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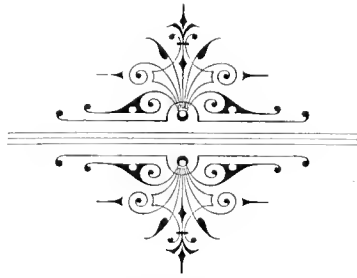
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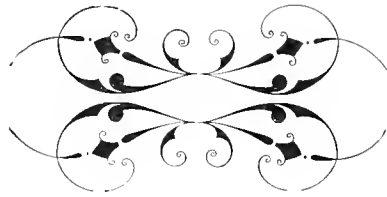
THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea, the PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD of this county has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought the county to a rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble state, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued "the even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"They have done what they could." It tells how that many in the pride and strength of young manhood left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work, and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written, and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to the biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men could never be found, though repeated calls were made at their residences or places of business.

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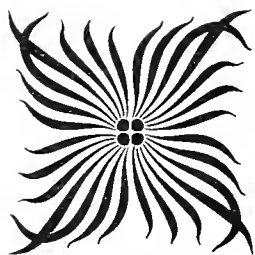
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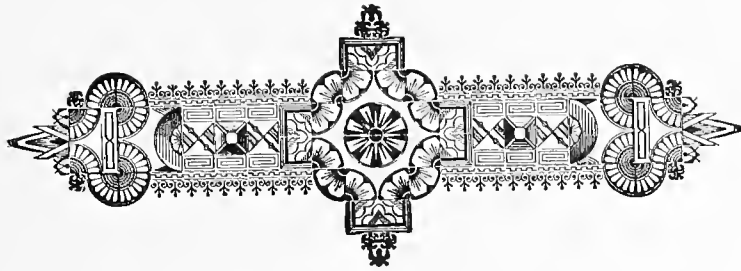
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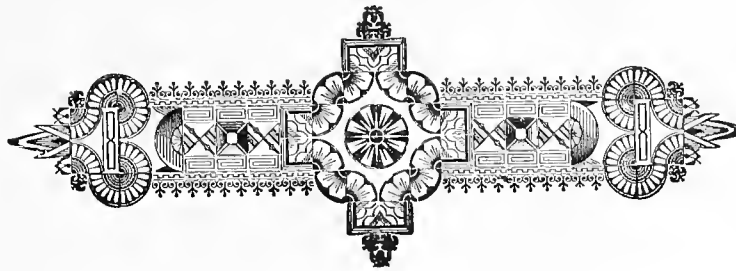
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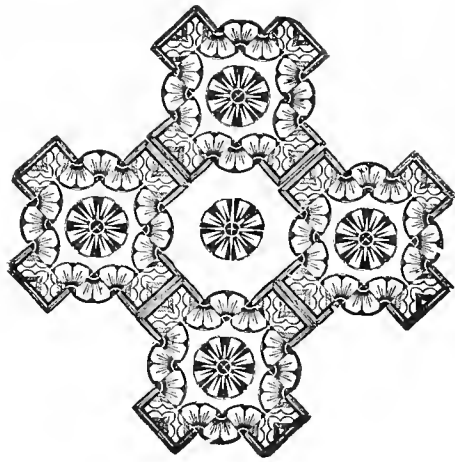
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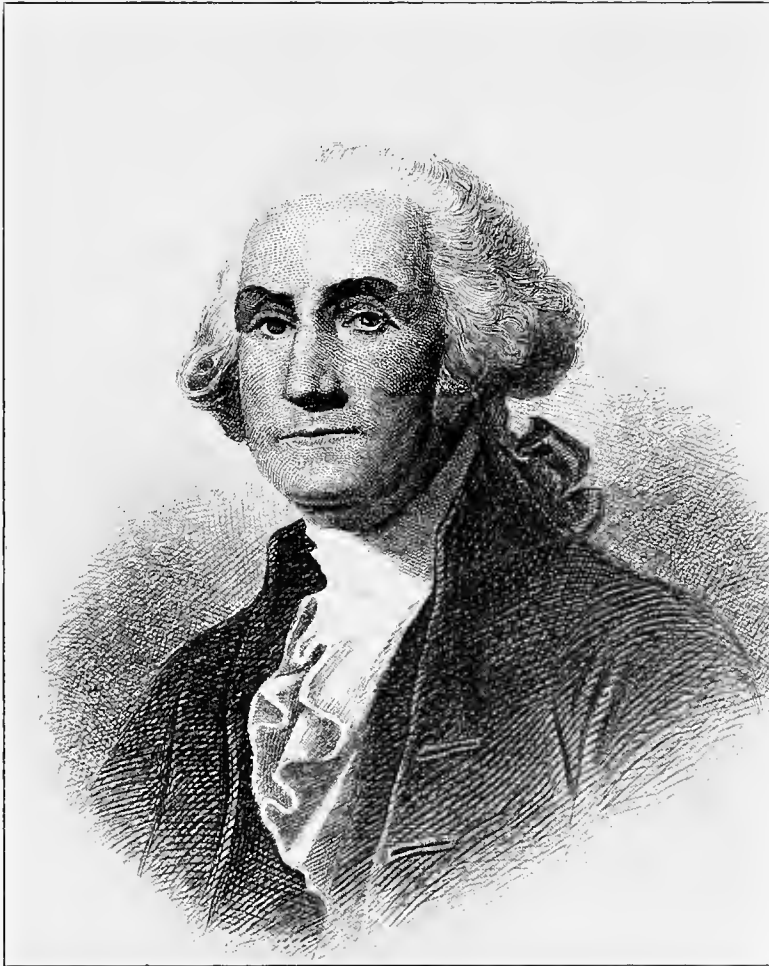


PRESIDENTS.









GEORGE WASHINGTON.

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THE Father of our Country was born in Westmoreland County, Va., February 22, 1732. His parents were Augustine and Mary (Ball) Washington. The family to which he belonged has not been satisfactorily traced in England. His great-grandfather, John Washington, emigrated to Virginia about 1657, and became a prosperous planter. He had two sons, Lawrence and John. The former married Mildred Warner, and had three children, John, Augustine and Mildred. Augustine, the father of George, first married Jane Butler, who bore him four children, two of whom, Lawrence and Augustine, reached maturity. Of six children by his second marriage, George was the eldest, the others being Betty, Samuel, John Augustine, Charles and Mildred.

Augustine Washington, the father of George, died in 1743, leaving a large landed property. To his eldest son, Lawrence, he bequeathed an estate on the Potomac, afterwards known as Mt. Vernon, and to George he left the parental residence. George received only such education as the neighborhood schools afforded, save for a short time after he left school, when he received private instruction in mathematics. His spelling was rather defective. Remarkable stories are told of his great physical strength and development at an early age. He was an acknowledged leader among his companions, and was early noted for that nobleness of character, fairness and veracity which characterized his whole life.

When George was fourteen years old he had a desire to go to sea, and a midshipman's warrant was secured for him, but through the opposition of his mother the idea was abandoned. Two

years later he was appointed surveyor to the immense estate of Lord Fairfax. In this business he spent three years in a rough frontier life, gaining experience which afterwards proved very essential to him. In 1751, though only nineteen years of age, he was appointed Adjutant, with the rank of Major, in the Virginia militia, then being trained for active service against the French and Indians. Soon after this he sailed to the West Indies with his brother Lawrence, who went there to restore his health. They soon returned, and in the summer of 1752 Lawrence died, leaving a large fortune to an infant daughter, who did not long survive him. On her demise the estate of Mt. Vernon was given to George.

Upon the arrival of Robert Dinwiddie as Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, in 1752, the militia was reorganized, and the province divided into four military districts, of which the northern was assigned to Washington as Adjutant-General. Shortly after this a very perilous mission, which others had refused, was assigned him and accepted. This was to proceed to the French post near Lake Erie, in northwestern Pennsylvania. The distance to be traversed was about six hundred miles. Winter was at hand, and the journey was to be made without military escort, through a territory occupied by Indians. The trip was a perilous one, and several times he nearly lost his life, but he returned in safety and furnished a full and useful report of his expedition. A regiment of three hundred men was raised in Virginia and put in command of Col. Joshua Fry, and Maj. Washington was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel. Active war was then begun against the French and Indians, in which Washington took

a most important part. In the memorable event of July 9, 1755, known as "Braddock's defeat," Washington was almost the only officer of distinction who escaped from the calamities of the day with life and honor.

Having been for five years in the military service, and having vainly sought promotion in the royal army, he took advantage of the fall of Ft. Duquesne and the expulsion of the French from the valley of the Ohio to resign his commission. Soon after he entered the Legislature, where, although not a leader, he took an active and important part. January 17, 1759, he married Mrs. Martha (Dandridge) Custis, the wealthy widow of John Parke Custis.

When the British Parliament had closed the port of Boston, the cry went up throughout the provinces, "The cause of Boston is the cause of us all!" It was then, at the suggestion of Virginia, that a congress of all the colonies was called to meet at Philadelphia September 5, 1774, to secure their common liberties, peaceably if possible. To this congress Col. Washington was sent as a delegate. On May 10, 1775, the congress re-assembled, when the hostile intentions of England were plainly apparent. The battles of Concord and Lexington had been fought, and among the first acts of this congress was the election of a commander-in-chief of the Colonial forces. This high and responsible office was conferred upon Washington, who was still a member of the congress. He accepted it on June 19, but upon the express condition that he receive no salary. He would keep an exact account of expenses, and expect congress to pay them and nothing more. It is not the object of this sketch to trace the military acts of Washington, to whom the fortunes and liberties of the people of this country were so long confided. The war was conducted by him under every possible disadvantage; and while his forces often met with reverses, yet he overcame every obstacle, and after seven years of heroic devotion and matchless skill he gained liberty for the greatest nation of earth. On December 23, 1783, Washington, in a parting address of surpassing beauty, resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the army to the

Continental Congress sitting at Annapolis. He retired immediately to Mt. Vernon and resumed his occupation as a farmer and planter, shunning all connection with public life.

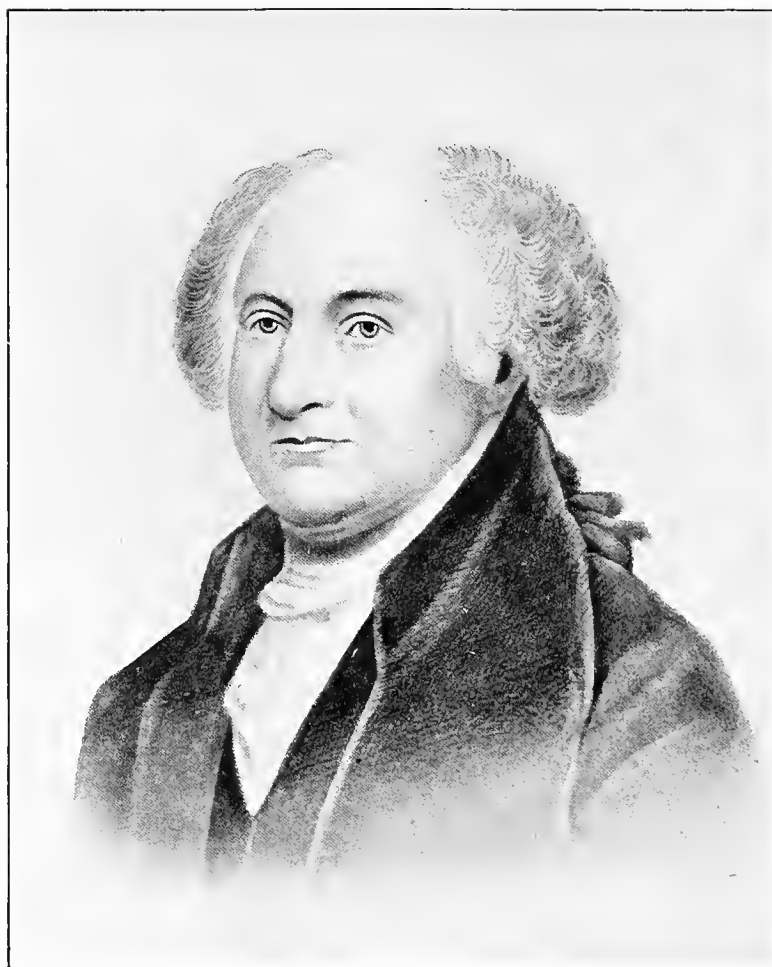
In February, 1789, Washington was unanimously elected President, and at the expiration of his first term he was unanimously re-elected. At the end of this term many were anxious that he be re-elected, but he absolutely refused a third nomination. On March 4, 1797, at the expiration of his second term as President, he returned to his home, hoping to pass there his few remaining years free from the annoyances of public life. Later in the year, however, his repose seemed likely to be interrupted by war with France. At the prospect of such a war he was again urged to take command of the army, but he chose his subordinate officers and left them the charge of matters in the field, which he superintended from his home. In accepting the command, he made the reservation that he was not to be in the field until it was necessary. In the midst of these preparations his life was suddenly cut off. December 12 he took a severe cold from a ride in the rain, which, settling in his throat, produced inflammation, and terminated fatally on the night of the 14th. On the 18th his body was borne with military honors to its final resting-place, and interred in the family vault at Mt. Vernon.

Of the character of Washington it is impossible to speak but in terms of the highest respect and admiration. The more we see of the operations of our government, and the more deeply we feel the difficulty of uniting all opinions in a common interest, the more highly we must estimate the force of his talent and character, which have been able to challenge the reverence of all parties, and principles, and nations, and to win a fame as extended as the limits of the globe, and which we cannot but believe will be as lasting as the existence of man.

In person, Washington was unusually tall, erect and well proportioned, and his muscular strength was great. His features were of a beautiful symmetry. He commanded respect without any appearance of haughtiness, and was ever serious without being dull.







JOHN ADAMS.

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## JOHN ADAMS.

JOHN ADAMS, the second President and the first Vice-President of the United States, was born in Braintree (now Quincy) Mass., and about ten miles from Boston, October 19, 1735. His great-grandfather, Henry Adams, emigrated from England about 1640, with a family of eight sons, and settled at Braintree. The parents of John were John and Susannah (Boylston) Adams. His father, who was a farmer of limited means, also engaged in the business of shoemaking. He gave his eldest son, John, a classical education at Harvard College. John graduated in 1755, and at once took charge of the school at Worcester, Mass. This he found but a "school of affliction," from which he endeavored to gain relief by devoting himself, in addition, to the study of law. For this purpose he placed himself under the tuition of the only lawyer in the town. He had thought seriously of the clerical profession, but seems to have been turned from this by what he termed "the frightful engines of ecclesiastical councils, of diabolical malice, and Calvinistic good nature," of the operations of which he had been a witness in his native town. He was well fitted for the legal profession, possessing a clear, sonorous voice, being ready and fluent of speech, and having quick perceptive powers. He gradually gained a practice, and in 1764 married Abigail Smith, a daughter of a minister, and a lady of superior intelligence. Shortly after his marriage, in 1765, the attempt at parliamentary taxation turned him from law to politics. He took initial steps toward holding a town meeting, and the resolutions he offered on the subject became very popular throughout the province, and were adopted word for word by over forty different towns. He moved to Boston in 1768, and became one of the most courageous and prominent advocates of the popular cause, and was chosen a member of the General Court (the Legislature) in 1770.

Mr. Adams was chosen one of the first dele-

gates from Massachusetts to the first Continental Congress, which met in 1774. Here he distinguished himself by his capacity for business and for debate, and advocated the movement for independence against the majority of the members. In May, 1776, he moved and carried a resolution in Congress that the Colonies should assume the duties of self-government. He was a prominent member of the committee of five appointed June 11 to prepare a declaration of independence. This article was drawn by Jefferson, but on Adams devolved the task of battling it through Congress in a three-days debate.

On the day after the Declaration of Independence was passed, while his soul was yet warm with the glow of excited feeling, he wrote a letter to his wife, which, as we read it now, seems to have been dictated by the spirit of prophecy. "Yesterday," he says, "the greatest question was decided that ever was debated in America; and greater, perhaps, never was or will be decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, 'that these United States are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states.' The day is passed. The Fourth of July, 1776, will be a memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God. It ought to be solemnized with pomp, shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forever. You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost to maintain this declaration and support and defend these States; yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of light and glory. I can see that the end is worth more than all the means, and that posterity will triumph,

although you and I may rue, which I hope we shall not."

In November, 1777, Mr. Adams was appointed a delegate to France, and to co-operate with Benjamin Franklin and Arthur Lee, who were then in Paris, in the endeavor to obtain assistance in arms and money from the French government. This was a severe trial to his patriotism, as it separated him from his home, compelled him to cross the ocean in winter, and exposed him to great peril of capture by the British cruisers, who were seeking him. He left France June 17, 1779. In September of the same year he was again chosen to go to Paris, and there hold himself in readiness to negotiate a treaty of peace and of-commerce with Great Britain, as soon as the British cabinet might be found willing to listen to such proposals. He sailed for France in November, and from there he went to Holland, where he negotiated important loans and formed important commercial treaties.

Finally, a treaty of peace with England was signed, January 21, 1783. The re-action from the excitement, toil and anxiety through which Mr. Adams had passed threw him into a fever. After suffering from a continued fever and becoming feeble and emaciated, he was advised to go to England to drink the waters of Bath. While in England, still drooping and desponding, he received dispatches from his own government urging the necessity of his going to Amsterdam to negotiate another loan. It was winter, his health was delicate, yet he immediately set out, and through storm, on sea, on horseback and foot, he made the trip.

February 24, 1785, Congress appointed Mr. Adams envoy to the Court of St. James. Here he met face to face the King of England, who had so long regarded him as a traitor. As England did not condescend to appoint a minister to the United States, and as Mr. Adams felt that he was accomplishing but little, he sought permission to return to his own country, where he arrived in June, 1788.

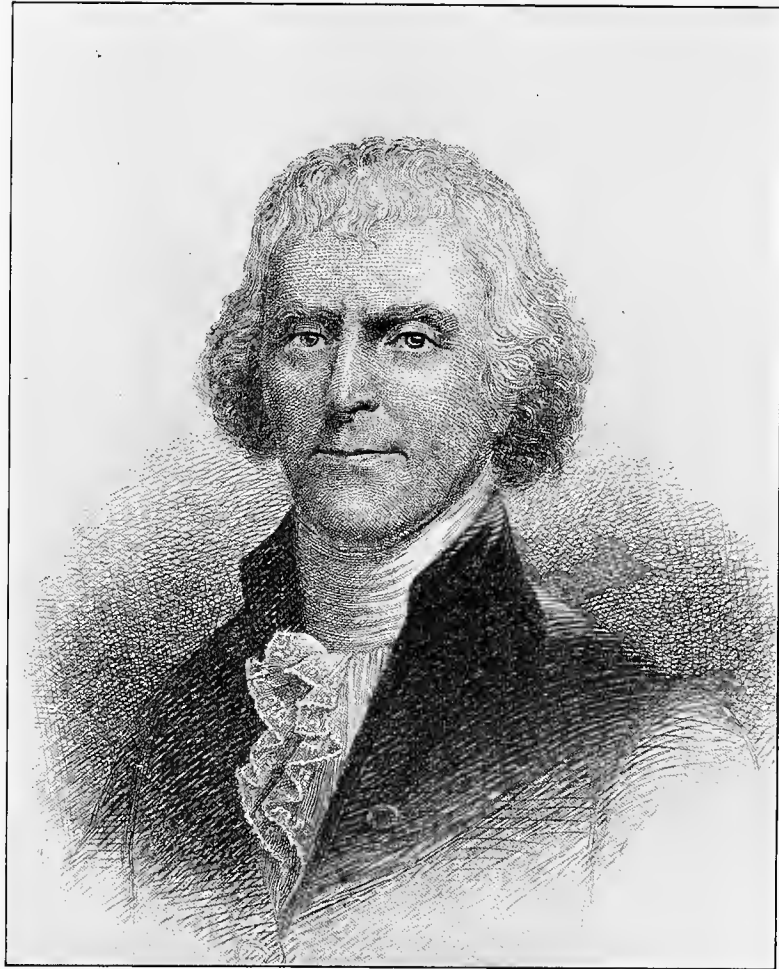
When Washington was first chosen President, John Adams, rendered illustrious by his signal services at home and abroad, was chosen Vice-

President. Again, at the second election of Washington as President, Adams was chosen Vice-President. In 1796, Washington retired from public life, and Mr. Adams was elected President, though not without much opposition. Serving in this office four years, he was succeeded by Mr. Jefferson, his opponent in politics.

While Mr. Adams was Vice-President the great French Revolution shook the continent of Europe, and it was upon this point that he was at issue with the majority of his countrymen, led by Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Adams felt no sympathy with the French people in their struggle, for he had no confidence in their power of self-government, and he utterly abhorred the class of atheist philosophers who, he claimed, caused it. On the other hand, Jefferson's sympathies were strongly enlisted in behalf of the French people. Hence originated the alienation between these distinguished men, and the two powerful parties were thus soon organized, with Adams at the head of the one whose sympathies were with England, and Jefferson leading the other in sympathy with France.

The Fourth of July, 1826, which completed the half-century since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, arrived, and there were but three of the signers of that immortal instrument left upon the earth to hail its morning light. And, as it is well known, on that day two of these finished their earthly pilgrimage, a coincidence so remarkable as to seem miraculous. For a few days before Mr. Adams had been rapidly failing, and on the morning of the Fourth he found himself too weak to rise from his bed. On being requested to name a toast for the customary celebration of the day, he exclaimed "Independence forever!" When the day was ushered in by the ringing of bells and the firing of cannons, he was asked by one of his attendants if he knew what day it was? He replied, "O yes, it is the glorious Fourth of July—God bless it—God bless you all!" In the course of the day he said, "It is a great and glorious day." The last words he uttered were, "Jefferson survives." But he had, at one o'clock, resigned his spirit into the hands of his God.





THOMAS JEFFERSON.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON was born April 2, 1743, at Shadwell, Albemarle County, Va. His parents were Peter and Jane (Randolph) Jefferson, the former a native of Wales, and the latter born in London. To them were born six daughters and two sons, of whom Thomas was the elder. When fourteen years of age his father died. He received a most liberal education, having been kept diligently at school from the time he was five years of age. In 1760 he entered William and Mary College. Williamsburg was then the seat of the Colonial court, and it was the abode of fashion and splendor. Young Jefferson, who was then seventeen years old, lived somewhat expensively, keeping fine horses, and going much into gay society; yet he was earnestly devoted to his studies, and irreproachable in his morals. In the second year of his college course, moved by some unexplained impulse, he discarded his old companions and pursuits, and often devoted fifteen hours a day to hard study. He thus attained very high intellectual culture, and a like excellence in philosophy and the languages.

Immediately upon leaving college he began the study of law. For the short time he continued in the practice of his profession he rose rapidly, and distinguished himself by his energy and acuteness as a lawyer. But the times called for greater action. The policy of England had awakened the spirit of resistance in the American Colonies, and the enlarged views which Jefferson had ever entertained soon led him into active political life. In 1769 he was chosen a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses. In 1772 he mar-

ried Mrs. Martha Skelton, a very beautiful, wealthy, and highly accomplished young widow.

In 1775 he was sent to the Colonial Congress, where, though a silent member, his abilities as a writer and a reasoner soon become known, and he was placed upon a number of important committees, and was chairman of the one appointed for the drawing up of a declaration of independence. This committee consisted of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. Jefferson, as chairman, was appointed to draw up the paper. Franklin and Adams suggested a few verbal changes before it was submitted to Congress. On June 28, a few slight changes were made in it by Congress, and it was passed and signed July 4, 1776.

In 1779 Mr. Jefferson was elected successor to Patrick Henry as Governor of Virginia. At one time the British officer Tarleton sent a secret expedition to Monticello to capture the Governor. Scarcely five minutes elapsed after the hurried escape of Mr. Jefferson and his family ere his mansion was in possession of the British troops. His wife's health, never very good, was much injured by this excitement, and in the summer of 1782 she died.

Mr. Jefferson was elected to Congress in 1783. Two years later he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to France. Returning to the United States in September, 1789, he became Secretary of State in Washington's cabinet. This position he resigned January 1, 1794. In 1797, he was chosen Vice-President, and four years later was elected President over Mr. Adams, with Aaron

Burr as Vice-President. In 1804 he was re-elected with wonderful unanimity, George Clinton being elected Vice-President.

The early part of Mr. Jefferson's second administration was disturbed by an event which threatened the tranquillity and peace of the Union; this was the conspiracy of Aaron Burr. Defeated in the late election to the Vice-Presidency, and led on by an unprincipled ambition, this extraordinary man formed the plan of a military expedition into the Spanish territories on our southwestern frontier, for the purpose of forming there a new republic. This was generally supposed to have been a mere pretext; and although it has not been generally known what his real plans were, there is no doubt that they were of a far more dangerous character.

In 1809, at the expiration of the second term for which Mr. Jefferson had been elected, he determined to retire from political life. For a period of nearly forty years he had been continually before the public, and all that time had been employed in offices of the greatest trust and responsibility. Having thus devoted the best part of his life to the service of his country, he now felt desirous of that rest which his declining years required, and upon the organization of the new administration, in March, 1809, he bade farewell forever to public life and retired to Monticello, his famous country home, which, next to Mt. Vernon, was the most distinguished residence in the land.

The Fourth of July, 1826, being the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence, great preparations were made in every part of the Union for its celebration as the nation's jubilee, and the citizens of Washington, to add to the solemnity of the occasion, invited Mr. Jefferson, as the framer and one of the few surviving signers of the Declaration, to participate in their festivities. But an illness, which had been of several weeks' duration and had been continually increasing, compelled him to decline the invitation.

On the 2d of July the disease under which he was laboring left him, but in such a reduced state that his medical attendants entertained no hope of his recovery. From this time he was

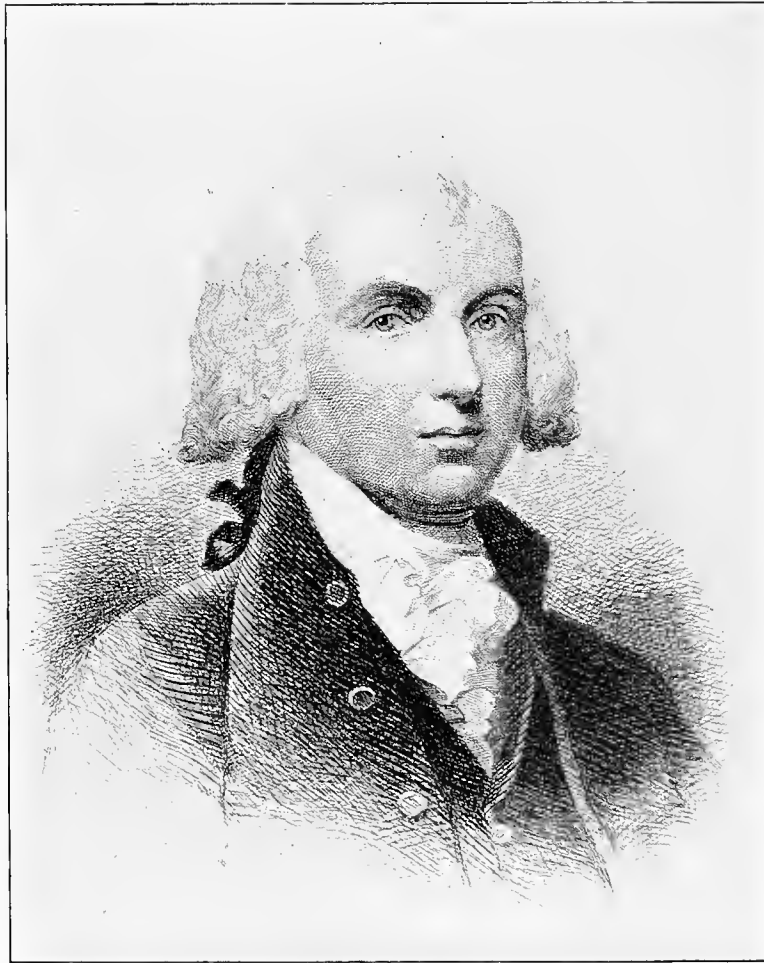
perfectly sensible that his last hour was at hand. On the next day, which was Monday, he asked of those around him the day of the month, and on being told it was the 3d of July, he expressed the earnest wish that he might be permitted to breathe the air of the fiftieth anniversary. His prayer was heard—that day whose dawn was hailed with such rapture through our land burst upon his eyes, and then they were closed forever. And what a noble consummation of a noble life! To die on that day—the birthday of a nation—the day which his own name and his own act had rendered glorious, to die amidst the rejoicings and festivities of a whole nation, who looked up to him as the author, under God, of their greatest blessings, was all that was wanting to fill up the record of his life.

Almost at the same hour of his death, the kindred spirit of the venerable Adams, as if to bear him company, left the scene of his earthly honors. Hand in hand they had stood forth, the champions of freedom; hand in hand, during the dark and desperate struggle of the Revolution, they had cheered and animated their desponding countrymen; for half a century they had labored together for the good of the country, and now hand in hand they departed. In their lives they had been united in the same great cause of liberty, and in their deaths they were not divided.

In person Mr. Jefferson was tall and thin, rather above six feet in height, but well formed; his eyes were light, his hair, originally red, in after life became white and silvery, his complexion was fair, his forehead broad, and his whole countenance intelligent and thoughtful. He possessed great fortitude of mind as well as personal courage, and his command of temper was such that his oldest and most intimate friends never recollected to have seen him in a passion. His manners, though dignified, were simple and unaffected, and his hospitality was so unbounded that all found at his house a ready welcome. In conversation he was fluent, eloquent and enthusiastic, and his language was remarkably pure and correct. He was a finished classical scholar, and in his writings is discernible the care with which he formed his style upon the best models of antiquity.







JAMES MADISON.

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JAMES MADISON, "Father of the Constitution," and fourth President of the United States, was born March 16, 1757, and died at his home in Virginia June 28, 1836. The name of James Madison is inseparably connected with most of the important events in that heroic period of our country during which the foundations of this great republic were laid. He was the last of the founders of the Constitution of the United States to be called to his eternal reward.

The Madison family were among the early emigrants to the New World, landing upon the shores of the Chesapeake but fifteen years after the settlement of Jamestown. The father of James Madison was an opulent planter, residing upon a very fine estate called Montpelier, in Orange County, Va. It was but twenty-five miles from the home of Jefferson at Monticello, and the closest personal and political attachment existed between these illustrious men from their early youth until death.

The early education of Mr. Madison was conducted mostly at home under a private tutor. At the age of eighteen he was sent to Princeton College, in New Jersey. Here he applied himself to study with the most imprudent zeal, allowing himself for months but three hours' sleep out of the twenty-four. His health thus became so seriously impaired that he never recovered any vigor of constitution. He graduated in 1771, with a feeble body, but with a character of utmost purity, and a mind highly disciplined and richly stored with learning, which embellished and gave efficiency to his subsequent career.

Returning to Virginia, he commenced the study of law and a course of extensive and systematic reading. This educational course, the spirit of the times in which he lived, and the society with which he associated, all combined to inspire him with a strong love of liberty, and to train him for his life-work as a statesman.

In the spring of 1776, when twenty-six years of

age, he was elected a member of the Virginia Convention to frame the constitution of the State. The next year (1777), he was a candidate for the General Assembly. He refused to treat the whisky-loving voters, and consequently lost his election; but those who had witnessed the talent, energy and public spirit of the modest young man enlisted themselves in his behalf, and he was appointed to the Executive Council.

Both Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson were Governors of Virginia while Mr. Madison remained member of the Council, and their appreciation of his intellectual, social and moral worth contributed not a little to his subsequent eminence. In the year 1780 he was elected a member of the Continental Congress. Here he met the most illustrious men in our land, and he was immediately assigned to one of the most conspicuous positions among them. For three years he continued in Congress, one of its most active and influential members. In 1784, his term having expired, he was elected a member of the Virginia Legislature.

No man felt more deeply than Mr. Madison the utter inefficiency of the old confederacy, with no national government, and no power to form treaties which would be binding, or to enforce law. There was not any State more prominent than Virginia in the declaration that an efficient national government must be formed. In January, 1786, Mr. Madison carried a resolution through the General Assembly of Virginia, inviting the other States to appoint commissioners to meet in convention at Annapolis to discuss this subject. Five States only were represented. The convention, however, issued another call, drawn up by Mr. Madison, urging all the States to send their delegates to Philadelphia in May, 1787, to draft a Constitution for the United States, to take the place of the Confederate League. The delegates met at the time appointed. Every State but Rhode Island was represented. George Washing-

ton was chosen president of the convention, and the present Constitution of the United States was then and there formed. There was, perhaps, no mind and no pen more active in framing this immortal document than the mind and the pen of James Madison.

The Constitution, adopted by a vote of eighty-one to seventy-nine, was to be presented to the several States for acceptance. But grave solicitude was felt. Should it be rejected, we should be left but a conglomeration of independent States, with but little power at home and little respect abroad. Mr. Madison was elected by the convention to draw up an address to the people of the United States, expounding the principles of the Constitution, and urging its adoption. There was great opposition to it at first, but at length it triumphed over all, and went into effect in 1789.

Mr. Madison was elected to the House of Representatives in the first Congress, and soon became the avowed leader of the Republican party. While in New York attending Congress, he met Mrs. Todd, a young widow of remarkable power of fascination, whom he married. She was in person and character queenly, and probably no lady has thus far occupied so prominent a position in the very peculiar society which has constituted our republican court as did Mrs. Madison.

Mr. Madison served as Secretary of State under Jefferson, and at the close of his administration was chosen President. At this time the encroachments of England had brought us to the verge of war. British orders in council destroyed our commerce, and our flag was exposed to constant insult. Mr. Madison was a man of peace. Scholarly in his taste, retiring in his disposition, war had no charms for him. But the meekest spirit can be roused. It makes one's blood boil, even now, to think of an American ship brought to upon the ocean by the guns of an English cruiser. A young lieutenant steps on board and orders the crew to be paraded before him. With great nonchalance he selects any number whom he may please to designate as British subjects, orders them down the ship's side into his boat, and places them on the gundeck of his man-of-war, to fight, by compulsion, the battles of England. This right

of search and impressment no efforts of our Government could induce the British cabinet to relinquish.

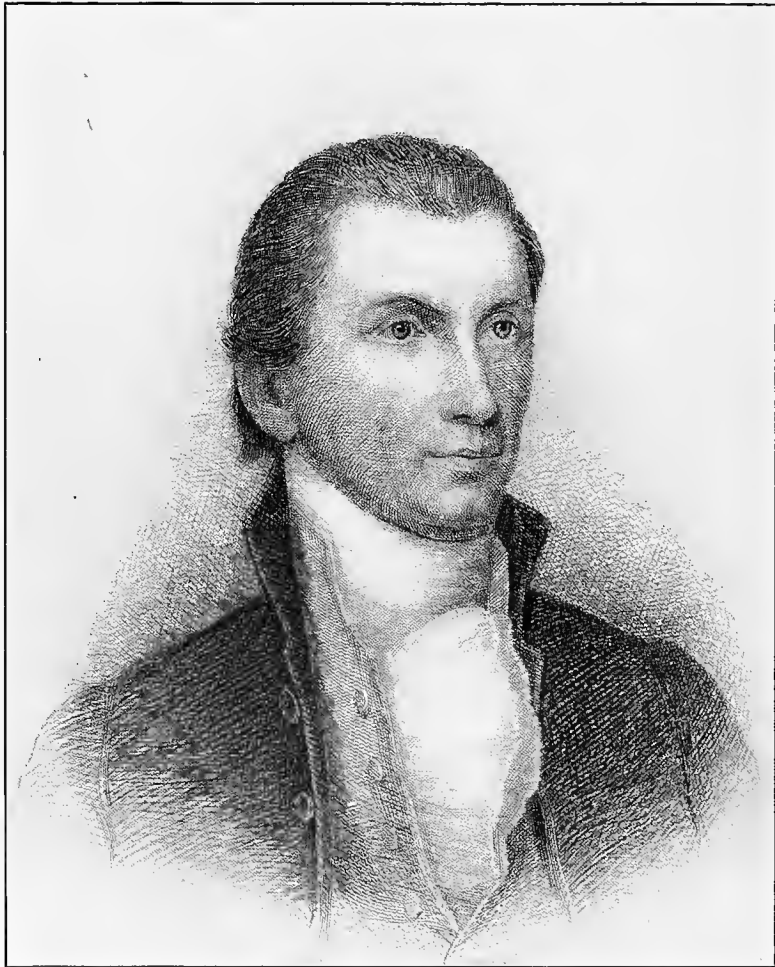
On the 18th of June, 1812, President Madison gave his approval to an act of Congress declaring war against Great Britain. Notwithstanding the bitter hostility of the Federal party to the war, the country in general approved; and Mr. Madison, on the 4th of March, 1813, was re-elected by a large majority, and entered upon his second term of office. This is not the place to describe the various adventures of this war on the land and on the water. Our infant navy then laid the foundations of its renown in grappling with the most formidable power which ever swept the seas. The contest commenced in earnest by the appearance of a British fleet, early in February, 1813, in Chesapeake Bay, declaring nearly the whole coast of the United States under blockade.

The Emperor of Russia offered his services as mediator. America accepted; England refused. A British force of five thousand men landed on the banks of the Patuxet River, near its entrance into Chesapeake Bay, and marched rapidly, by way of Bladensburg, upon Washington.

The straggling little city of Washington was thrown into consternation. The cannon of the brief conflict at Bladensburg echoed through the streets of the metropolis. The whole population fled from the city. The President, leaving Mrs. Madison in the White House, with her carriage drawn up at the door to await his speedy return, hurried to meet the officers in a council of war. He met our troops utterly routed, and he could not go back without danger of being captured. But few hours elapsed ere the Presidential Mansion, the Capitol, and all the public buildings in Washington were in flames.

The war closed after two years of fighting, and on February 13, 1815, the treaty of peace was signed at Ghent. On the 4th of March, 1817, his second term of office expired, and he resigned the Presidential chair to his friend, James Monroe. He retired to his beautiful home at Montpelier, and there passed the remainder of his days. On June 28, 1836, at the age of eighty-five years, he fell asleep in death. Mrs. Madison died July 12, 1849.





JAMES MONROE.

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JAMES MONROE, the fifth President of the United States, was born in Westmoreland County, Va., April 28, 1758. His early life was passed at the place of his nativity. His ancestors had for many years resided in the province in which he was born. When he was seventeen years old, and in process of completing his education at William and Mary College, the Colonial Congress, assembled at Philadelphia to deliberate upon the unjust and manifold oppressions of Great Britain, declared the separation of the Colonies, and promulgated the Declaration of Independence. Had he been born ten years before, it is highly probable that he would have been one of the signers of that celebrated instrument. At this time he left school and enlisted among the patriots.

He joined the army when everything looked hopeless and gloomy. The number of deserters increased from day to day. The invading armies came pouring in, and the Tories not only favored the cause of the mother country, but disheartened the new recruits, who were sufficiently terrified at the prospect of contending with an enemy whom they had been taught to deem invincible. To such brave spirits as James Monroe, who went right onward undismayed through difficulty and danger, the United States owe their political emancipation. The young cadet joined the ranks and espoused the cause of his injured country, with a firm determination to live or die in her strife for liberty. Firmly, yet sadly, he shared in the melancholy retreat from Harlem Heights and White Plains, and accompanied the dispirited army as it fled before its foes through New Jersey. In four months after the Declaration of Independence, the patriots had been beaten in seven battles. At the battle of Trenton he led the vanguard, and in the act of charging upon the enemy he received a wound in the left shoulder.

As a reward for his bravery, Mr. Monroe was promoted to be captain of infantry, and, having recovered from his wounds, he rejoined the army. He, however, receded from the line of promotion by becoming an officer on the staff of Lord Sterling. During the campaigns of 1777 and 1778, in the actions of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, he continued aide-de-camp; but becoming desirous to regain his position in the army, he exerted himself to collect a regiment for the Virginia line. This scheme failed, owing to the exhausted condition of the State. Upon this failure he entered the office of Mr. Jefferson, at that period Governor, and pursued with considerable ardor the study of common law. He did not, however, entirely lay aside the knapsack for the green bag, but on the invasion of the enemy served as a volunteer during the two years of his legal pursuits.

In 1782 he was elected from King George County a member of the Legislature of Virginia, and by that body he was elevated to a seat in the Executive Council. He was thus honored with the confidence of his fellow-citizens at twenty-three years of age, and having at this early period displayed some of that ability and aptitude for legislation which were afterward employed with unremitting energy for the public good, he was in the succeeding year chosen a member of the Congress of the United States.

Deeply as Mr. Monroe felt the imperfections of the old Confederacy, he was opposed to the new Constitution, thinking, with many others of the Republican party, that it gave too much power to the Central Government, and not enough to the individual States. Still he retained the esteem of his friends who were its warm supporters, and who, notwithstanding his opposition, secured its adoption. In 1789 he became a member of the United States Senate, which office he held for

four years. Every month the line of distinction between the two great parties which divided the nation, the Federal and the Republican, was growing more distinct. The differences which now separated them lay in the fact that the Republican party was in sympathy with France, and also in favor of such a strict construction of the Constitution as to give the Central Government as little power, and the State Governments as much power, as the Constitution would warrant; while the Federalists sympathized with England, and were in favor of a liberal construction of the Constitution, which would give as much power to the Central Government as that document could possibly authorize.

