blood of our forefathers, and took active part in the struggle for freedom during the Revolutionary war. At the battle of Monmouth he performed a creditable part in assisting to defeat the British forces. Twice Cornelius Suydam entered the marriage relation, his first wife being Abbie Polhemus, by whom he had no issue. His second wife, Margaret, bore him eight

children, four of whom are still living, namely: Elijah P., John, Mary and Abigail.

Our subject's grandfather, Jacob, was also a resident of Madison township, where he owned about eight hundred acres of land, the farm now occupied by his grandson, Elijah P., being a portion of that vast property. Jacob's family consisted of five children.

Elijah P. Suydam, of whom this sketch treats, is held in high esteem, and bears the entire confidence of the people of his community. They have conferred upon him the honor of election to the office of school trustee, which position he has honorably and satisfactorily filled for over twenty-one years. Mr. Suydam is a member in high standing of the Reform church of Spottswood, an organization in which he has always maintained an active interest.

On January 29, 1851, Mr. Suydam wedded Miss Caroline McGee; to them was born one daughter, Emma, now Mrs. H. Dey.

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#### JOHN P. DEY.

John P. Dey, a well and favorably known citizen of Monroe township, Middlesex county, was born in aforesaid township on February 23, 1825. His education was acquired in the town of his birth. For forty years he has followed his trade, that of carpenter, of which he is a thorough master. He resides on the old homestead, to which he has been constantly adding real estate until he now possesses one hundred and eighty acres of land.

In 1852 Mr. Dey married Ann Elizabeth Dey. The following children resulted: Mary E. (deceased), born in 1853; Mathias, born November 5, 1855; Clarence W. (deceased), born April 1, 1857; Hannah V., born June 4, 1861; John R., born May 5, 1872; Henry H., born February 10, 1877; Elizabeth, born June 26, 1879. Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Dey departed this life December 5, 1884.

Mathew R. Dey, the father of our subject, was active in the employ of the United States government during the war of 1812.

(For family history see sketch of Peter J. Dey.)

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#### ISAAC JONES.

Isaac Jones, a veteran of the Civil war and resident of Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born near Millstone township, Monmouth county, February 9, 1833, on his father's farm, and is of Irish extraction. His father, Nathaniel Jones, was a native of Ireland, married his wife Henrietta there, and came to Pelinville about 1830, dying there in 1892, and his wife died there in 1895.

Isaac Jones was brought up on his father's farm and having arrived at his majority commenced farming on his own account, running during the proper season a threshing machine in addition thereto, a combined industry which he continued for many years, from 1855. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the patriotic numbers who enlisted from Monmouth county and September 20, 1862, was mustered into the United States service in Company C, Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. They went into camp at Vredenburg, near Freehold, on the battle-ground of 1778. He was with his regiment continuously, which was first attached to Casey's division in the defense of Washington. He was next sent to Aquia Creek on post



and guard duty, in Patrick's brigade. In January, 1863, with his regiment, he was attached to the Third Brigade, First Division, First Army Corps, under Reynolds and took part in the battle of Fredericksburg, October 13 and 14, 1863, and the battle of Chancellorsville, May 2 and 3, 1863, and by reason of expiration of term of service was mustered out June 30th, following. In August, following, he re-enlisted and was mustered in as corporal in Company I, Second New Jersey Volunteer Cavalry, at Trenton. His regiment was attached at Alexandria, Virginia, to General Stoneman's Division, army of the Potomac, and was then ordered to Eastport, Mississippi, in the First Brigade, First Cavalry Division, and afterwards in the First Brigade, Seventh Cavalry Division, Sixteenth Corps. He participated in the battle at Fairfax Court House, and afterwards did duty in the southwest in the states of Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Kansas, and did scouting duty through the year 1864, up to April, 1865. They took part in the battles at Iuka, Corinth and Egypt, Mississippi, the latter occurring December 28, 1864, and being the hardest of their experience. Their last fight was at Manningham, Alabama, April 23, 1865. He was mustered out of service at Vicksburg, Mississippi, May 8, 1865. He is a member of the Baptist church, as are all of his family. He is a member of the Conover Post, No. 68, G. A. R., of Freehold, having been connected with it for the past twelve years. In 1901 he was elected sergeant of the post.

In July, 1864, he was married to Ella Augusta, daughter of George We'nhardt, by the Rev. S. S. Sutcliff. Her parents were both natives of Germany, who married and came to this country in 1852. Her father was a soldier in the Forty-fifth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and died in 1867. Her mother died at Palmyville, later. Mr. Isaac Jones' children are: Hannah Margaret, Anna Matilda, Nathaniel, Mary Eliza, Anna Jane, John Henry, Isaac M., Charles Irwin and George W. Hannah M. Jones was married August 1, 1868, to Charles Brown, a carpenter in Freehold. Anna M. was married in 1888 to Jacob Leicht. Nathanael Jones, who married Martha Van Cleef in 1895, is a mason living in Freehold. The other children reside at home.

Mr. Jones' only living brother, John, is a farmer of Monmouth county, New Jersey. One brother, Nathaniel, was a soldier of the English army during the Crimean war, and was killed in service. He has four married sisters living outside the county. Mrs. Jones' brothers and sisters all live in New York.

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#### JOSEPH Q. ESTELL.

Joseph Q. Estell, a substantial farmer of Howell township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born in Howell township on his father's farm, August 19, 1836, son of William and Rebecca Estell. His parents and grandparents were natives of Monmouth county and his ancestors were farmers there prior to the Revolutionary period. His father, William Estell, was born in Howell township in 1805 and died there in 1878, on the farm upon which he had spent his entire life. His mother, Rebecca, born in 1802, died in 1892.

Joseph Q. Estell received meager educational advantages and commenced working on a farm when a mere lad, nine years of age. He was reared to and continued at farm life until the Civil war broke out. At this juncture he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, in 1862, and went to the front. He served during the term of his enlistment and when mustered out returned home, badly broken down in health. He resumed farming, which he has

since continued. He purchased his present farm in Howell township when the land was in a primitive state, covered with timber. He cleared it up, reduced the land to a high state of cultivation, erected his present home and surrounding buildings, and is recognized as one of the enterprising farmers and substantial citizens of Howell township.

In 1867 he was married to Leah Winters, of Paterson, New Jersey. Their children are: Mary, Martha, Samuel, George, Lizzie, William and Leah. William works the farm; Mary and Leah reside at home with their father; Martha is Mrs. Henry Shirely, living at Asbury Park; Samuel is a resident of Freehold; George, a farmer in Freehold township; Lizzie is Mrs. Frank Pleasant, who holds a railroad agency at Howell, Monmouth county.

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#### JAMES S. WIGHT.

High on the roll of eminent lawyers on the Jersey coast appears the name of James S. Wight, whose conspicuous ability has won him prominence and gained for him a large clientage. He is now serving as city attorney of Perth Amboy and is also closely connected with her journalistic interests as editor of the Perth Amboy Chronicle. In the "learned professions" success must depend upon the various mental attributes of the individual; neither wealth nor influential friends can aid one in the progress toward fame. The man who has attained prominence at the bar is therefore entitled to great credit, for as he lengthens the distance between him and mediocrity it is the indication of great zeal, marked ability, close application and thorough knowledge. It has been through the exercise of these qualities that Mr. Wight has attained an enviable position among the lawyers of his county.

A native of Warren county, New Jersey, he was born in the city of Warren, November 1, 1859, a son of Andrew J. and Adaline (Doolittle) Wight. His mother was a native of Warren county, but the father was born in Rochester, New York. In early life he engaged in contracting but later became interested in the shipping business and owned a number of steam lighters and barges. He died in 1894, having for many years survived his wife, who passed away in 1862. James S. Wight, their only child, supplemented his early education by a course of study in Rutgers College, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and prepared for the bar as a student in Hasbrook's Law School, in Jersey City. For some time he was also a law student in the office of Muirtriad & McGee, of Jersey City, and in 1883 was admitted to the bar. His search for a favorable location resulted in the selection of Perth Amboy as the scene of his labors and here he opened his office and began practice. In 1886 he was admitted as a counselor. His clientage has constantly grown and the importance of the litigated interests entrusted to his care indicates the confidence which the public reposes in his ability. By popular ballot he has been called to many offices. In 1883 he was attorney for Raritan township, and was attorney for South Amboy in 1885 and 1886. Under the Martin act he was appointed a member of the committee on appraisal and taxation and in that capacity served for some time. In 1891 he was chosen city clerk of Perth Amboy and filled the position most acceptably for four years, while later he was appointed city attorney for Perth Amboy and is now acting in that capacity. He has served continuously in public office since 1890 with the exception of three years when the Republicans were in power, and the duties which have devolved upon him have ever been performed in a most trustworthy manner.

In his political views Mr. Wight has ever been a stalwart Democrat, active in



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the councils of his party and co-operating in many movements for upbuilding and growth. For twelve years he has been a member of the Democratic city committee and for five years has been its chairman. As a delegate he has attended the local and state conventions of his party and his efforts in its behalf have been signalized by some splendid Democratic victories. In every cause which has for its object the welfare of his city and the promotion of its best interests he is found as an earnest advocate. In 1893 and 1894 he served as superintendent of the city schools and labored effectively for the cause of education. He is now editor of the Perth Amboy Chronicle, an independent journal, which is acknowledged to be the leading daily in the county, having the largest circulation of any daily paper here published.

Mr. Wight was united in marriage to Miss Margaret French, a daughter of Harry and Mary (Dayton) French, of South Amboy, and they now have four sons and two daughters: Harry E., Adaline E., Andrew J., Arthur, W. D. and Margaret S. The family attend the services of the Episcopal church and are valued members of a cultured society circle. Mr. Wight holds membership in Raritan Lodge, No. 61, F. & A. M., and is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. He has filled all the offices in Raritan Council, No. 1100, R. A., of which he is a charter member, and he was also one of the charter members of the Alpha Lodge of the Loyal Additional Benefit Association of the same order. While his interests are varied and he gives due regard to all the duties of life in its social, political and public relations, his time and attention are mainly devoted to the profession which he has chosen as a life calling, and as a general practitioner of law he has won a proud position among the ablest members of the bar in his portion of the state.

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#### JOSEPH A. CONOVER.

Among the old and prominent families of Monmouth county, New Jersey, that of Conover takes a leading position. Formerly the name was spelled Cowenhoven, and members of this family came from their native Holland to America as early as the sixteenth century. A true and reliable record has been kept in the old family Bible, still in the possession of Joseph A. Conover, of Monmouth county, who is the subject of this biography, and from it is learned the fact that the founder of the American branch of the family settled on Long Island, and that one son came to Monmouth county, New Jersey.

William P. Cowenhoven, or Conover in its American form, was born on May 1, 1725, and was the oldest in the family of our subject's great-great-grandparents. The other members of that family were as follows: Peter, born on February 16, 1726; Catherine, born on October 11, 1727; Patricia, born on April 24, 1729; Mary, born on June 4, 1731; Theodorus, born on May 24, 1733; William, born on August 13, 1735; Samuel, born on August 27, 1738; Nell, born on March 31, 1742; Sarah, born on June 21, 1744; John, born on July 11, 1746; and Joseph, born on July 17, 1749. All of these have long since passed out of life, but the influence of their useful and honorable lives still remains.

William P. Conover, who was the great-grandfather of our subject, was married on November 12, 1767, to Miss Alta Jewell, in Freehold township, and these children were born to them: Samuel, born on August 22, 1768; Richard, born on April 1, 1770; James, born on October 21, 1771; Alice, born on February 4, 1774; William, born on August 6, 1779; and Joseph, born on August 3, 1786.

Joseph Conover, son of William P. Conover, married Alice Laird, and their

children were these: Juliette, born on June 25, 1809; Matilda, born on October 26, 1810; Louisa, born August 16, 1812; William T., born on March 28, 1815; Alexander, born on October 24, 1819; and Charles Augustus, born on August 17, 1824.