Washington was then President. England had espoused the cause of the Bourbons against the principles of the French Revolution. All Europe was drawn into the conflict. We were feeble and far away. Washington issued a proclamation of neutrality between these contending powers. France had helped us in the struggles for our liberties. All the despotisms of Europe were now combined to prevent the French from escaping from a tyranny a thousand-fold worse than that which we had endured. Col. Monroe, more magnanimous than prudent, was anxious that, at whatever hazard, we should help our old allies in their extremity. It was the impulse of a generous and noble nature, and Washington, who could appreciate such a character, showed his calm, serene, almost divine, greatness, by appointing that very James Monroe who was denouncing the policy of the Government, as the minister of that Government to the Republic of France. Mr. Monroe was welcomed by the National Convention in France with the most enthusiastic demonstration.

Shortly after his return to this country, Mr. Monroe was elected Governor of Virginia, and held the office for three years. He was again sent to France to co-operate with Chancellor Livingston in obtaining the vast territory then known as the province of Louisiana, which France had but shortly before obtained from Spain. Their united efforts were successful. For the comparatively small sum of fifteen millions of dollars, the

entire territory of Orleans and district of Louisiana were added to the United States. This was probably the largest transfer of real estate which was ever made in all the history of the world.

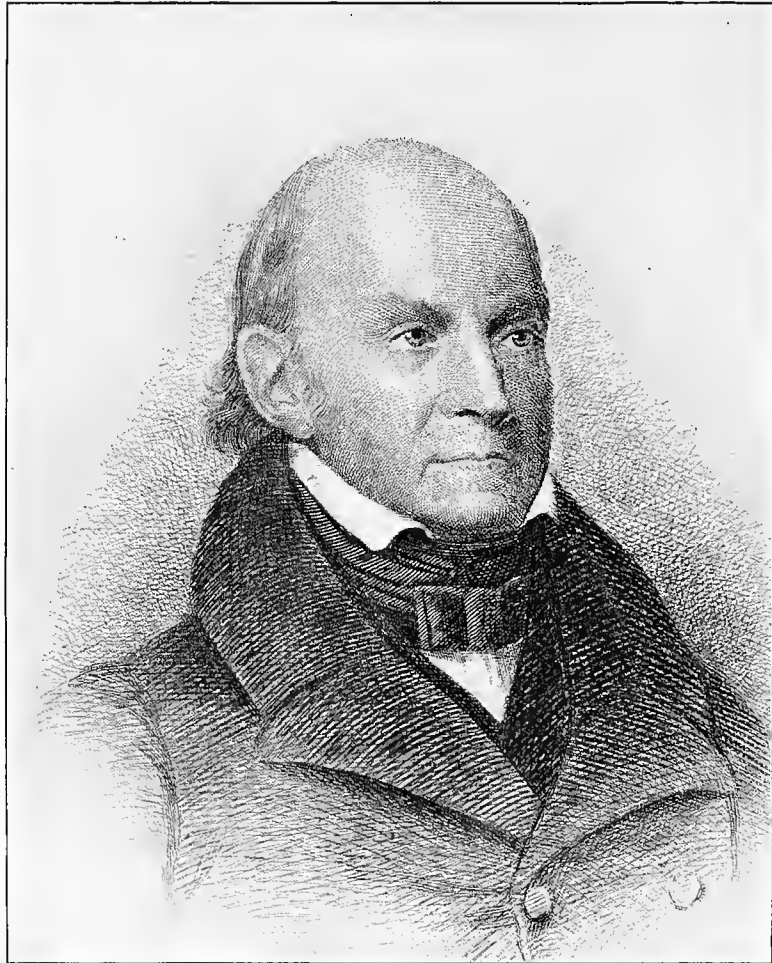
From France Mr. Monroe went to England to obtain from that country some recognition of our rights as neutrals, and to remonstrate against those odious impressments of our seamen. But England was unrelenting. He again returned to England on the same mission, but could receive no redress. He returned to his home and was again chosen Governor of Virginia. This he soon resigned to accept the position of Secretary of State under Madison. While in this office war with England was declared, the Secretary of War resigned, and during these trying times the duties of the War Department were also put upon him. He was truly the armor-bearer of President Madison, and the most efficient business man in his cabinet. Upon the return of peace he resigned the Department of War, but continued in the office of Secretary of State until the expiration of Mr. Madison's administration. At the election held the previous autumn, Mr. Monroe himself had been chosen President with but little opposition, and upon March 4, 1817, he was inaugurated. Four years later he was elected for a second term.

Among the important measures of his Presidency were the cession of Florida to the United States, the Missouri Compromise, and the famous "Monroe doctrine." This doctrine was enunciated by him in 1823, and was as follows: "That we should consider any attempt on the part of European powers to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety," and that "we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing or controlling American governments or provinces in any other light than as a manifestation by European powers of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States."

At the end of his second term, Mr. Monroe retired to his home in Virginia, where he lived until 1830, when he went to New York to live with his son-in-law. In that city he died, on the 4th of July, 1831.







JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

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JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, the sixth President of the United States, was born in the rural home of his honored father, John Adams, in Quincy, Mass., on the 11th of July, 1767. His mother, a woman of exalted worth, watched over his childhood during the almost constant absence of his father. When but eight years of age, he stood with his mother on an eminence, listening to the booming of the great battle on Bunker's Hill, and gazing out upon the smoke and flames billowing up from the conflagration of Charlestown.

When but eleven years old he took a tearful adieu of his mother, to sail with his father for Europe, through a fleet of hostile British cruisers. The bright, animated boy spent a year and a-half in Paris, where his father was associated with Franklin and Lee as Minister Plenipotentiary. His intelligence attracted the notice of these distinguished men, and he received from them flattering marks of attention.

John Adams had scarcely returned to this country, in 1779, ere he was again sent abroad. Again John Quincy accompanied his father. At Paris he applied himself to study with great diligence for six months, and then accompanied his father to Holland, where he entered first a school in Amsterdam, then the University at Leyden. About a year from this time, in 1781, when the manly boy was but fourteen years of age, he was selected by Mr. Dana, our Minister to the Russian court, as his private secretary.

In this school of incessant labor and of ennobling culture he spent fourteen months, and then returned to Holland, through Sweden, Denmark, Hamburg and Bremen. This long journey he took alone in the winter, when in his sixteenth year. Again he resumed his studies, under a private tutor, at The Hague. Then, in the spring of 1782, he accompanied his father to Paris, traveling leisurely, and forming acquaintances with the most distinguished men on the continent, examin-

ing architectural remains, galleries of paintings, and all renowned works of art. At Paris he again became associated with the most illustrious men of all lands in the contemplation of the loftiest temporal themes which can engross the human mind. After a short visit to England he returned to Paris, and consecrated all his energies to study until May, 1785, when he returned to America to finish his education.

Upon leaving Harvard College at the age of twenty, he studied law for three years. In June, 1794, being then but twenty-seven years of age, he was appointed by Washington Resident Minister at the Netherlands. Sailing from Boston in July, he reached London in October, where he was immediately admitted to the deliberations of Messrs. Jay & Pinckney, assisting them in negotiating a commercial treaty with Great Britain. After thus spending a fortnight in London, he proceeded to The Hague.

In July, 1797, he left The Hague to go to Portugal as Minister Plenipotentiary. On his way to Portugal, upon arriving in London, he met with despatches directing him to the court of Berlin, but requesting him to remain in London until he should receive his instructions. While waiting he was married to an American lady, to whom he had been previously engaged—Miss Louisa Catherine Johnson, a daughter of Joshua Johnson, American Consul in London, and a lady endowed with that beauty and those accomplishments which eminently fitted her to move in the elevated sphere for which she was destined. He reached Berlin with his wife in November, 1797, where he remained until July, 1799, when, having fulfilled all the purposes of his mission, he solicited his recall.

Soon after his return, in 1802, he was chosen to the Senate of Massachusetts from Boston, and then was elected Senator of the United States for six years, from the 4th of March, 1804. His reputation, his ability and his experience placed

him immediately among the most prominent and influential members of that body.

In 1809, Madison succeeded Jefferson in the Presidential chair, and he immediately nominated John Quincy Adams Minister to St. Petersburg. Resigning his professorship in Harvard College, he embarked at Boston in August, 1809.

While in Russia, Mr. Adams was an intense student. He devoted his attention to the language and history of Russia; to the Chinese trade; to the European system of weights, measures and coins; to the climate and astronomical observations; while he kept up a familiar acquaintance with the Greek and Latin classics. In all the universities of Europe, a more accomplished scholar could scarcely be found. All through life the Bible constituted an important part of his studies. It was his rule to read five chapters every day.

On the 4th of March, 1817, Mr. Monroe took the Presidential chair, and immediately appointed Mr. Adams Secretary of State. Taking leave of his numerous friends in public and private life in Europe, he sailed in June, 1819, for the United States. On the 18th of August, he again crossed the threshold of his home in Quincy. During the eight years of Mr. Monroe's administration, Mr. Adams continued Secretary of State.

Some time before the close of Mr. Monroe's second term of office, new candidates began to be presented for the Presidency. The friends of Mr. Adams brought forward his name. It was an exciting campaign, and party spirit was never more bitter. Two hundred and sixty electoral votes were cast. Andrew Jackson received ninety-nine; John Quincy Adams eighty-four; William H. Crawford forty-one; and Henry Clay thirty-seven. As there was no choice by the people, the question went to the House of Representatives. Mr. Clay gave the vote of Kentucky to Mr. Adams, and he was elected.

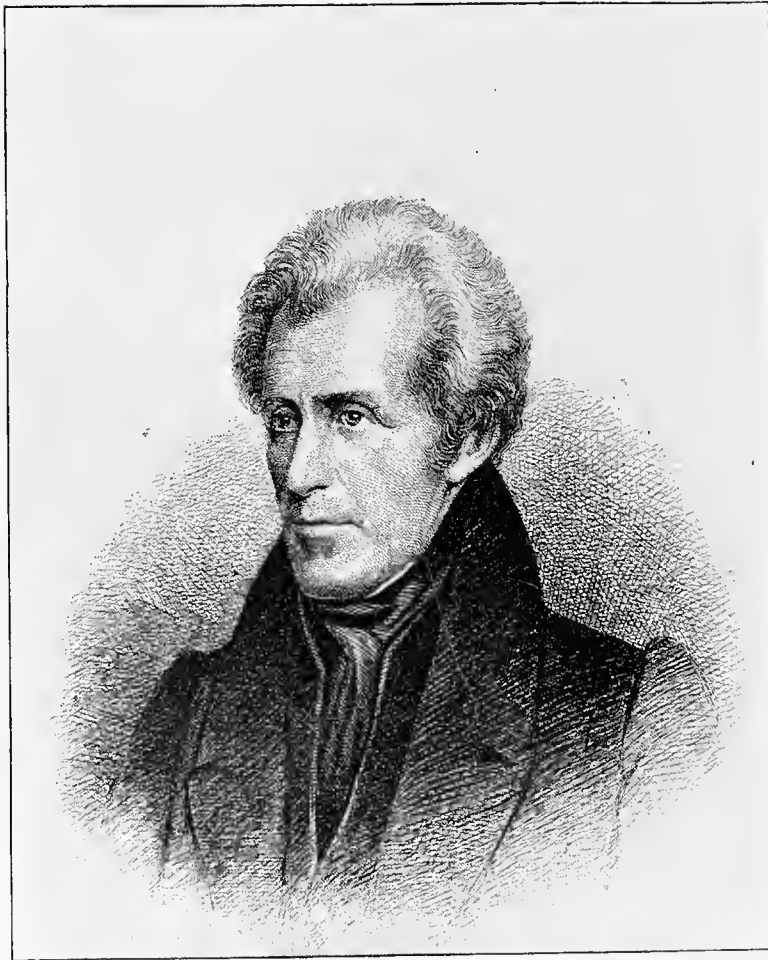
The friends of all the disappointed candidates now combined in a venomous and persistent assault upon Mr. Adams. There is nothing more disgraceful in the past history of our country than the abuse which was poured in one uninterrupted stream upon this high-minded, upright and pa-

triotic man. There never was an administration more pure in principles, more conscientiously devoted to the best interests of the country, than that of John Quincy Adams; and never, perhaps, was there an administration more unscrupulously and outrageously assailed.

On the 4th of March, 1829, Mr. Adams retired from the Presidency, and was succeeded by Andrew Jackson. John C. Calhoun was elected Vice-President. The slavery question now began to assume portentous magnitude. Mr. Adams returned to Quincy and to his studies, which he pursued with unabated zeal. But he was not long permitted to remain in retirement. In November, 1830, he was elected Representative in Congress. For seventeen years, or until his death, he occupied the post as Representative, towering above all his peers, ever ready to do brave battle for freedom, and winning the title of "the Old Man Eloquent." Upon taking his seat in the House, he announced that he should hold himself bound to no party. Probably there never was a member more devoted to his duties. He was usually the first in his place in the morning, and the last to leave his seat in the evening. Not a measure could be brought forward and escape his scrutiny. The battle which Mr. Adams fought, almost singly, against the pro-slavery party in the Government was sublime in its moral daring and heroism. For persisting in presenting petitions for the abolition of slavery, he was threatened with indictment by the grand jury, with expulsion from the House, with assassination; but no threats could intimidate him, and his final triumph was complete.

On the 21st of February, 1848, he rose on the floor of Congress with a paper in his hand, to address the speaker. Suddenly he fell, again stricken by paralysis, and was caught in the arms of those around him. For a time he was senseless, as he was conveyed to the sofa in the rotunda. With reviving consciousness, he opened his eyes, looked calmly around and said "This is the end of earth;" then after a moment's pause he added, "I am content." These were the last words of the grand "Old Man Eloquent."





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**A**NDREW JACKSON, the seventh President of the United States, was born in Waxhaw settlement, N. C., March 15, 1767, a few days after his father's death. His parents were poor emigrants from Ireland, and took up their abode in Waxhaw settlement, where they lived in deepest poverty.

Andrew, or Andy, as he was universally called, grew up a very rough, rude, turbulent boy. His features were coarse, his form ungainly, and there was but very little in his character made visible which was attractive.

When only thirteen years old he joined the volunteers of Carolina against the British invasion. In 1781, he and his brother Robert were captured and imprisoned for a time at Camden. A British officer ordered him to brush his mud-spattered boots. "I am a prisoner of war, not your servant," was the reply of the dauntless boy.

Andrew supported himself in various ways, such as working at the saddler's trade, teaching school, and clerking in a general store, until 1784, when he entered a law office at Salisbury, N. C. He, however, gave more attention to the wild amusements of the times than to his studies. In 1788, he was appointed solicitor for the Western District of North Carolina, of which Tennessee was then a part. This involved many long journeys amid dangers of every kind, but Andrew Jackson never knew fear, and the Indians had no desire to repeat a skirmish with "Sharp Knife."

In 1791, Mr. Jackson was married to a woman who supposed herself divorced from her former husband. Great was the surprise of both parties, two years later, to find that the conditions of the divorce had just been definitely settled by the first husband. The marriage ceremony was performed a second time, but the occurrence was often used by his enemies to bring Mr. Jackson into disfavor.

In January, 1796, the Territory of Tennessee then containing nearly eighty thousand inhabitants, the people met in convention at Knoxville to frame a constitution. Five were sent from each of the eleven counties. Andrew Jackson was one of the delegates. The new State was entitled to but one member in the National House of Representatives. Andrew Jackson was chosen that member. Mounting his horse, he rode to Philadelphia, where Congress then held its sessions, a distance of about eight hundred miles.

Jackson was an earnest advocate of the Democratic party, and Jefferson was his idol. He admired Bonaparte, loved France, and hated England. As Mr. Jackson took his seat, Gen. Washington, whose second term of office was then expiring, delivered his last speech to Congress. A committee drew up a complimentary address in reply. Andrew Jackson did not approve of the address, and was one of the twelve who voted against it. He was not willing to say that Gen. Washington's administration had been "wise, firm and patriotic."

Mr. Jackson was elected to the United States Senate in 1797, but soon resigned and returned home. Soon after he was chosen Judge of the Supreme Court of his State, which position he held for six years.

When the War of 1812 with Great Britain commenced, Madison occupied the Presidential chair. Aaron Burr sent word to the President that there was an unknown man in the West, Andrew Jackson, who would do credit to a commission if one were conferred upon him. Just at that time Gen. Jackson offered his services and those of twenty-five hundred volunteers. His offer was accepted and the troops were assembled at Nashville.

As the British were hourly expected to make an attack upon New Orleans, where Gen. Wilkinson was in command, he was ordered to d

scend the river with fifteen hundred troops to aid Wilkinson. The expedition reached Natchez, and after a delay of several weeks there without accomplishing anything, the men were ordered back to their homes. But the energy Gen. Jackson had displayed, and his entire devotion to the comfort of his soldiers, won for him golden opinions, and he became the most popular man in the State. It was in this expedition that his toughness gave him the nickname of "Old Hickory."

Soon after this, while attempting to horsewhip Col. Thomas Benton for a remark that gentleman made about his taking part as second in a duel in which a younger brother of Benton's was engaged, he received two severe pistol wounds. While he was lingering upon a bed of suffering, news came that the Indians, who had combined under Tecumseh from Florida to the Lakes to exterminate the white settlers, were committing the most awful ravages. Decisive action became necessary. Gen. Jackson, with his fractured bone just beginning to heal, his arm in a sling, and unable to mount his horse without assistance, gave his amazing energies to the raising of an army to rendezvous at Fayetteville, Ala.

The Creek Indians had established a strong fort on one of the bends of the Tallapoosa River, near the center of Alabama, about fifty miles below Ft. Strother. With an army of two thousand men, Gen. Jackson traversed the pathless wilderness in a march of eleven days. He reached their fort, called Tohopeka or Horse-shoe, on the 27th of March, 1814. The bend of the river enclosed nearly one hundred acres of tangled forest and wild ravine. Across the narrow neck the Indians had constructed a formidable breastwork of logs and brush. Here nine hundred warriors, with an ample supply of arms, were assembled.

The fort was stormed. The fight was utterly desperate. Not an Indian would accept quarter. When bleeding and dying, they would fight those who endeavored to spare their lives. From ten in the morning until dark the battle raged. The carnage was awful and revolting. Some threw themselves into the river; but the unerring bullets struck their heads as they swam. Nearly every one of the nine hundred warriors was

killed. A few, probably, in the night swam the river and escaped. This ended the war.

This closing of the Creek War enabled us to concentrate all our militia upon the British, who were the allies of the Indians. No man of less resolute will than Gen. Jackson could have conducted this Indian campaign to so successful an issue. Immediately he was appointed Major-General.

Late in August, with an army of two thousand men on a rushing march, Gen. Jackson went to Mobile. A British fleet went from Pensacola, landed a force upon the beach, anchored near the little fort, and from both ship and shore commenced a furious assault. The battle was long and doubtful. At length one of the ships was blown up and the rest retired.

Garrisoning Mobile, where he had taken his little army, he moved his troops to New Orleans, and the battle of New Orleans, which soon ensued, was in reality a very arduous campaign. This won for Gen. Jackson an imperishable name. Here his troops, which numbered about four thousand men, won a signal victory over the British army of about nine thousand. His loss was but thirteen, while the loss of the British was twenty-six hundred.

The name of Gen. Jackson soon began to be mentioned in connection with the Presidency, but in 1824 he was defeated by Mr. Adams. He was, however, successful in the election of 1828, and was re-elected for a second term in 1832. In 1829, just before he assumed the reins of government, he met with the most terrible affliction of his life in the death of his wife, whom he had loved with a devotion which has perhaps never been surpassed. From the shock of her death he never recovered.

His administration was one of the most memorable in the annals of our country—applauded by one party, condemned by the other. No man had more bitter enemies or warmer friends. At the expiration of his two terms of office he retired to the Hermitage, where he died June 8, 1845. The last years of Mr. Jackson's life were those of a devoted Christian man.







MARTIN VAN BUREN.

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**M**ARTIN VAN BUREN, the eighth President of the United States, was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., December 5, 1782. He died at the same place, July 24, 1862. His body rests in the cemetery at Kinderhook. Above it is a plain granite shaft, fifteen feet high, bearing a simple inscription about half-way up on one face. The lot is unfenced, unbordered or unbounded by shrub or flower.

There is but little in the life of Martin Van Buren of romantic interest. He fought no battles, engaged in no wild adventures. Though his life was stormy in political and intellectual conflicts, and he gained many signal victories, his days passed uneventful in those incidents which give zest to biography. His ancestors, as his name indicates, were of Dutch origin, and were among the earliest emigrants from Holland to the banks of the Hudson. His father was a farmer, residing in the old town of Kinderhook. His mother, also of Dutch lineage, was a woman of superior intelligence and exemplary piety.

He was decidedly a precocious boy, developing unusual activity, vigor and strength of mind. At the age of fourteen, he had finished his academic studies in his native village, and commenced the study of law. As he had not a collegiate education, seven years of study in a law-office were required of him before he could be admitted to the Bar. Inspired with a lofty ambition, and conscious of his powers, he pursued his studies with indefatigable industry. After spending six years in an office in his native village, he went to the city of New York, and prosecuted his studies for the seventh year.

In 1803, Mr. Van Buren, then twenty-one years

of age, commenced the practice of law in his native village. The great conflict between the Federal and Republican parties was then at its height. Mr. Van Buren was from the beginning a politician. He had, perhaps, imbibed that spirit while listening to the many discussions which had been carried on in his father's hotel. He was in cordial sympathy with Jefferson, and earnestly and eloquently espoused the cause of State Rights, though at that time the Federal party held the supremacy both in his town and State.

His success and increasing reputation led him after six years of practice to remove to Hudson, the county seat of his county. Here he spent seven years, constantly gaining strength by contending in the courts with some of the ablest men who have adorned the Bar of his State.

Just before leaving Kinderhook for Hudson, Mr. Van Buren married a lady alike distinguished for beauty and accomplishments. After twelve short years she sank into the grave, a victim of consumption, leaving her husband and four sons to weep over her loss. For twenty-five years, Mr. Van Buren was an earnest, successful, assiduous lawyer. The record of those years is barren in items of public interest. In 1812, when thirty years of age, he was chosen to the State Senate, and gave his strenuous support to Mr. Madison's administration. In 1815, he was appointed Attorney-General, and the next year moved to Albany, the capital of the State.

While he was acknowledged as one of the most prominent leaders of the Democratic party, he had the moral courage to avow that true democracy did not require that "universal suffrage" which admits the vile, the degraded, the ignorant, to the right

of governing the State. In true consistency with his democratic principles, he contended that, while the path leading to the privilege of voting should be open to every man without distinction, no one should be invested with that sacred prerogative unless he were in some degree qualified for it by intelligence, virtue, and some property interests in the welfare of the State.

In 1821 he was elected a member of the United States Senate, and in the same year he took a seat in the convention to revise the Constitution of his native State. His course in this convention secured the approval of men of all parties. No one could doubt the singleness of his endeavors to promote the interests of all classes in the community. In the Senate of the United States, he rose at once to a conspicuous position as an active and useful legislator.

In 1827, John Quincy Adams being then in the Presidential chair, Mr. Van Buren was re-elected to the Senate. He had been from the beginning a determined opposer of the administration, adopting the "State Rights" view in opposition to what was deemed the Federal proclivities of Mr. Adams.

Soon after this, in 1828, he was chosen Governor of the State of New York, and accordingly resigned his seat in the Senate. Probably no one in the United States contributed so much towards ejecting John Q. Adams from the Presidential chair, and placing in it Andrew Jackson, as did Martin Van Buren. Whether entitled to the reputation or not, he certainly was regarded throughout the United States as one of the most skillful, sagacious and cunning of politicians. It was supposed that no one knew so well as he how to touch the secret springs of action, how to pull all the wires to put his machinery in motion, and how to organize a political army which would secretly and stealthily accomplish the most gigantic results. By these powers it is said that he outwitted Mr. Adams, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Webster, and secured results which few then thought could be accomplished.

When Andrew Jackson was elected President he appointed Mr. Van Buren Secretary of State. This position he resigned in 1831, and was immediately appointed Minister to England, where he went the same autumn. The Senate, however,

when it met, refused to ratify the nomination, and he returned home, apparently untroubled. Later he was nominated Vice-President in the place of Calhoun, at the re-election of President Jackson, and with smiles for all and frowns for none, he took his place at the head of that Senate which had refused to confirm his nomination as ambassador.

His rejection by the Senate roused all the zeal of President Jackson in behalf of his repudiated favorite; and this, probably, more than any other cause secured his elevation to the chair of the Chief Executive. On the 20th of May, 1836, Mr. Van Buren received the Democratic nomination to succeed Gen. Jackson as President of the United States. He was elected by a handsome majority, to the delight of the retiring President. "Leaving New York out of the canvass," says Mr. Parton, "the election of Mr. Van Buren to the Presidency was as much the act of Gen. Jackson as though the Constitution had conferred upon him the power to appoint a successor."

His administration was filled with exciting events. The insurrection in Canada, which threatened to involve this country in war with England, the agitation of the slavery question, and finally the great commercial panic which spread over the country, all were trials of his wisdom. The financial distress was attributed to the management of the Democratic party, and brought the President into such disfavor that he failed of re-election, and on the 4th of March, 1841, he retired from the presidency.

With the exception of being nominated for the Presidency by the "Free Soil" Democrats in 1848, Mr. Van Buren lived quietly upon his estate until his death. He had ever been a prudent man, of frugal habits, and, living within his income, had now fortunately a competence for his declining years. From his fine estate at Lindenwald, he still exerted a powerful influence upon the politics of the country. From this time until his death, on the 24th of July, 1862, at the age of eighty years, he resided at Lindenwald, a gentleman of leisure, of culture and wealth, enjoying in a healthy old age probably far more happiness than he had before experienced amid the stormy scenes of his active life.





WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

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**W**ILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, the ninth President of the United States, was born at Berkeley, Va., February 9, 1773. His father, Benjamin Harrison, was in comparatively opulent circumstances, and was one of the most distinguished men of his day. He was an intimate friend of George Washington, was early elected a member of the Continental Congress, and was conspicuous among the patriots of Virginia in resisting the encroachments of the British crown. In the celebrated Congress of 1775, Benjamin Harrison and John Hancock were both candidates for the office of Speaker.

Mr. Harrison was subsequently chosen Governor of Virginia, and was twice re-elected. His son William Henry, of course, enjoyed in childhood all the advantages which wealth and intellectual and cultivated society could give. Having received a thorough common-school education, he entered Hampden Sidney College, where he graduated with honor soon after the death of his father. He then repaired to Philadelphia to study medicine under the instructions of Dr. Rush and the guardianship of Robert Morris, both of whom were, with his father, signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Upon the outbreak of the Indian troubles, and notwithstanding the remonstrances of his friends, he abandoned his medical studies and entered the army, having obtained a commission as Ensign from President Washington. He was then but nineteen years old. From that time he passed gradually upward in rank until he became aide to Gen. Wayne, after whose death he resigned his commission. He was then appointed Secretary of the Northwestern Territory. This Territory was then entitled to but one member in Con-

gress, and Harrison was chosen to fill that position. In the spring of 1800 the Northwestern Territory was divided by Congress into two portions. The eastern portion, comprising the region now embraced in the State of Ohio, was called "the Territory northwest of the Ohio." The western portion, which included what is now called Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, was called "the Indiana Territory." William Henry Harrison, then twenty-seven years of age, was appointed by John Adams Governor of the Indiana Territory, and immediately after also Governor of Upper Louisiana. He was thus ruler over almost as extensive a realm as any sovereign upon the globe. He was Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and was invested with powers nearly dictatorial over the then rapidly increasing white population. The ability and fidelity with which he discharged these responsible duties may be inferred from the fact that he was four times appointed to that office—first by John Adams, twice by Thomas Jefferson, and afterwards by President Madison.

When he began his administration there were but three white settlements in that almost boundless region, now crowded with cities and rising with all the tumult of wealth and trade. One of these settlements was on the Ohio, nearly opposite Louisville; one at Vincennes, on the Wabash; and the third was a French settlement.

The vast wilderness over which Gov. Harrison reigned was filled with many tribes of Indians. About the year 1806, two extraordinary twin brothers of the Shawnee tribe, rose above them. One of these was called Tecumseh, or "the Crouching Panther;" the other Ouchecqua, or "the Prophet." Tecumseh was not only an Indian warrior, but a man of great

ity, far-reaching foresight and indomitable perseverance in any enterprise in which he might engage. His brother, the Prophet, was an orator, who could sway the feelings of the untutored Indians as the gale tossed the tree-tops beneath which they dwelt. With an enthusiasm unsurpassed by Peter the Hermit rousing Europe to the crusades, he went from tribe to tribe, assuming that he was specially sent by the Great Spirit.

Gov. Harrison made many attempts to conciliate the Indians, but at last war came, and at Tippecanoe the Indians were routed with great slaughter. October 28, 1812, his army began its march. When near the Prophet's town, three Indians of rank made their appearance and inquired why Gov. Harrison was approaching them in so hostile an attitude. After a short conference, arrangements were made for a meeting the next day to agree upon terms of peace.

But Gov. Harrison was too well acquainted with the Indian character to be deceived by such protestations. Selecting a favorable spot for his night's encampment, he took every precaution against surprise. His troops were posted in a hollow square and slept upon their arms. The wakeful Governor, between three and four o'clock in the morning, had risen, and was sitting in conversation with his aides by the embers of a waning fire. It was a chill, cloudy morning, with a drizzling rain. In the darkness, the Indians had crept as near as possible, and just then, with a savage yell, rushed, with all the desperation which superstition and passion most highly inflamed could give, upon the left flank of the little army. The savages had been amply provided with guns and ammunition by the English, and their war-whoop was accompanied by a shower of bullets.

The camp-fires were instantly extinguished, as the light aided the Indians in their aim, and Gen. Harrison's troops stood as immovable as the rocks around them until day dawned, when they made a simultaneous charge with the bayonet and swept everything before them, completely routing the foe.

Gov. Harrison now had all his energies tasked to the utmost. The British, descending from the

Canadas, were of themselves a very formidable force, but with their savage allies rushing like wolves from the forest, burning, plundering, scalping, torturing, the wide frontier was plunged into a state of consternation which even the most vivid imagination can but faintly conceive. Gen. Hull had made an ignominious surrender of his forces at Detroit. Under these despairing circumstances, Gov. Harrison was appointed by President Madison Commander-in-Chief of the Northwestern Army, with orders to retake Detroit and to protect the frontiers. It would be difficult to place a man in a situation demanding more energy, sagacity and courage, but he was found equal to the position, and nobly and triumphantly did he meet all the responsibilities.

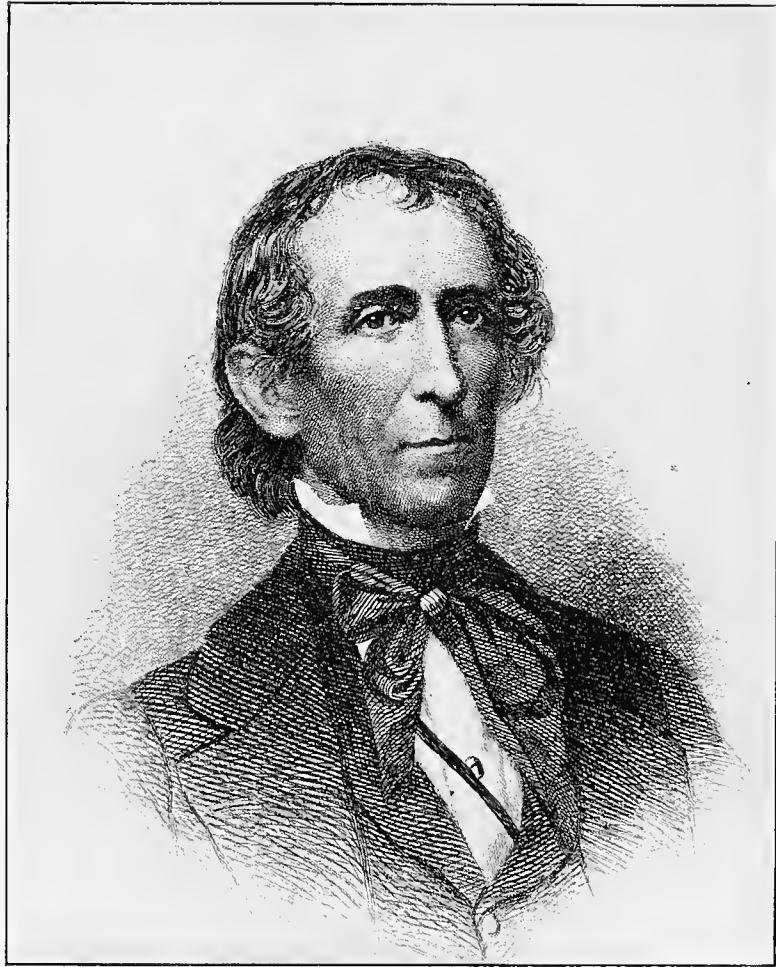
In 1816, Gen. Harrison was chosen a member of the National House of Representatives, to represent the District of Ohio. In Congress he proved an active member, and whenever he spoke it was with a force of reason and power of eloquence which arrested the attention of all the members.

In 1819, Harrison was elected to the Senate of Ohio, and in 1824, as one of the Presidential Electors of that State, he gave his vote for Henry Clay. The same year he was chosen to the United States Senate. In 1836 his friends brought him forward as a candidate for the Presidency against Van Buren, but he was defeated. At the close of Mr. Van Buren's term, he was re-nominated by his party, and Mr. Harrison was unanimously nominated by the Whigs, with John Tyler for the Vice-Presidency. The contest was very animated. Gen. Jackson gave all his influence to prevent Harrison's election, but his triumph was signal.

The cabinet which he formed, with Daniel Webster at its head as Secretary of State, was one of the most brilliant with which any President had ever been surrounded. Never were the prospects of an administration more flattering, or the hopes of the country more sanguine. In the midst of these bright and joyous prospects, Gen. Harrison was seized by a pleurisy-fever, and after a few days of violent sickness died, on the 4th of April, just one month after his inauguration as President of the United States.







JOHN TYLER.

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JOHN TYLER, the tenth President of the United States, and was born in Charles City County, Va., March 29, 1790. He was the favored child of affluence and high social position. At the early age of twelve, John entered William and Mary College, and graduated with much honor when but seventeen years old. After graduating, he devoted himself with great assiduity to the study of law, partly with his father and partly with Edmund Randolph, one of the most distinguished lawyers of Virginia.

At nineteen years of age, he commenced the practice of law. His success was rapid and astonishing. It is said that three months had not elapsed ere there was scarcely a case on the docket of the court in which he was not retained. When but twenty-one years of age, he was almost unanimously elected to a seat in the State Legislature. He connected himself with the Democratic party, and warmly advocated the measures of Jefferson and Madison. For five successive years he was elected to the Legislature, receiving nearly the unanimous vote of his county.

When but twenty-six years of age, he was elected a Member of Congress. Here he acted earnestly and ably with the Democratic party, opposing a national bank, internal improvements by the General Government, and a protective tariff; advocating a strict construction of the Constitution and the most careful vigilance over State rights. His labors in Congress were so arduous that before the close of his second term he found it necessary to resign and retire to his estate in Charles City County to recruit his health. He, however, soon after consented to take his seat in the State Legislature, where his influence was powerful in promoting public works of great utility. With a reputation thus constantly increasing, he was chosen by a very large majority of votes Governor of his native State. His administration was a signally successful one, and his popularity secured his re-election.

John Randolph, a brilliant, erratic, half-crazed man, then represented Virginia in the Senate of the United States. A portion of the Democratic party was displeased with Mr. Randolph's wayward course, and brought forward John Tyler as his opponent, considering him the only man in Virginia of sufficient popularity to succeed against the renowned orator of Roanoke. Mr. Tyler was the victor.

In accordance with his professions, upon taking his seat in the Senate he joined the ranks of the opposition. He opposed the tariff, and spoke against and voted against the bank as unconstitutional; he strenuously opposed all restrictions upon slavery, resisting all projects of internal improvements by the General Government, and avowed his sympathy with Mr. Calhoun's view of nullification; he declared that Gen. Jackson, by his opposition to the nullifiers, had abandoned the principles of the Democratic party. Such was Mr. Tyler's record in Congress—a record in perfect accordance with the principles which he had always avowed.

Returning to Virginia, he resumed the practice of his profession. There was a split in the Democratic party. His friends still regarded him as a true Jeffersonian, gave him a dinner, and showered compliments upon him. He had now attained the age of forty-six, and his career had been very brilliant. In consequence of his devotion to public business, his private affairs had fallen into some disorder, and it was not without satisfaction that he resumed the practice of law, and devoted himself to the cultivation of his plantation. Soon after this he removed to Williamsburg, for the better education of his children, and he again took his seat in the Legislature of Virginia.

By the southern Whigs he was sent to the national convention at Harrisburg in 1839 to nominate a President. The majority of votes were given to Gen. Harrison, a genuine Whig, much to the disappointment of the South, which wished

for Henry Clay. To conciliate the southern Whigs and to secure their vote, the convention then nominated John Tyler for Vice-President. It was well known that he was not in sympathy with the Whig party in the North; but the Vice-President has very little power in the Government, his main and almost only duty being to preside over the meetings of the Senate. Thus it happened that a Whig President and, in reality, a Democratic Vice-President were chosen.

In 1841, Mr. Tyler was inaugurated Vice-President of the United States. In one short month from that time, President Harrison died, and Mr. Tyler thus found himself, to his own surprise and that of the whole nation, an occupant of the Presidential chair. Hastening from Williamsburg to Washington, on the 6th of April he was inaugurated to the high and responsible office. He was placed in a position of exceeding delicacy and difficulty. All his long life he had been opposed to the main principles of the party which had brought him into power. He had ever been a consistent, honest man, with an unblemished record. Gen. Harrison had selected a Whig cabinet. Should he retain them, and thus surround himself with counselors whose views were antagonistic to his own? or, on the other hand, should he turn against the party which had elected him, and select a cabinet in harmony with himself, and which would oppose all those views which the Whigs deemed essential to the public welfare? This was his fearful dilemma. He invited the cabinet which President Harrison had selected to retain their seats, and recommended a day of fasting and prayer, that God would guide and bless us.

The Whigs carried through Congress a bill for the incorporation of a fiscal bank of the United States. The President, after ten days' delay, returned it with his veto. He suggested, however, that he would approve of a bill drawn up upon such a plan as he proposed. Such a bill was accordingly prepared, and privately submitted to him. He gave it his approval. It was passed without alteration, and he sent it back with his veto. Here commenced the open rupture. It is said that Mr. Tyler was provoked to this meas-

ure by a published letter from the Hon. John M. Botts, a distinguished Virginia Whig, who severely touched the pride of the President.

The opposition now exultingly received the President into their arms. The party which elected him denounced him bitterly. All the members of his cabinet, excepting Mr. Webster, resigned. The Whigs of Congress, both the Senate and the House, held a meeting and issued an address to the people of the United States, proclaiming that all political alliance between the Whigs and President Tyler was at an end.

Still the President attempted to conciliate. He appointed a new cabinet of distinguished Whigs and Conservatives, carefully leaving out all strong party men. Mr. Webster soon found it necessary to resign, forced out by the pressure of his Whig friends. Thus the four years of Mr. Tyler's unfortunate administration passed sadly away. No one was satisfied. The land was filled with murmurs and vituperation. Whigs and Democrats alike assailed him. More and more, however, he brought himself into sympathy with his old friends, the Democrats, until at the close of his term he gave his whole influence to the support of Mr. Polk, the Democratic candidate for his successor.

On the 4th of March, 1845, President Tyler retired from the harassments of office, to the regret of neither party, and probably to his own unspeakable relief. The remainder of his days were passed mainly in the retirement of his beautiful home—Sherwood Forest, Charles City County, Va. His first wife, Miss Letitia Christian, died in Washington in 1842; and in June, 1844, he was again married, at New York, to Miss Julia Gardiner, a young lady of many personal and intellectual accomplishments.

When the great Rebellion rose, which the State Rights and nullifying doctrines of John C. Calhoun had inaugurated, President Tyler renounced his allegiance to the United States, and joined the Confederates. He was chosen a member of their Congress, and while engaged in active measures to destroy, by force of arms, the Government over which he had once presided, he was taken sick and soon died.





JAMES K. POLK.

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JAMES K. POLK, the eleventh President of the United States, was born in Mecklenburgh County, N. C., November 2, 1795. His parents were Samuel and Jane (Knox) Polk, the former a son of Col. Thomas Polk, who located at the above place, as one of the first pioneers, in 1735. In 1806, with his wife and children, and soon after followed by most of the members of the Polk family, Samuel Polk emigrated some two or three hundred miles farther west, to the rich valley of the Duck River. Here, in the midst of the wilderness, in a region which was subsequently called Maury County, they erected their log huts and established their homes. In the hard toil of a new farm in the wilderness, James K. Polk spent the early years of his childhood and youth. His father, adding the pursuit of a surveyor to that of a farmer, gradually increased in wealth, until he became one of the leading men of the region. His mother was a superior woman, of strong common sense and earnest piety.

Very early in life James developed a taste for reading, and expressed the strongest desire to obtain a liberal education. His mother's training had made him methodical in his habits, had taught him punctuality and industry, and had inspired him with lofty principles of morality. His health was frail, and his father, fearing that he might not be able to endure a sedentary life, got a situation for him behind the counter, hoping to fit him for commercial pursuits.

This was to James a bitter disappointment. He had no taste for these duties, and his daily tasks were irksome in the extreme. He remained in this uncongenial occupation but a few weeks, when, at his earnest solicitation, his father removed him and made arrangements for him to prosecute his studies. Soon after he sent him to Murfreesboro Academy. With ardor which could scarcely be surpassed, he pressed forward in his

studies, and in less than two and a-half years, in the autumn of 1815, entered the sophomore class in the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. Here he was one of the most exemplary of scholars, punctual in every exercise, never allowing himself to be absent from a recitation or a religious service.

Mr. Polk graduated in 1818, with the highest honors, being deemed the best scholar of his class, both in mathematics and the classics. He was then twenty-three years of age. His health was at this time much impaired by the assiduity with which he had prosecuted his studies. After a short season of relaxation, he went to Nashville, and entered the office of Felix Grundy, to study law. Here Mr. Polk renewed his acquaintance with Andrew Jackson, who resided on his plantation, the "Hermitage," but a few miles from Nashville. They had probably been slightly acquainted before.

Mr. Polk's father was a Jeffersonian Republican and James K. adhered to the same political faith. He was a popular public speaker, and was constantly called upon to address the meetings of his party friends. His skill as a speaker was such that he was popularly called the Napoleon of the stump. He was a man of unblemished morals, genial and courteous in his bearing, and with that sympathetic nature in the joys and griefs of others which gave him hosts of friends. In 1823, he was elected to the Legislature of Tennessee, and gave his strong influence toward the election of his friend, Mr. Jackson, to the Presidency of the United States.

In January, 1824, Mr. Polk married Miss Sarah Childress, of Rutherford County, Tenn. His bride was altogether worthy of him—a lady of beauty and culture. In the fall of 1825 Mr. Polk was chosen a member of Congress, and the satisfaction he gave his constituents may be inferred

from the fact, that for fourteen successive years, or until 1839, he was continued in that office. He then voluntarily withdrew, only that he might accept the Gubernatorial chair of Tennessee. In Congress he was a laborious member, a frequent and a popular speaker. He was always in his seat, always courteous, and whenever he spoke it was always to the point, without any ambitious rhetorical display.

During five sessions of Congress Mr. Polk was Speaker of the House. Strong passions were roused and stormy scenes were witnessed, but he performed his arduous duties to a very general satisfaction, and a unanimous vote of thanks to him was passed by the House as he withdrew on the 4th of March, 1839.

In accordance with Southern usage, Mr. Polk, as a candidate for Governor, canvassed the State. He was elected by a large majority, and on October 14, 1839, took the oath of office at Nashville. In 1841 his term of office expired, and he was again the candidate of the Democratic party, but was defeated.

On the 4th of March, 1845, Mr. Polk was inaugurated President of the United States. The verdict of the country in favor of the annexation of Texas exerted its influence upon Congress, and the last act of the administration of President Tyler was to affix his signature to a joint resolution of Congress, passed on the 3d of March, approving of the annexation of Texas to the Union. As Mexico still claimed Texas as one of her provinces, the Mexican Minister, Almonte, immediately demanded his passports and left the country, declaring the act of the annexation to be an act hostile to Mexico.

In his first message, President Polk urged that Texas should immediately, by act of Congress, be received into the Union on the same footing with the other States. In the mean time, Gen. Taylor was sent with an army into Texas to hold the country. He was first sent to Nueces, which the Mexicans said was the western boundary of Texas. Then he was sent nearly two hundred miles further west, to the Rio Grande, where he erected batteries which commanded the Mexican city of Matamoras, which was situated on the western

banks. The anticipated collision soon took place, and war was declared against Mexico by President Polk. The war was pushed forward by his administration with great vigor. Gen. Taylor, whose army was first called one of "observation," then of "occupation," then of "invasion," was sent forward to Monterey. The feeble Mexicans in every encounter were hopelessly slaughtered. The day of judgment alone can reveal the misery which this war caused. It was by the ingenuity of Mr. Polk's administration that the war was brought on.

"To the victors belong the spoils." Mexico was prostrate before us. Her capital was in our hands. We now consented to peace upon the condition that Mexico should surrender to us, in addition to Texas; all of New Mexico, and all of Upper and Lower California. This new demand embraced, exclusive of Texas, eight hundred thousand square miles. This was an extent of territory equal to nine States of the size of New York. Thus slavery was securing eighteen majestic States to be added to the Union. There were some Americans who thought it all right; there were others who thought it all wrong. In the prosecution of this war we expended twenty thousand lives and more than \$100,000,000. Of this money \$15,000,000 were paid to Mexico.

On the 3d of March, 1849, Mr. Polk retired from office, having served one term. The next day was Sunday. On the 5th, Gen. Taylor was inaugurated as his successor. Mr. Polk rode to the Capitol in the same carriage with Gen. Taylor, and the same evening, with Mrs. Polk, he commenced his return to Tennessee. He was then but fifty-four years of age. He had always been strictly temperate in all his habits, and his health was good. With an ample fortune, a choice library, a cultivated mind, and domestic ties of the dearest nature, it seemed as though long years of tranquillity and happiness were before him. But the cholera—that fearful scourge—was then sweeping up the Valley of the Mississippi, and he contracted the disease, dying on the 15th of June, 1849, in the fifty-fourth year of his age, greatly mourned by his countrymen.







ZACHARY TAYLOR.

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ZACHARY TAYLOR, twelfth President of the United States, was born on the 24th of November, 1784, in Orange County, Va. His father, Col. Taylor, was a Virginian of note, and a distinguished patriot and soldier of the Revolution. When Zachary was an infant, his father, with his wife and two children, emigrated to Kentucky, where he settled in the pathless wilderness, a few miles from Louisville. In this frontier home, away from civilization and all its refinements, young Zachary could enjoy but few social and educational advantages. When six years of age he attended a common school, and was then regarded as a bright, active boy, rather remarkable for bluntness and decision of character. He was strong, fearless and self-reliant, and manifested a strong desire to enter the army to fight the Indians, who were ravaging the frontiers. There is little to be recorded of the uneventful years of his childhood on his father's large but lonely plantation.

In 1808, his father succeeded in obtaining for him a commission as Lieutenant in the United States army, and he joined the troops which were stationed at New Orleans under Gen. Wilkinson. Soon after this he married Miss Margaret Smith, a young lady from one of the first families of Maryland.

Immediately after the declaration of war with England, in 1812, Capt. Taylor (for he had then been promoted to that rank) was put in command of Ft. Harrison, on the Wabash, about fifty miles above Vincennes. This fort had been built in the wilderness by Gen. Harrison, on his march to Tippecanoe. It was one of the first points of attack by the Indians, led by Tecumseh. Its garrison consisted of a broken company of infantry, numbering fifty men, many of whom were sick.

Early in the autumn of 1812, the Indians, stealthily, and in large numbers, moved upon the

fort. Their approach was first indicated by the murder of two soldiers just outside of the stockade. Capt. Taylor made every possible preparation to meet the anticipated assault. On the 4th of September, a band of forty painted and plumed savages came to the fort, waving a white flag, and informed Capt. Taylor that in the morning their chief would come to have a talk with him. It was evident that their object was merely to ascertain the state of things at the fort, and Capt. Taylor, well versed in the wiles of the savages, kept them at a distance.

The sun went down; the savages disappeared; the garrison slept upon their arms. One hour before midnight the war-whoop burst from a thousand lips in the forest around, followed by the discharge of musketry and the rush of the foe. Every man, sick and well, sprang to his post. Every man knew that defeat was not merely death, but, in the case of capture, death by the most agonizing and prolonged torture. No pen can describe, no imagination can conceive, the scenes which ensued. The savages succeeded in setting fire to one of the block-houses. Until six o'clock in the morning this awful conflict continued, when the savages, baffled at every point and gnashing their teeth with rage, retired. Capt. Taylor, for this gallant defense, was promoted to the rank of Major by brevet.

Until the close of the war, Maj. Taylor was placed in such situations that he saw but little more of active service. He was sent far away into the depths of the wilderness to Ft. Crawford, on Fox River, which empties into Green Bay. Here there was little to be done but to wear away the tedious hours as one best could. There were no books, no society, no intellectual stimulus. Thus with him the uneventful years rolled on. Gradually he rose to the rank of Colonel. In the Black Hawk War, which re-

sulted in the capture of that renowned chieftain, Col. Taylor took a subordinate, but a brave and efficient, part.

For twenty-four years Col. Taylor was engaged in the defense of the frontiers, in scenes so remote, and in employments so obscure, that his name was unknown beyond the limits of his own immediate acquaintance. In the year 1836, he was sent to Florida to compel the Seminole Indians to vacate that region, and retire beyond the Mississippi, as their chiefs by treaty had promised they should do. The services rendered here secured for Col. Taylor the high appreciation of the Government, and as a reward he was elevated to the high rank of Brigadier-General by brevet, and soon after, in May, 1838, was appointed to the chief command of the United States troops in Florida.

After two years of wearisome employment amidst the everglades of the Peninsula, Gen. Taylor obtained, at his own request, a change of command, and was stationed over the Department of the Southwest. This field embraced Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Establishing his headquarters at Ft. Jessup, in Louisiana, he removed his family to a plantation which he purchased near Baton Rouge. Here he remained for five years, buried, as it were, from the world, but faithfully discharging every duty imposed upon him.

In 1846, Gen. Taylor was sent to guard the land between the Nueces and Rio Grande, the latter river being the boundary of Texas, which was then claimed by the United States. Soon the war with Mexico was brought on, and at Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, Gen. Taylor won brilliant victories over the Mexicans. The rank of Major-General by brevet was then conferred upon Gen. Taylor, and his name was received with enthusiasm almost everywhere in the nation. Then came the battles of Monterey and Buena Vista, in which he won signal victories over forces much larger than he commanded.

The tidings of the brilliant victory of Buena Vista spread the wildest enthusiasm over the country. The name of Gen. Taylor was on every one's lips. The Whig party decided to

take advantage of this wonderful popularity in bringing forward the unpolished, unlettered, honest soldier as their candidate for the Presidency. Gen. Taylor was astonished at the announcement, and for a time would not listen to it, declaring that he was not at all qualified for such an office. So little interest had he taken in politics, that for forty years he had not cast a vote. It was not without chagrin that several distinguished statesmen, who had been long years in the public service, found their claims set aside in behalf of one whose name had never been heard of, save in connection with Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, Monterey and Buena Vista. It is said that Daniel Webster, in his haste, remarked, "It is a nomination not fit to be made."

Gen. Taylor was not an eloquent speaker nor a fine writer. His friends took possession of him, and prepared such few communications as it was needful should be presented to the public. The popularity of the successful warrior swept the land. He was triumphantly elected over two opposing candidates,—Gen. Cass and Ex-President Martin Van Buren. Though he selected an excellent cabinet, the good old man found himself in a very uncongenial position, and was at times sorely perplexed and harassed. His mental sufferings were very severe, and probably tended to hasten his death. The pro-slavery party was pushing its claims with tireless energy; expeditions were fitting out to capture Cuba; California was pleading for admission to the Union, while slavery stood at the door to bar her out. Gen. Taylor found the political conflicts in Washington to be far more trying to the nerves than battles with Mexicans or Indians.

In the midst of all these troubles, Gen. Taylor, after he had occupied the Presidential chair but little over a year, took cold, and after a brief sickness of but little over five days, died, on the 9th of July, 1850. His last words were, "I am not afraid to die. I am ready. I have endeavored to do my duty." He died universally respected and beloved. An honest, unpretending man, he had been steadily growing in the affections of the people, and the Nation bitterly lamented his death.





MILLARD FILLMORE.

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**M**ILLARD FILLMORE, thirteenth President of the United States, was born at Summer Hill, Cayuga County, N. Y., on the 7th of January, 1800. His father was a farmer, and, owing to misfortune, in humble circumstances. Of his mother, the daughter of Dr. Abiathar Millard, of Pittsfield, Mass., it has been said that she possessed an intellect of a high order, united with much personal loveliness, sweetness of disposition, graceful manners and exquisite sensibilities. She died in 1831, having lived to see her son a young man of distinguished promise, though she was not permitted to witness the high dignity which he finally attained.

In consequence of the secluded home and limited means of his father, Millard enjoyed but slender advantages for education in his early years. The common schools, which he occasionally attended, were very imperfect institutions, and books were scarce and expensive. There was nothing then in his character to indicate the brilliant career upon which he was about to enter. He was a plain farmer's boy—intelligent, good-looking, kind-hearted. The sacred influences of home had taught him to revere the Bible, and had laid the foundations of an upright character. When fourteen years of age, his father sent him some hundred miles from home to the then wilds of Livingston County, to learn the trade of a clothier. Near the mill there was a small village, where some enterprising man had commenced the collection of a village library. This proved an inestimable blessing to young Fillmore. His evenings were spent in reading. Soon every leisure moment was occupied with books. His thirst for knowledge became insatiate, and the selections which he made were continually more elevating and instructive. He read history, biography, oratory, and thus gradually there was enkindled

in his heart a desire to be something more than a mere worker with his hands.

The young clothier had now attained the age of nineteen years, and was of fine personal appearance and of gentlemanly demeanor. It so happened that there was a gentleman in the neighborhood of ample pecuniary means and of benevolence,—Judge Walter Wood,—who was struck with the prepossessing appearance of young Fillmore. He made his acquaintance, and was so much impressed with his ability and attainments that he advised him to abandon his trade and devote himself to the study of the law. The young man replied that he had no means of his own, no friends to help him, and that his previous education had been very imperfect. But Judge Wood had so much confidence in him that he kindly offered to take him into his own office, and to lend him such money as he needed. Most gratefully the generous offer was accepted.

There is in many minds a strange delusion about a collegiate education. A young man is supposed to be liberally educated if he has graduated at some college. But many a boy who loiters through university halls and then enters a law office is by no means as well prepared to prosecute his legal studies as was Millard Fillmore when he graduated at the clothing-mill at the end of four years of manual labor, during which every leisure moment had been devoted to intense mental culture.

In 1823, when twenty-three years of age, he was admitted to the Court of Common Pleas. He then went to the village of Aurora, and commenced the practice of law. In this secluded, quiet region, his practice, of course, was limited, and there was no opportunity for a sudden rise in fortune or in fame. Here, in 1826, he married a lady of great moral worth, and one capable of

adorning any station she might be called to fill,— Miss Abigail Powers.

His elevation of character, his untiring industry, his legal acquirements, and his skill as an advocate, gradually attracted attention, and he was invited to enter into partnership, under highly advantageous circumstances, with an elder member of the Bar in Buffalo. Just before removing to Buffalo, in 1829, he took his seat in the House of Assembly of the State of New York, as a Representative from Erie County. Though he had never taken a very active part in politics, his vote and sympathies were with the Whig party. The State was then Democratic, and he found himself in a helpless minority in the Legislature; still the testimony comes from all parties that his courtesy, ability and integrity won, to a very unusual degree, the respect of his associates.

In the autumn of 1832, he was elected to a seat in the United States Congress. He entered that troubled arena in the most tumultuous hours of our national history, when the great conflict respecting the national bank and the removal of the deposits was raging.

His term of two years closed, and he returned to his profession, which he pursued with increasing reputation and success. After a lapse of two years he again became a candidate for Congress; was re-elected, and took his seat in 1837. His past experience as a Representative gave him strength and confidence. The first term of service in Congress to any man can be but little more than an introduction. He was now prepared for active duty. All his energies were brought to bear upon the public good. Every measure received his impress.

Mr. Fillmore was now a man of wide repute, and his popularity filled the State. In the year 1847, when he had attained the age of forty-seven years, he was elected Comptroller of the State. His labors at the Bar, in the Legislature, in Congress and as Comptroller, had given him very considerable fame. The Whigs were casting about to find suitable candidates for President and Vice-President at the approaching election. Far away on the waters of the Rio Grande, there was a rough old soldier, who had fought

one or two successful battles with the Mexicans, which had caused his name to be proclaimed in trumpet-tones all over the land as a candidate for the presidency. But it was necessary to associate with him on the same ticket some man of reputation as a statesman.

Under the influence of these considerations, the names of Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore became the rallying-cry of the Whigs, as their candidates for President and Vice-President. The Whig ticket was signally triumphant. On the 4th of March, 1849, Gen. Taylor was inaugurated President, and Millard Fillmore Vice-President, of the United States.

On the 9th of July, 1850, President Taylor, about one year and four months after his inauguration, was suddenly taken sick and died. By the Constitution, Vice-President Fillmore thus became President. He appointed a very able cabinet, of which the illustrious Daniel Webster was Secretary of State; nevertheless, he had serious difficulties to contend with, since the opposition had a majority in both Houses. He did all in his power to conciliate the South; but the pro-slavery party in the South felt the inadequacy of all measures of transient conciliation. The population of the free States was so rapidly increasing over that of the slave States, that it was inevitable that the power of the Government should soon pass into the hands of the free States. The famous compromise measures were adopted under Mr. Fillmore's administration, and the Japan expedition was sent out. On the 4th of March, 1853, he, having served one term, retired.

In 1856, Mr. Fillmore was nominated for the Presidency by the "Know-Nothing" party, but was beaten by Mr. Buchanan. After that Mr. Fillmore lived in retirement. During the terrible conflict of civil war, he was mostly silent. It was generally supposed that his sympathies were rather with those who were endeavoring to overthrow our institutions. President Fillmore kept aloof from the conflict, without any cordial words of cheer to one party or the other. He was thus forgotten by both. He lived to a ripe old age, and died in Buffalo, N. Y.; March 8, 1874.







FRANKLIN PIERCE.

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**F**RANKLIN PIERCE, the fourteenth President of the United States, was born in Hillsborough, N. H., November 23, 1804. His father was a Revolutionary soldier, who with his own strong arm hewed out a home in the wilderness. He was a man of inflexible integrity, of strong, though uncultivated, mind, and was an uncompromising Democrat. The mother of Franklin Pierce was all that a son could desire—an intelligent, prudent, affectionate, Christian woman.

Franklin, who was the sixth of eight children, was a remarkably bright and handsome boy, generous, warm-hearted and brave. He won alike the love of old and young. The boys on the play-ground loved him. His teachers loved him. The neighbors looked upon him with pride and affection. He was by instinct a gentleman, always speaking kind words, and doing kind deeds, with a peculiar, unstudied tact which taught him what was agreeable. Without developing any precocity of genius, or any unnatural devotion to books, he was a good scholar, and in body and mind a finely developed boy.

When sixteen years of age, in the year 1820, he entered Bowdoin College, at Brunswick, Me. He was one of the most popular young men in the college. The purity of his moral character, the unvarying courtesy of his demeanor, his rank as a scholar, and genial nature, rendered him a universal favorite. There was something peculiarly winning in his address, and it was evidently not in the slightest degree studied—it was the simple outgushing of his own magnanimous and loving nature.

Upon graduating, in the year 1824, Franklin Pierce commenced the study of law in the office of Judge Woodbury, one of the most distinguished

lawyers of the State, and a man of great private worth. The eminent social qualities of the young lawyer, his father's prominence as a public man, and the brilliant political career into which Judge Woodbury was entering, all tended to entice Mr. Pierce into the fascinating yet perilous path of political life. With all the ardor of his nature he espoused the cause of Gen. Jackson for the Presidency. He commenced the practice of law in Hillsborough, and was soon elected to represent the town in the State Legislature. Here he served for four years. The last two years he was chosen Speaker of the House by a very large vote.

In 1833, at the age of twenty-nine, he was elected a member of Congress. In 1837, being then but thirty-three years old, he was elected to the Senate, taking his seat just as Mr. Van Buren commenced his administration. He was the youngest member in the Senate. In the year 1834, he married Miss Jane Means Appleton, a lady of rare beauty and accomplishments, and one admirably fitted to adorn every station with which her husband was honored. Of the three sons who were born to them, all now sleep with their parents in the grave.

In the year 1838, Mr. Pierce, with growing fame and increasing business as a lawyer, took up his residence in Concord, the capital of New Hampshire. President Polk, upon his accession to office, appointed Mr. Pierce Attorney-General of the United States; but the offer was declined in consequence of numerous professional engagements at home, and the precarious state of Mrs. Pierce's health. He also, about the same time, declined the nomination for Governor by the Democratic party. The war with Mexico called

Mr. Pierce into the army. Receiving the appointment of Brigadier-General, he embarked with a portion of his troops at Newport, R. I., on the 27th of May, 1847. He took an important part in this war, proving himself a brave and true soldier.

When Gen. Pierce reached his home in his native State, he was received enthusiastically by the advocates of the Mexican War, and coldly by his opponents. He resumed the practice of his profession, very frequently taking an active part in political questions, giving his cordial support to the pro-slavery wing of the Democratic party. The compromise measures met cordially with his approval, and he strenuously advocated the enforcement of the infamous Fugitive Slave Law, which so shocked the religious sensibilities of the North. He thus became distinguished as a "Northern man with Southern principles." The strong partisans of slavery in the South consequently regarded him as a man whom they could safely trust in office to carry out their plans.

On the 12th of June, 1852, the Democratic convention met in Baltimore to nominate a candidate for the Presidency. For four days they continued in session, and in thirty-five ballotings no one had obtained a two-thirds vote. Not a vote thus far had been thrown for Gen. Pierce. Then the Virginia delegation brought forward his name. There were fourteen more ballotings, during which Gen. Pierce constantly gained strength, until, at the forty-ninth ballot, he received two hundred and eighty-two votes, and all other candidates eleven. Gen. Winfield Scott was the Whig candidate. Gen. Pierce was chosen with great unanimity. Only four States—Vermont, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Tennessee—cast their electoral votes against him. Gen. Franklin Pierce was therefore inaugurated President of the United States on the 4th of March, 1853.

His administration proved one of the most stormy our country had ever experienced. The controversy between slavery and freedom was then approaching its culminating point. It became evident that there was to be an irrepressible conflict between them, and that this nation could not long exist "half slave and half free."

President Pierce, during the whole of his administration, did everything he could to conciliate the South; but it was all in vain. The conflict every year grew more violent, and threats of the dissolution of the Union were borne to the North on every Southern breeze.

Such was the condition of affairs when President Pierce approached the close of his four-years term of office. The North had become thoroughly alienated from him. The anti-slavery sentiment, goaded by great outrages, had been rapidly increasing; all the intellectual ability and social worth of President Pierce were forgotten in deep reprehension of his administrative acts. The slaveholders of the South also, unmindful of the fidelity with which he had advocated those measures of Government which they approved, and perhaps feeling that he had rendered himself so unpopular as no longer to be able to acceptably serve them, ungratefully dropped him, and nominated James Buchanan to succeed him.

On the 4th of March, 1857, President Pierce returned to his home in Concord. His three children were all dead, his last surviving child having been killed before his eyes in a railroad accident; and his wife, one of the most estimable and accomplished of ladies, was rapidly sinking in consumption. The hour of dreadful gloom soon came, and he was left alone in the world without wife or child.

When the terrible Rebellion burst forth which divided our country into two parties, and two only, Mr. Pierce remained steadfast in the principles which he had always cherished, and gave his sympathies to that pro-slavery party with which he had ever been allied. He declined to do anything, either by voice or pen, to strengthen the hand of the National Government. He continued to reside in Concord until the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1869. He was one of the most genial and social of men, an honored communicant of the Episcopal Church, and one of the kindest of neighbors. Generous to a fault, he contributed liberally toward the alleviation of suffering and want, and many of his town-people were often gladdened by his material bounty.





JAMES BUCHANAN.

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JAMES BUCHANAN, the fifteenth President of the United States, was born in a small frontier town, at the foot of the eastern ridge of the Alleghanies, in Franklin County, Pa., on the 23d of April, 1791. The place where the humble cabin home stood was called Stony Batter. His father was a native of the north of Ireland, who had emigrated in 1783, with little property save his own strong arms. Five years afterward he married Elizabeth Spear, the daughter of a respectable farmer, and, with his young bride, plunged into the wilderness, staked his claim, reared his log hut, opened a clearing with his axe, and settled down there to perform his obscure part in the drama of life. When James was eight years of age, his father removed to the village of Mercersburg, where his son was placed at school, and commenced a course of study in English, Latin and Greek. His progress was rapid, and at the age of fourteen he entered Dickinson College, at Carlisle. Here he developed remarkable talent, and took his stand among the first scholars in the institution.

In the year 1809, he graduated with the highest honors of his class. He was then eighteen years of age; tall and graceful, vigorous in health, fond of athletic sports, an unerring shot, and enlivened with an exuberant flow of animal spirits. He immediately commenced the study of law in the city of Lancaster, and was admitted to the Bar in 1812, when he was but twenty-one years of age.

In 1820, he reluctantly consented to run as a candidate for Congress. He was elected, and for ten years he remained a member of the Lower House. During the vacations of Congress, he

occasionally tried some important case. In 1831 he retired altogether from the toils of his profession, having acquired an ample fortune.

Gen. Jackson, upon his elevation to the Presidency, appointed Mr. Buchanan Minister to Russia. The duties of his mission he performed with ability, and gave satisfaction to all parties. Upon his return, in 1833, he was elected to a seat in the United States Senate. He there met as his associates Webster, Clay, Wright and Calhoun. He advocated the measures proposed by President Jackson, of making reprisals against France to enforce the payment of our claims against that country, and defended the course of the President in his unprecedented and wholesale removal from office of those who were not the supporters of his administration. Upon this question he was brought into direct collision with Henry Clay. He also, with voice and vote, advocated expunging from the journal of the Senate the vote of censure against Gen. Jackson for removing the deposits. Earnestly he opposed the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and urged the prohibition of the circulation of anti-slavery documents by the United States mails. As to petitions on the subject of slavery, he advocated that they should be respectfully received, and that the reply should be returned that Congress had no power to legislate upon the subject. "Congress," said he, "might as well undertake to interfere with slavery under a foreign government as in any of the States where it now exists."

Upon Mr. Polk's accession to the Presidency, Mr. Buchanan became Secretary of State, and as such took his share of the responsibility in the

conduct of the Mexican War. Mr. Polk assumed that crossing the Nueces by the American troops into the disputed territory was not wrong, but for the Mexicans to cross the Rio Grande into Texas was a declaration of war. No candid man can read with pleasure the account of the course our Government pursued in that movement.

Mr. Buchanan identified himself thoroughly with the party devoted to the perpetuation and extension of slavery, and brought all the energies of his mind to bear against the Wilmot Proviso. He gave his cordial approval to the compromise measures of 1850, which included the Fugitive Slave Law. Mr. Pierce, upon his election to the Presidency, honored Mr. Buchanan with the mission to England.

In the year 1856, a national Democratic Convention nominated Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency. The political conflict was one of the most severe in which our country has ever engaged. All the friends of slavery were on one side; all the advocates of its restriction and final abolition on the other. Mr. Fremont, the candidate of the enemies of slavery, received one hundred and fourteen electoral votes. Mr. Buchanan received one hundred and seventy-four, and was elected. The popular vote stood 1,340,618 for Fremont, 1,224,750 for Buchanan. On March 4, 1857, the latter was inaugurated.

Mr. Buchanan was far advanced in life. Only four years were wanting to fill up his three-score years and ten. His own friends, those with whom he had been allied in political principles and action for years, were seeking the destruction of the Government, that they might rear upon the ruins of our free institutions a nation whose corner-stone should be human slavery. In this emergency, Mr. Buchanan was hopelessly bewildered. He could not, with his long-avowed principles, consistently oppose the State Rights party in their assumptions. As President of the United States, bound by his oath faithfully to administer the laws, he could not, without perjury of the grossest kind, unite with those endeavoring to overthrow the Republic. He therefore did nothing.

The opponents of Mr. Buchanan's administra-

tion nominated Abraham Lincoln as their standard-bearer in the next Presidential canvass. The pro-slavery party declared that if he were elected and the control of the Government were thus taken from their hands, they would secede from the Union, taking with them as they retired the National Capitol at Washington and the lion's share of the territory of the United States.

As the storm increased in violence, the slaveholders claiming the right to secede, and Mr. Buchanan avowing that Congress had no power to prevent it, one of the most pitiable exhibitions of governmental imbecility was exhibited that the world has ever seen. He declared that Congress had no power to enforce its laws in any State which had withdrawn, or which was attempting to withdraw, from the Union. This was not the doctrine of Andrew Jackson, when, with his hand upon his sword-hilt, he exclaimed: "The Union must and shall be preserved!"

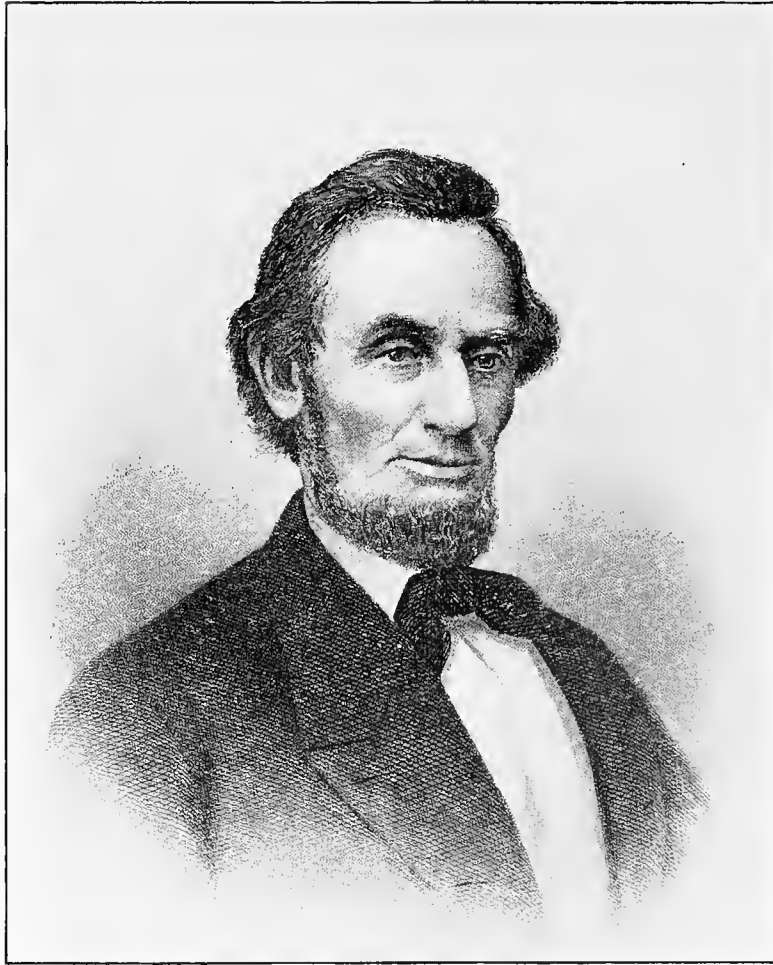
South Carolina seceded in December, 1860, nearly three months before the inauguration of President Lincoln. Mr. Buchanan looked on in listless despair. The rebel flag was raised in Charleston; Ft. Sumter was besieged; our forts, navy-yards and arsenals were seized; our depots of military stores were plundered, and our custom-houses and post-offices were appropriated by the rebels.

The energy of the rebels and the imbecility of our Executive were alike marvelous. The nation looked on in agony, waiting for the slow weeks to glide away and close the administration, so terrible in its weakness. At length the long-looked-for hour of deliverance came, when Abraham Lincoln was to receive the scepter.

The administration of President Buchanan was certainly the most calamitous our country has experienced. His best friends can not recall it with pleasure. And still more deplorable it is for his fame, that in that dreadful conflict which rolled its billows of flame and blood over our whole land, no word came from his lips to indicate his wish that our country's banner should triumph over the flag of the Rebellion. He died at his Wheatland retreat, June 1, 1868.







ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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**A**BRAHAM LINCOLN, the sixteenth President of the United States, was born in Hardin County, Ky., February 12, 1809. About the year 1780, a man by the name of Abraham Lincoln left Virginia with his family and moved into the then wilds of Kentucky. Only two years after this emigration, and while still a young man, he was working one day in a field, when an Indian stealthily approached and killed him. His widow was left in extreme poverty with five little children, three boys and two girls. Thomas, the youngest of the boys, and the father of President Abraham Lincoln, was four years of age at his father's death.

When twenty-eight years old, Thomas Lincoln built a log cabin, and married Nancy Hanks, the daughter of another family of poor Kentucky emigrants, who had also come from Virginia. Their second child was Abraham Lincoln, the subject of this sketch. The mother of Abraham was a noble woman, gentle, loving, pensive, created to adorn a palace, but doomed to toil and pine, and die in a hovel. "All that I am, or hope to be," exclaimed the grateful son, "I owe to my angel-mother." When he was eight years of age, his father sold his cabin and small farm and moved to Indiana, where two years later his mother died.

As the years rolled on, the lot of this lowly family was the usual lot of humanity. There were joys and griefs, weddings and funerals. Abraham's sister Sarah, to whom he was tenderly attached, was married when a child of but fourteen years of age, and soon died. The family was gradually scattered, and Thomas Lincoln sold out his squatter's claim in 1830, and emigrated to Macon County, Ill.

Abraham Lincoln was then twenty-one years of age. With vigorous hands he aided his father in rearing another log cabin, and worked quite diligently at this until he saw the family comfortably settled, and their small lot of enclosed prairie planted with corn, when he announced to

his father his intention to leave home, and to go out into the world and seek his fortune. Little did he or his friends imagine how brilliant that fortune was to be. He saw the value of education and was intensely earnest to improve his mind to the utmost of his power. Religion he revered. His morals were pure, and he was uncontaminated by a single vice.

Young Abraham worked for a time as a hired laborer among the farmers. Then he went to Springfield, where he was employed in building a large flat-boat. In this he took a herd of swine, floated them down the Sangamon to Illinois, and thence by the Mississippi to New Orleans. Whatever Abraham Lincoln undertook, he performed so faithfully as to give great satisfaction to his employers. In this adventure the latter were so well pleased, that upon his return they placed a store and mill under his care.

In 1832, at the outbreak of the Black Hawk War, he enlisted and was chosen Captain of a company. He returned to Sangamon County, and, although only twenty-three years of age, was a candidate for the Legislature, but was defeated. He soon after received from Andrew Jackson the appointment of Postmaster of New Salem. His only post-office was his hat. All the letters he received he carried there, ready to deliver to those he chanced to meet. He studied surveying, and soon made this his business. In 1834 he again became a candidate for the Legislature and was elected. Mr. Stuart, of Springfield, advised him to study law. He walked from New Salem to Springfield, borrowed of Mr. Stuart a load of books, carried them back, and began his legal studies. When the Legislature assembled, he trudged on foot with his pack on his back one hundred miles to Vandalia, then the capital. In 1836 he was re-elected to the Legislature. Here it was he first met Stephen A. Douglas. In 1839 he removed to Springfield and began the practice of law. His success with the jury was so great

that he was soon engaged in almost every noted case in the circuit.

In 1854 the great discussion began between Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglas on the slavery question. In the organization of the Republican party in Illinois, in 1856, he took an active part, and at once became one of the leaders in that party. Mr. Lincoln's speeches in opposition to Senator Douglas in the contest in 1858 for a seat in the Senate, form a most notable part of his history. The issue was on the slavery question, and he took the broad ground of the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal. Mr. Lincoln was defeated in this contest, but won a far higher prize.

The great Republican Convention met at Chicago on the 16th of June, 1860. The delegates and strangers who crowded the city amounted to twenty-five thousand. An immense building called "The Wigwam," was reared to accommodate the convention. There were eleven candidates for whom votes were thrown. William H. Seward, a man whose fame as a statesman had long filled the land, was the most prominent. It was generally supposed he would be the nominee. Abraham Lincoln, however, received the nomination on the third ballot.

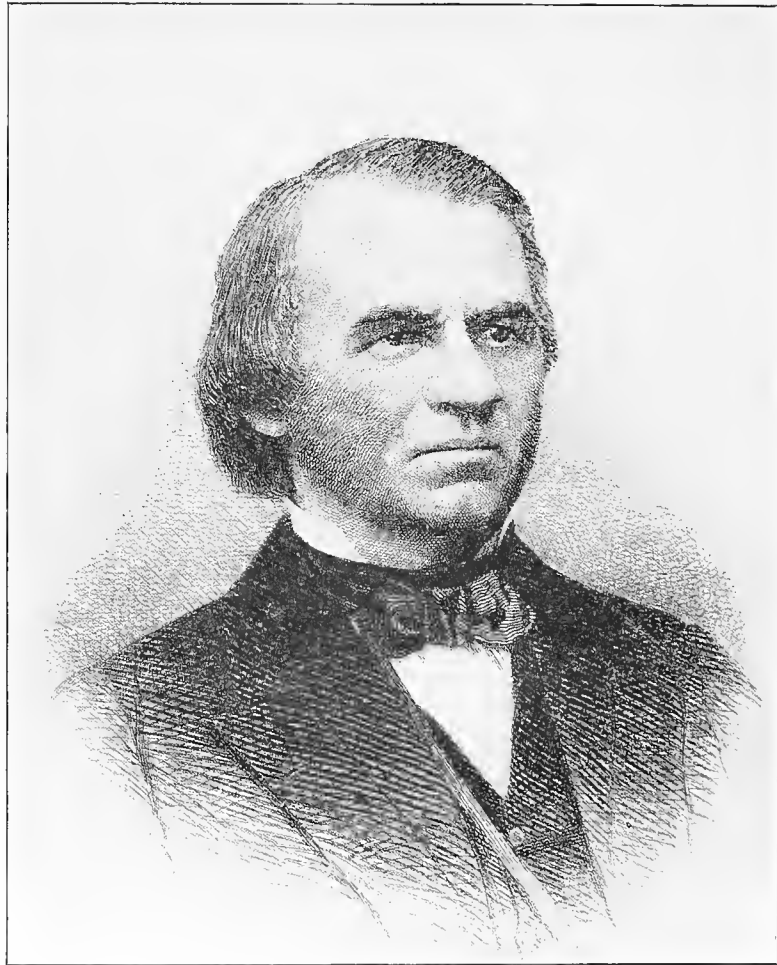
Election day came, and Mr. Lincoln received one hundred and eighty electoral votes out of two hundred and three cast, and was, therefore, constitutionally elected President of the United States. The tirade of abuse that was poured upon this good and merciful man, especially by the slaveholders, was greater than upon any other man ever elected to this high position. In February, 1861, Mr. Lincoln started for Washington, stopping in all the large cities on his way, making speeches. The whole journey was fraught with much danger. Many of the Southern States had already seceded, and several attempts at assassination were afterward brought to light. A gang in Baltimore had arranged upon his arrival to "get up a row," and in the confusion to make sure of his death with revolvers and hand-grenades. A detective unravelled the plot. A secret and special train was provided to take him from Harrisburg, through Baltimore, at an unexpected

hour of the night. The train started at half-past ten, and to prevent any possible communication on the part of the Secessionists with their Confederate gang in Baltimore, as soon as the train had started the telegraph-wires were cut. Mr. Lincoln reached Washington in safety and was inaugurated, although great anxiety was felt by all loyal people.

In the selection of his cabinet Mr. Lincoln gave to Mr. Seward the Department of State, and to other prominent opponents before the convention he gave important positions; but during no other administration had the duties devolving upon the President been so manifold, and the responsibilities so great, as those which fell to his lot. Knowing this, and feeling his own weakness and inability to meet, and in his own strength to cope with, the difficulties, he learned early to seek Divine wisdom and guidance in determining his plans, and Divine comfort in all his trials, both personal and national. Contrary to his own estimate of himself, Mr. Lincoln was one of the most courageous of men. He went directly into the rebel capital just as the retreating foe was leaving, with no guard but a few sailors. From the time he had left Springfield, in 1861, however, plans had been made for his assassination, and he at last fell a victim to one of them. April 14, 1865, he, with Gen. Grant, was urgently invited to attend Ford's Theatre. It was announced that they would be present. Gen. Grant, however, left the city. President Lincoln, feeling, with his characteristic kindness of heart, that it would be a disappointment if he should fail them, very reluctantly consented to go. While listening to the play, an actor by the name of John Wilkes Booth entered the box where the President and family were seated, and fired a bullet into his brain. He died the next morning at seven o'clock.

Never before in the history of the world was a nation plunged into such deep grief by the death of its ruler. Strong men met in the streets and wept in speechless anguish. His was a life which will fitly become a model. His name as the Savior of his country will live with that of Washington's, its Father.





ANDREW JOHNSON.

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**A**NDREW JOHNSON, seventeenth President of the United States. The early life of Andrew Johnson contains but the record of poverty, destitution and friendlessness. He was born December 29, 1808, in Raleigh, N. C. His parents, belonging to the class of "poor whites" of the South, were in such circumstances that they could not confer even the slightest advantages of education upon their child. When Andrew was five years of age, his father accidentally lost his life, while heroically endeavoring to save a friend from drowning. Until ten years of age, Andrew was a ragged boy about the streets, supported by the labor of his mother, who obtained her living with her own hands.

He then, having never attended a school one day, and being unable either to read or write, was apprenticed to a tailor in his native town. A gentleman was in the habit of going to the tailor's shop occasionally, and reading to the boys at work there. He often read from the speeches of distinguished British statesmen. Andrew, who was endowed with a mind of more than ordinary ability, became much interested in these speeches; his ambition was roused, and he was inspired with a strong desire to learn to read.

He accordingly applied himself to the alphabet, and with the assistance of some of his fellow-workmen learned his letters. He then called upon the gentleman to borrow the book of speeches. The owner, pleased with his zeal, not only gave him the book, but assisted him in learning to combine the letters into words. Under such difficulties he pressed onward laboriously, spending usually ten or twelve hours at work in the shop, and then robbing himself of rest and recreation to devote such time as he could to reading.