William T. Conover, the father of our subject, was a son of Joseph and Alice (Laird) Conover, and grew up to agricultural pursuits in Monmouth county, becoming one of the leading farmers and prominent citizens of Manalapan township. He was married on September 8, 1838, to Miss Hannah E. Gaston, who was born in Freehold township, this county, in 1818, and the children of this marriage were as follows: John P., born on October 23, 1839, is a farmer living at Point Pleasant, New Jersey; Joseph A., who is the subject of this sketch; Charles, born on April 25, 1845, is a farmer at Cranberry Neck, New Jersey; Elisha G., born on February 24, 1847; Letitia, born on April 11, 1849, died on April 3, 1860; William T., born on June 25, 1851, is a farmer at Ocean Grove, this county; Woodhull R., born on January 15, 1854, died on April 20, 1887; Levina, born on August 5, 1855; Vanderburg D., born on March 3, 1858; and Lovella C., born on March 22, 1861. The death of the father of our subject occurred on December 24, 1900.

Joseph A. Conover, the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's farm, in Manalapan township, one mile south of Englishtown, on May 5, 1843, and was reared on the old homestead which has been his residence all his life. After attending the district schools of the neighborhood he took charge of the work on the large farm, with his brother Vanderburg, and has given close attention to it ever since. This is one of the most desirable tracts in this part of the county and reflects credit upon those who manage it and have brought it to such a fine state of productiveness.

Mr. Conover was never married. His two sisters, Levina and Lovella, reside with him, as also does his venerable and beloved mother. She is a lady of remarkable vigor, with mind clear and active, and her conversation is most interesting, as she recalls the events of three-quarters of a century. With her family she is a consistent member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Conover has lived a quiet, unostentatious life, taking no very active part either in public affairs or in politics, satisfied with performing his full duty and taking comfort in the familiar surroundings of his boyhood. The family counts its friends in large numbers and its hospitality is known through the community.

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#### JOHN HEISER.

Among the prominent and successful farmers of Monmouth county is John Heiser, who was born near Matawan, in Monmouth county, New Jersey, on February 23, 1843, and has made this state and county his home all his life.

The parents of Mr. Heiser were John and Theresa Heiser, the former of whom was born in Freehold township, in this county, in 1816, and died on May 1, 1887, and the latter was born in 1821, and died in 1897. (More ancestral data of the Heiser family may be found in another part of this volume).

John Heiser grew up at home and was reared to the duties pertaining to the life of a farmer, his father being a most excellent instructor, as he had been one of the prosperous agriculturists of this section for many years. The education of our subject was acquired in the district schools.

The marriage of Mr. Heiser was in 1865, at Freehold, New Jersey, to Miss Mary Brower, who was a daughter of John and Hannah Brower, farming people of Marlborough township. The mother died in 1855, but the father survived until 1895.

The Brower family is an old and honored one in this state, grandfather Elias Brower having faithfully served in the war of 1812. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Heiser were as follows: George, born on August 30, 1867; Theresa, born on March 7, 1868, married Daniel Scoby, a farmer; Edward, born on February 28, 1870; Elias, born on September 2, 1872; John, born on October 30, 1874; and Harry, born on January 5, 1876; the three last named members still living at home.

Mr. Heiser is one of the highly respected citizens of this county, is noted for his honesty and integrity and is counted as one of the leading farmers of Freehold township.

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#### MARGARET E. HENDRICKSON.

In recording the history of county or state, and in the mention therein of prominent families, there are always those so much a part thereof that they seem inseparable and identical therewith, and in point of interest are bound to take precedence.

In this respect the Hendrickson family stands out conspicuously in the history of Fair Haven, New Jersey. Since the early part of the seventeenth century this old Dutch family has ingrafted itself into all the varying interests of this section. On their arrival in this country the family located in what are now Middletown, Pleasant Valley and Fair Haven, where fortune seemed to prosper them, and where in after years they became so identified with the country of their adoption as to make the name Hendrickson synonymous with patriotism and loyalty. So old is this illustrious family that it is difficult to exactly trace its earliest progenitors in this country. The first one to whom we can with any certainty refer is Garrett Hendrickson, who came from Holland and located in the section now known as Monmouth county. He had a son by the same name, Garrett, who lived and owned considerable land at what is now called Holmsdel. This last Garrett died during the Revolutionary war. From him emanated a son, Daniel G., who also resided at Holmsdel. His wife was Sarah E., and their family numbered eight children.

Daniel G. was born in 1776 and died on March 20, 1863, aged eighty-seven years. There is a remarkable coincidence, worthy of note in the birth and death of Daniel G. Hendrickson. He met life on the threshold of a mighty conflict, when a great nation was trying to crush out the life of the young republic. But with odds so strongly opposed to it, yet did he live to see the stripling grow and expand into a mighty and formidable nation. His death occurred during the great Rebellion, when the work, labor and sacrifice of nearly a century was threatened with ignominious defeat in the disruption of the Union. He did not live to see the glorious outcome of the struggle, however. Sarah, his wife, was born in 1777 and died on March 20, 1841. This highly respected couple purchased a tract of land in Fair Haven, where they became so closely allied with the place as to make them a part of it.

William D. Hendrickson, son of Daniel G. and father of our subject, Margaret E., was born in Fair Haven in 1807. His wife, Susan E. Snyder, was also a native of Fair Haven and was born in 1806. William D. was a contractor and builder by occupation and thoroughly understood his business in all its branches, attending to its every detail personally. His marriage occurred in 1830. The following children resulted: William F., Henry, Cornelia S., Margaret E. and George J. (also one child deceased).

This promising family received their education in the common schools of their native town, and made the best use of the advantages offered. They all reside in the old home, enjoying a life of ease and affluence. Their home is made doubly dear

because of past associations, which cluster so closely about it. Margaret E., Cornelia S. and George J. are co-partners in business. They are conducting a general store at Fair Haven, where they are doing a prosperous business.

William D. Hendrickson, the father of this interesting family, died July 28, 1871, aged sixty-four years. His wife, Susan E., passed away on October 19, 1892, aged eighty-seven years.

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#### REV. OSCAR BARCHWETZ.

The name heading this brief article is one well known to the residents of Eatontown, New Jersey, as the beloved pastor of the Baptist church. The history of the church dates back to 1851, when with a membership of only seventeen the church was instituted. (A more complete history of the church will be found elsewhere among these pages.) Rev. O. Barchwetz was born in Austria, February 11, 1854; was educated at Kraus Institute, Dresden, Germany, attending Goerlitz College, Germany, to complete his studies. During the progress of his studies he was being trained for the profession of chemist, but circumstances stronger than he changed his decision in the matter of a profession. Seeking an entirely new field of labor, and one where his mind could expand as fully as his thirst for a higher and broader knowledge demanded, in 1874 he came to this country. In 1875 a religious enthusiasm was created in him through the efforts of the Methodist Episcopal church, which body, recognizing his superior ability and forceful character and the zeal with which he espoused its cause, made him a local preacher. After this mark of confidence he determined to go still further and so took the conference course of studies, which he soon mastered, and after passing a very creditable examination, was admitted to conference. In 1878 he was ordained to the Christian ministry by Bishop Harris and appointed a missionary to Chili under Bishop Taylor; to this work he devoted himself for twelve consecutive years, organizing missions, building churches and establishing schools. After a varied experience in this foreign field he returned to the country of his adoption in 1891. The primary cause of his return was his growing interest in the doctrine of the Baptist church, to which he had given considerable serious thought. In 1892 he was properly received into the Baptist church through credentials presented from the Methodist Episcopal church. In the same year he organized and built the Fairmount Avenue Baptist church, now known as Fairmount Tabernacle, which edifice cost eleven thousand dollars.

From Newark Rev. Barchwetz was called to Columbus, Ohio, at which place he was associated with the Rev. Barker of the First church, and there he remained until 1899; at this time he received a call to the Baptist church of Eatontown, the pastorate of which he now so ably and satisfactorily fills.

Rev. Barchwetz is descended from a line of professional men, his grandfather being a physician and a graduate of the Berlin University, Germany, and also occupied the distinguished position of privy councillor to Frederick William III, King of Prussia. His father after graduating from the Berlin University also followed a professional career.

Our subject was married twice, his first wife being Miss Pauline Holstein, to whom he was united in 1879; throughout his missionary career she was his constant companion, sharing all the experiences which life in a foreign clime must bring. To them were born three children: Antonia, Pauline and Elizabeth; the first two were born abroad. Mrs. Pauline Barchwetz died in 1896. Rev. Barchwetz in 1898 married Miss Louise Ehrman, of Albany, New York.



In his Christian work, both in the missionary field and at home, Mr. Barchwetz has accomplished a great amount of good; his efforts in the church are untiring, his zeal in the cause so close to his heart never wavers, and amid the multitudinous duties of his pastorship he has found time not only to study the great question of how to raise, cleanse and chasten the morally weak souls found in such numbers throughout our cities, but when he solved the problem to his own satisfaction, possessed the strength of purpose to put his theory to practical test, which he did in the founding, in Newark, of the Christian Refuge for Fallen Women, located at 109 Mechanic street. This institution will forever stand a fitting monument to his love of humanity and his faithful following of Him who said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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#### GEORGE PARKER.

George Parker, formerly a farmer of no mean repute, but now a prosperous contractor, to which business his undivided attention is given, resides at Red Bank, New Jersey, in a house situated on Front street, being the property purchased by his paternal grandfather, Joseph Parker, from General Harrison, father of the late ex-President Harrison, and to this he removed from his native village, Englishtown, on March 21, 1837. The farm connected with the "Harrison estate" is extensive, containing one hundred and forty-two acres. Joseph Parker, besides being an experienced and eminently successful farmer, also demonstrated his marked ability along commercial lines by running a packet line between Red Bank and New York City. Time in its flight brought its changes and so in the year 1877 the farm, through a purchase made at that time, passed into the hands of William Parker, an uncle of our subject. Mr. William Parker died in 1900, and the farm reverted to the heirs of Thomas Parker, the father of George; this tract contains ninety-eight acres of valuable land, some of which is within the borough limits.

Thomas and Mary (Mott) Parker, parents of George Parker, were both natives of Philadelphia. He followed the trade of harness-maker, which he carried on at Red Bank for a number of years. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the Sixty-first Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, army of the James; in 1862 he was killed in battle. His widow still survives him.

George, his son, to whom this chronology appertains, was born in Red Bank on November 1, 1859; here he passed through the common schools, receiving a substantial fundamental education, which the experiences of life have broadened and converted into an indispensable practical knowledge. His brothers and sisters numbered four, he being the only survivor. He is a man of quiet and reserved disposition, of irreproachable character, and has fairly earned the respect in which he is held by his friends and neighbors. He is a close adherent to the principles of the Republican party, as indeed one would expect to find the owner and occupant of General Harrison's estate.

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#### EUGENE PINTARD

Many an American citizen can trace his ancestry back to the primitive days of our country, when religious persecutions in the old world forced young and old alike to seek liberty of thought in a land where deprivations and dangers were

preferable to the tortures inflicted by a mis-directed religious enthusiasm. Thus our subject, Eugene Pintard, can look back along a line of ancestors whose first introduction to America was compelled by the persecutions the natives of France were subjected to at the instigation of the Roman church. The founder of his branch of the family in this country was William Pintard, who fled from France with two other brothers; one of the brothers located in New York City, one in Philadelphia, and William in New Jersey. He was an extensive owner of real estate, and a practical and successful farmer. His wife, Hannah, was a native of Scotland, and bore him seven children. Glencross, one of his sons, married Catherine Slocum and made his home at Long Branch, New Jersey; their family numbered ten children, among whom Eugene Pintard is the most important to this sketch, as he is the father of Eugene, Jr., whose name heads this brief history. Eugene, Sr., settled on a farm near Little Silver, New Jersey, shortly after his marriage with Elizabeth Parker, the mother of Eugene, Jr., where he spent a quiet and uneventful life, enjoying the fruits of his labor, which profited him abundantly. He passed from this life on December 20, 1880. His wife had long since preceded him into the great unknown, having died on August 21, 1854.

Eugene Pintard, our subject, was born on the family estate near Little Silver, on October 27, 1844. Here he received his early mental training in the district school, and later took up more advanced studies at Red Bank, New Jersey. He has followed from inclination a farmer's life, bestowing much care and study to the perfecting of his agricultural ventures. He has lived his entire life in the neighborhood where he was born, and is a man highly respected by those with whom he is brought in daily contact. He is unmarried.