He went to Tennessee in 1826, and located at

Greenville, where he married a young lady who possessed some education. Under her instructions he learned to write and cipher. He became prominent in the village debating society, and a favorite with the students of Greenville College. In 1828, he organized a working man's party, which elected him Alderman, and in 1830 elected him Mayor, which position he held three years.

He now began to take a lively interest in political affairs, identifying himself with the working-class, to which he belonged. In 1835, he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of Tennessee. He was then just twenty-seven years of age. He became a very active member of the Legislature, gave his support to the Democratic party, and in 1840 "stumped the State," advocating Martin Van Buren's claims to the Presidency, in opposition to those of Gen. Harrison. In this campaign he acquired much readiness as a speaker, and extended and increased his reputation.

In 1841, he was elected State Senator; in 1843, he was elected a Member of Congress, and by successive elections held that important post for ten years. In 1853, he was elected Governor of Tennessee, and was re-elected in 1855. In all these responsible positions, he discharged his duties with distinguished ability, and proved himself the warm friend of the working classes. In 1857, Mr. Johnson was elected United States Senator.

Years before, in 1845, he had warmly advocated the annexation of Texas, stating, however, as his reason, that he thought this annexation would probably prove "to be the gateway out of which the sable sons of Africa are to pass from bondage to freedom, and become merged in a population congenial to themselves." In 1850, he also supported the compromise measures, the two essen-

tial features of which were, that the white people of the Territories should be permitted to decide for themselves whether they would enslave the colored people or not, and that the free States of the North should return to the South persons who attempted to escape from slavery.

Mr. Johnson was never ashamed of his lowly origin: on the contrary, he often took pride in avowing that he owed his distinction to his own exertions. "Sir," said he on the floor of the Senate, "I do not forget that I am a mechanic; neither do I forget that Adam was a tailor and sewed fig-leaves, and that our Savior was the son of a carpenter."

In the Charleston-Baltimore convention of 1860, he was the choice of the Tennessee Democrats for the Presidency. In 1861, when the purpose of the Southern Democracy became apparent, he took a decided stand in favor of the Union, and held that "slavery must be held subordinate to the Union at whatever cost." He returned to Tennessee, and repeatedly imperiled his own life to protect the Unionists of that State. Tennessee having seceded from the Union, President Lincoln, on March 4, 1862, appointed him Military Governor of the State, and he established the most stringent military rule. His numerous proclamations attracted wide attention. In 1864, he was elected Vice-President of the United States, and upon the death of Mr. Lincoln, April 15, 1865, became President. In a speech two days later he said, "The American people must be taught, if they do not already feel, that treason is a crime and must be punished; that the Government will not always bear with its enemies; that it is strong not only to protect, but to punish. \* \* The people must understand that it (treason) is the blackest of crimes, and will surely be punished." Yet his whole administration, the history of which is so well known, was in utter inconsistency with, and in the most violent opposition to, the principles laid down in that speech.

In his loose policy of reconstruction and general amnesty, he was opposed by Congress, and he characterized Congress as a new rebellion, and lawlessly defied it in everything possible to the utmost. In the beginning of 1868, on account of

"High crimes and misdemeanors," the principal of which was the removal of Secretary Stanton in violation of the Tenure of Office Act, articles of impeachment were preferred against him, and the trial began March 23.

It was very tedious, continuing for nearly three months. A test article of the impeachment was at length submitted to the court for its action. It was certain that as the court voted upon that article so would it vote upon all. Thirty-four voices pronounced the President guilty. As a two-thirds vote was necessary to his condemnation, he was pronounced acquitted, notwithstanding the great majority against him. The change of one vote from the *not guilty* side would have sustained the impeachment.

The President, for the remainder of his term, was but little regarded. He continued, though impotently, his conflict with Congress. His own party did not think it expedient to renominate him for the Presidency. The Nation rallied with enthusiasm, unparalleled since the days of Washington, around the name of Gen. Grant. Andrew Johnson was forgotten. The bullet of the assassin introduced him to the President's chair. Notwithstanding this, never was there presented to a man a better opportunity to immortalize his name, and to win the gratitude of a nation. He failed utterly. He retired to his home in Greenville, Tenn., taking no very active part in politics until 1875. On January 26, after an exciting struggle, he was chosen by the Legislature of Tennessee United States Senator in the Forty-fourth Congress, and took his seat in that body, at the special session convened by President Grant, on the 5th of March. On the 27th of July, 1875, the ex-President made a visit to his daughter's home, near Carter Station, Tenn. When he started on his journey, he was apparently in his usual vigorous health, but on reaching the residence of his child the following day, he was stricken with paralysis, which rendered him unconscious. He rallied occasionally, but finally passed away at 2 A. M., July 31, aged sixty-seven years. His funeral was held at Greenville, on the 3d of August, with every demonstration of respect.







ULYSSES S. GRANT.

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ULYSSES S. GRANT, the eighteenth President of the United States, was born on the 29th of April, 1822, of Christian parents, in a humble home at Point Pleasant, on the banks of the Ohio. Shortly after, his father moved to Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio. In this remote frontier hamlet, Ulysses received a common-school education. At the age of seventeen, in the year 1839, he entered the Military Academy at West Point. Here he was regarded as a solid, sensible young man, of fair ability, and of sturdy, honest character. He took respectable rank as a scholar. In June, 1843, he graduated about the middle in his class, and was sent as Lieutenant of Infantry to one of the distant military posts in the Missouri Territory. Two years he passed in these dreary solitudes, watching the vagabond Indians.

The war with Mexico came. Lieut. Grant was sent with his regiment to Corpus Christi. His first battle was at Palo Alto. There was no chance here for the exhibition of either skill or heroism, nor at Resaca de la Palma, his second battle. At the battle of Monterey, his third engagement, it is said that he performed a signal service of daring and skillful horsemanship.

At the close of the Mexican War, Capt. Grant returned with his regiment to New York, and was again sent to one of the military posts on the frontier. The discovery of gold in California causing an immense tide of emigration to flow to the Pacific shores, Capt. Grant was sent with a battalion to Ft. Dallas, in Oregon, for the protection of the interests of the immigrants. But life was wearisome in those wilds, and he resigned his commission and returned to the States. Having married, he entered upon the cultivation of a small farm near St. Louis, Mo., but having little

skill as a farmer, and finding his toil not remunerative, he turned to mercantile life, entering into the leather business, with a younger brother at Galena, Ill. This was in the year 1860. As the tidings of the rebels firing on Ft. Sumter reached the ears of Capt. Grant in his counting-room, he said: "Uncle Sam has educated me for the army; though I have served him through one war, I do not feel that I have yet repaid the debt. I am still ready to discharge my obligations. I shall therefore buckle on my sword and see Uncle Sam through this war too."

He went into the streets, raised a company of volunteers, and led them as their Captain to Springfield, the capital of the State, where their services were offered to Gov. Yates. The Governor, impressed by the zeal and straightforward executive ability of Capt. Grant, gave him a desk in his office to assist in the volunteer organization that was being formed in the State in behalf of the Government. On the 15th of June, 1861, Capt. Grant received a commission as Colonel of the Twenty-first Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. His merits as a West Point graduate, who had served for fifteen years in the regular army, were such that he was soon promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General, and was placed in command at Cairo. The rebels raised their banner at Paducah, near the mouth of the Tennessee River. Scarcely had its folds appeared in the breeze ere Gen. Grant was there. The rebels fled, their banner fell, and the Stars and Stripes were unfurled in its stead.

He entered the service with great determination and immediately began active duty. This was the beginning, and until the surrender of Lee at Richmond he was ever pushing the enemy

with great vigor and effectiveness. At Belmont, a few days later, he surprised and routed the rebels, then at Ft. Henry won another victory. Then came the brilliant fight at Ft. Donelson. The nation was electrified by the victory, and the brave leader of the boys in blue was immediately made a Major-General, and the military district of Tennessee was assigned to him.

Like all great captains, Gen. Grant knew well how to secure the results of victory. He immediately pushed on to the enemies' lines. Then came the terrible battles of Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, and the siege of Vicksburg, where Gen. Pemberton made an unconditional surrender of the city with over thirty thousand men and one hundred and seventy-two cannon. The fall of Vicksburg was by far the most severe blow which the rebels had thus far encountered, and opened up the Mississippi from Cairo to the Gulf.

Gen. Grant was next ordered to co-operate with Gen. Banks in a movement upon Texas, and proceeded to New Orleans, where he was thrown from his horse, and received severe injuries, from which he was laid up for months. He then rushed to the aid of Gens. Rosecrans and Thomas at Chattanooga, and by a wonderful series of strategic and technical measures put the Union army in fighting condition. Then followed the bloody battles at Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, in which the rebels were routed with great loss. This won for him unbounded praise in the North. On the 4th of February, 1864, Congress revived the grade of lieutenant-general, and the rank was conferred on Gen. Grant. He repaired to Washington to receive his credentials and enter upon the duties of his new office.

Gen. Grant decided as soon as he took charge of the army to concentrate the widely-dispersed National troops for an attack upon Richmond, the nominal capital of the rebellion, and endeavor there to destroy the rebel armies which would be promptly assembled from all quarters for its defense. The whole continent seemed to tremble under the tramp of these majestic armies, rushing to the decisive battle-field. Steamers were crowded with troops. Railway trains were burdened

with closely-packed thousands. His plans were comprehensive, and involved a series of campaigns, which were executed with remarkable energy and ability, and were consummated at the surrender of Lee, April 9, 1865.

The war was ended. The Union was saved. The almost unanimous voice of the nation declared Gen. Grant to be the most prominent instrument in its salvation. The eminent services he had thus rendered the country brought him conspicuously forward as the Republican candidate for the Presidential chair.

At the Republican Convention held at Chicago, May 21, 1868, he was unanimously nominated for the Presidency, and at the autumn election received a majority of the popular vote, and two hundred and fourteen out of two hundred and ninety-four electoral votes.

The National Convention of the Republican party, which met at Philadelphia on the 5th of June, 1872, placed Gen. Grant in nomination for a second term by a unanimous vote. The selection was emphatically indorsed by the people five months later, two hundred and ninety-two electoral votes being cast for him.

Soon after the close of his second term, Gen. Grant started upon his famous trip around the world. He visited almost every country of the civilized world, and was everywhere received with such ovations and demonstrations of respect and honor, private as well as public and official, as were never before bestowed upon any citizen of the United States.

He was the most prominent candidate before the Republican National Convention in 1880 for a renomination for President. He went to New York and embarked in the brokerage business under the firm name of Grant & Ward. The latter proved a villain, wrecked Grant's fortune, and for larceny was sent to the penitentiary. The General was attacked with cancer in the throat, but suffered in his stoic-like manner, never complaining. He was re-instated as General of the Army, and retired by Congress. The cancer soon finished its deadly work, and July 23, 1885, the nation went in mourning over the death of the illustrious General.





RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.

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**R**UTHERFORD B. HAYES, the nineteenth President of the United States, was born in Delaware, Ohio, October 4, 1822, almost three months after the death of his father, Rutherford Hayes. His ancestry on both the paternal and maternal sides was of the most honorable character. It can be traced, it is said, as far back as 1280, when Hayes and Rutherford were two Scottish chieftains, fighting side by side with Baliol, William Wallace and Robert Bruce. Both families belonged to the nobility, owned extensive estates, and had a large following. Misfortune overtaking the family, George Hayes left Scotland in 1680, and settled in Windsor, Conn. His son George was born in Windsor, and remained there during his life. Daniel Hayes, son of the latter, married Sarah Lee, and lived from the time of his marriage until his death in Simsbury, Conn. Ezekiel, son of Daniel, was born in 1724, and was a manufacturer of scythes at Bradford, Conn. Rutherford Hayes, son of Ezekiel and grandfather of President Hayes, was born in New Haven, in August, 1756. He was a farmer, blacksmith and tavern-keeper. He emigrated to Vermont at an unknown date, settling in Brattleboro, where he established a hotel. Here his son, Rutherford Hayes, the father of President Hayes, was born. He was married, in September, 1813, to Sophia Birchard, of Wilmington, Vt., whose ancestors emigrated thither from Connecticut, they having been among the wealthiest and best families of Norwich. Her ancestry on the male side is traced back to 1635, to John Birchard, one of the principal founders of Norwich. Both of her grandfathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

The father of President Hayes was an industrious, frugal, yet open-hearted man. He was of a

mechanical turn of mind, and could mend a plow, knit a stocking, or do almost anything else that he chose to undertake. He was a member of the church, active in all the benevolent enterprises of the town, and conducted his business on Christian principles. After the close of the War of 1812, for reasons inexplicable to his neighbors, he resolved to emigrate to Ohio.

The journey from Vermont to Ohio in that day, when there were no canals, steamers, or railroads, was a very serious affair. A tour of inspection was first made, occupying four months. Mr. Hayes decided to move to Delaware, where the family arrived in 1817. He died July 22, 1822, a victim of malarial fever, less than three months before the birth of the son of whom we write. Mrs. Hayes, in her sore bereavement, found the support she so much needed in her brother Sardis, who had been a member of the household from the day of its departure from Vermont, and in an orphan girl, whom she had adopted some time before as an act of charity.

Rutherford was seven years old before he went to school. His education, however, was not neglected. He probably learned as much from his mother and sister as he would have done at school. His sports were almost wholly within doors, his playmates being his sister and her associates. These circumstances tended, no doubt, to foster that gentleness of disposition and that delicate consideration for the feelings of others which were marked traits of his character.

His uncle, Sardis Birchard, took the deepest interest in his education; and as the boy's health had improved, and he was making good progress in his studies, he proposed to send him to college. His preparation commenced with a tutor at home;

but he was afterwards sent for one year to a professor in the Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. He entered Kenyon College in 1838, at the age of sixteen, and was graduated at the head of his class in 1842.

Immediately after his graduation he began the study of law in the office of Thomas Sparrow, Esq., in Columbus. Finding his opportunities for study in Columbus somewhat limited, he determined to enter the Law School at Cambridge, Mass., where he remained two years.

In 1845, after graduating at the Law School, he was admitted to the Bar at Marietta, Ohio, and shortly afterward went into practice as an attorney-at-law with Ralph P. Buckland, of Fremont. Here he remained three years, acquiring but a limited practice, and apparently unambitious of distinction in his profession.

In 1849 he moved to Cincinnati, where his ambition found a new stimulus. For several years, however, his progress was slow. Two events occurring at this period had a powerful influence upon his subsequent life. One of these was his marriage with Miss Lucy Ware Webb, daughter of Dr. James Webb, of Chillicothe; the other was his introduction to the Cincinnati Literary Club, a body embracing among its members such men as Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, Gen. John Pope, Gov. Edward F. Noyes, and many others hardly less distinguished in after life. The marriage was a fortunate one in every respect, as everybody knows. Not one of all the wives of our Presidents was more universally admired, revered and beloved than was Mrs. Hayes, and no one did more than she to reflect honor upon American womanhood. The Literary Club brought Mr. Hayes into constant association with young men of high character and noble aims, and lured him to display the qualities so long hidden by his bashfulness and modesty.

In 1856 he was nominated to the office of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, but he declined to accept the nomination. Two years later, the office of City Solicitor becoming vacant, the City Council elected him for the unexpired term.

In 1861, when the Rebellion broke out, he was at the zenith of his professional life. His rank at

the Bar was among the first. But the news of the attack on Ft. Sumter found him eager to take up arms for the defense of his country.

His military record was bright and illustrious. In October, 1861, he was made Lieutenant-Colonel, and in August, 1862, promoted Colonel of the Seventy-ninth Ohio Regiment, but he refused to leave his old comrades and go among strangers. Subsequently, however, he was made Colonel of his old regiment. At the battle of South Mountain he received a wound, and while faint and bleeding displayed courage and fortitude that won admiration from all.

Col. Hayes was detached from his regiment, after his recovery, to act as Brigadier-General, and placed in command of the celebrated Kanawha division, and for gallant and meritorious services in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, he was promoted Brigadier-General. He was also breveted Major-General, "for gallant and distinguished services during the campaign of 1864, in West Virginia." In the course of his arduous services, four horses were shot from under him, and he was wounded four times.

In 1864, Gen. Hayes was elected to Congress from the Second Ohio District, which had long been Democratic. He was not present during the campaign, and after the election was importuned to resign his commission in the army; but he finally declared, "I shall never come to Washington until I can come by way of Richmond." He was re-elected in 1866.

In 1867, Gen. Hayes was elected Governor of Ohio, over Hon. Allen G. Thurman, a popular Democrat, and in 1869 was re-elected over George H. Pendleton. He was elected Governor for the third term in 1875.

In 1876 he was the standard-bearer of the Republican party in the Presidential contest, and after a hard, long contest was chosen President, and was inaugurated Monday, March 5, 1877. He served his full term, not, however, with satisfaction to his party, but his administration was an average one. The remaining years of his life were passed quietly in his Ohio home, where he passed away January 17, 1893.







JAMES A. GARFIELD.

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JAMES A. GARFIELD, twentieth President of the United States, was born November 19, 1831, in the woods of Orange, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. His parents were Abram and Eliza (Ballou) Garfield, both of New England ancestry, and from families well known in the early history of that section of our country, but who had moved to the Western Reserve, in Ohio, early in its settlement.

The house in which James A. was born was not unlike the houses of poor Ohio farmers of that day. It was about 20 x 30 feet, built of logs, with the spaces between the logs filled with clay. His father was a hard-working farmer, and he soon had his fields cleared, an orchard planted, and a log barn built. The household comprised the father and mother and their four children, Mehetabel, Thomas, Mary and James. In May, 1823, the father died from a cold contracted in helping to put out a forest fire. At this time James was about eighteen months old, and Thomas about ten years old. No one, perhaps, can tell how much James was indebted to his brother's toil and self-sacrifice during the twenty years succeeding his father's death. He now lives in Michigan, and the two sisters live in Solon, Ohio, near their birthplace.

The early educational advantages young Garfield enjoyed were very limited, yet he made the most of them. He labored at farm work for others, did carpenter work, chopped wood, or did anything that would bring in a few dollars to aid his widowed mother in her struggles to keep the little family together. Nor was Gen. Garfield ever ashamed of his origin, and he never forgot the friends of his struggling childhood, youth and manhood; neither did they ever forget him. When in the highest seats of honor, the humblest friend of his boyhood was as kindly greeted as ever. The poorest laborer was sure of the sympathy of one who had known all the bitterness of

want and the sweetness of bread earned by the sweat of the brow. He was ever the simple, plain, modest gentleman.

The highest ambition of young Garfield until he was about sixteen years old was to be captain of a vessel on Lake Erie. He was anxious to go aboard a vessel, but this his mother strongly opposed. She finally consented to his going to Cleveland, with the understanding, however, that he should try to obtain some other kind of employment. He walked all the way to Cleveland. This was his first visit to the city. After making many applications for work, and trying to get aboard a lake vessel and not meeting with success, he engaged as a driver for his cousin, Amos Letcher, on the Ohio & Pennsylvania Canal. He remained at this work but a short time, when he went home, and attended the seminary at Chester for about three years. He then entered Hiram and the Eclectic Institute, teaching a few terms of school in the mean time, and doing other work. This school was started by the Disciples of Christ in 1850, of which body he was then a member. He became janitor and bell-ringer in order to help pay his way. He then became both teacher and pupil. Soon "exhausting Hiram," and needing a higher education, in the fall of 1854 he entered Williams College, from which he graduated in 1856, taking one of the highest honors of his class. He afterwards returned to Hiram College as its President. As above stated, he early united with the Christian, or Disciples, Church at Hiram, and was ever after a devoted, zealous member, often preaching in its pulpit and places where he happened to be.

Mr. Garfield was united in marriage, November 11, 1858, with Miss Lucretia Rudolph, who proved herself worthy as the wife of one whom all the world loved. To them were born seven children, five of whom are still living, four boys and one girl.

Mr. Garfield made his first political speeches in 1856, in Hiram and the neighboring villages, and three years later he began to speak at county mass-meetings, and became the favorite speaker wherever he was. During this year he was elected to the Ohio Senate. He also began to study law at Cleveland, and in 1861 was admitted to the Bar. The great Rebellion broke out in the early part of this year, and Mr. Garfield at once resolved to fight as he had talked, and enlisted to defend the Old Flag. He received his commission as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Forty-second Regiment of Ohio Infantry August 14, 1861. He was immediately put into active service, and before he had ever seen a gun fired in action, was placed in command of four regiments of infantry and eight companies of cavalry, charged with the work of driving out of his native State the able rebel officer, Humphrey Marshall, of Kentucky. This work was bravely and speedily accomplished, although against great odds, and President Lincoln commissioned him Brigadier-General, January 10, 1862; and "as he had been the youngest man in the Ohio Senate two years before, so now he was the youngest General in the army." He was with Gen. Buell's army at Shiloh, in its operations around Corinth and its march through Alabama. He was then detailed as a member of the general court martial for the trial of Gen. Fitz-John Porter. He was next ordered to report to Gen. Rosecrans, and was assigned to the "Chief of Staff." The military history of Gen. Garfield closed with his brilliant services at Chickamauga, where he won the rank of Major-General.

Without an effort on his part, Gen. Garfield was elected to Congress in the fall of 1862, from the Nineteenth District of Ohio. This section of Ohio had been represented in Congress for sixty years mainly by two men—Elisha Whittlesey and Joshua R. Giddings. It was not without a struggle that he resigned his place in the army. At the time he entered Congress he was the youngest member in that body. There he remained by successive re-elections until he was elected President, in 1880. Of his labors in Congress, Senator Hoar says: "Since the year 1864 you cannot think of a question which has been debated in

Congress, or discussed before a tribunal of the American people, in regard to which you will not find, if you wish instruction, the argument on one side stated, in almost every instance better than by anybody else, in some speech made in the House of Representatives or on the hustings by Mr. Garfield."

Upon January 14, 1880, Gen. Garfield was elected to the United States Senate, and on the 8th of June, of the same year, was nominated as the candidate of his party for President at the great Chicago Convention. He was elected in the following November, and on March 4, 1881, was inaugurated. Probably no administration ever opened its existence under brighter auspices than that of President Garfield, and every day it grew in favor with the people. By the 1st of July he had completed all the initiatory and preliminary work of his administration, and was preparing to leave the city to meet his friends at Williams College. While on his way and at the depot, in company with Secretary Blaine, a man stepped behind him, drew a revolver, and fired directly at his back. The President tottered and fell, and as he did so the assassin fired a second shot, the bullet cutting the left coat sleeve of his victim, but inflicting no further injury. It has been very truthfully said that this was "the shot that was heard around the world." Never before in the history of the nation had anything occurred which so nearly froze the blood of the people for the moment as this awful deed. He was smitten on the brightest, gladdest day of all his life, at the summit of his power and hope. For eighty days, all during the hot months of July and August, he lingered and suffered. He, however, remained master of himself till the last, and by his magnificent bearing taught the country and the world one of the noblest of human lessons—how to live grandly in the very clutch of death. Great in life, he was surpassingly great in death. He passed serenely away September 19, 1883, at Elberon, N. J., on the very bank of the ocean, where he had been taken shortly before. The world wept at his death, as it rarely ever had done on the death of any other great and noble man.





CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

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CHESTER A. ARTHUR, twenty-first President of the United States, was born in Franklin County, Vt., on the 5th day of October, 1830, and was the eldest of a family of two sons and five daughters. His father was the Rev. Dr. William Arthur, a Baptist clergyman, who emigrated to this country from County Antrim, Ireland, in his eighteenth year, and died in 1875, in Newtonville, near Albany, after a long and successful ministry.

Young Arthur was educated at Union College, Schenectady, where he excelled in all his studies. After his graduation he taught school in Vermont for two years, and at the expiration of that time came to New York, with \$500 in his pocket, and entered the office of ex-Judge E. D. Culver as a student. After being admitted to the Bar, he formed a partnership with his intimate friend and room-mate, Henry D. Gardiner, with the intention of practicing in the West, and for three months they roamed about in the Western States in search of an eligible site, but in the end returned to New York, where they hung out their shingle, and entered upon a successful career almost from the start. Gen. Arthur soon after married the daughter of Lieut. Herndon, of the United States Navy, who was lost at sea. Congress voted a gold medal to his widow in recognition of the bravery he displayed on that occasion. Mrs. Arthur died shortly before Mr. Arthur's nomination to the Vice-Presidency, leaving two children.

Gen. Arthur obtained considerable legal celebrity in his first great case, the famous Lemmon suit, brought to recover possession of eight slaves who had been declared free by Judge Paine, of the Superior Court of New York City. It was in

1852 that Jonathan Lemmon, of Virginia, went to New York with his slaves, intending to ship them to Texas, when they were discovered and freed. The Judge decided that they could not be held by the owner under the Fugitive Slave Law. A howl of rage went up from the South, and the Virginia Legislature authorized the Attorney-General of that State to assist in an appeal. William M. Evarts and Chester A. Arthur were employed to represent the people, and they won their case, which then went to the Supreme Court of the United States. Charles O'Connor here espoused the cause of the slaveholders, but he, too, was beaten by Messrs. Evarts and Arthur, and a long step was taken toward the emancipation of the black race.

Another great service was rendered by Gen. Arthur in the same cause in 1856. Lizzie Jennings, a respectable colored woman, was put off a Fourth Avenue car with violence after she had paid her fare. Gen. Arthur sued on her behalf, and secured a verdict of \$500 damages. The next day the company issued an order to admit colored persons to ride on their cars, and the other car companies quickly followed their example. Before that the Sixth Avenue Company ran a few special cars for colored persons, and the other lines refused to let them ride at all.

Gen. Arthur was a delegate to the convention at Saratoga that founded the Republican party. Previous to the war he was Judge-Advocate of the Second Brigade of the State of New York, and Gov. Morgan, of that State, appointed him Engineer-in-Chief of his staff. In 1861, he was made Inspector-General, and soon afterward became Quartermaster-General. In each of these offices he rendered great service to the Govern-

ment during the war. At the end of Gov. Morgan's term he resumed the practice of law, forming a partnership with Mr. Ransom, and then Mr. Phelps, the District Attorney of New York, was added to the firm. The legal practice of this well-known firm was very large and lucrative, as each of the gentlemen composing it was an able lawyer, and possessed a splendid local reputation, if not, indeed, one of national extent.

Mr. Arthur always took a leading part in State and city politics. He was appointed Collector of the Port of New York by President Grant, November 21, 1872, to succeed Thomas Murphy, and he held the office until July 20, 1878, when he was succeeded by Collector Merritt.

Mr. Arthur was nominated on the Presidential ticket, with Gen. James A. Garfield, at the famous National Republican Convention held at Chicago in June, 1880. This was perhaps the greatest political convention that ever assembled on the continent. It was composed of the leading politicians of the Republican party, all able men, and each stood firm and fought vigorously and with signal tenacity for his respective candidate that was before the convention for the nomination. Finally Gen. Garfield received the nomination for President, and Gen. Arthur for Vice-President. The campaign which followed was one of the most animated known in the history of our country. Gen. Hancock, the standard-bearer of the Democratic party, was a popular man, and his party made a valiant fight for his election.

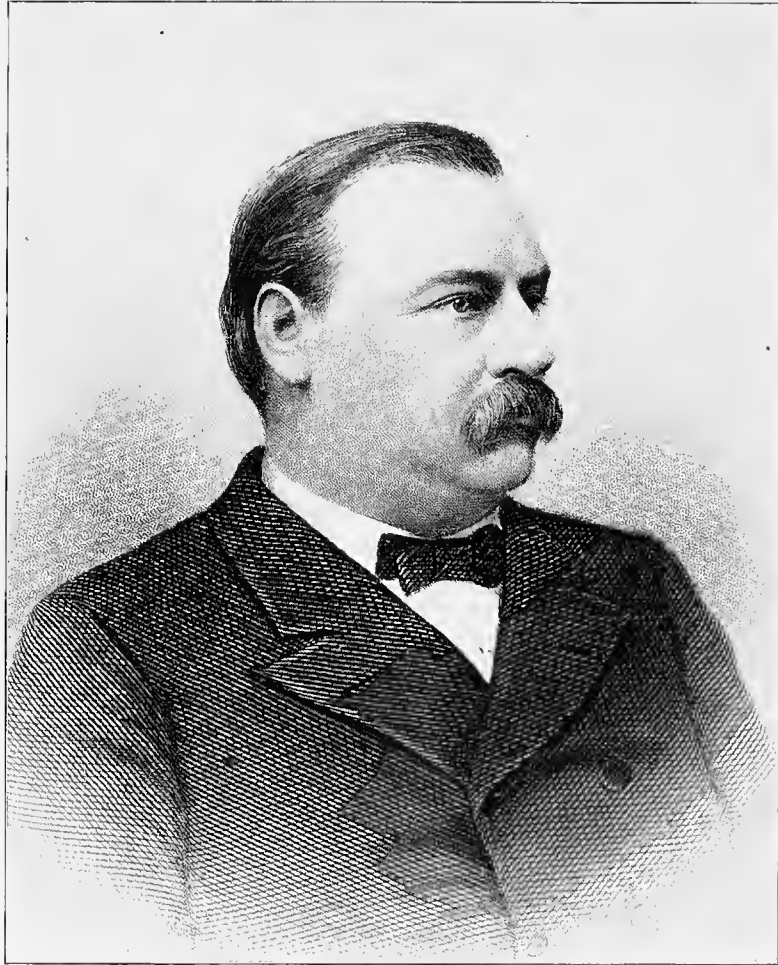
Finally the election came, and the country's choice was Garfield and Arthur. They were inaugurated March 4, 1881, as President and Vice-President. A few months only had passed ere the newly-chosen President was the victim of the assassin's bullet. Then came terrible weeks of suffering—those moments of anxious suspense, when the hearts of all civilized nations were throbbing in unison, longing for the recovery of the noble, the good President. The remarkable patience that he manifested during those hours and weeks, and even months, of the most terrible suffering man has ever been called upon to endure, was seemingly more than human. It was

certainly godlike. During all this period of deepest anxiety Mr. Arthur's every move was watched, and, be it said to his credit, that his every action displayed only an earnest desire that the suffering Garfield might recover to serve the remainder of the term he had so auspiciously begun. Not a selfish feeling was manifested in deed or look of this man, even though the most honored position in the world was at any moment likely to fall to him.

At last God in his mercy relieved President Garfield from further suffering, and the world, as never before in its history over the death of any other man, wept at his bier. Then it became the duty of the Vice-President to assume the responsibilities of the high office, and he took the oath in New York, September 20, 1881. The position was an embarrassing one to him, made doubly so from the fact that all eyes were on him, anxious to know what he would do, what policy he would pursue, and whom he would select as advisers. The duties of the office had been greatly neglected during the President's long illness, and many important measures were to be immediately decided by him; and to still further embarrass him he did not fail to realize under what circumstances he became President, and knew the feelings of many on this point. Under these trying circumstances, President Arthur took the reins of the Government in his own hands, and, as embarrassing as was the condition of affairs, he happily surprised the nation, acting so wisely that but few criticized his administration. He served the nation well and faithfully until the close of his administration, March 4, 1885, and was a popular candidate before his party for a second term. His name was ably presented before the convention at Chicago, and was received with great favor, and doubtless but for the personal popularity of one of the opposing candidates, he would have been selected as the standard-bearer of his party for another campaign. He retired to private life, carrying with him the best wishes of the American people, whom he had served in a manner satisfactory to them and with credit to himself. One year later he was called to his final rest.







STEPHEN GROVER CLEVELAND.

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STEPHEN GROVER CLEVELAND, the twenty-second President of the United States, was born in 1837, in the obscure town of Caldwell, Essex County, N. J., and in a little two-and-a-half-story white house, which is still standing to characteristically mark the humble birthplace of one of America's great men, in striking contrast with the Old World, where all men high in office must be high in origin and born in the cradle of wealth. When the subject of this sketch was three years of age, his father, who was a Presbyterian minister with a large family and a small salary, moved, by way of the Hudson River and Erie Canal, to Fayetteville, N. Y., in search of an increased income and a larger field of work. Fayetteville was then the most straggling of country villages, about five miles from Pompey Hill, where Governor Seymour was born.

At the last-mentioned place young Grover commenced going to school in the good, old-fashioned way, and presumably distinguished himself after the manner of all village boys—in doing the things he ought not to do. Such is the distinguishing trait of all geniuses and independent thinkers. When he arrived at the age of fourteen years, he had outgrown the capacity of the village school, and expressed a most emphatic desire to be sent to an academy. To this his father decidedly objected. Academies in those days cost money; besides, his father wanted him to become self-supporting by the quickest possible means, and this at that time in Fayetteville seemed to be a position in a country store, where his father and the large family on his hands had

considerable influence. Grover was to be paid \$50 for his services the first year, and if he proved trustworthy he was to receive \$100 the second year. Here the lad commenced his career as salesman, and in two years he had earned so good a reputation for trustworthiness that his employers desired to retain him for an indefinite length of time.

But instead of remaining with this firm in Fayetteville, he went with the family in their removal to Clinton, where he had an opportunity of attending a High School. Here he industriously pursued his studies until the family removed with him to a point on Black River known as the "Holland Patent," a village of five or six hundred people, fifteen miles north of Utica, N. Y. At this place his father died, after preaching but three Sundays. This event broke up the family, and Grover set out for New York City to accept, at a small salary, the position of under-teacher in an asylum for the blind. He taught faithfully for two years, and although he obtained a good reputation in this capacity, he concluded that teaching was not his calling in life, and, reversing the traditional order, he left the city to seek his fortune, instead of going to the city. He first thought of Cleveland, Ohio, as there was some charm in that name for him; but before proceeding to that place he went to Buffalo to ask advice of his uncle, Lewis F. Allan, a noted stock-breeder of that place. The latter did not speak enthusiastically. "What is it you want to do, my boy?" he asked. "Well, sir, I want to study law," was the reply "Good gracious!" remarked the old gentleman; "do you, indeed? Whatever

put that into your head? How much money have you got?" "Well, sir, to tell the truth, I haven't got any."

After a long consultation, his uncle offered him a place temporarily as assistant herd-keeper, at \$50 a year, while he could look around. One day soon afterward he boldly walked into the office of Rogers, Bowen & Rogers, of Buffalo, and told them what he wanted. A number of young men were already engaged in the office, but Grover's persistency won, and he was finally permitted to come as an office boy and have the use of the law library, receiving as wages the sum of \$3 or \$4 a week. Out of this he had to pay for his board and washing. The walk to and from his uncle's was a long and rugged one; and although the first winter was a memorably severe one, his shoes were out of repair, and as for his overcoat he had none; yet he was, nevertheless, prompt and regular. On the first day of his service there, his senior employer threw down a copy of Blackstone before him, with a bang that made the dust fly, saying "That's where they all begin." A titter ran around the little circle of clerks and students, as they thought that was enough to scare young Grover out of his plans; but in due time he mastered that cumbersome volume. Then, as ever afterward, however, Mr. Cleveland exhibited a talent for executiveness rather than for chasing principles through all their metaphysical possibilities. "Let us quit talking and go and do it," was practically his motto.

The first public office to which Mr. Cleveland was elected was that of Sheriff of Erie County, N. Y., in which Buffalo is situated; and in such capacity it fell to his duty to inflict capital punishment upon two criminals. In 1881 he was elected Mayor of the City of Buffalo, on the Democratic ticket, with especial reference to bringing about certain reforms in the administration of the municipal affairs of that city. In this office, as well as in that of Sheriff, his performance of duty has generally been considered fair, with possibly a few exceptions, which were ferreted out and magnified during his Presidential campaign. As a specimen of his plain language in a veto message, we quote from one vetoing an

iniquitous street-cleaning contract: "This is a time for plain speech, and my objection to your action shall be plainly stated. I regard it as the culmination of a most bare-faced, impudent and shameless scheme to betray the interests of the people and to worse than squander the people's money." The *New York Sun* afterward very highly commended Mr. Cleveland's administration as Mayor of Buffalo, and thereupon recommended him for Governor of the Empire State. To the latter office he was elected in 1882, and his administration of the affairs of State was generally satisfactory. The mistakes he made, if any, were made very public throughout the nation after he was nominated for President of the United States. For this high office he was nominated July 11, 1884, by the National Democratic Convention at Chicago, when other competitors were Thomas F. Bayard, Roswell P. Flower, Thomas A. Hendricks, Benjamin F. Butler, Allen G. Thurman, etc.; and he was elected by the people, by a majority of about a thousand, over the brilliant and long-trying Republican statesman, James G. Blaine. President Cleveland resigned his office as Governor of New York in January, 1885, in order to prepare for his duties as the Chief Executive of the United States, in which capacity his term commenced at noon on the 4th of March, 1885.

The silver question precipitated a controversy between those who were in favor of the continuance of silver coinage and those who were opposed, Mr. Cleveland answering for the latter, even before his inauguration.

On June 2, 1886, President Cleveland married Frances, daughter of his deceased friend and partner, Oscar Folsom, of the Buffalo Bar. In the campaign of 1888, President Cleveland was renominated by his party, but the Republican candidate, Gen. Benjamin Harrison, was victorious. In the nomination of 1892 these two candidates for the highest position in the gift of the people were again pitted against each other, and in the ensuing election President Cleveland was victorious by an overwhelming majority. Since the close of his second term, he has resided in Princeton, N. J.





BENJAMIN HARRISON.

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**B**ENJAMIN HARRISON, the twenty-third President, is the descendant of one of the historical families of this country. The first known head of the family was Maj.-Gen. Harrison, one of Oliver Cromwell's trusted followers and fighters. In the zenith of Cromwell's power it became the duty of this Harrison to participate in the trial of Charles I., and afterward to sign the death warrant of the king. He subsequently paid for this with his life, being hung October 13, 1660. His descendants came to America, and the next of the family that appears in history is Benjamin Harrison, of Virginia, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and after whom he was named. Benjamin Harrison was a member of the Continental Congress during the years 1774, 1775 and 1776, and was one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was three times elected Governor of Virginia.

Gen. William Henry Harrison, the son of the distinguished patriot of the Revolution, after a successful career as a soldier during the War of 1812, and with a clean record as Governor of the Northwestern Territory, was elected President of the United States in 1840. His career was cut short by death within one month after his inauguration.

President Harrison was born at North Bend,

Hamilton County, Ohio, August 20, 1833. His life up to the time of his graduation from Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, was the uneventful one of a country lad of a family of small means. His father was able to give him a good education, and nothing more. He became engaged while at college to the daughter of Dr. Scott, Principal of a female school at Oxford. After graduating, he determined to enter upon the study of law. He went to Cincinnati and there read law for two years. At the expiration of that time young Harrison received the only inheritance of his life—his aunt, dying, left him a lot valued at \$800. He regarded this legacy as a fortune, and decided to get married at once, take this money and go to some Eastern town and begin the practice of law. He sold his lot, and, with the money in his pocket, he started out with his young wife to fight for a place in the world. He decided to go to Indianapolis, which was even at that time a town of promise. He met with slight encouragement at first, making scarcely anything the first year. He worked diligently, applying himself closely to his calling, built up an extensive practice and took a leading rank in the legal profession.

In 1860, Mr. Harrison was nominated for the position of Supreme Court Reporter, and then began his experience as a stump speaker. He can-

vassed the State thoroughly, and was elected by a handsome majority. In 1862 he raised the Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, and was chosen its Colonel. His regiment was composed of the rawest material, but Col. Harrison employed all his time at first in mastering military tactics and drilling his men, and when he came to move toward the East with Sherman, his regiment was one of the best drilled and organized in the army. At Resaca he especially distinguished himself, and for his bravery at Peachtree Creek he was made a Brigadier-General, Gen. Hooker speaking of him in the most complimentary terms.

During the absence of Gen. Harrison in the field, the Supreme Court declared the office of Supreme Court Reporter vacant, and another person was elected to the position. From the time of leaving Indiana with his regiment until the fall of 1864 he had taken no leave of absence, but having been nominated that year for the same office, he got a thirty-day leave of absence, and during that time made a brilliant canvass of the State, and was elected for another term. He then started to rejoin Sherman, but on the way was stricken down with scarlet fever, and after a most trying attack made his way to the front in time to participate in the closing incidents of the war.

In 1868 Gen. Harrison declined a re-election as Reporter, and resumed the practice of law. In 1876 he was a candidate for Governor. Although defeated, the brilliant campaign he made won for him a national reputation, and he was much sought after, especially in the East, to make speeches. In 1880, as usual, he took an active part in the campaign, and was elected to the United States Senate. Here he served for six years, and was known as one of the ablest men, best lawyers and strongest debaters in that body. With the expiration of his senatorial term he returned to the practice of his profession, becoming the head of one of the strongest firms in the State.

The political campaign of 1888 was one of the most memorable in the history of our country. The convention which assembled in Chicago in June and named Mr. Harrison as the chief standard-bearer of the Republican party was great in every particular, and on this account, and the at-

titude it assumed upon the vital questions of the day, chief among which was the tariff, awoke a deep interest in the campaign throughout the nation. Shortly after the nomination, delegations began to visit Mr. Harrison at Indianapolis, his home. This movement became popular, and from all sections of the country societies, clubs and delegations journeyed thither to pay their respects to the distinguished statesman.

Mr. Harrison spoke daily all through the summer and autumn to these visiting delegations, and so varied, masterly, and eloquent were his speeches that they at once placed him in the foremost rank of American orators and statesmen. Elected by a handsome majority, he served his country faithfully and well, and in 1892 was nominated for re-election; but the people demanded a change and he was defeated by his predecessor in office, Grover Cleveland.

On account of his eloquence as a speaker and his power as a debater, Gen. Harrison was called upon at an early age to take part in the discussion of the great questions that then began to agitate the country. He was an uncompromising anti-slavery man, and was matched against some of the most eminent Democratic speakers of his State. No man who felt the touch of his blade desired to be pitted with him again. With all his eloquence as an orator he never spoke for oratorical effect, but his words always went like bullets to the mark. He is purely American in his ideas, and is a splendid type of the American statesman. Gifted with quick perception, a logical mind and a ready tongue, he is one of the most distinguished impromptu speakers in the nation. Many of these speeches sparkled with the rarest eloquence and contained arguments of great weight, and many of his terse statements have already become aphorisms. Original in thought, precise in logic, terse in statement, yet without faultless in eloquence, he is recognized as the sound statesman and brilliant orator of the day. By his first wife, Caroline (Scott) Harrison, he had a son and daughter. In 1896 he married Mrs. Mary (Scott) Dinnick, and they, with their daughter, reside in Indianapolis, Ind., where he has made his home since early manhood.







WILLIAM McKINLEY.

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**W**ILLIAM McKINLEY, who was inaugurated President of the United States in 1897, was born in Niles, Ohio, January 29, 1843. The family of which he is a member originated in the west of Scotland, and from there removed to the north of Ireland. According to the family tradition, James and William McKinley emigrated to this country from Ireland and founded the two branches of the family in the United States, one settling in the north, the other in the south. At the time of their arrival, James was twelve years of age. He settled in York County, Pa., where he married and spent his remaining years.

David, son of James, and the great-grandfather of William McKinley, was born May 16, 1755, and three times enlisted in the service of the colonies during the Revolutionary War, serving seven months after his first enlistment in June, 1776, spending six months at the front in 1777, and again in the following year serving eight months. December 19, 1780, he married Sarah Gray, who was born May 10, 1760, and died October 6, 1814. For fifteen years he lived in Westmoreland County, Pa., and thence removed to Mercer County. One year after the death of his first wife he married Eleanor McLean and about the same time settled in Columbiana County, Ohio, but afterward made his home in Crawford County, where he died August 8, 1840.

James, grandfather of William McKinley, was born September 19, 1783, married Mary (or "Polly") Rose, and with his family moved to New Lisbon, Ohio, in 1809. Their eldest son, William, Sr., was born in Mercer County, Pa., November 15, 1807, and in 1827 married Nancy Allison, a woman of noble and strong character and consistent Christian life. For some years he was engaged as manager of iron furnaces at different places. From Niles he re-

moved to Poland, because of the educational advantages offered by Poland Academy. In 1869 he established his home in Canton, and here he died November 24, 1892. His widow lives at the family residence in Canton, and with her are her daughter, Miss Helen, and two orphan grandchildren.

Of the family of nine children, William, Jr., who was seventh in order of birth, was born during the residence of his parents at Niles, Ohio, January 29, 1843. His boyhood years were spent in that place and Poland, where he studied in the academy. At the age of seventeen he entered Allegheny College, but illness caused his return to Poland, and on his recovery he did not return to college, but taught a country school. At the opening of the Civil War, though only eighteen years of age, he immediately wanted to enlist. As soon as he could overcome the objections of his mother, he enlisted, in May of 1861, as a private in Company E, Twenty-third Ohio Infantry. The regiment was commanded by Col. W. S. Rosecrans, who afterward, as general, led his forces on many a bloody battle field, and the first major was Rutherford B. Hayes, afterward President of the United States. As a gallant soldier Mr. McKinley soon won promotion, serving for a time as commissary sergeant, later was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant for gallantry at Antietam, and then won his way upward until, at the close of the war, he was promoted to major by brevet. July 26, 1865, after more than four years of hard service, he was mustered out with his regiment.

With Judge Charles E. Glidden, of Mahoning County, Mr. McKinley began the study of law, which he afterward carried on in the Albany (N. Y.) Law School, and in 1867 was admitted to the bar. Beginning the practice of his profession in Canton, he soon became prominently known among the able attorneys of the city. His

first connection with political affairs was in 1869, when he was elected prosecuting attorney of Stark County, and this office he held for two years. In 1876 he was nominated for Congressional honors and was elected to the Forty-fifth Congress, afterward by successive re-elections serving for fourteen years. In March of 1890 he introduced the celebrated McKinley tariff bill, which was passed and became a law. In the following year, 1891, he was elected governor of Ohio, and two years afterward was re-elected to that high office, which he filled in such a manner as to command the respect not only of his own party—the Republican—but his political opponents as well. The connection of his name with the tariff bill and his prominence in the Republican party, together with his force and eloquence as a speaker, brought him into national fame. In the campaign of 1892, for a period of more than three months, he traveled over a territory extending from New York to Nebraska, making speeches in the interest of the Republican platform. Those who heard him speak, whether friends or opponents of his political opinions, cannot but have admired his logical reasoning, breadth of intellect, eloquence of speech and modesty of demeanor. During the campaign of 1894 he made three hundred and seventy-one speeches and visited over three hundred towns, within a period of two months, addressing perhaps two million people.

The tariff issue and all the intricate questions of public revenue that are interwoven with it, constitute the most complicated problems with which a statesman has to deal. To master them in every detail requires an intellect of the highest order. That Major McKinley thoroughly understands these questions is admitted by all who have investigated his official utterances on the subject, beginning with the speech on the Wood tariff bill, delivered in the house of representatives April 15, 1878, and closing with his speech in favor of the tariff bill of 1890, which as chairman of the ways and means committee he reported to the house and which was subsequently passed and is known throughout the world as the McKinley tariff bill of 1890. He opposed the Wood bill because of a conviction that the proposed measure

would, if enacted, prove a public calamity. For the same reason, in 1882, he advocated a friendly revision of the tariff by a tariff commission, to be authorized by congress and appointed by the president. In 1884 he opposed the Morrison horizontal bill, which he denounced as ambiguous for a great public statute, and in 1888 he led the forces in the fight against the Mills tariff bill.

As governor of Ohio, his policy was conservative. He aimed to give to the public institutions the benefit of the service of the best man of the state, and at all times upheld the legitimate rights of the workingmen. Recognizing the fact that the problem of taxation needed regulation, in his messages of 1892, 1893 and 1894, he urged the legislature that a remedy be applied. In 1892 he recommended legislation for the safety and comfort of steam railroad employes, and the following year urged the furnishing of automatic couplers and air-brakes for all railroad cars used in the state.

When, in 1896, the Republican party, in convention assembled at St. Louis, selected a man to represent their principles in the highest office within the gift of the American people, it was not a surprise to the public that the choice fell upon Major McKinley. The campaign that followed was one of the most exciting in the history of the country since the period of reconstruction. Especial interest centered in the fact that the point at issue seemed, not, as in former days, free trade or protection, but whether or not the government should declare for the free coinage of silver. This question divided the voters of the country upon somewhat different lines than the old-time principles of the Republican and Democratic parties and thus made the campaign a memorable one. The supporters of the gold standard maintained that silver monometallism would precipitate a panic and permanently injure the business interests of the country, and the people, by a large majority, supported these principles.

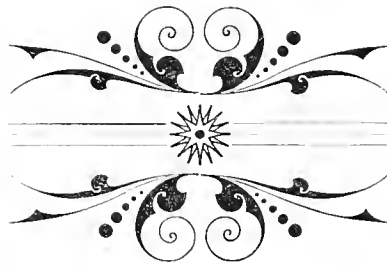
January 25, 1871, Major McKinley was united in marriage with Miss Ida Saxton, who was born in June, 1847, the daughter of James A. Saxton. Their two children died in 1874, within a short time of each other, one at the age of three years and the other in infancy.

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## INTRODUCTORY

**B**IOGRAPHY alone can justly represent the progress of local history and portray with accuracy the relation of men to events. It is the only means of perpetuating the lives and deeds of those men to whom the advancement of a city or county and the enlightenment of its people are due. The compilers of this work have striven to honor, not only men of present prominence, but also, as far as possible, those who in years gone by labored to promote the welfare of their community. The following sketches have been prepared from the standpoint of no man's prejudice, but with an impartial aim to render justice to progressive and public-spirited citizens and to collect personal records that will be of value to generations yet to come.

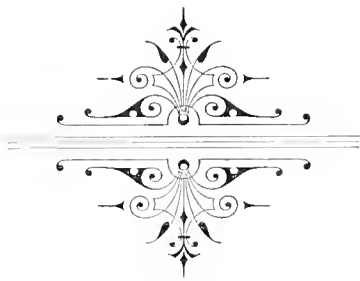
To be forgotten has been the great dread of mankind from remotest ages. All will be forgotten soon enough, in spite of their best works and the most earnest efforts of their friends to preserve the memory of their lives. The means employed to prevent oblivion and to perpetuate their memory have been in proportion to the amount of intelligence they possessed. The pyramids of Egypt were built to perpetuate the names and deeds of their great rulers. The exhumations made by the archaeologists of Egypt from buried Memphis indicate a desire of those people to perpetuate the memory of their achievements. The erection of the great obelisks was for the same purpose. Coming down to a later period, we find the Greeks and Romans erecting mausoleums and monuments, and carving out statues to chronicle their great achievements and carry them down the ages. It is also evident that the Mound-builders, in piling up their great mounds of earth, had but this idea—to leave something to show that they had lived. All these works, though many of them costly in the extreme, give but a faint idea of the lives and character of those whose memory they were intended to perpetuate, and scarcely anything of the masses of the people that then lived. The great pyramids and some of the obelisks remain objects only of curiosity; the mausoleums, monuments and statues are crumbling into dust.

It was left to modern ages to establish an intelligent, undecaying, immutable method of perpetuating a full history—immutable in that it is almost unlimited in extent and perpetual in its action; and this is through the art of printing.

To the present generation, however, we are indebted for the introduction of the admirable system of local biography. By this system every man, though he has not achieved what the world calls greatness, has the means to perpetuate his life, his history, through the coming ages.

The scythe of Time cuts down all; nothing of the physical man is left. The monument which his children or friends may erect to his memory in the cemetery will crumble into dust and pass away; but his life, his achievements, the work he has accomplished, which otherwise would be forgotten, is perpetuated by a record of this kind.

To preserve the lineaments of our companions we engrave their portraits; for the same reason we collect the attainable facts of their history. Nor do we think it necessary, as we speak only truth of them, to wait until they are dead, or until those who know them are gone; to do this we are ashamed only to publish to the world the history of those whose lives are unworthy of public record.









JOHN I. BLAIR.

# BIOGRAPHICAL

**J**OHNSLEY BLAIR. Among the most distinguished citizens of the state of New Jersey is the subject of this sketch. Nor is his fame merely local, as for nearly a half-century he has been ranked with the leading and influential railroad magnates of the United States. The history of his life is thoroughly interesting, containing, as it does, the annals of great obstacles overcome, of persistence and determination in carrying out whatever was undertaken, of genius and well-directed energy, of strict adherence to the noblest and highest principles of action and of regard for the welfare of his brother-men. Now, in the evening of life, he is passing his days peacefully and happily, serene in the knowledge that he has been an important factor in the advancement of the civilization of the great and glorious nineteenth century.

The life of Mr. Blair very nearly spans this century, as he was born August 2, 1802. His birthplace was upon a farm on the banks of the Delaware River, near Foul Rift, about two miles below Belvidere, N. J. He sprang from staunch Scotch-Irish ancestry, the name of Blair having been a familiar one in Scotland and in the northern part of Ireland for the past six centuries. They were always found upon the side of civil and religious liberty when the contest raged in their section of the world; and when the battleground was transferred, during the past two centuries, to the fresh and fruitful West on this continent, different members of the Blair family crossed the Atlantic, casting in their lot with the fortunes of our colonies, only changing the base

of operations, the name, here as elsewhere, always being a synonym for freedom.

The great-great-grandfather of John I. Blair bore the same Christian name, which appears to have been a favorite one in the family for generations. His son Samuel, emigrating to this country about 1730, married into the family of Dr. Shippen of Philadelphia, owner of large tracts of land on Scott's Mountain, including the mineral lands of Oxford Furnace, N. J. Upon this property Mr. Blair took up his residence, living there until his death. His son John married Mary Cline, of Greenwich, N. J., and the five sons born of their union were John, Samuel, James, William and Robert. He was a man of much force of character, and was engaged in preaching, to some extent, in the vicinity of his home near Scott's Mountain. He departed this life in 1798, aged eighty-four years. James, the father of the subject of this article, was born in Oxford, N. J., August 5, 1769, and died upon his homestead, "Beaver Brook," where he had resided during the greater part of his career, August 5, 1816. He had married Rachel Insley, and left the following-named children to mourn his loss: Samuel, Mary, William, John I., Robert, Catherine, D. Bartley, Elizabeth and Jacob M.

John I. Blair was reared upon a farm, and received but limited advantages in the way of an education in his boyhood, as he attended the district schools, then of a poor description, and even then, merely during the winter terms prior to his twelfth year. He obtained his initial experience in the business world at this time in the store of his cousin, Judge Blair, of Hope, N. J., with

whom he remained three years. The death of his father then necessitated his return to the old homestead, in order that his widowed mother might be relieved of some of the responsibility pertaining to the management of the place. A little later, however, he was enabled to return to the mercantile career which he had marked out in his ambitious youthful dreams. His employment this time was found in the establishment of Squire DeWitt, to whose direction and kindly interest he attributes his successful start in life.

In 1819 our subject located in Blairstown, N. J. (then known as Gravel Hill, but since renamed in his honor), and for the following forty years he was engaged in merchandising, his field of operations being constantly enlarged, until he was the owner of five flourishing stores within a radius of fifteen miles. As his wealth increased he invested extensively in various industries, flouring mills, factories in which cotton goods were made, etc., etc. At length he gave much of his attention to the wholesale trade, and was gradually drawn into relations with some of the largest and most important enterprises of the country. His acquaintance with the Scrantons began in 1833, when he assisted them in leasing the mines at Oxford Furnace, N. J., which mines had been operated before the Revolutionary war. In 1846 the Scrantons removed to the town now known as Scranton (Pa.), and in October of that year was organized the Lackawanna Coal and Iron Company, with Mr. Blair as proprietor of one of the mills. In this enterprise he became associated with such men as William E. Dodge, Anson G. Phelps, Moses Taylor, Roswell Sprague, L. L. Sturges, Dater & Miller and George Buckley. The success which the company above mentioned attained is so generally known that no special record of the fact is necessary. In 1849 they bought and rebuilt the railroad between Owego and Ithaca, N. Y., and in 1850-51 they secured an outlet for their coal and iron by constructing a line from Scranton to Great Bend, it then being termed the Leggett's Gap Railroad.

A plan formulated by Mr. Blair and Colonel

Scranton in 1852 proposed the separation of the western division of their road, Leggett's Gap, from the Iron Company proper, it to be consolidated with a new company, not yet organized, and the line extended to the Delaware River. The latter, spoken of as Cobb's Gap Railroad, was renamed, acting upon the suggestion of Mr. Blair, who proposed the appropriate title of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. He procured the right of way for the road and the entire line, including the Warren branch, with its Delaware River Bridge, the Vass Gap Tunnel and a temporary track through Vanness Gap. This road, opened for business May 16, 1856, now comprises a system of some seven hundred miles in length, reaching from New York to Lake Ontario; branching in every direction; transporting many millions of tons of coal annually and having cost over \$100,000,000.

The organization and construction of the Warren Railroad, in 1853, evinced the great business capacity and tact of Mr. Blair. Books of subscription were opened by the commissioners; the requisite amount of stock subscribed for; directors and officers chosen; the survey of the route adopted, and the president authorized to file it in the office of the secretary of state; full power delegated to the president to construct the road and to make contracts or leases for connecting with other roads; and the right of way through important gaps secured; all within the space of two hours. Mr. Blair was chosen president, and the next day but one found him in Trenton filing his survey, about one hour in advance of the agents of the Morris & Essex Railroad. One day later the engineers and representatives of the latter arrived in Trenton on the same errand as he had been bent upon, only to find that all of the passes and gaps below the Water Gap had already been secured by their vigilant competitor; whereupon they made a move to obtain all of the crossings above the Water Gap, on the New Jersey side, paying exorbitant sums for right of way through farms, etc., and planning to span the river at two points. Their scheme was defeated, however,

by their successful rival, which caused the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western to be constructed through the gap on the Pennsylvania side, crossing the river several miles below their high-priced passes and crossings. A contest in the courts and legislature of New Jersey resulted in the sustaining of the Warren Railroad.

While the above facts evince the growing power of Mr. Blair in the way of surmounting difficulties, even as the iron horse climbs and passes over the Pocono Mountains on his way to the coal fields of Pennsylvania, yet it is toward the close of the war of the Rebellion that we see the sphere of his action rapidly enlarging. Going to the fertile prairies of Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas he constructed long lines of railroads, thus opening up and developing vast regions. The first railroad laid through the state of Iowa, connecting with the Union Pacific at Omaha, was built by Mr. Blair. He employed upwards of ten thousand men for eight months in carrying out this gigantic labor, tracks being laid at the rate of a mile a day oftentimes, and sometimes a stretch of fifty miles being constructed without a house within sight along the way. Our subject was the ruling spirit in all these great enterprises; the confidence which he possessed among the eastern capitalists was unbounded, and never did he seek in vain for the means with which to push forward his work. He knew no such word as fail, and whenever he desired subscriptions of capital the only trouble was in limiting the amount ready to be subscribed. In his western railroad-building enterprises, Mr. Blair followed the forty-first degree of latitude, wherever practicable, as he had learned that this is the wheat and corn belt. The roads thus constructed by him, with their branches, now form the system of the Chicago & Northwestern, tapping one of the most productive and rich farmlands in the United States.

Among the numerous railroads of the country with which Mr. Blair has been connected, often as one of the leading organizers and original directors, are the following: the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western;

Union Pacific; Chicago & Northwestern; Oregon Pacific; Chicago & Pacific; Chicago, Iowa & Dakota; Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern; Sioux City & Yankton; Sioux Falls & Dakota; St. Louis & Hannibal; Cedar Rapids & Missouri River; Green Bay, Winona & St. Paul; Green Bay & Stevens Point; Sioux City & Pacific; Iowa Falls & Sioux City; Cayuga & Susquehanna; Bangor & Portland; New York, Susquehanna & Western; the Warren Railroad; the Sussex Railroad; the Maple River Railroad; the Mount Hope Railroad and the Blirstown road, which last was built by him alone in 1876-77 for the convenience of the town in which he has made his home. Mr. Blair has been the president of the Belvidere National Bank for over sixty years, or almost its entire existence, and has been largely interested in several coal and zinc companies, such as the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company; the Pittsburgh and Wheeling Coal Company, etc.

The influence of a man of broad and humanitarian ideas, such as have always predominated in the case of John I. Blair, is utterly beyond estimation. He has been very liberal toward churches and educational institutions; he has founded professorships in Princeton College and many others, and in 1897 completed a dormitory at the cost of \$150,000 in the college mentioned. He erected and donated to the Presbytery of Newton, N. J., one of the best preparatory schools in the United States. This Blirstown Seminary was later endowed by him with an additional \$150,000. More than eighty towns in the west were laid out by him, or through his instrumentality, and fully one hundred churches were built and fostered by his influence and generosity. Along the lines of the railroads which he laid out in the western states, numerous colleges and schools sprang up, and to many of these he has given substantial support. He is a strong Presbyterian in religious belief, and among his ancestors were many clergymen and noted educators.

One of the organizers of the Republican party, Mr. Blair has been an ardent supporter of its principles. During the war he was among the

foremost men who held up the hands of the chief executive, and even in the darkest hours of our national crisis he freely loaned large sums of money to the administration. He firmly believed that the policy of protection for American industries would develop our resources and wealth as a country and that under the system the highest rates of wages for the workman could be paid, and the history of the past thirty years has fully justified his theory. In 1868 Mr. Blair was persuaded by his friends to run for the governorship of New Jersey. He was not elected, and with this exception, he has never been a candidate for any public office. As long as his strength permitted, he attended every convention of the Republican party as a delegate, and in numerous ways has manifested his patriotism.

In 1826 Mr. Blair married Nancy Locke, whose grandfather, Captain Locke, a soldier in the American Revolution, was killed in a skirmish at Springfield, N. J. Mrs. Blair died in 1888, and of their four children but one, DeWitt Clinton, survives. Marcus L. was the eldest born; Emma L. was the wife of Charles Scribner, the New York publisher; and Aurelia was the wife of Clarence G. Mitchell, a lawyer.

Endowed with a magnificent constitution, which he has not enfeebled with tobacco or stimulants, Mr. Blair is still sound in body and mind, though in his ninety-seventh year. Though he has relegated to others the active cares of his vast enterprises he receives daily accounts of them, and passes his opinion upon the merits of all matters coming beneath his notice. His wealth has been variously estimated from twenty to sixty million dollars.



**L**AMBERT T. WARMAN, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist, residing one mile north of Stockton, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, has been a life-long resident

of this immediate vicinity and has been actively interested and concerned in the upbuilding and development of the same. He carries on general farming and dairying upon his fine homestead of one hundred and thirty-two acres, and takes great pride in keeping everything about his place in a neat and thrifty manner. His right of franchise he uses in behalf of the candidates and platform of the Democratic party, and though he is naturally desirous to see his own principles triumph, he is not a politician in the ordinary acceptation of the term; nor is he an office-seeker, as the only position of a public character that he has ever been induced to hold was that of township committeeman, a minor place of merely local importance. As a business man he is to be relied upon to the letter, as he strives to be entirely reliable, punctual in meeting all obligations and faithful to all duties imposed upon him.

The youngest in a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters, Lambert T. Warman was born on a farm adjoining the one where he now lives April 24, 1834. His parents were Jacob and Sarah (Bodine) Warman, natives of Kingwood and Delaware Township, respectively. The father was a well-to-do farmer, and was a man who was universally esteemed as a citizen, neighbor, friend, and in the relations of the home circle was especially kind, generous and worthy of admiration. He died in 1854, regretted by all who had known him. His two eldest children, Hester and Elizabeth, and Asher, the fifth of the family, are deceased. Sybila lives on a farm in this township, as does also her sister, Sarah C.; William S., the eldest son, is an energetic farmer and business man of the vicinity of Oakdale, N. J.

When he was a lad of about eight years our subject removed to the farm now owned by him, his father having bought the place, which he proceeded to improve and cultivate up to the time of his death. Lambert T. received his education in the public schools of this district, and has added thereto much wisdom gained in the more practical school of life and experience. From an early age he worked with his father on the farm,

and by the time he was nineteen, the year that his father died, he was fully qualified to undertake the entire management of the homestead. Since then he has carried on this farm and has made many valuable improvements.

October 31, 1862, Mr. Warman married Mary Ellen Craven, a native of Bucks County, Pa. They have three children: S. Anna and Emma Cornell, who are at home; and William S., whose residence is in the town of Stockton, near here, and who is engaged in the coal and wood business. The Warman family is identified with the Presbyterian Church of Stockton.



**A**NTHONY KILLGORE has for the past four years been the editor and manager of the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, a representative journal of the state of New Jersey, and one that has been longer in existence than any published in this county. With a large class of our best citizens it occupies a place that no other paper could fill, and, as it aims to give the latest and best account of current events transpiring in the busy world, as well as a thorough resumé of local affairs and things pertaining to the interests of this particular region, it deserves the support of the public.

A native of this county, Anthony Killgore was born near Annandale, July 13, 1856. When he was an infant his parents removed to Flemington, and here the boy grew to manhood. He received his preliminary education in the public schools here, and later was a student in the classical and commercial high school of Lawrenceville, N. J. At the age of nineteen years he took up the study of pharmacy, and subsequently opened drug stores at Plainfield and Flemington. When about twenty-five he abandoned the retail drug trade, and for six years traveled for wholesale drug houses of New York City. The last three years of this period he was in the employ of the celebrated firm of Seabury & Johnson, of New

York, London and Hamburg. In 1888 he connected himself with the interests of the wealthy saw manufacturer, William Disston, of Philadelphia, and established the Pleasant Valley Stock Farm in Woodstown, N. J.

The following year Mr. Killgore was sent to California by Robert Steele, of Philadelphia, to purchase a stallion for his Cedar Park farm near that city. In furtherance of his patron's wish, he bought the celebrated "Woodnut," 2.16½, paying \$20,000 for him. In 1891 Mr. Killgore left Woodstown, and, buying a piece of property in the vicinity of Flemington, made numerous changes and improvements upon the place, which is now known as Meadow Park farm. From here he has sold a great many highbred trotting horses, shipping them to distant parts of the United States and to Canada and Germany. For years the proprietor has been greatly interested in fine horses, and has been esteemed an authority on the subject, his articles being eagerly sought for by the leading journals of the turf. July 1, 1894, he assumed the management of the *Democrat*, owned by his father, and has since devoted considerable of his time and attention to this enterprise.

May 16, 1877, Mr. Killgore married Louise E. Dunham, whose father was the late C. C. Dunham, of Flemington. They have one child, Jennie Dunham.

Robert J. Killgore, father of the gentleman whose name heads this article, was born February 29, 1820, near Germantown, Mason County, Ky. His parents were Charles and Lucy (Ficklin) Killgore. On the 3d of January, 1843, he married Alice, daughter of Aaron Van Syckel, of Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, N. J. Taking his wife to Kentucky, he resided there until October, 1845, when he returned to Bethlehem Township, and for eight years was occupied in managing a homestead near the Bethlehem Baptist Church. He then purchased another tract of land adjacent to Annandale, and three years later removed to a farm in Raritan Township, where he dwelt for some years. About 1870 he removed to Flemington, where he still

resides. For many years he has held various local offices, and in 1869 was elected surrogate, and held the same until 1874. October 1, 1875, he became the owner of the *Democrat*, buying the paper from the heirs of Charles Tomlinson, and personally superintended the same until 1895, when he placed it in the hands of his son. Of his ten children six are now living, Mary V., Alice, Robert, Charles, Lora and Anthony.



**G**EORGE M. DAWES, well known as a real-estate owner and retired business man of Washington, was born in Mount Pleasant, Hunterdon County, N. J., in October, 1851, being a son of William and Mary Ann (Queen) Dawes, natives respectively of Newark, N. J., and Hunterdon County. His father, who is one of the most prominent citizens of Washington, was for many years proprietor of one of the leading hotels here, but is now living retired from business. During the first administration of President Cleveland he was appointed associate judge of Warren County, which office he filled with efficiency. He is a colonel in the state militia and fraternally is a prominent Mason. In his family there are two sons and two daughters. Jennie is the wife of A. J. Hankins, a farmer residing in Hamburg, Mich.; Althea T. married William W. Hunt, who is employed in the custom house of Jersey City; and Theodore B. is the postmaster at Washington.

The education of our subject was obtained in the public schools of Belvidere. At the age of twenty-one he associated himself with his father in the hotel business, and this connection continued for a number of years. Under the first administration of President Cleveland he was appointed postmaster at Washington, which office he held for four years. This is the only public position he has held, as he has never been an office seeker. For more than twelve years he was collector for the New York Life Insurance Com-

pany, and owns the building formerly the property of this company, it being a large, three-story brick structure, situated on the corner of Washington and Belvidere avenues, the finest corner in the place. He also owns the postoffice building; his residence at No. 123 Washington avenue, which was the old Vliet homestead for many years, is the property of Mrs. Dawes.

In 1891 Mr. Dawes married Miss Anna C. Vliet, daughter of Judge Joseph Vliet, one of the most prominent attorneys and judges of this county for years, a man who was highly respected for his just dealings with all and his unswerving integrity. A Democrat in politics, he was prominent in his party. During his service of more than twenty years as judge he tried twenty cases of homicide. At the time of his death, in 1879, he held the office of judge. He was attorney for the First National Bank from the time of its organization, and was also attorney for the Morris & Essex Railroad Company, and prosecuting attorney for twenty years. In religious belief he was connected with the First Presbyterian Church. By his marriage to Christiana, daughter of Jacob Creveling, he had a son and daughter, Daniel and Anna C. The former was a man of prominence, and his death, in 1897, was widely mourned. Concerning him we quote the following from the *Washington Tidings*:

"Death has again claimed as a victim one of Washington's most prominent citizens, in the person of Daniel Vliet, who passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. George M. Dawes, Monday evening, at eleven o'clock. He had been confined to his bed only two weeks, suffering untold agonies from contraction of the nerves, so that death came as a welcome relief. His patience and suffering during his last days were wonderful. Born in 1845, he was fifty-two years of age at death. He was admitted to the bar as attorney in 1879 and always practiced his profession here. Among his legal brethren he was respected for his ability, sterling integrity and honesty. He was a worthy descendant of his grandfather, Major-General Garrett Vliet, of the old New Jersey militia, and his father, Judge Joseph



Vliet, who was four times appointed prosecutor of the pleas of Warren County, and finally elevated to the bench, in which position he died January 7, 1879.

"Attorney Vliet's practice was confined principally to his office work and acting as trustee for many large estates. He possessed the entire confidence of his clients. Besides holding various positions of trust at the time of his death, he was a director in the First National Bank of Washington, and attorney for the same; secretary and a director of the water company; secretary of the cemetery association, and was also formerly secretary of the Washington Building and Loan Association. In character he was modest and unassuming. He always labored under the disadvantage of having a delicate constitution. He made his home with his sister, Mrs. George M. Dawes, their relations as brother and sister being ideal in the wealth of affection they bestowed on each other. He was a faithful attendant and member of the Presbyterian Church. Such men can ill be spared from the community."



CLARK PIERSON is the editor and proprietor of the *Lambertville Record*. In October, 1897, this well-known exponent of Republican party principles celebrated its quarter of a century anniversary. During this period the paper grew from a small sheet, run on a hand-press, to its present dimensions, and in equal proportions rose in the estimation of the reading public. The subject of this review has been solely responsible for these changes, and great credit is due him for the efforts he has made to elevate the journal to a position of influence in the community. The immense power of the press cannot be over-estimated, and, as many believe, it transcends even that of the pulpit. Perhaps slowly, but just as surely, the minds of the people are reached and influenced by the journals they read, and none but the best should be allowed to

enter our homes. Especially is this an imperative duty owed by parents to their children, whose minds, being in a formative condition, are quick to absorb errors as well as truth, and are unable to separate the wheat from the chaff, as their elders are more apt to do.

The Piersons of this locality trace their lineage back to Abraham Pierson, the first president of Yale College. Two Presbyterian ministers, descendants of this common ancestor, settled in Newark, N. J., and from there went to Morris County, where their families were reared. The great-grandfather of our subject enlisted in the war of the Revolution, and at one time, when his command were greatly in need of more men, he returned home, obtained a musket, and taking his fourteen year old son with him, participated in the battle of Stony Point. In Morris County the father of our subject, Lewis Pierson, was born. He became an inhabitant of Lambertville when it was a small place, and started the first tinware store here. He married Elizabeth Clark, of Newark, and to them four children were born. One of the number died in infancy. George is in the employ of the Delaware & Raritan Canal Company. Jane S. married Henry H. Gallagher, of Lambertville.

Clark Pierson was born in July, 1836, in Lambertville, and had but limited advantages for obtaining an education, as he was but eleven years old when he began learning the trade of printing. Then for two years he was in the office of the superintendent of the Belvidere Delaware Railroad, of Lambertville. When but twenty-one he became the publisher of the *Beacon*, a paper which he edited and conducted with fair success for ten years, gaining in the meanwhile thorough and practical knowledge of all kinds of work coming under the head of journalism. Selling out his interest in the paper in 1869 he invested his means in a spoke manufactory, and was connected with that industry for about two years. His talents were manifestly along the line of journalism, however, and in 1872 he established the *Record*, which he has since devoted himself to managing. It is an able exponent of the best

interests of the general public hereabout, and gives a review of the local events, together with a summary of the great concerns of the busy outside world. In his personal politics Mr. Pierson is a Republican of no uncertain kind. In his twenty-second year he was elected superintendent of the city schools, in 1878 was appointed postmaster, which position he held to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a member of Amwell Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., of which he is worshipful master; and is past commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 14, K. T. A trusted member of the Baptist Church, he has been president of the board for several years and was a trustee for thirty years.

In 1865 Mr. Pierson married Amanda C. Bodine, of Mt. Holly, N. J., but she died about ten years later. In 1877 he married Lida, daughter of J. Benner Evans, of Chester County, Pa. He has two children, Jessie E. and Grace.



**L**EWIS C. BEATTY, a prominent business man of Hope, Warren County, comes from one of the respected old families of the county. Here the happy days of his youth were passed, and here, after he has spent many of the years of his prime in the busy outside world, he has returned to quietly pass the remainder of his life. He is unassuming in manner and not ambitious for official distinction, preferring to attend strictly to his own affairs, though not to the neglect of his duties as a citizen.

The father of our subject was the late Judge George H. Beatty, who was born near this village in 1812. His whole life was spent in Warren County and for several years he was the proprietor of what is now the Union Inn in Hope. Later he settled on a farm adjacent to the town, and in addition to cultivating the place he dealt to some extent in cattle and live stock. He had made his start in a financial way, in his younger days, by his dealing in western live stock. In his political

faith he was a strong Democrat, and his first step over the threshold of public life was during the '40s, when his friends and neighbors elected him to represent them in the state assembly. He served them for one term and in 1879 he was elected state senator for a term of three years. About 1882 he was honored by being elected judge of the Warren County courts, and, in short, he was distinctively a leader in the ranks of his party and in his time. He lived to the ripe age of eighty-two years, dying in 1894. His father, whose Christian name was also George, was likewise a native of this county. Judge G. H. Beatty married a daughter of Charles Swasey, and of their six children, four are still living, viz.: Josephine; Marcella, wife of Joseph L. Kirk; George W., of Pennsylvania; and Lewis C. The mother died at the age of eighty-one years.

The birth of Lewis C. Beatty took place November 27, 1851, in the town of Hope, and here, with his brothers and sisters, he grew to maturity, his education being gained in the public schools. He made several trips to the west, buying stock, and being associated with his father in that business for a few years in his early manhood. When he was nearing his majority he graduated from Kingston Business College, where he had pursued a practical commercial course. Afterward he obtained a position in the office of the auditor of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company in Pittsburg, and kept that position as long as he cared to do so, some three years. In 1883 he was appointed deputy in the state prison in Trenton, N. J., and was an official in that institution for eleven years, faithfully meeting all the requirements of the place, and giving entire satisfaction to his superiors. In 1894 he returned to this, his old home, and opened a general store in partnership with Jacob Albert, the style of the firm being Beatty & Albert. They keep a full line of supplies commonly found in an establishment of this kind, and have built up a good patronage among the people of this vicinity by their fair dealing. Mr. Beatty uses his ballot on behalf of the nominees of the Democracy, but is not a politician in the ordinary sense. He owns a good farm near

this town and is the executor of his father's estate. His family were Episcopalians, but he is not identified with the church.



**H**ON. ELIAS J. MACKEY, sheriff of Warren County, is a resident of Belvidere and is well and favorably known in this portion of the state. His ancestors have dwelt in Oxford Township, this county, for more than a century, and have invariably led lives of quiet usefulness and industry. An uncle of his, Jeremiah Mackey, represented this section in the New Jersey senate when the county was first organized. John Mackey, father of our subject, followed farming during his entire life, and was very liberal in his support of worthy public enterprises. Among other things which were of benefit to his community and were fostered by his influence, material or otherwise, was the old Oxford Church, which was founded by him and largely maintained by his means thereafter. He died in 1864, and was survived by his faithful helpmate, whose maiden name had been Mercy Pritt, thirty-one years. She was ninety-two years of age when death claimed her, in 1893. Four of her six children are living at this writing. Marshall P. is a farmer of this vicinity, and William is a member of the legal profession in Belvidere, while Elizabeth, also a resident of this place, is the widow of William Armstrong.

The birth of Elias J. Mackey occurred in Oxford Township July 12, 1842. Until he was about eighteen years old he attended the district schools or those of Belvidere during the winter season, and worked on the old homestead the remainder of the year. After leaving school he devoted all his time and energies to the management of a farm for several years. In 1875 he was elected to the general assembly of the state on the Democratic ticket, and served most acceptably to all concerned for three years. He has frequently held township offices, has taken great interest in poli-

tics, and has often attended conventions in the capacity of a delegate. He owns two good farms in this county, in addition to which he has some Florida property. He is a member of the Masonic order, is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Red Men, and is a Knight of Pythias. He was elected sheriff in the fall of 1896, his term to extend for three years.

April 17, 1862, Mr. Mackey married Sarah E. Hoff, daughter of John H. Hoff, and granddaughter of Thomas Lomason. Of the eleven children born to them eight are yet living, viz.: Laura, wife of Philip Miller, of this county; Addie M., wife of George E. Merritt, of Phillipsburg; John H., of Washington, this county; William A., who married Hattie M. Good; Frances M., wife of John R. Good, of Philadelphia; Carolene, Winfield S. and Mertie P., the three youngest at home.



**A**MOS THATCHER is an enterprising, practical agriculturist of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, and from his earliest recollections has been closely associated with the history of this region. His forefathers also were farmers of this township, and assisted materially in the development of its advancing civilization. He was named in honor of his paternal grandfather, Amos, whose entire life was passed in this immediate locality.

Born November 27, 1842, in Raritan Township, our subject is a son of Robert and Margaret (Trout) Thatcher, both natives of this township. In his youth he was a pupil in the district schools of his home neighborhood, later attended Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and since then he has constantly added to his fund of knowledge by reading and observation. Until he was about nineteen he lived at home upon the old farm, and then was for three years in the hotel business with his father. Later he was concerned in running a store in partnership

with the senior Thatcher for a similar period of time. Removing to a farm, he next was occupied in agricultural pursuits for three years more, and finally purchased a homestead situated just outside the corporation limits of Flemington.

It was in 1869 that he bought the fine farm where he has since made his home. Altogether he owns at this time two hundred acres of improved land, from which abundant harvests are garnered each year, yielding a golden reward to the fortunate possessor of the property. On the place is a splendid orchard of twenty acres, from which has been gathered some years as high as thirty-five hundred bushels of luscious peaches. This product finds a ready sale at good prices in the neighboring large cities and towns and from this source alone Mr. Thatcher has made a fortune. In politics he is a Democrat, and supports by his ballot the platforms and candidates of that party. He was elected freeholder March 12, 1896, for a term of three years.

In 1869 the marriage of Mr. Thatcher and Isabella Capner was solemnized. They have had seven children, named as follows: Maggie, Robert, John C., Louise, Hugh N., Amos and Katie. Two of the number, Maggie and Louise, have been summoned to the better land. The family is highly respected in this community, and the young people are bright, ambitious and well educated.



**A**SA SUYDAM is one of the old and respected citizens of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, and for several generations his ancestors have been occupied in cultivating and improving land in this region. Originally natives of Holland, they possessed the notable characteristics of that people, honesty and uprightness and fairness in all their dealings with their fellows, and industry and diligence in their own business affairs. Thus the Suydams are justly entitled to a high place in the annals of this county, for they

assisted materially in establishing it upon a sound basis of good citizenship and were no small factors in the development of its natural resources.

The great-grandfather of our subject was the first one of the family to settle permanently in Hunterdon County, as far as known, and here his son John, the next in the direct line of descent, was born and reared to mature years. Henry, father of Asa Suydam, was likewise a native of this county, and throughout life was a farmer in his immediate locality. He married Miss Hannah Stires, of this county, and three sons were born to them, viz.: Daniel, Asa and John T. The last-mentioned died when but three years old. The parents of these children were earnest Christians, striving day by day to do their whole duty toward God and man, and by their own example to guide and inspire their sons in right ways of conduct. The father's busy and useful life was brought to a close when he was in his sixty-fourth year. His widow died in 1873.

The birth of Asa Suydam took place in Raritan Township, June 3, 1825. On the old homestead he gained practical knowledge of all kinds of agricultural duties, and was therefore ably qualified to take entire charge of a farm when he was of mature age. He remained at home until he was about twenty-three, when he started out in his independent career. At this time he was married to Catherine Higgins, and for three years lived with his father-in-law, aiding in the cultivation of his place. Later he returned to the home of his fathers, eventually purchasing the land in 1855. This farm then comprised a quarter-section, or one hundred and sixty acres, and to the original tract the owner has since added another eighteen acre lot. In 1858 he set out a peach orchard, and has nearly fifty acres planted with peach and apple trees. He takes pride in keeping everything about his farm in a thrifty manner, and the place is justly considered one of the most valuable in the township.

Mr. Suydam was first married, as previously stated, in 1848, to Miss Higgins, and five children were born to their union, viz.: Hannah, Annie M., Henry, Ella R. and Catherine. The mother

died in 1866 and about two years afterwards our subject married Mrs. Rachel Reid, a sister of his first wife.

In his political convictions Mr. Snyder is a Republican. He has never been an aspirant for official positions, as he prefers to devote his time and energies to his own business affairs and to his church. For years he has been a very active worker in the Baptist Church of this township, and been a deacon in the same some forty-five years and clerk of the official board for twoscore years.



**W**ILLIAM O'NIEL is a member of the firm of Simerson & O'Niel, editors and proprietors of the *Warren Journal*, published in Belvidere. He is a very progressive, up-to-date business man, and by his energy and wide-awake plans has succeeded in accomplishing much in the promotion of industries that have accrued to the lasting benefit of this community. He takes deep interest in everything which has as its object the welfare of the public, and his influence can always be safely relied upon on behalf of every good cause. He stands high in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has often been sent as a delegate to its conventions. When he had scarcely passed his majority he was made town clerk, after which he acted in the capacity of tax-collector for several years. From 1884 to 1894 he served as county surrogate, contrary to the received custom in this county being re-elected to the same office.