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#### HARRY KEMMERER.

Harry Kemmerer is one of Little Silver's most promising and enterprising young merchants. Always an active, energetic man, and although having occupied several desirable positions in the employ of reliable concerns, he was not satisfied until he shouldered the responsibility of a business of his own, and in looking around for a suitable location for the forwarding of his plans, he decided upon Little Silver, and there in 1895 he established a grocery business, in which line he has built up a large trade, through his straightforward and honorable dealings earning the respect and confidence of his patrons. His aim is to handle nothing but the best grades of goods, thus insuring satisfaction to his customers. The Golden Rule has figured conspicuously in his dealings with men, which can be said to have earned for him the success he enjoys.

Mr. Kemmerer was born in the city of Scranton, Pennsylvania, on August 28, 1866, and is the son of Jerome J. and Susan (Beidler) Kemmerer, of German descent. Mr. Kemmerer's father, Jerome J., was employed as an engineer by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and at the time Harry was two years old removed to Phillipsburg, New Jersey, where the family remained until 1886, when they took up their residence in New York City. It was in the great metropolis that Harry gained his education and that business experience which developed the force of character and determination of purpose which have carried him along so successfully in his independent career. He was first employed as bookkeeper for W. H. Collins & Company, No. 179 Reade street, where he remained for about three years, then returning to New Jersey, making Stanhope his home, although not for long, as he soon went back to New York, where he entered the employ of the Edison

Illuminating Company, where he remained for six years. It was in 1895 that he removed to Little Silver, establishing the business which has proved so profitable an investment.

Mr. Kemmerer is married and has a family of three children. His wife, to whom he was joined September 29, 1892, was Esther M., daughter of William and Esther Murgatroyd. Their children are as follows: Jerome E., born October 5, 1893; Esther F. L., March 1, 1898; and Lee E., September 1, 1900. Mrs. Kemmerer is a native of New York City, where her birth occurred on November 28, 1862.

Harry Kemmerer is an honorèd member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is steward, and also occupies the position of financial secretary of the official board, and is president of the Epworth League. He is also affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, having occupied the position in that order of sentry; of the Jr. O. A. M., of which he has acted as assistant secretary, and is as well a member of the K. of P.

Mr. Kemmerer well deserves the confidence reposed in him by his many friends, as he is always ranged on the side of right, ever by example exemplifying the principles of Christian citizenship, in which he is so well grounded.

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#### NICHOLAS V. WHITE.

Nicholas V. White, a leading carpenter and builder residing at West Long Branch, was born at Asbury Park, Monmouth county, on the 11th of December, 1842. He is a son of Drummond and Rebecca (Slocum) White. The former, who born March 12, 1812, died May 16, 1898, and the latter, born on the 3d of August, 1811, departed this life on the 17th of May, 1872. Their family numbered seventeen children, nine of whom are still living, our subject being the eighth in order of birth. Drummond White followed agricultural pursuits, but not on a large scale, but his father was an extensive land owner, at one time possessing much of the land now embraced in Asbury Park, much of which he sold at a very high price. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Samuel Slocum, was also a practical and extensive farmer.

Nicholas V. White, whose name introduces this review, received his early education in the district schools of his locality, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed continuously until the outbreak of the Civil war. In July, 1862, he offered his services to the Union cause, becoming a private in Company A, Fourteenth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, First Brigade, Third Division and Sixth Army Corps. He proved his patriotism and courage in facing the enemy in the following closely contested battles:—Wapping Heights, Culpeper Court House, Bristoe Station, Kelly's Ford, Brandy Station, Locust Grove, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Potomac River, North Anna, Hanover Court House, Cold Harbor, Bermuda Hundred, Petersburg, Monacaey. At the last named engagement, on the 9th of July, 1864, he received a wound which disabled him for further service for a time, but he again appeared at the front in the engagements at Hester's Run, Fort Steadman, Sailor's Creek, Farmville and Appomattox. He was honorably discharged from the service on the 18th of June, 1865, and on his return to civil life again turned his attention to his trade, which he has ever since followed. Mr. White is a popular and progressive citizen, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have honored him by electing him to a number of positions of trust and responsibility. For seven years he served as town-ship committeeman, was surveyor of highways for two terms, and for one term served as overseer of the poor farm.

On the 22d of February, 1870, Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Jessie C. Stillwell, who was born December 9, 1848. She was called to the home beyond on the 13th of February, 1882, after becoming the mother of three children.—Jessie A., who died in 1891; Charles F., also deceased, passing away in 1876; and Gilbert E. For his second wife Mr. White chose Mary M., a daughter of Abraham Garrabrant, the wedding being celebrated on the 26th of September, 1883, by the Rev. William Meeker. She was born at Hamilton, New Jersey, January 6, 1845. This union has been blessed with two children: John S., born August 6, 1884, and died August 8, 1884; and Emma A., born October 28, 1885. Mr. White holds membership with James Morris Post, No. 46, G. A. R., with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and with the U. B. C. & J. A., No. 151. He is also a worthy and honored member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he holds the office of steward.

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GEORGE H. LOHSEN.

George H. Lohsen, of the firm of Lohsen & Willett, leading and enterprising men of Belford, was born in this city on the 25th of February, 1855. He is a son of Lohder and Meta (Vendolka) Lohsen, both natives of the fatherland. George H. received his education in the common schools of his native village, and, being a native of the coast, he naturally spent the greater portion of his young manhood in fishing in the bay, his time during his youth being thus occupied with the exception of a few years spent in the employ of the government at life saving station No. 1, at Sandy Hook. In 1888 he entered into partnership relations with D. M. Willett, and this enterprising firm now occupy a front rank in the business circles of the locality. Mr. Lohsen is a stirring business man, quick to observe and never slow to act. His wise judgment, executive ability and untiring energy have been important factors in placing the firm upon the strong foundation which it now occupies, and the safe, conservative policy which they follow commends itself to the judgment of all.

In 1860 Mr. Lohsen was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Lee, a native of Belford and a daughter of Joseph and Caroline Lee. This union has been brightened and blessed by the presence of two children,—Joseph and Carrie. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond in 1895, and her death was not only a sad bereavement to her immediate family but to the entire community, for by her many estimable traits of character she had gained the love and respect of a large number of friends and acquaintances. In his social relations Mr. Lohsen is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Riverhead Benefit Association.

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ALBERT W. BENNETT.

Albert W. Bennett, a sturdy descendant, paternally and maternally, of some of the oldest settlers of Monmouth county, was born at Holmdel, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on April 23, 1861, the son of John W. and Sarah B. (Wilson) Bennett. His early mental training was received in the public schools of Holmdel; later this was supplemented by a course at the Howard Institute, located at Matawan, New Jersey. In 1876, not in the least dismayed at the prospect of a life of hard physical toil, but confident of his strength and endurance, he took up the trade of blacksmith, which he followed steadily for seven years at Holmdel, from which place he

went to Coney Island, New York, where he remained for only one year, going from there to Asbury Park, New Jersey, where he entered the employ of John Sutphen, still following his trade; he later was placed in charge, by Mr. Sutphen, of a shop at Belmar, New Jersey, which he conducted for five years. This business he purchased at the end of that time, and has conducted the same on his own account ever since with a marked degree of success. As a Democrat Mr. Bennett has been a member of the borough council of Belmar for over nine years, and still occupies a position on the present (1901) board. He is fraternally connected with Ocean Lodge, No. 80, F. & A. M., of Belmar.

On his father's side Mr. Bennett can trace his ancestry through father, grandfather and great-grandfather as being natives of Monmouth county, and on his mother's side the Wilson family dates back for many generations, some of its male members having occupied positions of considerable distinction; his grandmother along this line was a sister of Governor Newell, of New Jersey. In Albert W. Bennett, the present heir to this honorable ancestry, the families have a worthy representative in point of sturdy manhood and upright and conscientious living.

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#### THE RED BANK REGISTER.

The "Red Bank Register," which is now recognized as a model country newspaper by journalists well capable of expressing a valid judgment, had its beginning June 27, 1878, with John H. Cook and Henry Clay. The mechanical outfit consisted of a Washington hand-press, a small Gordon jobber, and a few hundred dollars' worth of type. For a time two of the four pages were printed in New York, the two home printed pages containing all the local news and advertisements. In 1879 Mr. Clay retired, Mr. Cook remaining as the editor and publisher to the present day, and to his sole effort is to be ascribed the high degree of success which the "Register" has attained. But his path was not without obstacles which would have proven insuperable to one less determined. In 1881 the plant was destroyed by fire, and the loss was eleven hundred dollars in excess of the insurance. Three hours after the fire business had been resumed, and not only was the loss repaired, but in 1897 its proprietor moved into a new building on Broad street, erected after his own plans, and paid for out of the earnings of his paper.

For newspaper purposes the "Register" building is the most handsome and convenient in Monmouth county. It covers a full lot, thirty-three and one-third by ninety-six feet, and is three stories in height. The main part of the front, above the first story, is of light buff brick, and the brick piers of the first floor are of old gold brick. All the front windows in all the stories are of plate glass. The sills are red sandstone. The building throughout is laid with double floors, the upper layer being of comb-grain yellow pine, which wears smooth and takes a fine polish. Every part of the building is finished in quartered oak, including the stairways and doors. The oak was specially selected with a view of obtaining fine markings. The wainscoting of the business office and private office is of quartered oak paneling. In the private office is a large fireplace of green tile with wrought iron fittings, and with an oak mantel. An elliptic arch of oak spindle and grill work divides the business office and private office from the printing department of the "Register." The mechanical equipment is sufficiently complete for the production of a large volume, and the artistic quality of the work produced is evidenced by the handsome little booklet from which our facts concerning the "Register" are derived.

In its business and editorial conduct the "Register" occupies a unique position among what are known as country journals. Its proprietor takes a deep personal pride in its mechanical appearance, and devotes conscientious care to what its columns contain. In various important ways the "Register" has persistently pursued a course of its own; the almost invariable rule among newspapers is to charge home advertisers and local business men much higher rates than are paid by patent medicine men or city advertisers. The "Register" has always refused to publish New York or other foreign advertisements at less rates than it charges local business men, and this accounts for the fact that it has always had very little foreign or patent medicine advertising. The price of the paper has never been changed from one dollar and a half per annum, although the paper is now about four times as large as it was at first. The "Register" has never offered a premium to subscribers. It has never offered to club the paper with any other paper or magazine in order to attract subscribers thereby. It has given its attention solely to making a good newspaper, so prints all the news of the city and country, and presents it truthfully. Its opinions upon political or other subjects are the reflection of the dispassionate judgment of the editor, who is careful to eliminate the personal equation as far as a human being may, and consider the question in the light of truth and conscience. Independency of such a character must needs provoke some resentment, and in the carrying out of its policy of telling things as they are and of expressing opinion thereupon, grievances have been felt, and redress has been sought in the courts. The editor has been indicted nearly a dozen times and more than as many civil suits have been brought. Only one of the indictments was ever tried, and in that instance the judge directed the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal without a single witness being required to be sworn on behalf of the paper. Of the civil suits brought against the paper, which were usually for ten thousand dollars damages, not one was ever brought to trial.

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#### JUDGE WILLIAM H. RUF.

Judge William H. Ruf is one of the representative men of affairs in Manasquan, New Jersey where his interests are largely centered. He was born in New York City, July 15, 1857, a son of John Ruf, who was a native of Wertheim, Germany, where he served in the army for twelve years. Forty-eight years ago he decided to emigrate to this country, and for a short period of time he resided in New York, but later removed to Freehold, New Jersey, where he lived up to the time of his death. He learned the trade of tailor and continued working at that occupation all his life. He married and three children were born to him, namely: William H., John P. and Lewis E. Ruf. The father of these children died at the age of seventy-one years, and his widow is still living at the age of seventy-eight years.

William H. Ruf, eldest son of John Ruf, resided in New York City with his parents until he was five years old, when the family removed to Freehold, New Jersey, where he acquired his education in the Freehold Institute. Later he learned the trade of tailor with his father, and worked with him at Freehold up to 1877, when he located at Manasquan, New Jersey, which at that time was only a small village, and started in business for himself, and has continued in that line of work ever since.

The Judge is an adherent of the Republican party and has served as justice of the peace for the town of Manasquan. He was also member of the first council, and at the present time (1902) is serving in the capacity of borough clerk. To him is due the honor of organizing the fire department of Manasquan; he also held the office

of secretary for some time, and was finally made chief of the department. He has also accepted the secretaryship of the Firemen's Relief Association of New Jersey. In fraternal circles Judge Ruf holds some very prominent offices, and is well known and respected by all the brethren. He has been a member for twelve years of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Clyde Castle, No. 34; was grand chief of the state of New Jersey, the highest office of the order in the state, and he is at the present time supreme sir herald of the United States, the third highest position in the order in the United States, and he expects to be elected supreme chief, the highest office in the order in the country.

Judge Ruf was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Conover, daughter of William S. Conover, of Freehold, New Jersey. The following named children have been born to them: William H., Mary P., John C., Joseph, Andrew and Blanche Ruf.

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#### SIGMUND EISNER.

Sigmund Eisner, who has the distinction of being the only manufacturer of clothing in Monmouth county, is a native of Austria, where he was born February 14, 1850; his parents, also natives of Austria, never left their native land, his father being still alive and a resident of Horazdiowitz, Bohemia.

Sigmund Eisner was educated in the public schools of his native place and his initial schooling was supplemented by a business course. He became at an early age an assistant in his father's business of buying and selling grain. Ambitious of broadening his field of activities as well as of seeing the world, he came to America in January, 1882, locating in Keyport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, where he embarked in business in a small way. By his industry and frugality Mr. Eisner was enabled in the following year to establish the manufacture of clothing at Red Bank, where he has ever since been located. At the inception of this enterprise he had two sewing machines and two girls, and from this small beginning there has been a constantly increasing business, which now necessitates the employment of more than one hundred and twenty-five people. During the past three years a large share of the output of his establishment has been the making of uniforms for the United States government and in this time there has been delivered one-half million garments. Mr. Eisner's manufacturing establishment is located at 55 Wallace street and his residence at 78 Wallace street, Red Bank. Since April, 1898, Mr. Eisner has had partnership association with L. W. Werle, of Brooklyn, under the firm name of Werle & Eisner, with offices, sale rooms and cutting rooms at 505 West Broadway, New York.

Mr. Eisner was married in 1885 to Bertha, daughter of Elias Wise, of Red Bank, and four children were born to this union: Raymond, Lester, Monroe and Victor.

Mr. Eisner is a member of Mystic Brotherhood Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., and Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Royal Arcanum; Monmouth Boat Club.

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#### ANZI McLEAN POSTEN.

Anzi McLean Posten, a popular and prominent resident of Atlantic Highlands, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born at Navesink, September 12, 1858. He received his education in the public schools of his birth place, and for ten years rendered his father what assistance he could in the blacksmith trade, in which that one

was engaged. Subsequently he was employed by A. T. Taylor & Company, of New York City, a famous undertaking firm, and it was while thus employed that the idea occurred to him of choosing that line of work for himself. In order to gain a thorough knowledge of the business, he entered the Massachusetts Embalming School, from which he was duly graduated, and in 1885 he opened a business on his own account at Navesink. In 1891 he removed to his present location in Atlantic Highlands, where he has since conducted a successful and extensive trade. In connection with this line of work he has an upholstering and furniture business, which yields him a goodly income.

In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and he was elected to serve as coroner of Monmouth county in 1890, and served three years. In the early part of 1896 he was elected a member of the Monmouth county board of freeholders from Middletown township, in which body he has proved an active and useful member, retaining his membership to the present time. He is also greatly interested in all matters relating to education. He is a member of the Navesink fire department, as well as of the hook and ladder company, and acts as treasurer of the Exempt Fire Relief Association. Fraternally he is connected with Anchor Lodge, No. 218, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a past officer of the Encampment of the Ancient Hibernians, a member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Royal Arcanum and of Monmouth Council, Senior Order of the Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Posten married Miss Kate Lewis, daughter of William Lewis, a prominent citizen of Monmouth county, and the following named children have been born to them: William Henry; Hazel; Herbert; and Amzi H. Posten. Mr. Posten is well and favorably known throughout the county for his many excellent characteristics and his sterling business principles. He is progressive in his ideas, and is ever ready to render any service that would advance the interests of the community in which he resides.

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#### GEORGE B. KISNER.

Among those enterprising men who have contributed materially to the upbuilding and development of the pleasant residence and resort places of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is George B. Kisner, of Belmar, whose activities have always been employed in the most useful fields, and in recent years, in one of which he is almost the sole occupant.

Mr. Kisner was born August 10, 1847, at Farmingdale, Monmouth county, New Jersey, son of Jacob and Lydia Kisner, old and highly respected residents of that county. He received his education in the public schools in the vicinity of his birthplace. As a boy he performed labor on the home farm, and also worked in his father's blacksmith shop. His tasks served to develop in him a fine physique, and when fifteen years old he was a robust, well-developed lad. At that age he went to Manchester, New Jersey, where he worked for four years under his brother, Daniel P. Kisner, a carpenter, learning the trade and becoming fully capable of assuming any of its tasks. He then located in the city of New York, where he did journey work until the spring of 1871, when he removed to Asbury Park, New Jersey. After working there at his trade for two years, he removed to Avon, in the same state, where he was engaged as foreman for two years. In 1875 he took up the business of contractor and builder, and prosecuted it successfully until 1883, when he forsook that occupation and became senior member of the firm of Kisner & Bennett, of Belmar, New Jersey, engaged in the work of drilling artesian wells. In this line Mr. Kisner has been con-



tinuously engaged to the present time, and the operations of the firm have extended to a large number of cities and towns in various portions of the state, supplying needs of such urgent necessity as to entitle them to be regarded as public benefactors. Mr. Kisner is fully acquainted with all the details of the business, and in the work of estimating cost and natural conditions and superintendence of the practical work of well-drilling he is entirely dependable. His integrity is unsullied, and he is regarded with confidence in all with which he concerns himself.

Mr. Kisner is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Belmar. In politics he is a Democrat. He was married June 29, 1873, to Miss Catherine M. Fielder, daughter of John M. Fielder, of Lower Squankum, New Jersey. To them were born two sons, Nelson B., March 29, 1880, who resides in Belmar, where he follows the trade of blacksmith; and George W., July 15, 1883, who is a student at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

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#### WILLIAM T. STACEY.

On the roster of public officials in Perth Amboy appears the name of William T. Stacey, who is now acceptably filling the position of city assessor, and is a recognized factor in political circles. In business life he also sustains an enviable reputation and is now acting as general manager of the Hills lumber business.

Mr. Stacey was born on the 17th of April, 1858, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Harned) Stacey, both of whom were natives of England and came to America in early life. Here they were married and unto them were born two children, William T. and Edith. The parents are now both deceased. To the public school system of the land William T. Stacey is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which fitted him for his business career. His first service in the business world was in the employ of an uncle, a well known manufacturer of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later he engaged in the wholesale coal business in New York City, dealing in that commodity for five years. During the past five years he has made his home in Perth Amboy and is now general manager of the Hills lumber yards, in which position he has a supervision of the business, which under his able control is constantly growing in extent and returns an excellent profit to the owners.

Mr. Stacey was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Hare, of Perth Amboy, and unto them have been born three children, Edith, Jetta and Ruth. The hospitality of the best homes of the city is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stacey and their friends are many. He is a member of Raritan Lodge, No. 6r, F. & A. M., in which he has filled the position of worthy master. In politics he takes a deep interest; gives his support to the Republican party and does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. Elected by popular vote to the office of city assessor he is now serving in that capacity in a competent manner, which indicates his fidelity to the best interests of the city. He withholds his support and co-operation from no measure for the general good and is well known as one of the representative men of Perth Amboy.

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#### CHARLES H. BORDEN.

Charles H. Borden, of Red Bank, New Jersey, was born in Middletown township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, August 22, 1846. His paternal grandfather, Amos Borden, was a resident of Farmingdale, Monmouth county, where he followed the

occupation of latter for many years. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Schenck, and a son and daughter were born of this union. His wife died, and he was then again married, and four children were born to him. His son, Daniel S. Borden, father of Charles H. Borden; was born at Farmingdale, New Jersey, where he received his education in the district schools. Upon completing his studies he learned the trade of shoemaker, and having previously removed to Red Bank, he became the proprietor of a shoe establishment there. His affiliations have always been with the Democratic party, and for twenty years he held the position of overseer of the poor of Shrewsbury. He married Miss Mary Morris, and the following named children were born to them: Charles H.; Ella, wife of Thomas Price, a carpenter by trade, who are residents of Red Bank; and Amos S., engaged in the printing trade at Red Bank. The father of these children died at Red Bank in 1898.

Charles H. Borden, oldest son of Daniel S. and Mary Borden, attended the public schools of Middletown, and after acquiring his education commenced his business career by driving a baker's wagon for five years. In 1867 he resigned from this occupation, and learned the sash and blind manufacturing trade, which he followed for three years in Jersey City, New York City and Red Bank. In 1880 he was employed by the Fleischman Yeast Company.

Mr. Borden has been a resident of Red Bank since April, 1854. He is an adherent of the principles of the Democratic party, and he has always taken an active interest in politics. He was elected in 1876 to the office of constable of Shrewsbury township, a position he held for five years. In 1881 he was elected justice of the peace of the same township, and he has been re-elected each succeeding term. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Royal Arcanum. He has also been a member of the Navesink hook and ladder company since 1876. Mr. Borden was united in marriage to Miss Jo-cphine Boeckel, daughter of Frederick Boeckel, of New York City.

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#### WILLIAM HAYWARD.

There are few, if any, who have followed the turf as a means of livelihood who so well deserve the respect of men as does William Hayward, who has been spoken of as a man of unimpeachable integrity, and as possessing a reserve of quiet dignity and self-respect that have never failed to impress those with whom he mingled. Even the most arbitrary starter on the track would not dare but award him the title of "Mister." His name has been mentioned by different writers for the newspapers as being one of a class not often found on the race track of to-day, and it was the general opinion during a conversation on a train bound for the track that there were no riders to-day who would compare with Mr. Hayward as a thorough horseman as well as a judge of pace.

Mr. Hayward was born in England on December 21, 1843, and emigrated to America in 1867, under contract with Mr. H. Sanford. In 1876 he found employment with Hon. August Belmont, and subsequently was employed by Lucian O. Applebee, A. J. Cassatt, Senator Hearst and Burrage Brothers. His career proved very successful both as a jockey and trainer; and he displayed more than ordinary judgment and ability in the training of young horses for the race track, which was evidenced by the fact that many of them became prize winners.

Mr. Hayward has retired from the turf, but he still enters a few good horses each season. During his eventful career there were few men who won higher honors than he. In the fall of 1862 he rode his last race, winning the futurity stakes on

Morello; he has ridden and won races with many of the most famous horses, and has carried off the Westchester and Saratoga cups, and others of the best prizes that were offered. His colors on the track were black with white polka dots, and a white cap.

In 1868 Mr. Hayward was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Casterline, daughter of Thomas and Ann Casterline, and they reside near Oceanport, Monmouth county, New Jersey. Four children have been born to them, namely: Jane; William, who is a trainer of race horses for Messrs. Sanford & Son, of Amsterdam, New York; Nana; and Lewis, who is now employed on the turf as a rider.

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#### JAMES B. TOOMEY.

Among the most important industrial interests of New Jersey is that of the Perth Amboy clay regions, which are referred to at length in our chapter on manufactures in this work. Their great antiquity and their wonderful development, reaching with their superexcellent product, as they do, every city of note in the country, makes them a fit subject for comment, and entitles those concerned in their management to consideration as not only capable men of affairs but also as public benefactors. With such is to be classed Mr. James B. Toomey, superintendent of the Staten Island Clay Company of Perth Amboy, located at Spa Springs.