The parents of the above-named gentleman were Michael and Hannah (Ronan) O'Niel, natives of Ireland. The father came to America in 1837, taking up his permanent abode in Belvidere. He reached the extreme age of ninety-four years, his death occurring in September, 1897. He had married before leaving his old home, and to himself and wife were born nine children. The aged mother is still living.

William O'Niel was born in this town Septem-

ber 27, 1852, and obtained his elementary education in the public schools of the place. When he was but thirteen years of age he started out to earn his own livelihood, entering the employ of the Belvidere Delaware Railroad Company. He served in all kinds of capacities, gradually being promoted until attaining the position of station agent. He abandoned railroading when he unfortunately lost a leg, as the result of an accident. He is now one of the largest stockholders and a director in the Belvidere Water Works Company and was one of the organizers of the Warren Wood-working Company, one of the best industries of this place. At present he is a director and manager of the concern. In the spring of 1891 he bought an interest in the *Warren Journal*. This paper was then owned by John M. Simerson, whose father and grandfather before him had published the journal, long an influential dispenser of the news to the people of this county.

In October, 1882, Mr. O'Niel married Agnes E. Warner, daughter of the late Lyman Warner, an old Connecticut family, but at the time residents of Belvidere, where he manufactured the Warner carriage wheel. They have three children, a son and two daughters, named in the order of their birth, Chester W., Helen H. and Bessie Richmond.



**H**ON. CHARLES B. SMITH, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Washington and twice mayor of the city, was born in Bethlehem, Hunterdon County, in 1867, and is the only son of Alfred G. and Elizabeth (Cornish) Smith. His father, who was a native of Warren County, this state, during his early life operated a mill, but failing health forced him to retire from the business and seek employment of a different nature. He then purchased a farm, the supervision of which he still continues, having accumulated a comfortable fortune from the same. His

home is near Asbury. Politically he is a Democrat, but has never held, nor desires to hold, public office of any kind. His father, Jacob Smith, was a well-to-do farmer of Hunterdon County.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was Joseph Cornish, a large and prosperous merchant of Bethlehem, whose son, Joseph B. Cornish, is the well-known manufacturer of organs and pianos. The only child of his parents, our subject was given every advantage that the schools of the county afforded, attending both the grammar and high schools of Washington. His early boyhood years were passed on his father's farm near Bethlehem, and after fourteen years of age he lived near Washington. He had a natural taste for medicine and deciding to choose it as his profession he began to study under a competent instructor. For two years he carried on his readings, meantime also teaching school. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, from which after a three years' course he graduated with high honors in 1891.

Since graduating Dr. Smith has engaged in practice in Washington, where he has gained a reputation as a reliable and skillful physician. His services are in demand, day and night, and his practice extends into the surrounding country. In 1891 he married Miss Mary S., daughter of Robert K. Richey, a retired merchant of Asbury. They are the parents of one child, a daughter. In 1893 the doctor erected a residence on West Washington avenue, and in this house, which is one of the most elegant in the town, he now makes his home.

The connection of Dr. Smith with civil affairs reflects credit upon his ability and proves his interest in the progress of his town. Like all the members of the family as far back as the record extends, he is a staunch adherent of Democratic principles. In 1895 he was elected mayor of Washington and in that position gave such universal satisfaction that the following year he was re-elected by almost the entire vote of the place. Fraternally he is connected with Mansfield Lodge No. 36, F. & A. M., the Senior Order American

Mechanics, Royal Arcanum and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a firm friend of the public schools and has been a valued member of the board of education. The State Medical Society numbers him among its members, and other associations connected with his profession receive his sympathy and support. He is connected with the local branch of the State Building and Loan Association, an organization that has contributed materially to the improvement of Washington. With his wife, he holds membership in the Presbyterian Church and for six years or more he has been one of the trustees of the congregation.



PETER G. SCHOMP, a well-known citizen of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, comes from one of the old pioneer families of this region, his ancestors having settled here at a very early day in our colonial history. In fact, the annals of western New Jersey could not well and truthfully be written were the name of Schomp omitted from the records. The gentleman of whom we write has been president of the Farmers' Mutual Assurance Association of New Jersey for the past eight years, having been annually re-appointed to the office. Moreover, he was a director in the Citizens' Mutual Life Insurance Company of this state. A Democrat in his political standing, he has officiated as collector of this township, but has never sought or desired public positions.

The father of our subject, Jacob G. Schomp, was a native of Readington Township, and was one of the oldest residents here at the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1896, when eighty-nine years of age. In his youth he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it to some extent in connection with farming, later giving his attention exclusively to the management of his property. When he was a young man he was considered to possess an excellent





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education for the period, and taught school for a few terms. In politics a Democrat, he held local offices of a minor nature and was a freeholder of this township during one term. His wife, who bore the girlhood name of Eliza Van Fleet, died in 1885. They had but two children, Peter G. and John, the latter of whom died in 1896.

Peter G. Schomp was born in Readington Township April 24, 1846, received a district-school education, and learned surveying, which business he has followed more or less for thirty years, formerly with Judge Joseph Thompson, now deceased. His main pursuit, however, has been farming, in which he has been very successful. In 1871 he married Annie, daughter of Andrew and Keturah Suydam. The father was a respected resident of this township, but has been called to the better land. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Schomp has been blessed with one daughter, Vera, who is still at home. They are members of the Reformed Church, and he was for a number of years treasurer of the congregation; has served as elder and deacon in the same, and has often been sent as a delegate to the synod. He takes great interest in religious matters and is a liberal contributor to the finances of the denomination.



**H**ON. DANIEL FISHER BEATTY. The name of Beatty is a household word in many parts of the United States, but while all lovers of music have learned to admire the celebrated Beatty organs and pianos, comparatively few are familiar with the history of their talented inventor and manufacturer. Daniel Fisher Beatty was born August 14, 1848, on the summit of Schooley's Mountain, near Beattystown, in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, N. J., being a son of George W. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Beatty. His paternal grandfather, James Beatty, emigrated to America from the north of Ireland during the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled in New Jersey,

where he died at eighty-six years of age. One of his sons, John, was the father of Maj. Samuel Beatty, of Stark County, Ohio, who served with distinction in the Mexican war and in the late rebellion, rising from private to the rank of major-general of the army.

Of a family of four daughters and six sons, Daniel Fisher Beatty was third among the sons. In early life he evinced not only a rare business capacity, but also a decided taste for music and for the rustic scenes in the mountains surrounding his native home. In the reception room of the old homestead the visitor is shown the instrument (an old-fashioned melodeon long since out of date) which first inspired the musical genius of the boy, and on which he practiced his first lessons. His love for rural surroundings continues to the present and furnishes the reason for his remaining in his suburban location rather than following the precedent set by other large manufacturers, that of establishing headquarters amid the hum and bustle of a large city.

From an early age it was clearly evident that Mr. Beatty had more taste for music than for agriculture. Instead of following the plow, he was accustomed to take his music book and sally forth to the field, where he would soon be immersed in the mysteries of the art; or, seated beside a cool spring of never-failing water, he would devise improvements in his contemplated occupation. Thus were instilled in his mind the first conceptions of his art. While still at home upon the farm, he led the church choir of his neighborhood. His education was limited to such opportunities as the common schools afforded, but his lack of classical study was compensated for in a great measure by his quick perception, clear insight into the nature of things, and the readiness with which he appropriated the results of science and philosophy. It is his habit to perceive and generalize rapidly, and to come directly to his conclusions, which are found to be safe and accurate.

Perhaps the quality which has been the most prominent factor in the success of Mr. Beatty is

his practical common sense in business matters. This quality enables him to arrange his plans with reference to the best financial results. Recognizing this trait, his father was led to entrust him with all his financial affairs while yet the son was in his minority. Starting out in life for himself without a dollar, he secured employment as a salesman, and finally advanced to the manufacture of the instruments that bear his name. Through industry and fair dealing he succeeded beyond his fondest expectations. For a time he had his large factories in Washington, where he had a large building, divided into seven departments, connected by electric bells, telephone and telegraph, so that news could be received and transmitted to all parts of the world. To give an idea of the extent of his business, it may be stated that in one year alone he spent \$387,000 in advertising and paid the government \$72,000 for stamps. Of late years he has had his organs made under special contract in a factory in Chicago, while the Beatty pianos were always made in New York and Boston. It is estimated that his business has amounted to a million dollars per annum. In one year he shipped more than seventeen thousand organs and pianos.

January 22, 1885, Mr. Beatty married Miss Emily H. Barnes, daughter of Lewis and Emily Barnes, of Warren County. The character of Mr. Beatty is winning. Unlike many men of genius he is approachable and genial in manner. He is generous in his contributions to projects of public importance and takes a warm interest in local affairs. Five times he has served as mayor of Washington and his administration, while conservative, was also progressive and of benefit to the commercial welfare of the town. In Masonry he has attained the highest degree but one in the Scottish rite, also Knight Templar York rite and a member of the Mystic Shrine, also an Odd Fellow. In 1878 he made a tour of Europe and attended the Paris Exposition; in 1890 he traveled thirty-nine thousand miles, completing a tour of the world, and on his return published a book concerning his travels. With his wife he

holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and he has been heard to say, with some pride, that the first money he ever made was by working as sexton of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that money he at once donated to the Sunday-school.



**G**EORGE NEWTON BEST, M. D., of Rosemont, Hunterdon County, has been eminently successful as a physician, and during the twenty-three years of his practice has acquired an extensive patronage. He is frequently called for consultation to various parts of the surrounding country and ranks well with the medical fraternity. But well and favorably known as he is in this field, he is even more widely known as a botanist. His numerous contributions to the science of plants have gained for him a reputation not confined to his own state or country and have caused him to be recognized as an authority in his specialty. He furnished valuable data for the Catalogue of the Plants of New Jersey and is now assisting in the preparation of the forthcoming Synoptical Flora of North America. He is a member of the Torrey Botanical Club of New York and of the New Jersey Natural History Society and is also identified with the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

Our subject, a son of Cornelius and Elsie (Alpaugh) Best, was born in the Round Valley, Hunterdon County, October 16, 1846. His early life, with the exception of one year, when he was employed as a clerk in a store, was passed upon his father's farm. He was a pupil in the common school of the neighborhood and, being an apt student, made rapid progress in his work there. He was but twenty-one years of age when he obtained a school in the country and conducted the same for two or three terms. Later he went to Pennington Institute, where he prepared himself for Lafayette College. That well-known institution of learning he entered in the class of

1873, but left its halls in his junior year in order to take charge of a select school at Riegelsville, Pa.

While Dr. Best was occupied in teaching in Pennsylvania he took up the study of medicine with Dr. A. S. Jordan. He was graduated in due course of time from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, being one of the class of '75. The same year he located in Rosemont, and has since resided here, giving close attention to his professional duties. He has always been an earnest student and is a frequent contributor to the medical literature of the times. He is an associate editor of the Lehigh Valley Medical Magazine and is a member of the Hunterdon County Medical Society; the Medical Society of New Jersey; the American Medical Association and the Lehigh Valley Medical Association. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masonic order.

In 1877 the marriage of Dr. Best and Miss Hannah Wilson was solemnized in Delaware Township. Mrs. Best is a daughter of Richard and Mary Wilson, respected citizens of Delaware Township.



**R**EV. J. DE HART BRUEN has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Belvidere for the past fifteen years, during which period he has built up a large congregation and has so conducted the affairs of the flock that every department is in excellent working order and is a power for good in the community. Possessing the foundations of a good education and well-balanced mental qualities he adds thereto much experience in his chosen field of labor and that earnest zeal for the saving of souls and the elevation of his fellow-man, without which the rest counts for but little with a minister of the Gospel.

Our subject is of English descent, and has in his possession records of his family dating back as far as 1230. The old family estate was near Stapleford, Chester County, England. One of

his ancestors, Obadiah Bruen, was one of the founders of the city of Newark, N. J., and five of the Bruens were freeholders of Newark in 1750. One of the number was with Washington during the war for independence and accompanied him on that memorable crossing of the Delaware on the night of the battle of Trenton. The father of our subject, Rev. James M. Bruen, was educated in the University of Pennsylvania and later pursued his religious studies in the Union Theological Seminary, after which he preached for many years in Irvington, N. J. He was a scholar, thoroughly conversant with the Greek language, and possessed great literary ability. For some years prior to his death, which event occurred January 30, 1881, he was an invalid, and during this period the sweetest traits of his noble Christian manhood shone forth. His faithful wife, Anna Maria, was a daughter of William W. Miller, of Hunterdon County, N. J. He was a man of undoubted talent, and though his death took place at the untimely age of twenty-eight years, he had already manifested the power of his genius to such an extent that most complimentary resolutions of regret were passed at a special meeting of the bar held at Trenton, N. J., for that purpose. Jacob Miller, his brother, was a member of the United States senate for twelve years, at the same period as was the brilliant statesman, Henry Clay.

The birth of Rev. Mr. Bruen occurred in New Windsor, Orange County, N. Y., December 17, 1847. He was an only son and was afforded the best of educational privileges. He attended Newark Academy and later studied with Dr. George Seibert, a professor at Bloomfield Theological Seminary. In 1868 he entered the Union Theological Seminary, graduating in 1871, and received his degree of Master of Arts from Williams College the same year. During 1871 he taught English literature and philosophy at Miss Graham's Select School for Young Ladies, New York City, this being while he was still a student. His first pastorate was at Summit, N. J., and there he remained for seven years. He was the first pastor of that church, and his con-

gregation consisted of twenty-three persons at the time he took charge of the little flock. Great success attended his efforts for good and in seven years over two hundred additions were made to the original number. A well-constructed edifice as a house of worship was erected in the meanwhile and the pastor's salary was raised four times. In 1879 he resigned to assume charge of a church at Clayton, N. J., where he resided for four years. The membership during this period was doubled and the Sunday-school attendance was trebled. In 1883 he resigned in order to become pastor of his present church, to which he has indeed been a faithful shepherd. The number of members has been doubled in the interim, while the number of Sunday-school pupils is three times as many as when he came here. He is chairman of the temperance committee of the state synod, and is a director and on the advisory board of the Blair Presbyterian Academy.

June 1, 1871, Mr. Bruen married Margaret W., daughter of Henry Munro, of New York City, of an old Scotch Revolutionary family. Of the four children born to this union three are living, viz.: James Bayley, a graduate of Princeton College and now a student of law at Albuquerque, N. M.; Henry Munro, who is attending the Union Theological Seminary; and Norman Jay, a student in Lafayette College. The mother of these children died at Belvidere in July, 1884. Mr. Bruen was again married, in December, 1886, his wife being Elizabeth M. Brookfeld, daughter of John B. Brookfeld, of Belvidere. Two sons were born of their union, namely: DeHart B., who died at the age of seven years; and Alexander McWhorter, at home.



**A**NTHONY MELICK TRIMMER. It is not only a duty, but a pleasure to fitly commemorate the life of a good man, and in no better or more enduring manner can this be done than on the printed page, whereon is traced some

faint tribute to his worth. In the hearts and memories of his friends is the truest monument to a noble citizen, but, as time goes on, these must inevitably fail and to future generations naught be preserved but the page whereon is inscribed his virtues. The kind and faithful father, husband and friend whose name stands at the beginning of this sketch was called to the better land May 27, 1893. For nearly forty years he had been a resident of Clinton, Hunterdon County, and no one was more highly respected and universally esteemed here than he. In everything that made for the good of this community, for better government, for progress, he was foremost, and for a number of years prior to his death he officiated as a justice of the peace.

A native of Hunterdon County, Mr. Trimmer was born in German Valley, January 24, 1824, and was therefore in his seventieth year when death summoned him to his reward. In his early life he followed agricultural pursuits, and continued so to do until a few years after his marriage. In 1851 he removed from German Valley to a farm near New Germantown, known as the Melick homestead, and later he occupied the place called the Leigh farm, it being situated near Clinton. In 1855 he settled permanently in this town, and engaged in the insurance business from that time until his death. He was one of the oldest registers of policies in this section of the state, and the business is still continued, A. Lincoln Smith having succeeded him in the firm. In February, 1894, the style was changed to Baker & Smith. Mr. Trimmer was a member of the Order of American Mechanics, and was a charter member of Star Lodge of Clinton. In his political faith he was an uncompromising Republican, as he believed thoroughly in the policy outlined by that party. For years he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and contributed liberally of his means and influence toward the work of the same. He was generous and kindly toward the poor and unfortunate, and on account of his deeds of unostentatious helpfulness, his memory is tenderly enshrined in the hearts of a host of friends.

In all his joys and sorrows Mr. Trimmer had a faithful helpmate, one whose daily cheer and sunshine of spirit was a benediction to him along the rugged journey of life. Her maiden name was Mary Maloney, her father having been Daniel Maloney, a Philadelphia merchant. Mrs. Trimmer was born and reared in the Quaker city, and by her marriage became the mother of two children: a daughter, Mary A., who is the wife of William C. Freeman, now connected with the *New York Journal*; and James M., who died May 6, 1893. Mrs. Trimmer finds a solace for her lonely hours in caring for those less fortunately circumstanced in a financial way than it is her lot to be. She is loved and looked up to by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance, her devoted friends being legion.



JACOB JORDY, an honored old resident of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, has lived upon his present homestead for nearly forty years. He is an example of what may be accomplished by a young man who has neither means nor influential friends, but who is industrious, persevering and upright in principle. In his youth and early manhood he was obliged to work very hard, and many a time did he feel almost discouraged, but he bravely met each day's struggle for bread, and, by economy and strict denial to himself of the luxuries of life, at last won a position of respect in the community and a competence for old age.

The birth of Jacob Jordy occurred in France, May 21, 1823, his parents being Jacob and Dora (Storum) Jordy. He passed his boyhood upon a farm, and there acquired a rugged constitution and love for Nature in all her varied moods. In the government school he received a good general education and when he was about fifteen he began serving an apprenticeship of three years at the shoemaker's trade. Subsequently he worked at this business until the Revolution of

1848 in France, when he joined the army and served in the ranks seven years, a part of the time being occupied in making shoes for the soldiers.

Desiring to enjoy the blessing of living in a country where freedom was a well-established fact, and having heard much from his childhood of the advantages to be obtained in America, Mr. Jordy set sail for the United States, and landed on these hospitable shores after a tedious voyage of about forty days, in 1852. He proceeded direct to Flemington, N. J., there established himself in his old trade of shoemaking and was thus occupied for the next quarter of a century. In the meantime he bought his little farm where he still resides, a place of twelve acres, in 1859. During the past few years he has given his attention to his garden and has more than made a living for himself and family from the crops which he gathers each year on his farm.

Before coming to the western world Mr. Jordy married Miss Wilhelmina Miller, of his own country. They have had a family of sons and daughters of which they may be justly proud. In the order of their birth they are named as follows: George, Frederick, Charles, Lafayette, Lewis, Wilhelmina, Caroline, Magdaline and Belle.



FREDERICK A. DALRYMPLE, now representing the Thorley Food Company, of Chicago, in the states of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, has made his home in the pretty town of Milford, Hunterdon County, for a number of years, and is esteemed one of our best citizens. He has taken an active part in local politics, and was quite a leader in the Democracy while in the northern part of this county. In 1887 he was elected assessor of Holland Township, for a three years' term, and in 1890 was elected collector for a year, being re-elected upon the expiration of his term of office for a period of three years. He was at the head of the movement which endeavored to have this town

incorporated, but the measure failed, on account of insufficient support from the people. He has always had at heart what he believed would be for the welfare of his community, and has done his share in the support of worthy enterprises.

The paternal grandfather of the above-named gentleman was Samuel R. Dalrymple, a native of Kingwood Township, this county. He resided there the greater part of his life and was the owner of a large and valuable estate. He died at the age of seventy-four years, after having lived for sixteen years prior to that event in the town of Little York, Hunterdon County. He was one of the earliest settlers of that village, and lived to see it developed into a thriving place. His son Eli was the father of our subject. He was born in Kingwood Township, and for more than a quarter of a century was a resident of Little York. He was one of the most prosperous farmers of that vicinity, and in carrying out his business he became well known and respected throughout the county. For years before his death, which occurred when he was sixty-two years of age, he was a valued member of the Presbyterian Church of Mount Pleasant. He was three times married, Frederick A. being the only child of his third marriage. This wife and mother, who died when forty-two years of age, was Hannah M., daughter of Frederick A. and Elizabeth (Metler) Apgar.

Frederick A. Dalrymple was born May 27, 1859, in Little York, and upon his father's farm he quietly and happily spent his boyhood. When he was seventeen he left home, and, going to New York, he became an employe of his uncle, head of the wholesale grocery house of Apgar & Company. He continued with this firm for two years, after which he returned to the scenes of his youth, with the intention of trying his hand at farming. He lived upon a small farm, and was quite successful in its management, but he had had a taste of the more active and breezy life of the commercial man and he could not settle down at that time to the routine of agriculture for long. At the end of three years he sold out and came to Milford, this being in 1885. He

became the purchaser of the old-established firm of D. E. Coughlin & Company, dealers in coal and farm implements, etc., and added to it a stock business. He followed these lines of trade successfully for seven years, and in 1891 went to New York, where he carried on a commission business with J. J. Fredericks for three years. Later he secured employment as a traveling salesman for the Walter A. Wood Machine Company. He worked in the interests of that firm three years, since which he has been an agent for the house of the Thorley Food Company, of Chicago.

Fraternally Mr. Dalrymple is a member of Perseverance Lodge No. 30, I. O. O. F., of Milford, has passed all the chairs in the same and has served as its representative to the grand lodge of the state. He also holds membership with the Masons, belonging to Orient Lodge, F. & A. M., of Frenchtown. He and his family attend the Presbyterian Church of this place. In 1882 he married Laura Cole, of Milford, and two children brighten their union, Cora May and Flora being the names of the little ones. Mrs. Dalrymple is a daughter of Andrew J. Cole, of this town, and was reared to maturity here.



**E**VERT J. BERGEN, M. D., of Washington, is a member of an old family of this state. The genealogical record shows that his grandfather, Evert J. Bergen, was born in 1780, and engaged in farming in Somerset County, where he died in 1864; he married Jane Stryker, whose birth occurred in 1804. Preceding him in line of ancestry was James Bergen (born 1755, died 1830), who in 1779 married Anna Van Vorhees, the latter dying in 1852, at ninety-one years of age. The preceding generation was represented by Evert (born 1717, died 1776), who married Jane Hagerman in 1739. His father, Hans Jarvis Bergen, was a son of Jarvis Hanson Bergen, who was the third son of Hans Hanson Bergen,

born in 1649, married in 1678 to Sarah Strycker, of Flatbush, Long Island. The previous generation, the first in America, was represented by Hans Hanson Bergen, who removed from Norway to Holland and from Holland to America in 1633. In 1639 he married Sarah Rapalii, and they were the parents of the first white child born on Manhattan Island.

The father of our subject was Peter S. Bergen, a native of Somerset County, N. J., and a prominent and successful merchant of Somerville, also a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that city. He married Rebecca Dilts, daughter of Daniel Dilts, who in 1812 purchased from his father the old homestead in Morris County, and afterward continued the owner of the place until his death. He was a man of temperate habits and sterling principle, and was characterized by strict integrity in all his business relations. He was kind and charitable to the poor and always sought to promote the welfare of others. By his industry and careful management he acquired a competency, which his children inherited. He and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a member of a family that settled in Hunterdon County in 1741 and has since been closely associated with the history of this section.

In Somerville, N. J., Dr. Bergen was born July 11, 1846, being one of a family of three sons and one daughter, the latter of whom, Julia, died at the age of twenty-two years. One of the sons, Frank, is a prominent lawyer of Elizabeth. The education of our subject was begun in the public schools of Somerset County and continued in Princeton College. Through the kindness of John Taylor Johnson, president of the Jersey Central Railroad, he was given a scholarship in the University of New York City and thus received advantages that would otherwise have been impossible. In 1877 he graduated from the medical department of the university, and at once commenced the practice of his profession in Somerset County. His health, however, was poor. It was thought that he had consump-

tion and that he would not live long. Hoping that a change of climate would enable him to regain his former strength, he went to Kansas and remained for five years, returning to Warren County completely restored in health. Since then he has resided in Washington.

Dr. Bergen was married in 1869 to Sarah M. Gallaway, daughter of James Gallaway, who was born in England and for many years was a merchant tailor in Somerset County, N. J. One daughter, Julia, was born of this union. Politically Dr. Bergen was identified with the Democrats until 1896, when the division of the parties on the currency question caused him to vote for McKinley and identify himself with the Republicans. For fifteen years he has occupied a comfortable residence on Broadway. In 1887 he was elected coroner of the county, receiving a majority of nearly twenty-five hundred. He has a large practice, that extends through the surrounding country and demands his close attention. However, he finds time to keep pace with modern thought and development, especially in scientific pursuits, and has constructed machinery of his own in order to experiment with the X-rays.



THEODORE F. SWARER has been engaged in the undertaking business in Clinton, Hunterdon County, for several years, and has won an enviable reputation for the systematic way in which he meets all the requirements and responsibilities of one in this difficult position. He keeps a fine assortment of coffins and caskets of the best manufacturers, at prices that satisfy all classes of customers, from the most humble to the wealthiest. He is thoroughly competent in his line, and the tenderness and tact which he always manifests on the occasions when his offices are called into requisition are gratefully remembered, and are the result of his genuine Christian nobleness of character.

A son of Abraham W. and Elizabeth (Hender-



slot) Swarer, our subject was born September 8, 1846, in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County. His father was likewise a native of this county, having been born November 11, 1811. He learned the weaver's trade in his early manhood, and also devoted considerable of his time to agricultural pursuits. His father, Samuel Swarer, was born in this county also, and, as his surname indicates, was of German descent. His parents, in fact, were both children of the Fatherland. Samuel Swarer lived to attain the advanced age of ninety-three years. Of the four brothers and sisters of our subject, all save one grew to maturity. Martha J. is the wife of Alexander Parks, of Mendon, N. J., and Sarah C. is Mrs. William Case, of Pittstown, N. J. John H. is a blacksmith in Cherryville, N. J.

The youth of Theodore F. Swarer was similar to that of all other farmer lads, his time being divided between working on the farm and attending school. At the age of seventeen he commenced serving an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade with H. H. Reed, of Readington. He remained two years with him and then started into business upon his own account in the same town. He soon removed to Three Bridges, N. J., where he stayed about two years, still employed at his trade. About this time he married Zadelia Q. Higgins, who came from an old and well-known family of this county, her parents being John and Rhoda (Carkuff) Higgins. Soon after his marriage our subject removed to the village of Reaville, and there built up an extensive business as a blacksmith, wheelwright and carriage manufacturer. January 20, 1890, his wife, the mother of his two children, John H. and Hannah R., was summoned to the silent land. She was a devoted wife and mother, a respected neighbor and friend, beloved by all who knew her. The son, John H., is carrying on his father's old business in Reaville, and is a promising young man. Hannah R., the daughter, is the wife of George Corson, of Clinton.

September 8, 1890, Mr. Swarer moved to Clinton, and in partnership with L. C. Case opened a furniture and undertaking establishment, under

the firm name of Case & Swarer. This connection continued in force about two years and was then dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Case taking the furniture department and Mr. Swarer continuing the undertaking. Since 1897, in connection with his undertaking establishment, he has conducted a livery business, in which he has been successful. His equipment is the best obtainable, and to his enterprise in this direction the village of Clinton is indebted for an establishment that would reflect credit upon any community.

For twenty years Mr. Swarer has been a valued worker in the Presbyterian Church. In 1891 and 1892 he was a member of the city council of Clinton. He was reared in the doctrines of the Democratic party and adhered to the same until recently, when, on account of the policy adopted by that organization, he transferred his allegiance, and now supports the Republican platform, which is more in accord with his principles. February 17, 1892, Mr. Swarer married Miss Mary Altemus, daughter of our respected citizen, Charles W. Altemus, and his wife, whose maiden name was Lucinda Moore.

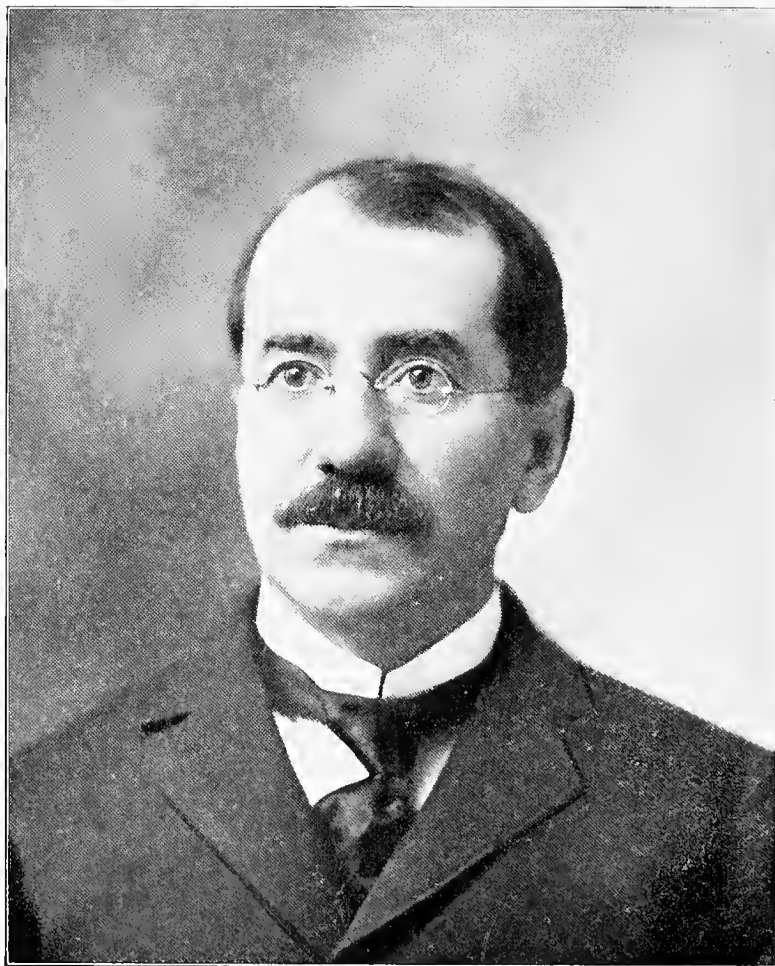


JOHN J. BIGGS, whose postoffice address is Barley Sheaf, Hunterdon County, N. J., is one of the practical and enterprising agriculturists of Readington Township. He is a native of this county, having been born in 1840. His parents, John O. and Sarah A. (Labertoux) Biggs, were also both natives of this portion of the state, as was also his grandfather, David Biggs. He is one of five children, of whom Peter and Margaret are deceased, and the others are Sarah and Nicholas.

June 24, 1863, Mr. Biggs married Mary, only daughter of David and Rebecca (Baker) Lowe, both natives of this county. She has one brother living, Elijah H., and one unnamed died in infancy. Her paternal grandfather, John







GEORGE L. ROMINE, M. D.

Lowe, was born and reared and passed his mature years in this county, where he owned a large estate. She was born August 8, 1843, on the old Baker farm, where she now lives, and which she owns. Here her girlhood days passed pleasantly and rather uneventfully, her education being obtained in the district schools of the period. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Biggs has been blessed with four daughters, viz.: Sarah R., Annie M., Maggie E. and M. Viola.

The Baker farm is a valuable one, comprising, as it does, one hundred and fifty acres of highly cultivated land, suitable for the production of any variety of crops commonly raised in this region. The farm buildings are commodious and well kept and everything about the place shows the care bestowed upon it by the thrifty occupants. Mrs. Biggs holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is liberal in her gifts to worthy charities and religious undertakings. Mr. Biggs favors the principles and candidates of the Democratic party, and has never sought or desired public office.



**G**EORGE L. ROMINE, M. D., well and favorably known as a practicing physician of Lambertville, became a member of the Hunterdon County Medical Society in 1880, and four years later was elected its president. He is also a member of the New Jersey State Medical Society, the Lehigh Valley Medical Association and was chosen as the president of the last-named body in August, 1895. Upon numerous occasions he has been called upon to present to these several societies the result of his widely extended experience and research in his chosen field of effort and labor and, in addition, his frequent articles contributed to leading medical journals of this country are highly commended.

The birth of Dr. Romine took place on his father's old homestead, about three miles from Lambertville, April 17, 1852. There he passed

his boyhood, attending the district schools until he was fourteen. He then entered Stockton Academy, which was located near, and at the same time he continued to live at home. The lad was very ambitious and determined to become a scholar, so he pursued his higher studies with great zeal and eagerness for four years. One of his most ambitious plans was to enter the medical profession, but this seemed out of the question, as he did not possess the requisite means. Therefore for a few years he was obliged to forego his own wishes and worked on the farm. When he was about twenty-three he began the study of medicine by himself and in 1876 he registered as a pupil under Dr. Lewis C. Rice, of Lambertville. A year later he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and graduated therefrom three years subsequently. In large measure he paid his own way during this period, and soon after his graduation he located in this town, since which time his progress has been marked. His clientage has been constantly increasing in numbers and importance, and, having made a specialty of diseases of the nose, throat and ear, his work along that line has added much to his practice. He is a Republican, and does his duty as a voter, but has little time for politics beyond that. In 1884 he was elected a member of the city council on the Republican ticket, and gave good satisfaction to all concerned. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., of Lambertville. When comparatively a young man he became identified with the Presbyterian Church. February 17, 1881, he married Catherine Bellis, who was born in Hopewell, N. J., and was then a resident of Ringgold, N. J., her parents being John and Sarah Bellis.

The first representative of the Romine family in America was James Romine, of Monmouth County, N. J., who owned land there as early in the last century as 1709. He was a native of England, and after the war of the Revolution in the United States, some of his descendants settled in Hunterdon County, among these being Furman Romine, the grandfather of our subject. This

worthy man located on a farm three miles from this town, in fact, the identical place where the birth of the doctor occurred. Charles Romine, the latter's father, was born on the old farm in 1812. He married Clarissa, daughter of John and Martha (Sergeant) Reading, of this county. Of the eight children of Charles and Clarissa Romine, six grew to mature years, and five are still living. Clarinda, the eldest, grew to womanhood and married Andrew Butterfoss, and lives in Frenchtown, N. J. Richard H. is a farmer of Delaware Township. Lucy never married and still lives on the old home place. Furman was in partnership with George Agnew in the milling business in Titusville, N. J., until he died a few years ago. John R. is a civil engineer in McKeesport, Pa.

The first maternal ancestor of Dr. Romine to come to America was Col. John Reading, who crossed the ocean from England in colonial days (1685), accompanied by his wife and two children, John and Elsie. The two latter were sent back to England to be educated, after which they returned to America. The boy, John, in time became a very prominent man and the owner of a large tract of land near Raven Rock, N. J.; subsequently he was elected governor of the state of New Jersey. His son, Joseph, was appointed a captain of militia by Governor Belch, and in 1776 was made judge of the court of common pleas. Judge Reading had a son also named Joseph, a man of prominence and great integrity, whose son, John, was the grandfather of Dr. Romine. Mrs. Martha (Sergeant) Reading was a daughter of Lohman and Lydia Sergeant, who were of German extraction and lived in the neighborhood of Raven Rock.



**JOSIAH C. BRITTON**, who has served the people of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, as township treasurer, and has filled various other minor positions of trust and honor, is a representative farmer of this locality.

In addition to managing his desirable homestead with ability, he has been very successful in his financial operations and investments and is to-day well-off in this world's goods. The regular line of products raised in this region is grown upon his farm, and from his orchards alone he reaps abundant harvests each year. Industrious and enterprising, he deserves prosperity, and is gradually acquiring a competency.

Born in Readington Township, this county, May 19, 1842, our subject is a son of John A., and grandson of Nathaniel Britton, both natives of this county, and of English descent. John A. married Sarah Cole, and of their five children only two survive, Margaret, Henry L. and Charity having been called to the silent land. John W. is a resident of Flemington. The father was a farmer by occupation, and also worked to some extent as a mason, which trade he had learned in early manhood. He was a useful member of the Baptist Church and was beloved and esteemed for his innate nobility of character, which constantly found expression in his daily life. Death claimed him in 1876, at the ripe age of seventy-two years, and his mortal remains were placed to rest in Stanton cemetery. His faithful wife had died many years before, in 1851, and was buried in the same church-yard.

Josiah C. Britton was deprived of his loving mother's tender care and guidance when he was but nine years old. His education was that of the farmer lads of his day, perhaps sufficient for the period but falling below the standard of to-day, when every child has advantages greatly above those of his parents. In 1847 his father purchased the farm of one hundred acres, a mile and a-half northwest of the town of Flemington, now in the possession of our subject. After the latter's marriage in 1867 he bought this property, and has ever since been engaged in its improvement and cultivation. The fine orchard on the place comprises twenty-five acres, eighteen acres of this being planted with peach trees and the remainder in apple and pear trees. Politically Mr. Britton is a Democrat, using his franchise in favor of the platform and nominees of his party.

He is identified with the Baptist Church of Flemington, being one of the elders in the congregation.

The marriage of Mr. Britton and Miss Ellen C. Ewing was celebrated in 1867. Nine children came to bless their hearts and home, and the happy family circle is still unbroken by death. In order of birth they are as follows: Bertha, Mrs. W. S. Barton; George E., a farmer; John A., a graduate of Cornell University; Harry W., a graduate of Stewart's Business College; Josiah H., Russell, Hannah, Martha and Walter.



**A**UGUSTUS K. SMITH has been the proprietor of a hardware store in Clinton during the past ten years, and keeps a complete assortment of stoves, tinware, plumbers' and gas-fitters' supplies, etc. In the spring of 1888 he bought this establishment from the executors of the estates of John S. Madison, the business being located on East Main street until 1896, when Mr. Smith removed to more commodious quarters, his present place. He possesses good financial ability, is methodical and enterprising, and is strictly upright and fair in all his dealings, thus winning the confidence of the people.

Our subject's father, Asher Smith, was a native of Union Township, Hunterdon County, born in 1809. He learned the tailor's trade, which he followed in early life, but from 1850 until his death gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He voted the Democratic ticket, and religiously was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Mary A. Stires, who was born in the same township as himself ten years after his birth, in 1819. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: Augustus; Mary E., unmarried; John O., who lives near Pittstown; Lemuel and James, who died in childhood; Alexander, who was employed as a carpenter by the New Jersey Central Railroad, and was killed

at Junction by the falling of a pile of lumber upon him in a car; and Daniel, who was killed by a horse when seventeen years old.

Augustus K. Smith was born about three miles from Clinton, in Union Township, Hunterdon County, September 30, 1840. His educational advantages were rather limited, being confined to a few months' schooling during the winters, while the rest of the year he was needed on the farm. Like many a man of his day he has had to rely chiefly upon his own efforts and private study in order to become well informed. His most important step in his early manhood was in his choice of a wife; he was married November 18, 1863, to Mary E. Hulsizer, whose parents were Mahlon and Adeline (Sharp) Hulsizer. She was born in Clinton Township June 21, 1840.

After his marriage Mr. Smith settled down in Union Township, in the vicinity of his old home, and engaged in farming there two years, after which he was similarly occupied on a homestead in Warren County, N. J. Returning to this county he located in Clinton, where he has since made his home. For a few years he dealt in live-stock and produce, and then became interested in the manufacture of cigars. He employed from six to eight hands for a few years, but in 1876, on account of the financial panic, was obliged to give up the business practically, though he still carried it on in a small way for some time. The next ten or twelve years he was the owner of a bath house in High Bridge, which enterprise was moderately successful. During the past decade he has been in the hardware business here, as stated at the commencement of this article. In matters of a political nature he holds fast to the principles set forth by the Democracy, and fraternally is a Mason, being associated with Mansfield Lodge No. 36, F. & A. M., of Washington, N. J. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, of which he is a regular contributor.

To the marriage of Augustus Smith and wife two sons and two daughters have been born: Mahlon, a motorman, employed in adjacent

cities; Mary E., wife of William C. Fredricks, a bookkeeper of the Bee Hive Store, in Newark; Daniel S., who received a classical education in Petty's Academy in Hydestown, N. J., later was employed in various humble capacities in the office of the Clinton *Democrat* and is now in his third year of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania; and Frances E., who has been cashier and bookkeeper in the store of W. S. Black, of Clinton, for the past five years. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Smith was Asher Smith, Sr., who was a wheelwright by trade, which calling he worked at in connection with farming throughout life. His homestead was located where Jutland now stands. He was one of the honored early members of the old stone Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem and was loved and esteemed by all who knew him.



**J**OHN FITTS, a retired farmer residing in Washington, was born in Oxford Township, Warren County, N. J., near the old Summerfield church, May 6, 1824. He is of direct German descent, as indicated by his name. About one hundred and seventy-five years ago his great-grandfather emigrated from Germany and settled in Washington Township, Warren County, where he took up a large tract of land. The next in line of descent, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in that township, where he operated a farm until his death. He was a man of excellent character and an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church.

The father of our subject, Christopher Fitts, was born in Washington Township, and when a mere lad served in the War of 1812. In connection with the occupation of a farmer he followed the cooper's trade. Politically he was a Democrat, always staunch in his allegiance to the party. As his wife he chose Mary Petty, whose father owned a farm one mile north of Washington and whose family was among the oldest in this sec-

tion; her mother was a member of the Strader family, also among the oldest and most influential in the county. When quite a young man Christopher Fitts was killed as the result of an accident. His wife died at the age of fifty-four years. They were the parents of four sons and one daughter: Samuel, a farmer; Jonathan, who died, leaving several children; Jacob, who resides in Washington; John; and Sarah Ann, who passed from earth at seventeen years of age.