He was born March 4, 1862, in Perth Amboy, son of Owen and Catherine Toomey. The father was a native of Ireland, who came from Cork to the United States in 1847, and located at Perth Amboy. He was a brickmaker by occupation, a man of capability and integrity, and he diligently followed his business for a period of thirty years in his new home, and died in 1870. His widow is yet living. Their son, James B. Toomey, was educated in the public and parochial schools of his native city. When not quite seventeen years of age he entered the employ of A. Hall & Sons, brick manufacturers, and remained with them and their successors for fourteen years. During this period he had developed a special aptitude for the business and became proficient in its every department. Besides, he had established a reputation for fidelity to the trusts committed to him, and for capability as to larger business concerns connected with the trade. In 1893 he came to the Staten Island Clay Company and was speedily advanced to the position which he now occupies, that of superintendent in charge of its various departments of building and fire brick, tiling and fire proofing. The president of the company is J. Frank Allee, of Dover, Delaware, and J. Edward Adicks is one of the principal stockholders.

Mr. Toomey is one of the active public-spirited men of his community, who has proved serviceable in various important positions. He served for five years as a member of the city council, and he is now a member of the board of health. In politics he is a Democrat, and is influential in the councils of his party. In religion he is a Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Catholic Association. He is unmarried.

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#### AUGUST KROEGER.

Among those who have come from foreign lands to become prominent in business circles in Perth Amboy is August Kroeger, the well known whole-sale and retail dealer in meats. His success in his undertakings has been so marked that his

methods are of interest to the commercial world. He has based his business principles and actions upon strict adherence to the rules which govern industry, economy and perseverance. What he is to-day he has made himself, for he began in this world with nothing but his own energy and willing hands to aid him. By constant exertion, guided by sound judgment, he has raised himself to the enviable position which he now holds among the substantial business men of his adopted city.

A native of Holstein, Germany, Mr. Kroeger was born November 14, 1856, and there pursued his education. At the age of twenty-two he resolved to seek a home and fortune in America, and acting upon this determination arrived in New York, where he secured employment and remained for several years. He then went to Omaha, Nebraska, where for three years he was engaged in the butchering business and then returned to the fatherland, but in the meantime he had become greatly attached to this country and his love for its institutions and his knowledge of the opportunities here offered led him to again cross the Atlantic. Once more he landed in New York and was there engaged in butchering business until 1889, when he came to Perth Amboy and opened a wholesale and retail meat market, which he has since conducted. It is the largest enterprise of the kind in this part of the state. He handles both western and home killed beeves and has a very large patronage in both departments of his store. From the beginning his trade has increased and now yields a splendid financial return upon the investment.

While in Germany Mr. Kroeger was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Dusine Polniblad, by whom he has three children living: Christena, Peter and Augusta. Mr. Kroeger belongs to the Perth Amboy Tribe of Red Men and to the Danish Lutheran church, while his right of franchise is exercised in behalf of the men and measures of the Democracy. He has labored earnestly and effectively in the interests of his party, and in 1896 he was elected alderman from the fourth ward of Perth Amboy, in which office he discharged his duties with such signal usefulness and fidelity that he was re-elected at the end of the first term and is now holding over a year. He is usually found in the conventions of his party and his opinions carry weight in its councils. But whether political or otherwise, every enterprise that is advanced for the public good receives his endorsement and aid, and Perth Amboy has no more loyal resident than this well known and popular German-American citizen.



#### JACOB G. GERNS.

The qualifications which insure success in business are manifest in the career of Mr. Gerns, who is a representative of one of the leading industries of Perth Amboy. He assisted in the organization of the Standard Terra Cotta Company and from the beginning has been an active factor in the successful conduct of the enterprise, which is of value not only to the stockholders but to the entire community, for it furnishes employment to a number of workmen and contributes to the commercial activity of the city.

A native of Hightstown, New Jersey, Mr. Gerns was born on the 16th of December, 1869, a son of Jacob S. Gerns, one of the leading dock builders in Perth Amboy. The subject of this review pursued his education in the schools of his native city and of Perth Amboy, accompanying his parents on their removal to the latter place about seventeen years ago. Throughout the greater part of his business career he has been engaged in the manufacture of terra cotta and is now thoroughly familiar with the business in every department. In 1891 he was one of the incorporators of the Pechitute Terra Cotta Company, and for a number of years was its

secretary and treasurer. He is now acting as foreman of the factory, and his thorough understanding of the best methods of manufacture well qualify him for the responsible position which he is now filling. The plant is large and splendidly equipped with the latest improved machinery known to the trade and the products of the works are of fine quality, thereby commanding a ready sale and high prices on the market. The business is already extensive and is constantly growing, and not a little of the success of the enterprise is due to Mr. Gerns' accurate knowledge of the business and his systematic management.

Mr. Gerns became the husband of Miss Evaline Griffen, and their union has been blessed with four children: Agnes May, Helen, Margaret and Edna. Mr. Gerns is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also belongs to the Foresters and the Exempt Firemen's Association. In his political views he is an earnest Republican, active in advancing the interests of his party and at the present time is serving as one of the city aldermen. A young man of excellent business ability, he is meeting with well deserved prosperity in his undertaking; a citizen of public spirit, he is progressive and is a valued assistant in promoting many measures for the general good; in social circles he is genial and popular and wherever he goes he wins friends.

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#### JOHN L. N. STRATTON.

John L. N. Stratton, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, his home being in Englishtown, Monmouth county, was born at Mount Holly, Burlington county, New Jersey, April 28, 1848. His father, Robert Stratton, was also a native of Mount Holly and throughout the greater part of his business career he was connected with the lumber trade. An accident which occurred while he was working in the yards terminated his life. His wife bore the maiden name of Anna Jones, and unto them were born the following children: Elizabeth, who is now residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mary, a resident of Mount Holly; Sarah, who died and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Camden, New Jersey; David, deceased, his remains being interred in the cemetery at Pemberton, New Jersey; Charles H., who is now living in South Amboy, where he occupies the position of foreman of the coal and trestle works of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, having thus served for thirty-five years; and John L. N., of this review.

Mr. Stratton, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the common schools and after arriving at years of maturity chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Georgianna Petty, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 28th of March, 1878. The lady was a daughter of Simon and Gertrude Petty, and was born in Englishtown, Monmouth county, June 28, 1852. She departed this life June 16, 1884, leaving a husband and two children to mourn the loss of a loving and devoted wife and mother. The little son, however, who was born on the 14th of June, 1884, died on the 12th of July of the same year. The daughter, Belva Gertrude, born May 28, 1879, is now with her father in their pleasant home in Englishtown.

Mr. Stratton is a successful farmer and makes a specialty of the raising of garden produce for the city market, where his vegetables always command excellent prices, owing to their splendid size and quality. He is also a skilled machinist, possessing much natural ability in that line. Energetic and industrious, he is now enjoying the well merited prosperity which has come to him in return for his labor. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, taking a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community in which he resides. For

two years he has been a member of the city council and has served on the school board since 1890, holding that position at the present time. Since 1882 he has been clerk of the board, and in every way possible he aids in the promotion of the cause of education. He is a staunch Republican, zealous in his advocacy of the party and its principles, and religiously is connected with the Presbyterian church.

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#### AMOS ELMER.

Amos Elmer is a native of Shark River, Ocean county, New Jersey, his birth having occurred at Trap Tavern, in 1844. He is a son of Reily and Lydia Elmer, both of whom were natives of New Jersey and died when our subject was only about two years of age. His paternal grandfather was Amos Elmer, Sr., and both he and his son Reily followed agricultural pursuits in New Jersey throughout their active business life.

Left an orphan at a tender age, Amos Elmer, of this review, was early forced to depend upon his own exertions for a livelihood. His educational privileges and other advantages were limited, for as soon as age and strength permitted he began to work for neighboring farmers, being thus employed until after the Civil war broke out, when he responded to his country's call for troops, joining the boys in blue of Company I, Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, in 1864. The regiment was attached to the Second Brigade, Second Division, Second Army Corps, and Mr. Elmer faithfully and bravely served with his company until wounded in the left leg at the battle of Petersburg, Virginia, on the 13th of June, 1864. This necessitated his retirement from the field, and he was then in the hospitals at Washington and Philadelphia until honorably discharged from the service after the close of the war, on the 7th of July, 1865.

Returning to the north Mr. Elmer then came to Monmouth county and has since been engaged in farming here. The success he has achieved is all due to his own labor. He had no patrimony and no influential friends to assist him, but placing his dependence in the more substantial qualities of energy, determination and resolute purpose he has steadily advanced along the highway to success.

On the 4th of January, 1866, Mr. Elmer was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Clinton, of Englishtown, New Jersey. The lady is a descendant of the prominent Clinton family of Revolutionary war fame. She was born in the house which is now her home and in which her father lived and died. Her grandfather participated in the battle of Monmouth under General Washington. His wife survived him many years and by the government was granted a pension, which was applied toward the purchase of the place now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer. Unto this worthy couple have been born the following children: George, Benjamin, Amos, Jennie and Deborah. The parents and children are all members of the old Tennent church, and Mr. Elmer belongs to Conover Post, No. 63, Grand Army of the Republic.

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#### PHINEAS POTTER.

Phineas Potter, once a prominent farmer of Monmouth county, was born in Freehold township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, March 4, 1832, son of Robert and Mary (Clark) Potter. He was of Scotch descent, the ancestors coming from Scotland to this country in the seventeenth century. They settled in Monmouth county,

and have there been conspicuous as farmers, soldiers and prominent citizens. His paternal grandfather, Phineas Potter, born in Little Washington, Monmouth county, was a farmer and served during the Revolutionary war. On his mother's side, his grandfather, James Clark, was also a native of Monmouth county and a soldier in the Revolution, and served under General Washington in the battle of Monmouth. Robert Potter, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Freehold in 1808, where he followed farming and died in 1895. He married Mary Clark, who died in 1863.

Phineas Potter spent his early life in working upon his father's farm and received his education in the district schools of Monmouth county. At the age of twenty-four he settled upon a farm in Millstone township, which he made his subsequent home. In August, 1862, at the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-ninth New Jersey Regiment, and was with the regiment throughout its service. The regiment was stationed at Camp Vredenburg on the old Monmouth battlefield, and in September, 1862, left the camp, was attached to Casey's division, in defense of Washington, and until November 30 did duty in Virginia, along the Potomac, opposite Washington. They were then sent to Aqua Creek, Virginia, and for the remainder of the year were on provost and guard duty along the railway. In December, 1862, the regiment was attached to the Third Brigade, First Division, First Corps, and participated in the battle of Fredericksburg. May 2d and 3d of the following year they were in the engagement of Chancellorsville and on June 30, 1863, were mustered out of service. Mr. Potter then returned to his home at Millstone township and resumed farming, in which occupation he continued until his death in the fall of 1901. He was a member of Conover Post, No. 68, Grand Army of the Republic, and his family are members of the Baptist church, of Hightstown.

In February, 1854, he was married to Helen D., daughter of Jane E. and Jemima Danielson, of Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Danielson was for forty years a deacon in a Baptist church of Brooklyn, and died in 1882. He was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn. His wife died in 1880, and was buried in the cemetery at Hightstown. Mr. and Mrs. Potter had two children: Edwin A., born in 1855, and Julia E., now married to C. Whitlock, a farmer living near Jamesburg, New Jersey. Mrs. Potter has been an invalid since 1890.

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#### JOHN D. VAN DERVEER.

The name of Van Derveer has so long been closely associated with the interests of Monmouth county that none of its representatives need a special introduction to the readers of this volume. He whose name begins this review was for many years a leading and influential farmer of the county and in his death the community lost a valued citizen. He was born on his father's farm in Marlboro, then Freehold, township, September 28, 1836, his parents being John H. and Jane S. Van Derveer. The ancestry is traced back to Tunis Van Derveer, the first of the name in the county. He was born April 10, 1739, and became one of the honored pioneers of this locality. The grandparents of our subject were Joseph I. and Jane (Snock) Van Derveer. The former, born January 6, 1709, died November 5, 1878, and the latter, whose birth occurred November 10, 1701, died March 23, 1871. Their son, John H. Van Derveer, was born December 27, 1810, in Monmouth county, made farming his life work and died December 28, 1896, while his wife, who was born February 6, 1832, died October 16, 1892.

Reared under the parental roof, at the usual age John D. Van Derveer was sent to the district schools, where he acquired a knowledge of the English branches of learning that well fitted him to conduct business transactions. He worked in the fields throughout the summer months and early became acquainted with the use of all farm implements. Entering upon an independent business career he chose the pursuit to which he had been reared, and continued farming on his own account with excellent success until 1890, when having acquired a handsome competence he put aside the more arduous duties of business life and removed to Freehold, where he made his home until his death, which occurred April 12, 1901.

On the 30th of November, 1859, Mr. Van Derveer was married to Miss Jane Ann Van Derveer, who was born October 19, 1839. Their children are as follows: David J., born August 23, 1860; Ann Bowne, born April 10, 1862; and Mary Eliza, born January 28, 1864. The elder daughter died in infancy. The son married Mary Eliza Shults, December 11, 1884, and they have two children: Margaret Helen, born May 27, 1887; and John Ward, born November 30, 1897. The family are all members of the old Brick church of Marlboro, with which Mr. Van Derveer was identified, his life being consistent with his profession in this regard, for he was ever straightforward and reliable in his business dealings and honorable in all life's relations.

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#### CHARLES JOEL FISK.

Charles J. Fisk, an accomplished financier, of the well known banking firm of Harvey Fisk & Sons, New York City, is a resident of Plainfield, New Jersey, and is useful and influential in advancing the interests of that city. He was born in 1858, in Jersey City, New Jersey. His father, Harvey Fisk, a native of Vermont, was a descendant of William Fisk, founder of the American family of that name, who came from England and settled at Wenham, Massachusetts, in 1637. Harvey Fisk began his business career as clerk in a dry goods store in Trenton, New Jersey, in 1848. In 1852 he became teller in the Mechanics' Bank, New York City, and in 1862 he engaged in the banking business on his own account. Soon afterward he became senior member of the firm of Fisk & Hatch, which was notable for its great financial transactions, and which during the Civil war rendered the country important service by negotiating its bonds. In 1885 the firm was dissolved, being succeeded by Mr. Fisk and his sons, under the style of Harvey Fisk & Sons. The father died in 1889, but no change was made in the name of the firm, which is yet in existence and transacts an immense business in government bonds and general investment securities. The present members are Harvey E., Charles J., Pliny and Alexander G. Fisk, Theodore H. Banks and Herbert W. Denny. Mrs. Fisk, wife of Harvey Fisk, is yet living at the old family homestead on the Delaware river, near Trenton, New Jersey; she was a member of the Green family of that state, many of whose members were prominent in colonial and revolutionary times; her father, A. B. Green, was a highly capable business man, and was connected with the old Camden & Amboy Railroad, and was a member of the legislature for two terms during the Civil war.

Charles J. Fisk, son of Harvey Fisk, passed his boyhood in part on the old homestead, and in part in New York City, where he obtained his education. When seventeen years of age he entered the banking house in which his father was a partner, and under his training he developed that fine talent which has brought him distinction as one of the most masterly financiers in the United States.

As a resident of Plainfield, New Jersey, Mr. Fisk has constantly been recognized



as an influential leader in all measures of public advantage. Without ambition for personal preferment, he has at various times accepted municipal positions, actuated solely by a sense of duty and public spirit. He has served as a member of the city council and as mayor, and he was among the active agents through whose effort the sewer system was established. He is an earnest supporter of the Republican principles, and wields a wide influence in the councils of the party. He has been a delegate in many of the party conventions of Union county and in state conventions. In 1896 he was an alternate in the national convention in St. Louis which nominated Major McKinley for the presidency, and he served as chairman of the local executive committee in the ensuing campaign. With his family he is a Presbyterian in religion, holding membership with the Crescent Avenue church of Plainfield, in which he holds the position of trustee. He is a member of the Lawyers' Club, the Republican Club and the Wool Club, of New York City; and of the Union County Country Club, of Plainfield.

Mr. Fisk was married, in 1870, to Miss Lillie G. Richey, of Trenton, New Jersey, daughter of the late Augustus G. Richey, one of the most prominent lawyers in the state. Five children were born of the marriage: Louisa G., Augustus R., Charles W., Harvey and Annie G. Fisk.

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#### CONRAD F. HALL.

Conrad F. Hall, vice-president of the Perth Amboy Terra Cotta Company, was born on November 29, 1865, at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, son of Eber H. and Sarah (Golden) Hall. The father was born in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, and remained there during the early part of his life. Conrad F., son of Eber H. Hall, received his education in the public schools of his native city, and when he attained the age of sixteen years he entered the employ of the A. Hall Terra Cotta Company at Perth Amboy, and he was subsequently engaged with the Northwestern Company of Chicago, Illinois. He afterward returned to Perth Amboy, and once more engaged with his first employers. Thoroughly mastering every minute detail of the mechanical processes and faithfully discharging every duty, his capability found recognition in his admission to the firm, which changed its name to that of the Perth Amboy Terra Cotta Company, of which corporation he became vice-president, under the presidency of his grandfather. The new firm was successful from the outset, producing none but the best material, and affording employment to three hundred men. In 1895 Mr. Hall entered into partnership with Mr. Mandeville in the conduct of a clay and building material business, under the firm name of Mandeville & Hall, with office at No. 70 State street, Perth Amboy, and in the Traders' and Builders' Exchange, Newark, New Jersey. The same firm also conducts a real estate and insurance business.

Mr. Hall takes an active interest in political affairs as a member of the Democratic party, and he was elected to the office of alderman-at-large in 1893, the first to act in that capacity in Perth Amboy. He has been a member of the volunteer fire department, and of the board of trade in Perth Amboy for nine years.

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#### ARCHIBALD SUTPHEN.

Among the prominent and successful farmer citizens of Monmouth county, New Jersey, is Archibald Sutphen, now engaged in extensive agricultural operations on his fine farm, in Howell township. The birth of Mr. Sutphen was on August 16,

1825, in Freehold township, in this county, and he was a son of Archibald Sutphen, who was also a native of Monmouth county, and who carried on a business of weaving in connection with his farming. The family is one of age and respectability in Monmouth county, grandfather Sutphen also being a native, although of English descent. Among the names of those who gallantly fought for freedom during the Revolutionary struggle the name of Abraham Sutphen, the grandfather of our subject, appears with honorable mention. He lived a long and useful life which ended in 1866. The family is not a large one at present, but our subject has one brother, Robert R., who is engaged in the blacksmith business in Holmdel in this county.

Archibald Sutphen of this sketch was educated in the district schools and adopted farming as his life work. The outbreak of the Civil war caused a change in his career, as he was one of the brave men who risked life to defend the country which his loyal grandfather had fought for so many years before. Mr. Sutphen was a member of Company A, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteers, and participated in many of the most serious battles of the war. He is now one of the most valued comrades in the G. A. R. post at Ardena. After the close of the war Mr. Sutphen resumed his farming operations, locating upon his present fine farm in Howell township, where he has shown himself as good a farmer as he was a faithful soldier.

The marriage of Mr. Sutphen was on April 2, 1894, to Miss Sarah Wagner. The children by a former marriage are as follows: Holmes, who resides with his father, assisting on the farm; Margaret, who married Craig Cottonbush, lives at Atlantic Highlands, in this county; Hannah, who married John Mariner, lives at Asbury Park; and Frank, who also is a resident of the same place.

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#### A. D. CONOVER.

A. D. Conover, a young and prosperous merchant of New Monmouth, is a descendant of two of the very old and highly respectable families of the county. The Conovers, or as they were formerly called Cowenhovens, are of Holland birth and were among the earliest settlers in Monmouth county, while the Willetts, who are of English extraction, came to the county at a later date, and both families are substantial and loyal citizens and are honored and worthy members of society. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject, Ganett Willett, married Rebecca Stillwell, of Long Island, and their children were Margaret, Catherine, Lydia and Stephen. The maternal grandparents were Ganett and Rebecca (Murry) Willett, and their family numbered the following children: Margaret R., Stephen DeCator, Catherine and Lydia. The paternal grandfather, Cyrenius Conover, married Mary Gray, who, according to family history, was a distant relative of Lady Jane Gray, famous in English history. They were the parents of six children, but Matilda is now the only surviving member of the family.

A. D. Conover, whose name introduces this review, was born at New Monmouth in 1863, a son of Cyrenius G. and Catherine (Willett) Conover. Their family consisted of the following children: William A., deceased; Mary R.; Elverado, deceased; Cyrenius, deceased; Dr. C. A., a prominent dentist of Newburg, New York; and A. D., the subject. The latter was educated in the district schools of his native place, where he laid broad and deep the foundation for his business career. After filling various honorable positions in his locality he opened his present store in 1890, where his reliable and straightforward business methods, together with his

energy and determination, have won for him a large and constantly increasing patronage. He is public-spirited to an eminent degree, is always ready to aid any movement which seems to promise well for his community, and by so doing has made a favorable impression on all with whom he has had business or social intercourse.

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EBENEZER S. NESBITT.

Ebenezer S. Nesbitt, junior member of the hardware firm of Irwin & Nesbitt, a prominent concern of Seabright, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born at Newmarket, Middlesex county, New Jersey, December 15, 1857, son of William H. and Julia (Conover) Nesbitt. Educated in the public schools of Farmingdale, he was subsequently engaged for three years in the bakery business at Ocean Grove. Coming to Seabright in 1879 he was for three years in the employ of the New Jersey Central Railroad, as assistant agent. He afterward became a clerk in the hardware store of P. H. Parker at Seabright. In 1883, with L. G. Irwin as partner, he established the present branches of the hardware business of that concern. The business has grown into an extensive and profitable trade. Mr. Nesbitt is a zealous Republican and has always taken an active interest in the success of his party, but has never sought office. For many years he has served as a member and treasurer of the town council. In November, 1884, Mr. Nesbitt was married to C. Mervya, daughter of Thomas G. Armstrong, of Seabright. They have had one child, Ivah. Mr. Nesbitt is of Irish Scotch descent. His paternal grandfather, John, a native of Ireland, emigrated to this country when a small boy, married a lady of Scotch descent, was a miller by trade, at Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, and had four sons and four daughters. One of these sons, William H., the father of Ebenezer S., was born at Freehold in 1827 and died at Farmingdale in 1876. He was also a miller by trade, but later in life engaged in bridge building. He was a staunch Republican, was at one time the nominee of his party for assembly, was an assessor and held various local offices in Howell township. His children were Charles R. L.; William V.; Belle V., who married Halsted Wainwright, prominent member of the Monmouth county bar; Ebenezer S.; James L.; Mary E., who married William Hewlett, of Long Branch; Lincoln G.; Clarence D. and Harvey.

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JOSEPH C. MATTHEWS.

Joseph C. Matthews is a farmer and dairyman, residing in Howell township, Monmouth county, and the industry which always leads to success, when directed by sound judgment, is manifest in his business career. He was born in the township which is still his home, his birth occurring in 1850. He is a son of William C. and Phoebe A. (Burdge) Matthews, both of whom are still living, their home being upon a farm of about one hundred acres of land in Howell township. The father has always carried on agricultural pursuits and has a well improved property, the richly cultivated fields bringing to him a good income. With Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were born twelve children: Lizzie; Hannah; Ellen; Cornelius, deceased; Julia; David, who has also passed away; Phoebe L.; Amanda; Emma; Joseph C.; William; and John I. The grandparents of our subject also were residents of Monmouth county. They bore the names of David C. and Estell Matthews, and the former was extensively engaged in farming, owning over a hundred acres of land. He was

practical and progressive in his work, met success in his undertakings and was a man of considerable influence in the community. Still farther back the ancestry of our subject can be traced, for the family history records that his great-grandfather was a captain in the Revolutionary war and did valiant service in the cause of liberty when the colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression in the war which resulted in the establishment of the greatest republic on the face of the globe. The Matthews were among the first settlers in this section of the country and down through the years have been valued citizens, ever found on the side of law and order, of progress and improvement.

In the township where he was born Joseph C. Matthews was reared and educated and chose the independent life of the farmer, in which line of work he has been eminently successful. He has fifty acres of land, and in connection with the work of producing cereals and vegetables, he is engaged in dairying, having every facility for carrying on this work according to the most improved methods of the times. He has a fine herd of Jersey and Alderneys, keeping altogether twenty-eight fine cows, and each day he cares for three hundred quarts of milk, which finds a ready sale among a large patronage. Neatness characterizes the place and contributes to his success as well as does his reliable business methods.