After the death of his father our subject was taken into the home of his paternal grandfather, who dying, bequeathed him the old homestead in Washington Township. At that time he was nineteen years of age. He continued to make his home there until 1855, when he sold the property and purchased a large farm near Asbury, this county. In 1894 he retired from farm work and moved to town, where he has no business cares except the supervision of his farm.

In 1845 Mr. Fitts married Miss Lydia Carhart, daughter of Samuel Carhart, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, a Whig in politics and a farmer by occupation. He was a descendant of Scotch ancestors who settled in Warren County more than two hundred years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Fitts became the parents of eleven children, namely: Julia, who is the wife of William Shipman, of Belvidere; John W., a merchant in Washington; Enoch G., who is with his older brother; Joseph, a traveling man, whose headquarters are in St. Joseph, Mo.; Mary J., wife of William Hiner and a resident of Franklin Township, Hunterdon County; Henry, who is unmarried and resides at home; Tirzah Alva, wife of Jacob Miller; Addie, wife of Benjamin Hutchinson, a merchant of Morris County, N. J.; Maggie, wife of Herman Wood, of Newark, N. J.; Rosa, whose husband, Oscar Osmon, is a farmer at Harmony, Warren County; and Jesse C., a merchant at Oregon, Holt County, Mo.

For years Mr. Fitts adhered to Democratic principles, but a realization of the injury wrought by the liquor traffic led him to ally himself with the Prohibitionists. For some time he was jus-

tice of the peace and also overseer of the poor. After the death of his first wife, which occurred in 1882, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Stott, formerly Annie Rosenberry, of Phillipsburg, N. J. For the past fifty-seven years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has served the congregation as Sunday-school superintendent, steward, trustee and treasurer; in fact, in every important official capacity except that of pastor.



**R**EV. GEORGE H. YOUNG, rector of Zion Episcopal Church of Belvidere and also of St. James' Church of Delaware, N. J., has been located in Belvidere for the past four and a-half years, and is engaged in a grand and far-reaching work for the uplifting of humanity. He has had much experience in his chosen field of labor and possesses the sympathy and love for mankind and the earnest desire to help them that bring inevitable results for good. He is a man of excellent education and good attainments.

A native of Norfolkshire, England, born June 7, 1862, Mr. Young is a son of George C. and Lydia (Woods) Young. The father, now living a retired life, was formerly a physician, and is a graduate of Edinburgh University. He came to the United States in 1874, settling in the state of New York. For some years he has made his home in Washington, N. J. He is the editor of the *Red Cross Knight*, the official organ of the Knights of Malta. To himself and wife, who was a daughter of Robert Woods and a native of Cambridgeshire, England, four children were born. She died in 1876.

The higher education of Rev. George H. Young was obtained in St. Stephen's College and in the General Theological Seminary in New York. From the first-named institution he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1885. While continuing his studies he acted as lay missionary in charge of a church at Wash-

ton, N. J., and largely owing to his zeal the beautiful new house of worship there was erected. The architecture of the church is of a very unique style, and it was designed by the celebrated architect W. Halsey Wood. Our subject was ordained a deacon in 1888, and a year later was admitted to the priesthood, both ceremonies being performed by Bishop H. C. Potter of New York. Then he officiated as chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital up to the time that he was assigned to be rector of St. Andrew's Church, in Walden, N. Y. In October, 1893, he came to his present charge, where he soon found great favor with not only the members of his congregations, but with the public in general.

June 27, 1889, Mr. Young married Ruth, daughter of the late William Sweeny, who at one time was the sheriff of Warren County, N. J. Four children, two sons and two daughters, came to bless this union, and in order of birth are named as follows: Samuel, Ruth, George and Susan.



**E**LIAS VOSSELLER has been numbered among the representative business men of Flemington, Hunterdon County, for nearly thirty years. He is the proprietor of a well-stocked stationery and book store, and, in addition to that line of goods, keeps a full line of pianos and other musical instruments of standard make. He has been treasurer of the Flemington Building and Loan Association (No. 4), which has been particularly successful, and to the timely assistance of which many a citizen hereabout owes his pretty home or valuable farm.

In the early part of last century one Jacob Vosseller left his ancestral home in the Fatherland and founded a new one in the United States. At first he settled in Schoharie County, N. Y., but afterwards removed to Somerset County, N. J. There he was married, and had a son Luke, born in 1762. He died in 1842,

and his son Jacob was the father of the subject of this article. Jacob Vosseller was a successful farmer of Somerset County during his lifetime. He married Margaret Van Fleet, by whom he had ten children, named as follows: Elizabeth Ann, John, Margaret, Sarah, Henry, Theodore, Elias, Dora, Mary L. and William. John married Marietta Van Fleet, and is a farmer of Somerset County. Margaret married Augustus Reger, a merchant and farmer of Somerset County. Sarah is the widow of John S. Voorhees, a farmer and carpenter of Somerset County. Mary L. is the wife of John B. Myers, a dealer in coal in Raritan, as is also William, the youngest of the family. Elizabeth A., Henry, Theodore and Dora are deceased.

Elias Vosseller was born in Somerset County, October 2, 1836, and, after completing the public school course, attended the Delaware Literary Institute in Franklin, N. Y., from which institution he graduated. From that time until 1870 he was occupied in teaching school and classes in music, but in the year mentioned he opened his present business. He has been blessed with success, and has always enjoyed a large share of the trade of his fellow-townsmen. For a number of years he was in the fire department service here, and in many ways has been identified with the prosperity of this community. In regard to his standing on political questions, he is a Republican, and has never sought or wished for official positions. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, for many years has been an elder in the church here, for seventeen years was the organist, and for a quarter of a century has filled the place of superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was elected corresponding secretary of the Hunterdon County Historical Society at its organization, which office he has retained without intermission from that time to the present.

The good wife of our subject was a member of the choir of the Presbyterian Church, and a teacher in the Sunday-school for years. In her girlhood she was Julia A. Sleeper, her parents having been Hudson and Amanda Sleeper, farmers of Otsego County, N. Y. The marriage

of Mr. and Mrs. Vosseller has been graced with three children: Harold A., who is married and is in business in Cleveland, Ohio; Bertha, now a teacher of music in Wilson College, Chambersburgh, Pa.; and Elizabeth, her twin sister, who is at home.



PETER S. LATOURETT is a highly respected citizen of Readington Township, Hunterdon County. He was born and has always resided in this locality, and, in fact, his dwelling place has been from infancy the same old home that shelters him now. His forefathers for several generations have been associated with the upbuilding and development of this immediate section of the county, as here his great-grandfather Latourett settled upon his arrival in America from his native country, France, and here his children and children's children were born and passed their lives. The grandfather of our subject, another Peter, was a native of Readington Township, and was a successful farmer here. He lived to the extreme old age of ninety-six years. During the war of the Revolution he offered his services to the Continental army, following the example of LaFayette and others of French origin or parentage.

Peter S. Latourett, named in honor of his thrifty grandsire, was born April 28, 1819, being the only child of his parents, Thomas S. and Margaret (Schomp) Latourett, both natives of this township. The father was a carpenter as well as a farmer, and was quite successful in his financial enterprises. After his death his fine homestead of two hundred acres became the property of our subject. For several years when in his prime he held local offices, such as tax collector, committeeman, etc. In national elections he has always voted the Democratic ticket.

November 16, 1842, Mr. Latourett married Christiana DeMott, who was born and reared in this county. One son and one daughter were born of this union, Thomas S. and Margaret.



The daughter is deceased, but the son is now managing the old farm for his father. He chose for his wife Harriet Hunt, of this neighborhood, and their four children are named respectively, Susan, Margaret, Eva and Peter S., Jr. Our subject and wife are members of the Reformed Church.



**H**ENRY O. CARHART, M. D., of Blairstown, has been located in this place for over ten years, during which period he has been steadily engaged in a successful practice. A student of the profession, he keeps in touch with medical societies, medical journals, etc., and is in sympathy with the spirit of science and progress. He is a member of the Warren County Medical Society, and a few years ago was president of the same. He also is connected with the State Medical Society, and is retained as medical examiner for a number of important insurance societies, railroad corporations, etc.

Robert B. Carhart, father of the doctor, is a well-known merchant of Phillipsburg and at present is a freeholder there. He is affiliated with the Democratic party. For a number of years he was engaged in the manufacture of wall paper in Belvidere, his native village. His father, William Carhart, was born in Hunterdon County and located in Belvidere when a boy. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, established a sash, door and blind factory, and became one of the prosperous business men of the town. He died at the ripe age of eighty years. Robert B. Carhart married Catherine S. Bryan, daughter of John M. Bryan. Six sons came to bless their union, but only two are left, the doctor and Bartley B., the latter of Phillipsburg. The mother is still living.

Henry O. Carhart was born in Belvidere June 13, 1863, and was four years old when his parents moved to Phillipsburg. There he grew up, being educated in the public schools. Later

he attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in 1886. The following year he practiced under the guidance of Dr. J. H. Griffith, and in 1887 he came to Blairstown, and buying out the practice of Dr. Armstrong, settled down to business. He is surgeon for the Second Regiment of New Jersey Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias. He is medical examiner for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, for the New York Life Insurance, the Pennsylvania Mutual Life of Philadelphia and the Northwestern Life Insurance of Milwaukee. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Blairstown Lodge No. 165, F. & A. M., of this place, of which he is past master, and to Baldwin Chapter, R. A. M., of Newton, N. J. In the Odd Fellows' society he is a member of the local lodge, and with the Red Men he is past sachem of Kittatinny Tribe, of Blairstown. He is, moreover, a member of Marksboro Council of the Royal Arcanum, and medical examiner for the same and for the order of the Golden Star. Politically he is a Democrat. In 1894 he was elected collector of Blairstown, and in 1897 was re-elected for three years. He is very popular with our best people, and has reached his present position in the esteem of all who know him entirely through his own merits.



**L**ORENZO S. D. KERR is prominent not only in the business circles of Frenchtown, but also in civic affairs, and at this writing he holds the responsible position of mayor, which he is filling in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon his own abilities. To this office he was elected in 1896, after having served efficiently as a member of the city council for three terms. In politics he favors the protection platform advocated by the Republican party and gives its candidates his support. However, he is deeply interested in the temperance cause and leans toward the Prohibition party.

Mr. Kerr was born in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, in 1842, and is a son of Abel and Mary Ann (Search) Kerr. His father, who was a son of William Kerr, was born in Kingwood Township, and there spent the larger part of his life, but twelve years before his death he removed to Frenchtown, where he remained until he died. He was an influential citizen and a successful farmer. Politically he adhered to Republican principles. At the time of his death he was seventy-two years of age. His wife, who was a daughter of William Search, was sixty at the time of her death. She was a woman of sincere Christian character and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their nine children only four survive, namely: Bartlett; Mary E., wife of J. C. Wilson; William, who lives in Bucks County, Pa.; and Lorenzo S. D.

At the age of twenty-five our subject went to the state of Delaware, where he was engaged in the lumber business for six years. About 1875 he located in Frenchtown, where for the past ten years he has owned and carried on a spoke, rim and wheel factory, being one of the leading business men of the place and having the next to the largest factory of its kind in Hunterdon County. In addition he is engaged in the fruit business, owning a fruit farm in Bucks County, Pa. In politics he is an active Republican.

August 30, 1864, Mr. Kerr enlisted as a member of Company H, Thirty-fourth New Jersey Infantry, Colonel Lawrence's regiment, and served until the close of the war, being stationed at Mayfield and Memphis, and in the vicinity of New Orleans. While in Kentucky he was seized with fever and for several weeks was confined to the hospital. For some time he has been a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 95, K. of P. His first wife was Mary E. Wilson, a daughter of Richard Wilson, who at her death left four children: Harvey H.; Gervas H.; May, wife of William Arnwine; and Richard W. W. His second wife bore the maiden name of Martha J. Bellis and is a daughter of Emily H. Bellis. One child blesses this union, a

son named James Lester. Mrs. Kerr was first married to Runyon Apgar, by whom she had two children, Roscoe and Emily B.



THOMAS LEQUEAR. Almost the entire life of this gentleman was spent on the farm where he was born in 1819 and where, in 1896, his eyes were closed in death. The property is the old family homestead and has been in the possession of the representatives of various succeeding generations, having been originally granted by the English government to Thomas Lequear, a native of France and an early settler of America. Coming to this country he settled in Hunterdon County and at once commenced the improvement of his grant in Kingwood Township. Upon this place afterward resided his son Thomas and grandson John, the latter being the father of our subject.

When a boy, the subject of this sketch spent six years on a farm near Rosemont, in Delaware Township, but with that exception he was a lifelong resident of Kingwood Township. Following the example set by his ancestors, he chose agriculture for his occupation, and to it all the years of his active life were devoted. He was an industrious, persevering man, ambitious to keep his place under first-class cultivation and improved with neat buildings. As he became older, of necessity he retired to some extent from manual labor, but he continued the supervision of his farm interests until his death, at the age of seventy-seven years.

In the political affairs of his day Mr. Lequear always maintained a warm interest, and he was well posted concerning the issues of his age. His first vote was cast for William Henry Harrison in 1840. Upon the organization of the Republican party he became one of its enthusiastic supporters, and afterward always supported its men and measures. His marriage in 1845 united him with Mary Barcroft, daughter of Richard





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and Eliza (Lequear) Barcroft, a lady of noble character and great worth. She passed away in 1882, at the age of sixty-two, leaving four children: Elizabeth; Caroline; John B., living in Germantown, Pa.; and Martha. Stacey B. died at the age of five years.



**J**OHN B. HOPEWELL, president of the Flemington Water Company and also of the Flemington Gas Company, is one of the most reliable business men of the town of Flemington. He has been largely interested in numerous of the leading financial enterprises of this place, and has always been confidently relied upon to do all that was in his power to advance the welfare of this community. He has made Flemington his home since boyhood, and feels patriotic pride in all of our industries, improvements and steps in the direction of progress.

The father of the above-named gentleman, John C. Hopewell, was born at Mount Holly, Burlington County, N. J., November 26, 1814, a son of Becket and Rebecca Hopewell. In early life he was apprenticed to learn the hatter's trade, completing the same when about nineteen. He then followed his calling in Philadelphia for three years, after which he embarked in independent business for himself, but the panic of 1837 caused him to sell out. In 1842 he came to Flemington, and was here in the same trade for about five years, then returning to the Quaker city, where he was very successful during the next seven years that he was in the commercial world. Giving up his store, he retired to Flemington, and erected here a fine residence. He was not long idle, however. In 1859 he built the gas works here, and the next year the water-works plant. Then he became a director in the Hunterdon County National Bank, and in 1865 was elected its vice-president. In 1864 he built the substantial brick building in which the banking establishment is situated. In addition to it, the

post-office and a store are on the ground floor, and various offices on the second, and a public hall on the third floor. The same year, 1864, he was largely instrumental in securing the steam-engine and other appliances for the fire department. From 1858 until he declined reelection in 1878, on account of advanced age, he was the president of the Hunterdon County Agricultural Society. Though an ardent Republican, he would never accept public positions. September 10, 1835, he married Ann, daughter of Abraham Housell, a native of Flemington. He died April 30, 1888, at the age of seventy-four years and his wife died June 12, 1885, when seventy-one years old.

John B. Hopewell was born in Philadelphia, July 1, 1841, was a pupil in the public schools of that city for a few years and completed his education in the seminary at Bethlehem, Pa. He then engaged in the mercantile business in Flemington for about five years. A friend of his, who was cashier in the Hunterdon County National Bank, desiring an assistant, prevailed upon our subject to accept a position for a few months. This was in 1864, and it resulted in Mr. Hopewell's being given the place of cashier, for the friend resigned in a short time, thus leaving a vacancy. Young Hopewell had already made a good record for faithfulness and ability, and was promoted from one place to another, always giving entire satisfaction to the officials of the bank. For the long period of thirty-one years he was connected with the institution, and only resigned in 1895, on account of the pressing demands of his outside investments and interests upon his time and attention. He settled up his father's estate, and, as previously mentioned, is president of the Water and Gas Companies of Flemington, besides being secretary of the Cemetery Association, etc. While an earnest Republican, he has never been ambitious for public position, nor would he ever accept such honor and responsibility.

May 17, 1866, Mr. Hopewell married Annie M. F., daughter of George F. Crater, then of Flemington. Of their three children one died

when but a few months old. The elder daughter, Annie, is the wife of a dry-goods merchant of New Brunswick, N. J. Bessie R., who is at home, is musical in her tastes, and is helping to train the choir of children in the Presbyterian Church with which the family are identified. Mr. Hope-well is one of the main stays of the church, and has been president of the board of trustees for several years, and has sung in the choir for about thirty-five years. He enjoys the genuine respect and regard of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.



**W**ILLIAM H. BREWER, a progressive young agriculturist of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, is now carrying on the old homestead which formerly belonged to his father. He is practical and thoroughly equipped by experience to properly conduct a valuable tract of land, such as has been handed down to him, and the care and attention bestowed upon the place by him are plainly manifested by the neat appearance of everything and the air of thrift and enterprise about the premises.

Since his first recollections, our subject has been connected with this fine old home, as here his birth occurred February 17, 1861, and here his boyhood and thus far his manhood have been spent. He is the second William in the direct line who has owned this place, though he is the only one who was born here, as his father was a native of Raritan Township, and the grandfather was born in Readington Township, this county. The father married Gertrude Wert, a native of this district, and daughter of Abraham Wert, a respected citizen of this community. Two children were born to William and Gertrude Brewer, our subject's brother being Elisha W., who lives on a farm near the town of Three Bridges, N. J. The father and grandfather of our subject followed farming. After his marriage, October 11, 1854, to Miss Wert, Mr. Brewer moved to the farm

where his son and namesake now resides, and here the rest of his life was passed uneventfully. He was born July 29, 1825, and died February 19, 1889, and rests in the old Presbyterian cemetery. He was an elder in the Amwell Presbyterian Church for about twenty years, and was a very active and interested worker in the church.

William H. Brewer remained with his father after he had reached his majority, giving him his assistance and lightening his shoulders of the burdens of responsibility that were more and more burdensome to him in his declining years. The farm which he inherited comprises eighty-four acres, besides which there is another tract of woodland—some sixteen acres. The owner raises a general line of crops and is somewhat of a dairy farmer. For years he has been a member of the same church as had been his father, and after the death of the senior Brewer he was elected to serve as an elder in the congregation in his place, and has since done so. For fifteen years he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, and takes great interest in the work, as he became a member of the church himself when he was but twelve years old, and a pupil in the Sunday-school. His mother, a most estimable lady, is a member of the same church. She makes her home with her son William H.

The marriage of Mr. Brewer and Miss Adelaide Nonamaker was solemnized in 1886. She is the daughter of Silas Nonamaker, and grew to womanhood in this community. To Mr. and Mrs. Brewer three daughters were born.



**B**ENJAMIN BLOYS, the popular postmaster of Stanton, Hunterdon County, has held this position for the past twelve years, having been appointed during the administration of President Harrison. He is staunch in his allegiance to the Republican party in general elections, but in local affairs prefers to vote for the best man, rather than for party candidates.

Since 1886 he has been actively engaged in business in Stanton, conducting a store stocked with a fine line of varied merchandise suitable to meet the demands of the trade.

Our subject is a native of London, England, his birth having occurred there March 6, 1853. He is a son of Maurice and Emma (Smith) Bloys, both of England, the former a prosperous grain merchant. When he was just entering upon his business career, Benjamin Bloys concluded to cast in his lot with the people of the United States, as he believed that greater opportunities are here afforded a young man of push and determination to succeed. In 1873 he made the voyage to America, coming direct to New Jersey. For a period he was occupied in farming, and in 1886 started his general store at Stanton. In his own country he had acquired an excellent education, and, having met the requirements of our county school examiners, he obtained a school, and engaged in teaching for about five years with gratifying success. He enjoys the esteem of the whole community, whether in a business or social way, and is noted for his correct judgment and excellent financial methods. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, and his estimable wife is a member of the Reformed Church of this place.

December 24, 1890, Mr. Bloys married Laura M. Berkaw, a daughter of John V. Berkaw, who was postmaster of Stanton for the extremely long period of forty years. Mrs. Bloys is a native of this township, and by her marriage has become the mother of a bright little son, named Benjamin Berkaw Bloys.



**H**ON. RICHARD S. KUHL, state senator, was elected in 1894 on the Democratic ticket to represent Hunterdon County. A notable fact in connection with this event is that this was the only county in the whole state that had a Democratic majority, and, as the numerous

friends of our subject urge, his personal popularity undoubtedly had a great influence on the result. He has served on many important committees and has made a record worthy of emulation. The good of the public is the matter nearest to his heart and he can be confidently relied upon to advocate only such things as he honestly believes are right and best.

Born on a farm situated about three miles from this place August 25, 1841, Richard S. Kuhl is a son of Leonard P. Kuhl, who was well and favorably esteemed in this county during his whole life. He was born in October, 1800, followed farming and milling as a means of obtaining his own and his family's livelihood, and for a quarter of a century was a justice of the peace or held some other more or less important office in the township. His ideas were far in advance of those of his day, and possessed much weight with his neighbors and associates. A faithful Christian, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and at the time of his death, in 1857, was an elder in the same. He was a son of Paul Kuhl, who was born in this county, and was of German descent. He, too, was an influential man in his neighborhood; was ordained an elder in the Presbyterian Church in 1816 and died in 1861.

The mother of Senator Kuhl was Dorothy Sutphin before her marriage. She was born in 1810, and died in 1892, her life having been filled with goodness manifested toward all with whom she came in contact. From early years she was connected with the Presbyterian Church. Her father, Abraham Sutphin, was of German lineage, but was born in Hunterdon County, and kept a country store here in the early part of this century. To L. P. and Dorothy Kuhl six children were born. Paul was a sergeant in the Union army and was killed during the eight days' battle of the Wilderness. Henrietta married Maj. Lambert Boeman, who had enlisted as a private in the Fifteenth New Jersey Regiment and was promoted to be major of the same regiment, and while acting colonel of the Tenth New Jersey and leading his command at the battle of Cedar Creek

was killed. His widow is now residing in Flemington. Elizabeth B., twin sister of our subject, is the wife of John D. Van Lieu, of Des Moines, Iowa.

The boyhood of Richard Kuhl was spent upon his father's farm near this place, and when he was nineteen he had received only the advantages of the common schools in the way of an education. He then entered the Lawrenceville high school, managed by Dr. H. S. M. Hammel, and two years later began the study of law in the office of Bennett Van Sickel, of Flemington, now a justice of the supreme court of New Jersey. In 1864 Mr. Kuhl was admitted to the bar as an attorney and in 1867 was made a counsellor. For two years he was associated with Hon. Abraham V. Van Fleet, vice-chancellor of this state, and in 1887 Governor Green appointed him judge of the court of common pleas for Hunterdon County. This position he held most creditably until 1891. He holds membership with the Presbyterian Church, which he joined when a youth, and in 1869 he was ordained a deacon and in 1888 a trustee in the congregation. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason.



**L** DE WITT TAYLOR, who has been engaged in the practice of law in Belvidere, Warren County, for the past twenty-two years, has won a high place in the regard of his associates and fellow-citizens. To his own ambition and energy he mainly owes his enviable position in the community, for, his father having died when he was a youth, he was forced to learn early the severe lessons of self-reliance and independence of others' assistance.

A native of Northampton County, Pa., born October 28, 1850, he is a son of William S. and Nancy (DeWitt) Taylor, whose family comprised but two children, a son and daughter. The father was much respected by his neighbors, was very liberal and public-spirited and was a faith-

ful member of the Presbyterian Church. His life occupation was that of agriculture, in which pursuit he was quite successful. Death cut short his career when he was in the prime of manhood, in 1865. His widow is still living, being now in her seventy-fifth year. She was a daughter of James and Morgant DeWitt, and a member of an honored old family whose ancestors left France early in the eighteenth century. The Taylors came to America from Holland several generations ago, and have chiefly followed farming in this and other states.

Having completed his education in the public schools of his native county, L. D. Taylor came to Belvidere, where he obtained employment as a clerk, working for different firms for three years, then going to Philadelphia he entered a business college, and after finishing the course, returned to this place and for three years more was a student in Professor Knighton's Classical Academy. Having made up his mind to enter the legal profession, he then began the study under the direction of Judge W. H. Morrow, and in February, 1876, was admitted to the bar, three years later being admitted as counsellor, and appointed a supreme court commissioner and a special master in chancery by the late Chancellor Runyon. Since that time he has been busily occupied in practice and has prospered in his chosen work. His connection with various important cases of general interest has brought his name prominently into public notice, and has built up for him a reputation for ability and knowledge of the law. At the time of the great ring trials in this county, when several officials of high standing were tried and sent to prison for malfeasance in office, he was attorney and counsel for the board of freeholders. He is a director in the Warren County National Bank. In politics he is an independent Democrat. For fourteen years he was one of the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of this place, but resigned from the office in 1896.

October 21, 1885, Mr. Taylor married Miss Sara M. Thackston, then a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y. She is a daughter of Thomas C. Thackston and Miss Catherine Nelson, of Virginia, who



is a direct descendant of Thomas Nelson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have two daughters, Marguerite Nelson and Gladys Thackston.



**W**ALTER F. HAYHURST, a prominent attorney and counsellor-at-law in Lambertville, Hunterdon County, was appointed by Governor Griggs as prosecutor of pleas for this region in 1896, and has made a reputation for fairness, keenness and impartial justice and truth that is most creditable to him and his constituents. During the eighteen or more years that he has been occupied in the duties of his profession in this town, he has won the confidence and respect of the people. Four years he acted in the capacity of city solicitor, and for several years he was city surveyor. He has been connected in one way or another with many of the business concerns and other institutions of the town calculated to advance our local interests.

W. F. Hayhurst was born September 21, 1856, in Attleborough, Bucks County, Pa., and came with his parents to Lambertville when a child. He was a great student and book-worm, spending all of his spare time in reading whatever he could find in the way of literature. He earned the money with which to pay for his higher education by clerking in stores, and when about twenty he began his legal studies under the direction of Charles A. Skillman. He also was employed as a civil engineer in the laying out of the Lambertville water works at the same time that he was studying law. He was admitted to practice as an attorney in 1880, and three years later was made a counsellor. He is a director in the Centennial Building and Loan Association; for years was a member of the Fleet Wing Hook and Ladder Company; and treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Association, and is a life member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. In 1893 he was grand chancellor of the grand lodge

of the Knights of Pythias; is a member of Lone Star Lodge No. 16, K. of P.; of Leni Lenape Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, and served for several years on the law and supervision committee of the grand lodge. As president of the Hunterdon County Historical Association he carried on some effective work in that direction. In the Republican party he is a leader of no little influence, as he is a worker in the state league of Republican clubs, and was a member of the county board of elections. Under the old law, since declared unconstitutional, he was suggested as a candidate for the judgeship, and his real popularity with both political parties has been evinced more than once.

November 14, 1883, Mr. Hayhurst married Florence M., daughter of C. Frank Moore, who served with distinction in the late Civil war, and was long one of the sterling merchants of this place. He was devoted to the Methodist Episcopal Church, making her interests his own. Mrs. Hayhurst is a granddaughter of Sidney Blackwell, to whose energy is due much credit for the early development of this city. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Hayhurst are, Cuthbert, born in 1887; and Sydney Blackwell, born in 1890.

The first of the Hayhurst family to settle in America was one Cuthbert Hayhurst, a native of Yorkshire, England. With his wife, Mary, and children he came on the good ship "Welcome," with William Penn, landing at Upland October 29, 1682. In 1654, 1655 and 1656 he had been imprisoned for his opinions, as he had adopted the religious belief of the Society of Friends and was a recommended minister of the same. He therefore sought a home in a land where freedom of thought was possible. He secured a grant of five hundred acres of land situated on the banks of the Neshaminea Creek, Bucks County, Pa., but died before the papers were made out, and was buried September 2, 1683. His widow, however, received the deed to the property October 29, 1685, and it descended to their five children. One of them, Cuthbert, was born in

England February 29, 1678, and died in Middletown, Pa., June 22, 1733. He married Mary Harker, and of their five children, John was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. This ancestor was born in 1728 or 1729, and married Mary Wiggins June 9, 1762. In December, 1776, the officers of one branch of Washington's army were quartered in his house, near the old Eagle Tavern, in Makefield, Pa. One of his seven children was Bezaleel, born in Makefield February 2, 1766. He was noted for his gravity and seriousness of deportment, and for his energy and physical strength. April 6, 1788, he married Susan Smith, and removed a few years later into the forest with his household, settling near the present site of Catawissa in 1793. Of his seven children, Thomas, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Upper Makefield March 6, 1789. He was a school teacher and a surveyor, a man of unusual attainments for those times in the wilderness. October 22, 1818, he married Martha Crossdale, and ten children blessed their union. He died in Philadelphia May 26, 1861.

Jeremiah, father of W. F. Hayhurst, was born in Middletown, Pa., September 25, 1819, and is still living, his home being in Lambertville, where he has been for years past, and is most highly esteemed. In his youth he worked for his father in the pottery business, and later went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to complete his education. He was a natural student and was especially gifted as a mathematician. After his graduation he accepted a position as a teacher of languages and mathematics, and subsequently went to Kennett Square, Chester County, Pa., where he opened a boarding-school, which he successfully conducted several years. Among his pupils were many who later became famous in some of the walks of life, Bayard Taylor being one of these.

When he was about thirty-two years of age Jeremiah Hayhurst married Mary E. Forwood. Soon after this event he took up the study of dentistry with the assistance of Dr. Anderson, and finished his course in the Philadelphia Dental College. He did not at once settle down, but

traveled from one town to another for a time, until he was made a clinical instructor at his alma mater, and later a member of the faculty. After conducting an office in Attleborough (now Langhorne) for a few years, he removed to Lambertville in the fall of 1862. He was one of the originators of the New Jersey Dental Society, was its president and was chairman of the state board of dental examiners, and represented the same in the National Association. He has often prepared and read papers before these several notable bodies, and was selected to deliver an address on the history of dentistry before the World's Congress at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. In former years he was very active in political affairs as a Republican, and was a justice of the peace for years. In religious belief he adheres to the faith of his ancestors, is a recommended minister in the Society of Friends, and in 1895 attended the Yearly Meeting in Baltimore.



**F**ORREST A. RICE is, in the estimation of Democrats and Republicans alike, one of the most efficient and popular postmasters that has filled this position in Flemington for years past. He has been a citizen of this place for about a quarter of a century and deserves great credit for the manner in which, by his own merits and hard work, he rose from a humble, poor lad without financial resources to a place in the community worthy of respect.

His grandfather, Albert Rice, was a native of Connecticut, but in his early manhood he removed to Trenton, N. J., where he engaged in a wholesale and retail grocery business. He had three children: Albert; Hiram, who succeeded him in business; and Hettie. Albert Rice, father of our subject, was born in Trenton, and while a mere lad became familiar with the details of his father's extensive trade, so that, upon the death of the senior, he and his brother took up the work and made a success of it. He married

Anna Garwood, daughter of George Garwood, a business man of Trenton. Albert Rice died when in the prime of life, in 1858. He had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church and in his political standing was a Republican. Some years subsequent to his death his widow remarried, her husband being Charles S. Joiner, a printer by trade, and a resident of Trenton. They had two children, Lewis G. and Lillian M.

The birth of Forrest A. Rice took place in Trenton, April 24, 1856. He attended the public schools of that city until he was about twelve years of age, when he became independent enough to leave home and go forth to seek his own livelihood. Locating in Frenchtown he commenced learning the printer's trade, and was employed on a newspaper for some time. In 1872 he came to Flemington, and entered the office of the *Hunterdon County Democrat* under Charles Tomlinson. Upon the death of that gentleman the paper was purchased by Robert J. Killgore. The young man remained with the new management until May 1, 1894, and is even now sometimes called in to settle some complication, for he is thoroughly posted in journalism in all its phases. He was appointed postmaster of this town May 1, 1894, and during his term he has given complete satisfaction to all of our citizens. He has been particularly courteous and obliging, as every one has remarked, contrary to the way many public officials have of meeting inquiries and suggestions. For two years he was secretary and treasurer of the board of street commissioners of Flemington and has been the chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Hunterdon County since 1885. He is a member of Flemington Lodge No. 94, I. O. O. F.; Adelphi Encampment No. 19; Wiccheoke Tribe No. 24, Order of Red Men; and Flemington Council No. 731, Royal Arcanum.

In October, 1873, Mr. Rice married Josephine Opdyke, daughter of William R. Opdyke, of Frenchtown. They have five children: Stella, born May 23, 1874, now the wife of Howard P. Barrass, of this place, and mother of one child, Forrest H.; Albert A., born December 13, 1877,

and a druggist by occupation; Eveline, born October 8, 1878, and an assistant in the postoffice; Charles G., born April 5, 1882; and W. Earl, born May 23, 1884. The family are members or attendants of the Baptist Church of Flemington, and enjoy the respect of all who are acquainted with them. Mrs. Rice's grandfather, Amplus B. Chamberlin, of Locktown, was a pioneer in the early politics of this county, was elected sheriff on the Democratic ticket in 1844, and again served the people as their representative in the state legislature.



REUBEN A. WILLIAMSON, a well-to-do and enterprising farmer of Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, has been a life-long resident of this portion of the state, and has been thoroughly identified with its best interests since he arrived at maturity. His people on both sides of the family have been for generations in New Jersey, and have been noted for sterling qualities as business men, citizens and neighbors.

The birth of our subject occurred in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, in 1842. He is a son of Peter Williamson, a native of the same locality. He spent his early manhood there, later removing to Union Township. He was a practical farmer, and made a competence for himself and family. Politically he was a Democrat, and at various times he served as a freeholder or in other local offices, always acquitting himself with honor. Death closed his busy and useful career in 1877, when he was about sixty-nine years of age. His father was John Williamson, who was a farmer in Bethlehem Township throughout his life. He lived to a good old age, dying when seventy-five. He, in turn, was the son of Peter Williamson, of the same locality, and thus the line can be traced back to the original founder of the family in this state, he having come here from Germany.

The mother of Reuben A. Williamson was

Charity, daughter of Charles and Leah (Hoagland) Clifford, who were of Holland-Dutch extraction. Mrs. Williamson, now past her ninetytieth birthday anniversary, is still in the enjoyment of good health, and retains to a remarkable degree all of her faculties, and can read or sew without the aid of glasses. She is living with her son, of whom we write, and is loved and revered by all who know her. By her marriage with Mr. Williamson she had seven children, of whom Ann M. married Mahlon Fox; Charles died at the age of thirty-nine years; Mary Jane died in infancy; John R. is a resident of Union Township; Reuben A. is next to the youngest, who is Joseph, of Union Township. John Clifford, the grandfather of Mrs. Williamson, was a soldier in Captain Horton's company, and served all through the war of the Revolution, and was with Washington when he crossed the Delaware. He attained the ripe age of ninety-four years. One of his grandsons, the uncle of Mrs. Williamson, was a member of the New Jersey legislature for nine years, this period including the War of 1812. He was a Democrat and quite active, holding the offices of justice of the peace, etc., in his own community.

Until the year of the Centennial, 1876, Reuben A. Williamson continued to dwell in Bethlehem and Union Townships, with his parents. He then removed to his present home, where he has since been very actively occupied in the cultivation and improvement of the place. He owns one hundred and twenty-six acres of fine land, well adapted for general farming purposes. By industry and strict attention to business he has made a good livelihood, and has provided against the needs of the future by laying aside a competence. He is one of the committeemen of this district and takes commendable interest in the promotion of all measures which in his estimation will accrue to the good of the people. His right of suffrage is used by him on behalf of the Democracy.

In 1872 Mr. Williamson married Sarah, daughter of Charles and Olivia Roundsville. Five children came to bless their hearthstone: Lewis

E.; Charles R., now a teacher in the public schools; Raymond; Olive R. and Sarah. The family attend the Presbyterian Church of Mount Pleasant, being identified with the same as members. Our subject is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Perseverance Lodge No. 30, of Milford.



**W**ILLIAM G. CALLIS, the popular editor and proprietor of the *Hunterdon Republican*, is a native of Flemington, in which town the journal is published. He has always conducted his paper in an able, manly way, making it an apt exponent of the principles of the Republican party. The journal is a bright, newsy sheet, very popular with most of our citizens, and devoted largely to the interests of this vicinity. Its policy is somewhat conservative, always thoughtful, and on the side of progress and advancement and purity and uprightness in public offices.

Joseph Callis, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of England, but became a citizen of the United States about 1800. His son James, father of William G., was born in Flemington and was engaged in watch-making here many years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was connected with the Sons of Temperance. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Gallaher, was likewise born and reared in this county, and of the six children born to this worthy couple but two, Elizabeth and William G., survive. The others were Mary, Sarah, Caroline and John.

The birth of William G. Callis occurred January 8, 1844, in Flemington. Having completed his education in the public schools of this town, he entered the printing office of the *Republican* and literally worked his own way up to be at last the head of the establishment. From actual experience he learned every detail pertaining to the newspaper business, and in about nineteen years after entering the office he purchased the

entire plant. This event took place in 1881, since which time he has conducted the journal without any opposition to his own plans. Personally he has been greatly interested in politics, but, owing to the demands of his business upon his time, would never accept an office of public trust and responsibility. He is a director in the Hunterdon National Bank and has passed all the chairs in Darcy Lodge No. 37, F. & A. M., of Flemington.



**H**ON. JOHN R. FOSTER. The gentleman whose name heads this article is now representing this district in the senate of New Jersey, having been elected thereto in the fall of 1897. His nomination to this important position was a case of the office seeking the man, as the Democratic party in Hunterdon County, where he resides, had great difficulty in deciding upon a fitting man to carry their banner against the heavy opposition of trusts and corporations combined for their defeat. It was therefore determined in the councils of the party that their candidate must be free from all entanglements whatever with corporations, one who had the confidence of the people, and who could be relied upon to advance their interests. In all respects Mr. Foster had these difficult requirements, and that he stands high in the estimation of the people was attested by the handsome majority which he received.

Mr. Foster was born in Somerset County, N. J., March 1, 1844, being a son of Nathaniel S. and Mary Ann (Skillman) Foster, who were also natives of this state. The first of the Fosters to come to America from England were friends and associates of William Penn, and settled in Bucks County, Pa. Andrew, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Bucks County, and was there occupied in agricultural pursuits. Of his children Andrew removed to Ohio, and from him is descended the Fosters of that state. Ben-

jamin also went to the West. Nathaniel S. was born July 1, 1800, near Lambertville, N. J., to which place his parents had removed from Pennsylvania. Here he was engaged in farming until 1836, when he went to Somerset County, N. J. He was married in 1824 to the daughter of William Skillman, who had conducted blacksmith shops in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties. Seven daughters and four sons came to bless the union of Nathaniel Foster and wife. The eldest, Mary Catherine, died when young; William S. is a resident of Kansas; Jacob is in Illinois; Andrew Jackson died at the age of five years; Catherine married Henry R. Wycoff, a farmer of Somerset County; Ann Rebecca married Andrew J. Cahill, of Dayton, Ohio; Elizabeth, now deceased, married Isaac R. Reed, who lives in Ohio; Mary S. is the widow of William W. Wolverton, of Somerset County; Carrie Matilda married George Conger, and resides in New Brunswick, N. J.; John R. is the next of the family; and Josephine died when three years old.

The early educational advantages of John R. Foster were not of the best, as he attended school little more than the winter's term until he was fifteen years of age, in the meanwhile giving much of his time to farm work. When he was eighteen he began to receive wages, and was thus employed until about the time of his marriage, which event took place April 29, 1871, the lady of his choice being Amanda, daughter of John T. and Rebecca (Cole) Cole. They have one son, William W., born October 15, 1872.

For the first ten years after his marriage Mr. Foster lived upon a rented farm which he leased for that period. In 1880 he purchased a farm of eighty acres, situated near Flemington Junction, but, owing to failing health, he sold the place in 1888 and took an extended tour through the West, being gone from home about seven months. In the spring of 1889 he bought his present farm of ninety-five acres near the town of Three Bridges. He was one of the first in this region to engage to any extent in dairying, and has built up a good trade in this line.

In political matters Mr. Foster has not followed

blindly the dictates of any party, though in principle he has always been a Jeffersonian Democrat. He has always favored the nomination of men who uphold the principles of the constitution, and is opposed to measures which benefit the rich or corporations. When urged to accept nominations for various positions, he has always declined, save once, when he served as a township committeeman for two terms, and when he became a candidate for the senatorship in 1897 it was only because he was strongly urged to do so, as a duty that he owed the people. For years he has been an indefatigable student of political economy, all his spare time having been given to this subject, and few men are better posted than he. This was evidenced in the stirring campaign of the fall of 1897, and his victory (a majority of nearly eight hundred votes) was the more marked as there was nothing to call out a heavy vote, there being no election for county or state offices outside the legislative ticket. When but eighteen years of age Mr. Foster united with the Reformed Church, and wherever he has resided he has been connected with some congregation and been actively engaged in church work. For a number of years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school in Pleasant Run, and held a like position in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Stanton, being also a member of the official board of the same. He was a licensed exhorter there, and since locating at his present home he has been a deacon in the church at Three Bridges.