In 1885 Mr. Matthews was united in marriage to Miss Jane Cook, a daughter of Edward and Sarah Cook, and a granddaughter of Dr. Cook, a noted specialist. She was born in 1862 and is a most estimable lady. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews have no children of their own but have reared an adopted daughter, Nettie, who is now sixteen years of age and receives affectionate care from her foster parents.

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REV. P. W. BILDERBACK.

One of the strongest members of the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in the New Jersey conference is Rev. P. W. Bilderback, who is now serving as pastor at Whitesville, New Jersey. He is a native of Salem county this state, born in 1851, his parents being Edward M. and Elizabeth (Heirhon) Bilderback. He was reared amid the refining influences of a good Christian home and after acquiring his preliminary education in the common schools he continued his education under the direction of G. K. Morris and subsequently studied theology with Dr. Westwood as preceptor. In 1885 he was admitted to the New Jersey conference and in 1887 was ordained deacon by Bishop Joice, while in 1886 he was ordained elder by Bishop Warren. His first charge was in Palmyra, New Jersey, and that he filled very acceptably. He was afterward located successively as pastor of the Methodist churches in New Gretna, Eldora, Aloia, Monroeville, Turkey, Blueball, the Clinton avenue church in Trenton, the churches in Columbus, Hamilton and Wall, and then was assigned to Whitesville, where he is now located.

Rev. Bilderback is a very earnest and zealous pastor, a strong, practical preacher and a fearless advocate of all that is good, true and righteous. He has been very largely instrumental in erecting houses of worship and improving church property, yet his greatest strength is now in strengthening the walls of the spiritual Zion. No man in the New Jersey conference has been more instrumental in bringing souls into the kingdom than he. In his present appointment he has charge of seven churches, with a membership of four hundred and fifty and a Sunday-school of two hundred and seventy-five. The valuation of the church property is about fourteen thousand dollars. Rev. Bilderback preaches three times each Sunday and his earnest words, ringing with the utterances of truth, have been a powerful factor in turning people from the error of their ways to walk in the straight and narrow path.

In 1875 Rev. Bilderback was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Marietta Ware, of Rumersville, New Jersey, and through the succeeding twenty-five years he has been greatly assisted in his work by her encouragement and aid. Their home has been blessed with three children: Willis E., a graduate of the State Normal School; Horace H., a graduate of Rider's Business College; and Marion W., who is still in school. Rev. Bilderback is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and as a citizen he takes a deep and abiding interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its advancement and progress. He is a man of strong individuality, and having turned his powers into the channels of greatest good, he is accomplishing a wonderful work for his fellow-men and for the cause of Christianity.

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#### GEORGE E. HAGERMAN.

George E. Hagerman, one of the first settlers of Asbury Park, New Jersey, where he located over thirty years ago, was born at Hamilton, Monmouth county, New Jersey, February 12, 1858, the son of James and Catherine Hagerman. His education was derived at the public schools, which he attended near his home. In those days it was thought that a boy was not properly equipped to begin his life work without having the details of some mechanical trade at his finger ends; so it was that at the age of sixteen years he began to learn the carpenter's trade. For many years after acquiring this knowledge he followed his line of work as a journeyman. It was not until 1898 that Mr. Hagerman decided to enter business on his own account, which he did as a contractor and builder with his office and residence located at No. 903 Monroe avenue, West Asbury Park.

In politics his views are in full sympathy with the Democratic party, yet being of a retiring disposition he has never sought public office. In religious matters he follows the tenets of the Baptist church, being a member of the First Baptist church of Asbury Park.

His wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Ferry, daughter of Michael and Catherine Ferry, of Wayside, Monmouth county, to whom he was married on November 30, 1879, has borne to him the following children: Benjamin F., born October 13, 1880, also a carpenter by trade, is associated with his father in business, and like his father, is a Democrat; James M., born May 12, 1883; Vernis E., born July 11, 1887; Raymond, born August 31, 1889; Edna Marie, born June 26, 1892; Allen Kirby, born March 6, 1895, died July 22, 1895; George Dewey, born April 28, 1898.

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#### WHITTLE & GIBSON.

Two of Asbury Park's brightest and most successful young business men bear the names heading this sketch. William Whittle was born at Wrightstown, Burlington county, New Jersey, January 28, 1868. Upon completing his education, which was acquired in the public schools of his native town, he engaged in farming until his twentieth year, when he went to Asbury Park and entered the employ of Mr. M. M. Crosbie to learn the trade of slate roofing. By his industry and perseverance he soon acquired a complete knowledge of the business, and being of an ambitious temperament he determined to launch out for himself. He therefore entered into part-

nership with another of Mr. Crosbie's employes, Conover Gibson, succeeding to the business established by their old employer, which they have most successfully conducted. Their office is located at 901 Summerfield avenue, their business extending along the coast from Asbury Park both north and south, where they are well known as practical, up-to-date roofers. In politics Mr. Whittle is a Republican. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. His marriage occurred on February 2, 1896, to Miss Lillie West, daughter of Joseph and Matilda West, of Asbury Park; their only child, Herrold, was born April 12, 1897.

Conover Gibson, of whom this sketch also treats, was born in Hultztown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 22, 1871. He received a thorough public school education in the schools of both Freehold, New Jersey, and Asbury Park. His first experience of life in the commercial field was at the age of fifteen years, when he entered Mr. Clark's confectionery store at Asbury Park; here he remained for four years. When he reached his twentieth year he entered the employ of Mr. M. M. Crosbie, of Asbury Park, to master the roofing trade; he only left Mr. Crosbie's employ in 1897 to associate himself with William Whittle in carrying on Mr. Crosbie's business, to which they succeeded. The firm of Whittle & Gibson is well known along the Atlantic coast as competent roofers. Both young men are hustlers, and understand every detail of their business, which they give the utmost care and attention. Politically Mr. Gibson gives his support to the Republican party. His wife was Miss Anna Walk, daughter of Benjamin Walk, of Little Washington, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, whom he married on September 22, 1892. Already on the fair road to success, there is every indication that the future of these young men will develop greater things than have yet been thought of.

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#### WILLIAM M. BERGEN.

William M. Bergen, a young and energetic business man of Belmar, New Jersey, was born near Freehold, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on February 20, 1862, the son of James and Amy (Potts) Bergen. He attended the public schools of the town of his birth until his twelfth year, when his parents removed to Belmar, which was in the year 1874. Mr. Bergen, Sr., there engaged in the livery business, and the services of young William M. were enlisted to perform such duties as his years would permit. In 1870, when he was but seventeen years old, through his particular aptitude and liking for the business in which he was engaged, his father had grown so confident of his ability that he was given entire charge of its management, and has most successfully conducted same from that time up to the present.

Mr. Bergen politically is identified with the Republican party and while never having particularly sought public favor, still he was duly elected as a member of the borough council of Belmar in 1897, and was re-elected to the same position, which at the present time he still occupies. Fraternally Mr. Bergen is connected with Ocean Lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M., at Belmar. His marriage took place on June 17, 1890, to Miss Eliza H. Pierce, daughter of James and Rebecca Pierce, of Como, Monmouth county. Their two children are boys, namely: Raymond J., born March 17, 1892, and George W., born October 23, 1897.

The Bergen family is highly respected, not only in their own community, but throughout the county. A man displaying the business ability that Mr. Bergen has manifested since his youth, when that ability is accompanied by upright and honorable dealings, cannot help but command the respect of all thrown in contact with

him. The growing popularity of Belmar as a summer resort makes Mr. Bergen's future promise even greater successes than have marked his past career, which is saying considerable.

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FERDINAND BROWN.

Ferdinand Brown, plumber, gas and steam fitter at Asbury Park, Monmouth county, New Jersey, was born July 3, 1863, at Hamilton, Somerset county, New Jersey, son of Bartine and Deborah (Schibley) Brown. His grandfather, Cornelius Brown, was a resident of Long Branch, in politics a Democrat and an active member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died leaving six surviving children: Louisa, Mrs. Robert Bennett, Long Branch; Alfred, Bartine, Abraham, Jennie and Jackson. Bartine Brown, Mr. Brown's father, after farming at various places, made Asbury Park his permanent home, first carrying on an express business and later returning to farming pursuits. He was prosperous and is a considerable holder of real estate. He is a Democrat and like his father, a Methodist. Of eleven children Ferdinand is the fourth child and second son.

Ferdinand Brown was educated in the public schools of Asbury Park and for a number of years was variously prospecting before entering upon an independent business career. In 1890 he opened a plumbing, gas and steam fitting establishment on his own account, having previously become a thorough master of the business. He at once made successful headway against the older houses in the line and soon was established on a solid foundation. His business has continued to grow, and Mr. Brown has long been recognized as one of the prosperous and substantial business men of Asbury Park. In politics and religion he follows the family antecedents, being both a Democrat and a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member and treasurer of A. R. Cook Hose Company, No. 3, of Asbury Park, and a member of the Grand Fraternity. In February, 1884, he was married to Hettie Applegate. They have had six children: Frederick, Ethel, Florence, Lillian, Helen, deceased, and Hazel.

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WILLIAM GIFFARD.

William Giffard, son of William H., and Ella F. (Gregory) Giffard, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1866. He is of English ancestors, but his family have resided in New Jersey for several generations. His grandfather was born in Tuckerton, New Jersey. Mr. Giffard's father moved to Asbury Park in 1883, where he has since pursued his vocation of druggist and chemist. The subject of this memoir attended the public schools of Philadelphia and the high school of Asbury Park. In 1886 he went to work in the private office of Mr. James A. Bradley. In 1891 he became a traveling salesman for the firm of Bradley & Smith, and for three years represented that firm in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. In the latter year he became an employe of T. Frank Applegate, with whom he remained for two years. The following year was spent in the real estate office of Washington White. Upon his death, which occurred at the end of the year, Mr. Giffard succeeded to the business, which has been conducted profitably ever since. Being connected with a large insurance company as the financial agent, he has been enabled to place some large loans in Asbury Park and vicinity. He has been a zealous advocate of the principles of the Republican party and he actively participated in its campaigns. He

was elected township clerk in 1895, and served two years; when Asbury Park became a city he succeeded former Collector Hubbard, and filled the position for four years. He is chairman of the township Republican executive committee and member of the county committee.

He is actively interested in various secret societies and is a member of the following orders: Tecumseh Tribe, Order of Red Men; past counselor, Jr. O. U. A. M., of which body he is the national representative; Knights of Pythias; past chief of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; member of the Tribe of Ben Hur; of the Maccabees; and of the Oriols. He is a stockholder in the new Allenhurst Inn and is interested in various financial institutions, among which are the First National Bank of Belmar, Asbury Park Building and Loan Association, and Camden Building and Loan Association. Outside of his business affairs Mr. Giffard takes a deep interest in politics and in association with Mr. William A. Berry organized the Giffard-Berry Republican Club of Ocean township, which has three hundred members.

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#### JOHN ROCKAFELLER.

John Rockafeller, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Campbell) Rockafeller, was born near Northumberland, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1835, and died in Asbury Park, New Jersey, April 14, 1897. His ancestors for several generations were residents of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He attended school at Danville, Pennsylvania. He learned the machinist's trade, and while pursuing the occupation at Ashland, Pennsylvania, was accidentally injured and incapacitated. He then learned the photographer's art, but about 1864 began business as a merchant by opening a retail notion store in Philadelphia; in this he was successful and accumulated the foundation of a moderate fortune. In 1878 he became proprietor of Sunset Hall, one of the largest hotels in Asbury Park, and during the summers conducted that establishment until the time of his death. In 1880 he disposed of his mercantile business in Philadelphia and thereafter made Asbury Park his place of residence.

He was enterprising and progressive and became interested in some important enterprises. He was the originator of the first electric light plant erected on the Jersey coast, and retained during his life an active controlling interest in the Electric Light Company of Asbury Park. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and had advanced to the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. He was a Knight Templar, a member of the American Legion of Honor and of the Odd Fellows. He was a Republican in politics, one of the town commissioners, and a member of the board of health. He was married July 4, 1865, to Susan McQuade, at Philadelphia; they were the parents of three sons, Harry J. and John W., who survived, and Eugene, who died in infancy.

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#### WILLIAM YETMAN.

William Yetman, prominent farmer and builder of Howell township, and veteran of the Civil war, was born on his father's farm near Englishtown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, June 9, 1841. The founders of the Yetman family in America came from England in the seventeenth century and settled in Monmouth county, near the present village of Englishtown. The Yetmans were prominent in the county prior to the Revolution, and one, the great-grandfather of William Yetman, fought in the



battle of Monmouth under Washington. A Walter Yetman was in Captain Robert Conover's Company from Monmouth county during the war of 1812-15.

Mr. Yetman's father, also Walter Yetman, born in 1804, was a farmer in Freehold township and died at his old home in 1849. Mr. Yetman's mother, Sarah, a native of Monmouth county, died in 1856. The children of these parents were: Easter, Elizabeth, Sarah Catharine, Lydia, Walter John and William.

William Yetman received an ordinary common school education, was reared to farm life and at twenty years of age left his father's farm and enlisted in Company A, Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, August 26, 1862, and was mustered into the United States service at Camp Vredenburg, on the old Monmouth battle ground. Going to the front he served as corporal in his company until wounded at the battle of Monocacy, Maryland, June 9, 1864, in the same engagement in which the captain of his company was killed. He was sent to St. John's hospital but the wound in his hip proved to be so serious that he was disabled to do further active service, and was discharged from the hospital June 13, 1865. Mr. Yetman's brother in the same company was taken prisoner at Cold Harbor, Virginia, June 2, 1864, and underwent the horrors of confinement in various southern prisons. Upon his return from the war Mr. Yetman settled down as a farmer and builder in Manalapan township, Monmouth county, remaining there until 1877, when he removed to Howell township. He is a successful farmer and business man, a member of Conover Post, No. 68, G. A. R., of Freehold, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Blue Ball.

In 1865 he was married to Rosia Hulse. Their children are: Delia, who married George Hall, a merchant of Blue Ball; Jennie, who married a wheelwright of Blue Ball; George, a blacksmith at Long Branch; and Ira, a clerk in Sayreville, New Jersey.

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#### CORNELIUS V. CLARK.

Cornelius V. Clark, a prominent farmer of Raritan, Hazlet Post Office, New Jersey, was born April 7, 1847, in the town in which he now lives. He is a son of Thomas and Susan (Walling) Clark. His father was a native of Holmdel, New Jersey where he was born in the year 1810. His death occurred in 1861. He was a son of Joseph Clark, and he in turn a son of Abraham Clark, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The mother of our subject is still living at the advanced age of eighty years. Our subject is one of a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Ezra, a farmer of Holmdel; Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Cawles, a farmer of Raritan township; Susan, wife of John H. Curtis, also a farmer in Raritan township; John, engaged in farming on the old homestead property; Harriet, widow of George Thorne; Charles, also carrying on farming in Raritan; Cornelia, wife of Emile Pumper, a street inspector of Keyport.

Our subject devotes his fine farm of one hundred acres to the cultivation of garden truck and fruit, making the raising of asparagus one of his specialties. His farming is conducted on scientific principles, and the results are eminently satisfactory. Mr. Clark is well equipped with several pieces of up-to-date machinery such as steam power engines, threshers, etc., and makes it a business, in season, of threshing and reaping the grain crops of the surrounding farms, and also of mowing their crops of hay.

Our subject was married on May 20, 1876, to Mary Annack, who was born on September 1, 1847, daughter of Thomas W. Annack. (Sketches of the Annack and

Walling families will be found in another part of this work). They have had six children, namely: M. Emma, born July 15, 1877, wife of John D. Stultz, of Brooklyn, New York; James V. R., born November 19, 1882; Suella, born April 17, 1884; T. Russel, born November 1, 1886; Daniel A., born March 20, 1888; H. Leroy, born June 17, 1892. Mr. Clark is a Democrat in politics, although he takes no active part in the affairs of his party. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

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#### ANDREW R. COLEMAN.

Andrew R. Coleman, one of the board of commissioners of Red Bank, was born at Red Bank, December 5, 1858. His father, the late Andrew Coleman, was a native of Massachusetts, who came to New Jersey in the early 'forties in the interests of the North American Phalanx, with which he continued to be identified throughout the existence of that remarkable community. He subsequently removed to Red Bank, where he had a jewelry store and where he died in 1883. His wife survives and resides with her son, the immediate subject of this sketch. A. R. Coleman received his education at Red Bank, learned the jewelry business with his father, in which he continued to be engaged until 1888, when he became interested in photography. In 1894 he established his present studio on Broad street, at Red Bank, making a specialty of views. He married, December 17, 1883, Lizzie A., daughter of Milo R. and Kate A. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have one child, Helen Louise Coleman. Mr. Coleman is a member of Mystic Brotherhood Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., and Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.

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#### HALSTED H. WAINWRIGHT.

Halsted H. Wainwright, a prominent member of the Monmouth county bar, and resident of Manasquan, was born in Farmingdale, Howell township, son of Halsted and Elizabeth (Bedle) Wainwright. The family is of English extraction and was founded at Shrewsbury, East Jersey, as early as 1668, and its representatives were active patriots during the Revolutionary war. The given name of his great-grandfather was Halsted, who was one of the earliest settlers of Farmingdale. The grandfather, Halsted H., spent his boyhood on the paternal farm near Farmingdale, but later became a merchant and established the "Wainwright Store," now the property of Halsted Wainwright the third, the father of Halsted H. Wainwright, the subject. Halsted Wainwright, the father, born January 7, 1831, at Farmingdale, is at present the leading undertaker of that borough, having founded the business in 1858, after having conducted a general mercantile business for six or seven years previous. He is a staunch Republican, a devout member of the Methodist church of Farmingdale, has held various local offices and is one of the most popular and respected citizens of Farmingdale. Mr. Wainwright's mother, who was Elizabeth Bedle, is a cousin of the late ex-governor, Joseph D. Bedle.

Halsted H. Wainwright was educated at district schools and at Freehold Institute. He read law with W. H. Vredenburg at Freehold, and upon admission to the bar, in 1878, located at Manasquan. He came into a steadily growing and lucrative practice, was later admitted as counselor and as a specialty gives attention to chancery and supreme court cases. He gives studied preparation to his cases and is eloquent and convincing before a jury.

Mr. Wainwright is a director of the Central National Bank of Freehold, of the Manasquan Building and Loan Association, has been a mayor of the borough and is solicitor for the boroughs of Manasquan and Belmar. He is a staunch Republican, an ardent Methodist, is a trustee and at one time was superintendent of the Sunday-school of that church. He is a member and past officer of Excelsior Lodge, I. O. O. F.; a member and national representative of the J. O. U. A. M.; and also of the K. G. E. In early life Mr. Wainwright was married to Isabella, daughter of William H. Nesbitt, a prominent miller of Newmarket, Middlesex county, New Jersey. They have the following children: Arthur, Clara, Walter, Francis, Lucinda and Halsted.

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#### CHARLES E. COOK.

Charles E. Cook, an active and highly capable member of the Monmouth county bar, with offices at Asbury Park, is a native of New York City, where he was born March 16, 1869. His early life was passed in that city and at Montclair, New Jersey. His education was acquired in the public schools, from which he was graduated in 1885. Through his own efforts he acquired a thorough practical knowledge of stenography and typewriting, and found profitable employment with the firm of I. G. Johnson, 23 Murray street, New York, from 1880 to 1890, with whom he remained for ten years. During a brief stay in Washington City he attended law lectures at the Georgetown University, and in the summer of 1890 he entered the office of Samuel Patterson, Esquire, counselor-at-law, under whose preceptorship he read law for three years, and was then admitted to the New Jersey bar. Locating at Asbury Park, he at once entered upon the general practice of his profession, and soon was entrusted with the legal business of a large and influential clientele.

An earnest Democrat, Mr. Cook has labored zealously in behalf of the interests of his party, and his usefulness has been recognized by his frequent election as delegate to district and county conventions. He is a member of Monmouth Lodge, No. 107, Knights of Pythias, and has served as keeper of records and seal and treasurer of his lodge. In July, 1892, Mr. Cook was married to Miss Anna E. Chadwick, daughter of Captain George Chadwick, a ship owner and master, of Point Pleasant, Ocean county, and a granddaughter of William L. Chadwick, a prominent citizen of Ocean county and for many years employed in the government life saving service.

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#### JOSEPH L. CLIVER.

Joseph Cliver, coroner of Monmouth county, New Jersey, and successful tobacco merchant of Asbury Park, was born July 16, 1853, in Hanover township Burlington county, New Jersey, son of Joseph K. and Hannah (Asay) Cliver, and is of English-Irish extraction. His grandfather, Joseph Cliver, was a large landowner near Wrightstown, New Jersey, a Democrat and a Methodist, dying in 1800 and leaving a large legacy, not least of which was a good name, to his three sons, Joseph K., Elsie and Richard.

Joseph K., the father of our subject, was born on the homestead farm, received a common school education and learned the trade of a butcher. He subsequently abandoned his trade, returned to the farm life, and followed it until retirement. He served in the Union army from 1864 until the close of the war as a member of

Company C, Twenty-third Regiment, New Jersey Infantry, under General Torps. He has been a life-long Democrat, and in religious persuasion a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Seven of his eight children are still living. Mr. Cliver's grandfather on the mother's side is a successful farmer in Hanover township, a Republican, a Methodist and highly respected citizen.

Joseph Cliver, educated at Pointville, New Jersey, and at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, was employed during the four years after leaving school in a store at Yardville, New Jersey. In 1889 he established his present tobacco and cigar business at Asbury Park. He has built up a wide patronage and is still from year to year increasing the volume of his business. He is a pronounced Democrat, an astute politician and, withal, so popular that though put forward as a candidate on the regular party ticket, he came within twenty-five votes of being elected to the assembly of New Jersey in his district, which is a Republican stronghold. In 1893 he was elected coroner of Monmouth county.

He is a member of many fraternal societies, of Asbury Lodge, No. 142, F. & A. M., of Asbury Park; Standard Chapter, R. A. M., of Long Branch; Corson Commandery, No. 15, K. T., of Asbury Park; Scottish Rite, of Camden; Lulu Temple, of Philadelphia; Monmouth Lodge, No. 107, K. of P., Asbury Park; Asbury Council, No. 23, J. O. U. A. M.; Neptune Lodge, No. 84, I. O. O. F.; the Royal Arcanum, and Asbury Park Lodge, No. 128, B. P. O. E., all of Asbury Park. He is also a charter member of the Monmouth Club of Asbury Park. In May, 1879, Mr. Cliver was married to Carrie E. Cole. They have three children: Howard, a graduate of Trenton Business College; Alvin; and Sarah Alma.

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#### FRANK L. TUTTLE.

Frank L. Tuttle, manager of the Asbury Park branch of the house of W. R. & J. E. Tuttle, was born in Bethel, Fairfield county, Connecticut, March 10, 1870, son of William R. and Jennie (Birch) Tuttle. His father was born at South Norwalk, Connecticut, where he was educated in the common schools. In early life he entered upon business life as a commission dealer, and in 1878 he established the present house of W. R. & J. E. Tuttle, house furnishing supplies, at Danbury, Connecticut, its present headquarters.

Frank L. Tuttle was educated in his native town, and was graduated from the high school in 1885, when fifteen years of age. He entered his father's establishment, and when he had attained his majority he had become proficient as a hat-finisher. In 1892 he came to Asbury Park and assumed the management of the business there, which has greatly increased under his direction, and is recognized as one of the most important mercantile establishments on the coast.

Politically Mr. Tuttle is an independent, holding public and local interests as more important than party. He is a member of Company A, Third Regiment, New Jersey Infantry; of Corinthian Castle, No. 47, Knights of the Golden Eagle; of the Junior Order United American Mechanics; of Wesley Engine Company, No. 1; and he has displayed a special talent in the conduct of amateur enterprises for the benefit of these and other local organizations. In October, 1893, Mr. Tuttle was married to Miss Frances Brant, daughter of Edward M. Brant, of Asbury Park. Two children, Frank Raymond and Edwin Brant, have been born of this marriage.























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