**P**ETER C. YOUNG, M. D., has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in the town of Ringoes, Hunterdon County, for about a quarter of a century, and, in addition to the merely local patronage which he enjoys, he has a large country practice. The physician who would succeed must be thoroughly posted in the latest and best methods employed by his professional brethren, must be wide-awake, courteous

and possessed of great tact and enterprise. In short, very few understand the varied qualities which the family practitioner is expected to manifest at all times and under all circumstances. The subject of this review has built up a reputation that is truly enviable and justly deserved.

The doctor's father, Theodore J. Young, was a farmer of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, and there both he and, in turn, his father, John Young, were born and passed their lives. The first wife of Theodore J. Young was Miss Ann Case, and the two children born to them, Mary and Oliver L., are both deceased. After the death of his first wife he married her sister, Mary, and the only child of their union is the doctor. Later the doctor's father married Hannah L. Moore, and of their children John is a resident of Philadelphia; Mrs. Samuel Slaber lives in Philadelphia; Clinton makes his home in Wilmington, Del.; and Annie lives in the Quaker city with her mother.

Until 1857 Theodore J. Young was engaged in carrying on his farm, but at that time he removed to Ringoes, and here continued to reside as long as he lived. Having purchased the Washington Hotel, now managed by John Burns, he carried it on for years with success. Death put an end to his busy and useful career when he was in his sixty-fifth year, and he is now sleeping his last sleep in the quiet cemetery of Clover Hill. A faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, he left to his children a heritage more lasting and much more to be desired than wealth or large estates, the heritage of an unblemished name.

Dr. P. C. Young was born on the paternal farm near Wertsville, East Amwell Township, September 4, 1852, and was but five years of age when he came to Ringoes. He grew to man's estate in the town, attending the public schools, where he obtained a good general education. Then he pursued the higher branches of study with Dr. Andrew Larison, and was but eighteen when he commenced reading medicine under the direction of Dr. Cicero Hunt, of Ringoes. Having finished his preliminary work, he entered the

medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated therefrom, in due process of time, March 13, 1873. Returning home, he opened an office and has since devoted all of his time and energies to the practice of the healing art. The only secret society with which he is associated is that of the Odd Fellows, as he belongs to Powhatan Lodge of this place.

The doctor was first married July 20, 1872, to Annie Blackwell, who died November 30, 1873. Subsequently he married Ella Blackwell, whose death occurred in 1888. March 21, 1893, he wedded the lady who now bears his name, and who was formerly Annie M. Tunison. Their marriage has been blessed with a little daughter, born August 21, 1895, and named Magdeline. The doctor and his estimable wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and are counted among the best members of local society. They are interested in whatever tends to promote the welfare of their fellows and are liberal towards the support of various benevolences.



**M**H. ALBERT is one of the honored old residents of Hope Township, Warren County, and since 1850 has made his home on the farm near the village of Hope, this property having formerly been known as the Miller place. For a quarter of a century he served his fellow-townsmen as supervisor of roads, and in other local positions. He always has done his share toward the support of measures which he deemed for the good of the community in which his lot was cast. A Democrat in his political creed, he has never been a politician in the modern sense.

Jacob Albert, father of our subject, was born in the city of Philadelphia, but came to this county when a boy, and was brought up by his uncle, for whom he had great affection. He stayed with the uncle until he was eighteen, according to an agreement, and then the youth learned the shoe-

maker's trade, which he then proceeded to follow for several years. Having thus laid aside a fair sum of ready money, he went to Mansfield Township, where he invested it in a farm. After living upon the place for forty years he sold it, and removed to a homestead which he owned upon the Jennie Jump Mountains. At that time he was one of the most extensive land holders in the region, as his estates comprised six farms. During the rest of his career he operated the farm on the mountain side, and to his credit be it said, that his snug little fortune was entirely made by his own industry and toil, for he commenced life a poor boy, with no one to look to for any aid. He was a Democrat, and religiously was connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was one of the most sturdy advocates of the Free Union Church. He died at the ripe age of eighty-seven years. His faithful helpmate, whose girlhood name was Betsy Molett, departed this life when about sixty-five years of age. She was a daughter of John Molett, and by her marriage became the mother of eight children, of whom four survive: M. H.; James; Samuel, of Columbia; and Elizabeth, wife of Albert Gruver.

M. H. Albert was born in Mansfield Township in 1818, and lived in that locality until he was eighteen, when he went, with the other members of the family, to their new home upon the beautiful Jennie Jump Mountains. He continued to live at home, aiding his father in the management of the farm, and attending to many of his business interests, up to about 1850. He then came to the farm where he is still making his home. In addition to owning this valuable place he fell heir to one of his father's farms on the mountains, and besides he owns several other tracts of land. He has always followed agricultural pursuits, and has been prospered.

In all of his undertakings for many years past Mr. Albert has been assisted, cheered and strengthened by the loving advise and counsels of his devoted wife, whose maiden name was Jane Cook. They were married in 1854 and have a son and a daughter: Margaret, wife of Israel Cyphers; and Jacob, who is a member of the firm



of Beatty & Albert, of Hope. Mrs. Albert is a daughter of Consider and Margaret (Howell) Cook. The father was a native of this county, and having mastered the mason's trade, he took contracts for buildings, bridges, etc. He died when fourscore years old. Mr. and Mrs. Albert are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the former having been a trustee and steward for a quarter of a century.



**W**ALTER D. GULICK. Though beginning in business with a very small capital, Mr. Gulick has succeeded in acquiring prosperity and a position among the foremost citizens of Washington, where he is engaged as a lumber merchant and wholesale grain dealer. Not far from his lumber yard, on Belvidere avenue, stands his elegant residence, completed a few years ago at a cost of \$6,000, and standing on a slight eminence that commands a fine view of the town and country. The house is surrounded by a large lawn, adorned with shrubs and trees, while in the rear is a substantial modern stable.

Near Morristown, in Morris County, N. J., the subject of this sketch was born in 1861. His father, Ezra P. Gulick, a native of Warren County, was for years the proprietor of a mill and farm situated near Hackettstown, Warren County, but is now living retired from business. At the outbreak of the late war he joined the Union forces and remained in the service for nine months, when he was honorably discharged. Politically he has always been a Democrat. He has held almost all of the township offices and has been very prominent in local affairs. Fraternally he is a Mason. He is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and serves as superintendent of the Sunday-school. At this writing he resides at Vienna, Warren County. His father, Derrick Gulick, was a lifelong and highly respected resident of this county.

The mother of our subject was Clara Force, a

native of Hunterdon County and the daughter of Thomas Force, a well-to-do farmer. She had but two children, Walter D. and Annie, wife of Simon A. Ayers, a farmer residing near Hackettstown. The early years of our subject's life were spent at his father's home and in the mill. He attended the public school at Hackettstown and the Centenary Collegiate Institute in Hackettstown. At the time of attaining his majority, in 1882, he embarked in the general mercantile business at Vienna, where he continued for eight years. During four years of this time, under the first administration of President Cleveland, he was postmaster at Vienna. Selling out in 1889, he came to Washington and purchased from L. G. Salmon one of the oldest lumber yards in the city and here he has since remained. That he has been successful is evinced by his large yard and extensive business. Within his yard may be found all kinds of lumber, as well as mason's materials, lime, cement, sash, doors, etc. In addition to his lumber trade he has a large wholesale grain business, in which he gives employment to a number of hands.

In 1885 Mr. Gulick married Miss Estella Hay, daughter of Isaac Hay, a farmer of Sarepta, Warren County. Two children were born of their union, Jennie and Charles L. As a Democrat Mr. Gulick has taken an active part in local affairs, but has never sought office. While in Vienna he served as town clerk, as well as postmaster. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows, and in religious belief is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



**A**NDREW YETTER is a large operator in lumber, and that, too, chiefly with various railroad companies. It is a matter worthy of comment that this estimable citizen of Blairstown, Warren County, has been the sole architect of his fortunes. He started out in the journey of life empty-handed, depending entirely upon his



native resources, and not even having had a good education, in the ordinary sense. He, however, possessed great will-power, and was industrious, attentive to his own affairs, and methodical in all his transactions. Thus in time he has become influential and prosperous, and may well be pointed out to the younger generations as a fitting example of what may be accomplished by one who has the requisite amount of pluck and perseverance.

Born in Sussex County in 1836, our subject is a son of Jacob Yetter, a native of the same locality. He passed his whole life in that immediate vicinity and was noted for his quiet, industrious characteristics. He entered into his final rest when he was about seventy-three years of age. His father, Yost Yetter, was born in Germany, and was among the early settlers of Sussex County. The wife of Jacob Yetter was a Miss Elizabeth Gruver in her girlhood. Of their nine children six are living, viz.: Hannah Jane, widow of Andrew J. Rice; Christina, widow of Isaac Keene; Mary, wife of Isaac Shuster; Simeon, Andrew, and George, a resident of Blairstown. The mother departed this life when in her eighty-third year.

Andrew Yetter lived in his native county until he reached man's estate, when he embarked in the butcher's business, carrying on the enterprise there for several years. In 1858 he came to Blairstown, and for the succeeding four years was occupied in the same line of business. Afterwards he became interested in the wholesale and retail commission trade, buying direct from farmers and shipping produce to New York markets. During the several years that he gave this branch of commerce his attention he also entered into other enterprises, as when he was for five years a partner in the firm of A. H. Smith, of Blairstown, for about eighteen years was connected with Robert Craig (firm Yetter & Craig), and for a year was concerned in a mercantile establishment in Polina.

In 1875 Mr. Yetter commenced dealing in lumber, buying large tracts of timber, and then manufacturing all kinds of lumber and railroad ties.

His land was chiefly located in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and for years he has manufactured about one hundred thousand ties, which he disposes of to the various railway corporations of this portion of the United States. Besides, he manufactures large quantities of special lumber used in cars and locomotives and car-repairing. He has been active as a builder of houses, etc., as well, and now owns thirteen residences in Newton, N. J., and twelve double houses in Blairstown. Much of his success he attributes to the fact that he has always personally looked after his own finances, and has been his own bookkeeper.

In his political faith Mr. Yetter is a Democrat, and has served as a freeholder of Blairstown for some time with credit. His wife, whom he married in 1856, was Miss Martha J. Opdyke, daughter of John W. Opdyke, of Sussex County. They have no children. Mrs. Yetter is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is respected and loved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.



**C**HARLES A. SKILLMAN. This honored citizen of Lambertville, often and justly termed the Nestor of the Hunterdon County bar, commenced the practice of law in 1852 in this city. He is the oldest member of the county bar, and is in active practice. In all enterprises affecting the local welfare he has been influential on the side of progress and improvement, and many an infant industry or institution has he fostered and aided.

One Captain Skillman came to America with the English forces in 1664, and assisted in the capture of New Amsterdam (now New York) from the Dutch, and afterwards settled in Long Island. From that doughty soldier the subject of this article is descended. The grandfather of Charles A. was Cornelius Skillman, who owned a valuable homestead in Mercer County, N. J.,

early in this century. Abraham, father of our subject, was born on that farm in 1802, and when he arrived at maturity was occupied in the management of the place. He belonged to a company of light horse, and was one of the body-guard detailed to attend General La Fayette on his trip from Princeton to Trenton. His sword, worn upon this memorable occasion, is now the property of Charles A. Skillman. The Skillmans were Whigs and members of the Dutch Reformed Church in the early days.

The birth of C. A. Skillman took place in Hopewell, N. J., December 16, 1827. In 1848 he graduated from Princeton College. He then turned his attention to the study of law, reading under the direction of Hon. William Halstead, of Trenton, N. J., and was admitted to the bar in 1851. The following year he opened an office for practice in Lambertville, where he has since made his home and place of business. In 1858 he was appointed prosecuting attorney of Hunterdon County, and filled the position for five years with great credit to himself. For years he has been solicitor for the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; for a quarter of a century was secretary of the Lambertville Gas Company, and is a director and the treasurer of the Lambertville Water Power Company, capitalized at \$50,000; and is president of the Lambertville City Water Company, which furnishes water for domestic purposes and to the fire department. Frequently he has served as city solicitor and as president of the council. Since the Republican party was formed he has been loyal to its principles. From the beginning to its successful termination Mr. Skillman was connected with a local building and loan association, which did much for our citizens and helped to place this town in a prosperous condition. In the estimation of his professional brethren, his opinion is acknowledged as having weight, for he has read deeply in almost every department of jurisprudence, and is qualified by wide and varied experience. In 1853 he joined the Masonic order, and for a long period has been president of the board of directors, having charge of the financial

operations of the lodge here. Over twenty years he has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church and active in its work.

In 1854 Mr. Skillman married Sarah A. Skillman, of Ringoes, N. J., and they have three children. One daughter is the wife of James S. Studdiford, teller in the Lambertville National Bank; another daughter is married to Samuel W. Cochran, a druggist of this place, and the only son, Hervey, is in business in Philadelphia.



**HENRY EUGENE PARK.** During a period of over twenty years this gentleman, now serving in the capacity of county clerk of Hunterdon County, has occupied public positions to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He has been a worker in the Democratic party of western New Jersey and has frequently attended its conventions and aided in its councils. In 1876, and again in the following year, he was elected assessor of Tewkesbury Township. In 1882 and 1883 he was elected a freeholder from the same locality; in 1885 was appointed deputy collector of internal revenues and in 1887 was reappointed to this office with additional territory under his jurisdiction. In November, 1893, he was honored further by being elected county clerk of this his home county, his term to run until November, 1898. He received a good majority and was the popular choice.

A son of Col. James and Maria Park, our subject was born near New Germantown, Hunterdon County, August 1, 1848. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and in Mourroeton, Pa. In 1867 he commenced the study of dentistry with Dr. Charles H. Dayton, of New Germantown, remaining with him for two years. Then, in 1869, he went into business in New York City with his former preceptor, Dr. Dayton, and succeeded very well from the first. Subsequently he practiced in Somerville, N. J., and then returned to his native county. Here he

not only has given much time to the practice of dentistry, but has also engaged in farming to some extent, dealing in live stock, raising and shipping peaches in season, etc. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows' society.

February 5, 1873, Mr. Park married Miss Anna L. Bell, daughter of John J. and Caroline Bell, of Hackettstown, N. J.



**J** ROSS LAKE. On the corner of Belvidere avenue and Church street, in Washington, stands the New Windsor Hotel, of which Mr. Lake is the proprietor. The hotel is one of the best in the county. It contains about forty rooms, lighted by electricity, heated by steam, and equipped with all modern improvements. The wide piazzas and large grounds give it a homelike appearance that at once attracts the traveler. Two free busses run between the hotel and the depot. Much of the popularity of the place is due to the proprietor, who is a model landlord, accommodating and agreeable, striving in every way possible to secure the comfort of his guests.

Born in Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, N. J., April 22, 1848, our subject is the second son of Jacob and Sarah (Ross) Lake. His father, who was born in Hunterdon County in 1808, was a successful farmer and also took a deep interest and active part in the affairs of this county. In politics he was a Democrat and by this party he was elected to a number of local offices. He died in 1880, when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife, who still survives, was born in Pennsylvania and now resides with her sons J. Ross and W. Howard, dividing her time between them. Her older son, M. Harris, resides at Copper Hill, N. J., and is proprietor of the wheelwright and carriage works there.

In the common schools of Hunterdon County and Locktown Academy our subject obtained his education. At the age of nineteen he embarked

in the mercantile business at Lambertville, N. J., where he remained for five years, and then went to Philadelphia. For sixteen years he was connected with the well-known firm of Strawbridge & Clothier, in that city. From 1884 to 1888 he was in the railroad postal service. In 1894 he came to Washington and began the management of the New Windsor Hotel, of which he has since been the head. Fraternally he is connected with Mansfield Lodge No. 36, F. & A. M., at Washington.

The marriage of Mr. Lake took place in 1880 and united him with Miss Martha Thomas, an estimable lady, and the daughter of Jonathan Thomas, who for many years was a successful business man in Montgomery County, Pa., but now makes his home with his daughter at the New Windsor Hotel. Though now eighty-nine years of age, he retains the use of his mental faculties, is hale and hearty, and always cheerful and pleasant. The only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lake is Emily Thomas Lake, who is now attending school in Hackettstown, N. J., and is being given excellent educational advantages.



**L**IAS C. SEVERS is one of the most honored residents of Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, within whose boundaries he has made his home since he was a lad of seven years. He is the owner of a very desirable homestead, which he takes pride in keeping in a thrifty condition, and by his neighbors and friends he is considered to be very practical and methodical in all his business transactions. He is a model citizen, his influence always being given, as far as he knows, to the cause of right, law and order, and all worthy measures can be sure of his support.

The father of the above-named gentleman was Manuel Severs, who was born near the town of Clinton, in Union Township, this county. There he spent his early days, coming to this township

about 1852. Buying the Matthews property near Mount Pleasant, he proceeded to cultivate and improve the place during the rest of his life. He followed the shoe-makers' trade for twenty-two years, making a good living in that manner, and subsequently he decided that he would retire to the quiet life of a farmer. In this direction as well he met with success. In politics he was affiliated with the Republican party. For several years he was secretary and collector for the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and in other ways he was before the public, always showing ability and genuine talent in the management of finances. He died when about seventy-eight years of age. Religiously he was a devout Presbyterian, and held membership with the same church which our subject and family now attend. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Young, she having been the daughter of William Young. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Levi and Elias C. Mrs. Severs was seventy-two years old when death released her from her earthly cares and toils. She was also a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. The grandfather of our subject was Abram Severs, a native of this county, and his father was born in England, came to this country at an early day, and located in Clinton.

Elias C. Severs was born in the neighborhood of Clinton in 1845, and there resided until he was seven years old, then coming to Alexandria Township with the other members of the family. Since he was large enough to handle farm implements he has been actively occupied in the cultivation of the soil, and by his industry and well-directed efforts he has made a comfortable livelihood for his family. He has been interested to a certain extent in raising peaches and fruit for the city markets, and derives a good income from dairying. He is an active Republican, and is now a member of the board of registration. For a quarter of a century he has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and for thirty years he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. In all his relations with his fellow-men he seeks to

be true, just and kind, not selfish or ready to take an advantage of another, but endeavoring to follow the teachings of the Golden Rule.

In 1868 occurred one of the great events in the life of our subject, for in that year he chose for his companion and counsellor, helper and friend along the remainder of his journey the lady who still shares his joys and sorrows and to whose love and sympathy he attributes a large measure of his success in life. Her girlhood name was Cora Rapp, her parents being Philip and Eleanor (Ruth) Rapp. Mr. and Mrs. Severs have one child, Carrie, who is the wife of Herbert B. Weller, of Mount Pleasant, N. J.



**G**IDEON MOORE, an honored citizen of Hunterdon County, is a prosperous merchant of Stockton, keeping a general stock of groceries, boots, shoes, etc. For the past thirty years he has been engaged in farming and surveying and for twenty years occupied the responsible position of commissioner of deeds. In his political faith he is a staunch Republican, and during the '60s was elected to his first official post, that of township superintendent of public schools. The good of the public has ever been his chief aim, and in each place that he has held he has endeavored to forward the interests of his fellow-men.

The father of the above, Asa Moore, was born in this township in 1806, and here grew to maturity. He early turned his attention to agriculture and in time became one of the most prosperous farmers in his section. He was a son of Gideon and Catherine (Yorks) Moore, the former a native of New Jersey, of German descent. Asa Moore married Mary, daughter of Jobu and Elizabeth White. She was born in 1798 in what is now Kingwood Township, and there was reared to womanhood and married.

Gideon Moore of this sketch was born on the parental homestead in this township, November





D. C. BLAIR.

19, 1836, and acquired his education in the common schools, and later in Madison University, of Hamilton, N. Y., and Trenton Academy. Having thus become thoroughly equipped for those days, he commenced his career as a teacher, and during the following eight years very successfully conducted schools in this county. Afterwards he settled down to the uneventful routine of farming, and was thus engrossed until he opened his present store in 1896. Of his three sisters only one is now living, viz.: Catherine, the widow of Jacob C. Johnson.

In 1864 Mr. Moore married Elizabeth Sutton, whose parents were Jonas and Mary (Besson) Sutton, of this township. Five children came to bless their hearthstone, but three of the number have been summoned to the silent land. Theodore S., a practical business man, is married and has one child. He is at present engaged in well drilling. Mary E., the only daughter, is the wife of Frank Whitlock.



**D**EWITT CLINTON BLAIR. This honored citizen of Belvidere is vice-president of the Belvidere National Bank, owns a beautiful summer home here and has always been very active in the support of all enterprises of a character calculated to accrue to the lasting benefit of this place and vicinity. From his youth he has been noted for his genuine patriotism and unselfish devotion to his country, and in times of peace and war alike he has ever been ready to do everything in his power for the land of his birth.

A son of the railroad magnate and financier, John I. Blair, in whose honor Blirstown, Warren County, was named, the subject of this sketch was born and reared in the place just referred to. The date of his birth is September 6, 1833. When he had completed his elementary education he entered Blair Hall, preparatory to his course in Princeton College, which followed. He graduated from that well-known institution of learning

in 1856, and soon thereafter took up the study of law with J. G. Shipman, whose history appears upon another page of this volume, and to whose guiding care and kindly encouragement many of the leading members of the New Jersey bar of today owe much of their standing in the profession.

Later Mr. Blair continued his legal studies in the law school of Harvard University, and upon returning home in 1858 was admitted to the bar of this, his native county, and opened an office for practice in Belvidere. Two years passed away, and he established himself in practice in New York City, and had just obtained a good start when the war broke out. In April, 1861, he was one of the first to respond to the president's call for volunteers. He went zealously to work and soon had rallied around himself one hundred men, brave and true, and at his own expense he took them to Trenton and offered their services and his own to the governor. The contingent happened to be full at that time, and the governor was obliged to refuse them, and therefore Mr. Blair once more took the company over the ground, returning them to their homes at his own expense. Personally, though, he was not to be put off, as he had determined that he should offer himself upon the altar of his country's liberties, to fight for her, and if need be, die in defense of the stars and stripes. He therefore went to New York City and enlisted in the Twenty-second Regiment of the state troops for nine months' service. The regiment was first ordered to the metropolis, to prevent it from meeting with violence from rioters and mobs. Later, when at Harper's Ferry, he and some of his comrades came very near being captured by Stonewall Jackson and his command.

Upon the expiration of his term of enlistment Mr. Blair found that his law library had been stolen and his personal effects scattered, and the result was, for that and some other reasons super-added, he concluded to abandon his profession and enter the banking business. He is now a partner in the extensive banking house of Blair & Company, of No. 33 Wall Street, New York. His father, John I. Blair, is president of the Bel-

videre National Bank, and he has been the vice-president of the same for the past twenty years. He is also interested extensively in railroad enterprises.

While Mr. Blair claims his residence in New Jersey and spends most of his time at Belvidere, he owns a home in New York City, spending his winters there. The lady who gracefully presides over the hospitalities of his home was formerly Miss Mary A. Kimball, and they were married in 1863. Their two children are: C. Ledyard, a member of the New York firm of Blair & Company, and John Insley, a graduate from Princeton College in the class of 1898.



**HON. JOHNSTON CORNISH.** Both through his connection with one of the most prominent business enterprises of Washington and through his influence in public affairs, Mr. Cornish has become one of the most noted men in Warren County. In his character may be found two widely differing traits, a genius for directing large enterprises and perseverance in superintending matters of detail. While he has naturally been desirous to secure financial success, yet his has not been a selfish life, but his services have been at the command of his fellow-citizens and plans for the advancement of town or county have received his fostering support. It is not strange, therefore, that he has gained the good will and confidence of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

The ability displayed by Mr. Cornish is his by inheritance, for his father is a man of far more than ordinary intelligence and enterprise. Joseph B. Cornish, the founder of the Cornish organ and piano works in Washington, was born in Hunterdon County, N. J., where he spent his early years. For some time he was engaged in the mercantile business in Washington, but during the '70s he took charge of the organ and piano manufactory, and through his energy and judg-

ment the business has become a large and profitable one. The main building of the factory is 150x400 feet in dimensions and four stories in height. Steady employment is furnished to four hundred hands, and it speaks volumes for the manner in which these employes have been treated when we say that during all these years there has never been a strike in the factory. The pianos and organs are sold in all parts of the United States, and also in Asia, Europe, Africa and South America. Business ability seems to be a family trait, for Joseph B. Cornish, Sr., grandfather of our subject, was also a successful business man, being a merchant and tanner in Hunterdon County.

Born in Bethlehem, N. J., in 1857, the subject of this review was reared at the family home in Hunterdon County and received his education in the schools here and in those of Warren County, completing his studies in the commercial college at Easton, Pa. At the age of twenty-one he was taken into partnership by his father and has ever since been connected with the works. Like his father, he is a strong adherent of the Democratic party. He has served as mayor of Washington, in which capacity he promoted the municipal interests and fostered plans for local advancement. From 1889 to 1891 he served as a member of the state senate, during which time he was a member of a number of the important committees and took an active part in promoting measures for the benefit of the state and the increased prosperity of the people. In 1892, shortly after the close of his term of service as senator, he was elected to congress. In that body, as in other positions of less importance, his support was always given to public-spirited measures, and the nation had in him a patriotic and progressive official. Since his retirement from congress he has devoted his attention to the management of the business with which he has been so long connected.

In 1885 occurred the marriage of Mr. Cornish to Miss Margaret Banker, of New York. They are the parents of one son, Joseph B., Jr., who is now twelve years of age. Fraternally Mr.



Cornish has attained a high degree in the Masonic order, and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, the Order of Red Men and the Elks. In religious connections he is identified with the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.



**RUSLING S. HOPPOCK.** Though now engaged in farming, Mr. Hoppock considers that his principal occupation in life has been that of a teacher. For twenty-three successive years he was employed as an instructor in the public schools of Hunterdon County, and during nine years of that time he was a teacher in his own district in Alexandria Township. He taught in the Milford school for five years, being principal there during the first three years. He was unusually successful in school work, having the power to interest his pupils even in the driest of text-books, which under his intelligent presentation were given life and meaning. Retiring from school work in 1893, he turned his attention to farming, which he has since followed.

In Mount Pleasant, where he has resided for the past thirty years, Mr. Hoppock was born in 1839. His father, Joseph Hoppock, was born in Delaware Township in 1809 and settled in Alexandria Township when a young man, locating near Hickory, where he spent the remainder of his life except its last few years. As a farmer he was enterprising and successful and was well and favorably known throughout the county. He took great interest in church work and was for years a deacon in the Christian Church at Little-york. His death occurred in 1883, when he was seventy-four years of age. He was a son of Joseph Hoppock, Sr., who resided upon a farm in Delaware Township until his death.

The mother of our subject, Lareine, was a daughter of Johuson and Permelia (Mettler) Runyan. Like her husband, she held membership in the Christian Church. At the time of

her death, in 1894, she was eighty-five years of age. Three children were born to her, namely: Permelia, deceased; Rusling S.; and Mary Jane, the widow of Nelson Halsey. Our subject was educated in the public schools of this part of the county. Before he was eighteen years of age he commenced to teach and this profession he followed for twenty-three years, retiring about 1893 to engage in farming. In politics he is a Republican. He was elected justice of the peace and served for five years. Under the administration of President Garfield he was appointed postmaster at Mount Pleasant and held the office for eight consecutive years and again for four years under President Harrison. For several years he was a trustee of the schools and he was also president of the Hunterdon County Teachers' Association for some time.

In 1862 Mr. Hoppock was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Romine, daughter of Asa and Sarah (Fulper) Romine. Two children, both daughters, were born to bless their union. Anna Lillie, the elder of these, is the wife of Harmon K. Wright. Lizzie, the younger daughter, is at home with her parents. The family are identified with the Christian Church, to the work of which Mr. Hoppock has been a generous contributor.



**UILLIUS FORMAN.** Though over a quarter of a century has swiftly rolled away since the death of this worthy man his memory is still tenderly enshrined in the hearts of a wide circle of friends and relatives. They recall with pleasure his noble deeds and words, his precept and example, whereby all who came within the radius of his influence were uplifted and unconsciously, perhaps, made better. In the summing up of men's lives, only this remains, only this is enduring—the character, and the good accomplished in the world. Riches and honor are naught in a short space of time and when a few decades have passed all is forgotten save the

goodness of a man and the influence he exerted on his generation for the promotion of the true and right and the overthrow of the powers of darkness.

Mr. Forman was a native of Hunterdon County and spent nearly his whole life within its boundaries. His birthplace was near Pittstown, and the date of the event was June 23, 1812. His father was Robert Forman, a respected citizen and farmer of Alexandria Township. Our subject was reared upon the parental homestead, which was situated in the neighborhood of the little village then known as Littletown. He had one brother and three sisters, viz.: Mortimer, Mary, Sydney and Elizabeth. Their mother was a Miss Rakestraw in her girlhood.

In his youth Duillius Forman was a pupil in the public schools, and being naturally bright and quick to learn, he soon mastered all that was taught in the district schools of the period. While quite young he went away from home to Easton, Pa., where he had a cousin, and this relative employed him in his general store as a clerk for some time. Later he went to Lambertville, where he was engaged in merchandising for a number of years, meeting with success. While a resident of the town he was thoroughly identified with its best interests, and was active in all public enterprises looking toward the good of the people. He held membership with the Presbyterian Church of the place, and contributed liberally of his time, influence and means to the work of the church and charities. The last four years of his life were passed in Williamsport, Pa., whither he removed his business about 1857. While in the midst of his busiest and seemingly most useful period of manhood, death called him to the silent land, at the age of forty-nine years.

In 1852 Mr. Forman married Margaret C., daughter of John Duckworth, and three children were born to them. Only one of them is still living, viz.: William, whose wife was formerly Mary E. Rittenhouse, she being a daughter of William Rittenhouse, a well and favorably known citizen of this county. The young couple have one child, Mabel M. The widow of our subject is

a lady who is honored and loved by all who know her, and she is now making her home with her only surviving child, William, in the town of Milford. John Duckworth, father of Mrs. Forman, was one of the most influential men of this community, Milford, in his time. He materially assisted in the establishment of the Belvidere Delaware Railroad, which runs through this place, and has been of untold benefit to this section. He was a member of the committee who were authorized to purchase land from farmers and owners for the road and was very active in getting everything in running order. All local interests received his encouragement and no member of the Milford Christian Church was held in higher esteem than he. For many years he was the clerk of the church, and in its various departments he was a hard worker, zealous for the plea of unceremonial, primitive, genuine Christianity. His faithful companion and helpmate along life's journey was Hannah, daughter of John and Mary M. (Milleck) Hulsizer. Of the nine children who came to cheer their hearthstone but three are yet living: Caroline, widow of Samuel Teets; Sarah, widow of A. J. Farrand; and Mrs. Forman. The parents of her father were John and Mary (Wolverton) Duckworth.



CHRISTIE B. SNYDER has been deputy surrogate of Warren County since 1894 and is making a good record as an official. In the political field he has been active and interested, doing efficient service in behalf of the Republican party. The cause of education finds in him a sincere champion and devoted friend, and in 1890 and again in 1894 he was elected to be a member of the Phillipsburg Board of Education, he being then a resident of that city.

Our subject is a native of Elizabethport, Union County, N. J., his birth having taken place March 24, 1860. His father, Benedict Snyder,

of Mannheim, Germany, came to America in 1842, and settled in the town of Elizabethport, N. J. At that time he followed the occupation of gardening, but ere long he obtained a position with the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, and continued in their employ for many years. He was an honest, industrious man, a good provider for his family and kind and courteous to all with whom he came into contact. His death occurred in December, 1895. His wife, who is still living, is now about sixty years of age, and was born in Germany, a daughter of an influential man there, who, among other offices, held that of sheriff for years. Her maiden name was Christiana Paulman. Of the thirteen children born to Benedict and Christiana Snyder all but three are living at the date of this writing.

From the time that he arrived at suitable years until he was sixteen, C. B. Snyder was a student in the public schools of Phillipsburg, whither his parents had removed with the family about 1866. He was fortunate in obtaining a position as store-keeper for the New Jersey Central Railroad Company and later learned the trade of a machinist, which he followed for some fourteen years. Fraternally he belongs to the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias. March 24, 1883, he married Ida Griggs, and of the four children born to them, one son and one daughter alone remain, viz.: Clarence D. and Elva J. Mrs. Snyder's father is Henry Griggs, a highly respected citizen of Johnsonburg, Warren County, N. J.



**G**EORGE A. ANGLE, prosecutor of the pleas of Warren County, was appointed to this responsible position in the spring of 1896 by Governor Griggs, and enjoys the distinction of being the first Republican who has held the office for a long period of years. He has been very active in the support of the principles and candidates of the party, frequently making stirring and eloquent campaign speeches, and being

sent as a delegate to conventions. He is popular in Belvidere, where he has been engaged in practice for several years, and was elected by a good majority to act as mayor of the place in 1890, which office he held three years, giving entire satisfaction.

The father of the above, Richard Angle, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was a farmer by occupation, and removed with his family to Warren County, N. J., when he was a youth. He was a man of most exemplary character, and left to his children that best of all legacies—a name above reproach. From his boyhood he was connected with the Methodist Church, being very active in its various departments of usefulness. He held the office of steward and was also superintendent of the Sunday-school for a period. His death occurred in November, 1892. His wife, Catherine, is a daughter of John De Pue, and is a distant relative of the renowned Judge De Pue. She is still living, being about three-score and ten years of age. They had two children. The daughter, Elizabeth, is the wife of John C. Amey, a merchant of Belvidere.

George A. Angle was born in Rocksburgh, Warren County, N. J., September 9, 1853, and received his early education in the public schools of that locality. Later he became a student at Pennington Seminary, at Pennington, N. J., and was prepared for college by the well-known Dr. Knighton, of Belvidere. In 1872 he entered Lafayette College, in Easton, Pa., and graduated therefrom in 1876 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years afterward the same college bestowed upon him the additional degree of Master of Arts. Next he took up legal studies and was guided in his work by the late J. G. Shipman, and since being admitted to the bar in 1879 he has been steadily occupied in practice. His knowledge of the law is profound, his judgments accurate, his pleading logical, and his insight into the motives and springs of human conduct unusually keen. He is a financier of no small ability, and in everything that effects the general welfare he is active and interested. One of the organizers and now a director in the Warren

Wood-working Company, his influence and means have been used to materially promote that industry, and in other directions he has been of great value. For years he has been a pillar in the local Methodist Church and one of the trustees, at this writing being secretary and treasurer of the board.

In November, 1891, Mr. Angle married, in New Haven, Conn., Nettie, daughter of Ira T. Smith. They have two children, a son and daughter, named respectively, Gertrude De Pue and Richard S.



**A**NDREW T. CONNET. Among the reliable business men of Flemington, Hunterdon County, is this sterling citizen, who has been a resident of this town and thoroughly identified with the best interests of the place since before the war. A patriot in the truest sense, he has stood by his country in times of peace as well as in her hour of especial need, during the war. The soldier boys who wore the blue are very dear to his heart, and in 1880 he was one of the first to encourage the organization of a post of the Grand Army here, and it was duly chartered that year, himself being chosen as its first commander.

A native of this state, Mr. Connet was born in the town now known as Brookside, in Morris County, February 4, 1842. His father, Samuel, was also born in that county, and though he was a mason by trade, he was occupied in saw-milling in partnership with his brother for years. He was an old-line Whig, and later a Republican. To himself and wife, who was Hannah Thompson prior to their marriage, nine children were born, of whom five survive. Ellen A. is the wife of W. H. Post, of Batavia, N. Y. John is an attorney in Flemington. Sarah is the wife of Peter S. Hyler, a farmer of Raritan Township. Charles conducts the home farm in Readington Township. When he was but six years of age our subject removed with his parents to Les-

ser Cross-roads, and three years later to Readington Township, this county. He grew to manhood there, gaining a public-school education.

In starting out on his business career Mr. Connet took a position as a clerk in a mercantile house in Readington, N. J., and afterwards was for a year and a-half in a similiar place in Somerville. In 1860 he went to Flemington and engaged with Davis & Coon as a clerk. Upon the breaking out of the war he was one of the first to respond to the call of his country for aid, and though but nineteen years old, enlisted for the three months' service in Company H, Third Regiment of New Jersey. In the following year he re-enlisted in Company D, Thirty-first Regiment, as a private and was made an orderly. December 25 of that year he was commissioned lieutenant, which office he held until June 24, 1863. During his first enlistment his regiment was detailed to guard the provision train at the battle of Bull Run, and participated in the rout. In the engagement of Chancellorsville, in which sixteen thousand Union men were lost, he was actively engaged as a member of the Thirty-first Regiment.

Returning to Flemington from the southern battlefields Mr. Connet was in the employ of Anderson & Nevius for a year, after which he entered into partnership with Maj. A. V. Bonnell, in the hardware business. In 1866 he and W. H. Fulper bought out the firm of Anderson & Nevius, for whom he had formerly worked, and for many years, in connection with Messrs. Fulper-Nevius & Anderson, he was engaged in the mercantile business in Flemington. January 1, 1895, he entered the wholesale produce business in Flemington, in connection with W. E. Trewin. Since then he has been occupied in conducting this large enterprise. In January, 1897, he purchased his partner's interest and is now carrying on the concern alone. He was a bookkeeper in the Hunterdon County National Bank for six years, from 1876 to 1882. For about twenty years he has represented leading fire and life insurance companies. In 1888 he started the raising of poultry on the fine farm which he owns in

Readington Township, using incubators and the most approved modern methods. He has been very successful and now has a large plant. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to Darcy Lodge No. 37, F. & A. M.; Flemington Lodge No. 94, I. O. O. F., and Lambert Boeman Post No. 48, G. A. R., of the latter having been the quartermaster for many years.

In May, 1866, Mr. Connet married Joanna S. Nevius, daughter of Abraham D. and Mary K. Nevius. They have had four children, one of whom is deceased. Frederick N. is a mechanical engineer and designer in Providence, R. I. Earle T. is a resident of New York; and Hugh Irving is at home. The only daughter, Joanna N., died when twelve years old. Mr. and Mrs. Connet are members of the Presbyterian Church, and the former enjoys the honor of having held the office of elder continuously for a longer term of years than any other member of the congregation.



**C**URSON YOUNG, M. D. Probably few of the citizens of Washington are better known in other parts of the state and country than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. His professional knowledge is extensive and thorough, and in addition to his large private practice he held the chair of physiology in the Eclectic Medical College of New York City. He is also of an inventive turn of mind, and patented the automatic mechanical railroad block system that has attracted considerable attention. Recently he completed a patent called the car sash lifter and lock, which is intended to raise windows in railroad cars or residences, and is so constructed that by turning a little knob on the side of the car the window can be raised with ease and held at any height. The Pullman Car Company are negotiating for the patent, which, if introduced, will be a great convenience to the traveling public, who have for years rebelled at the present very unsatisfactory method.

A native of the county of Cambridge, England, born in 1840, Dr. Young was educated at Rugby and Eton, and studied medicine at Edinburgh, Scotland, and Leeds, England. For nine months he was employed in Guy's hospital and for six months was in St. Bartholomew's, London, after which he made a tour of Europe, visiting hospitals in various cities. From Europe he proceeded to Palestine, where he spent nine months in Jerusalem and other historic spots of the Holy Land. Thence he went to Egypt, where he investigated points of historic interest in Cairo, Alexandria and other places. He visited Athens, once the seat of learning and the centre of the literary world; and Rome, once the proud mistress of the earth. He returned to England in 1870 and on the 21st of June set sail for America, where he spent some time in the large cities, but decided to establish his home in Washington, N. J. Here, and in Port Jervis and New York City, he has practiced his profession.

The literary work of Dr. Young is of an important nature. Among his professional writings are "Climatical Changes and Diseases," "Life, Health and Disease," "Therapeutics in Nature," "Puerperal Mania," "The Loneliness of Genius," "Physiology for the People," and "Mortality, or Death without Pain." He is also the author of an "Ancient and Modern History of the Order of Knights of Malta," or "The Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Cyprus, Rhodes and Malta," with a complete account of their institution in the year 1048, and of their exploits and achievements, in consecutive order to the year 1897, embracing all the events connected with this illustrious order in the Holy Land, Syria, Europe and America, illustrated with maps, charts, cuts and portraits; published in two volumes.

Dr. Young is proud of the fact that his father and grandfather were members of the Order of Knights of Malta. He himself joined Clermont Commandery No. 62, at Phillipsburg, N. J., in 1889, and in 1892 organized Siloam Commandery No. 124, at Washington. He was made Grand Commander of New Jersey and has done much for the order in this state. He is an active worker

in Peter the Hermit and occupies a chair in the Sovereign Priory. His work on the order required years of research and careful study, both in Europe, Asia and Africa. To facilitate his studies he recently purchased, at great cost, two large volumes that were shipped to him from England. For five years he has been editor of the Red Cross Knight, the journal of the order. He is also a member of the Sons of St. George and the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

In 1861 Dr. Young married Miss Lydia Wood, daughter of Hon. Harry Wood, of England. They are the parents of four children. Rev. George H. Young, who is rector of the Episcopal Church of Belvidere, N. J., is represented elsewhere in this volume. Samuel McCauley Young resides in Washington and is engaged in business in New York City. Florence M. is the wife of John Thornton, of Washington; and Grace A. is married and resides in New York City. In religious belief the family are identified with the Protestant Episcopal Church.



**R**ICHARD MCDOWELL, master mechanic of the Belvidere Division of the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Lambertville, Hunterdon County, is a man who deserves the highest credit for the way in which he overcame the unusually difficult obstacles that were in his pathway in the start of his career, and rose to a position that commands respect and admiration. Born in Dublin, Ireland, January 8, 1824, he is a son of Robert and Mary (Taft) McDowell, natives respectively of Scotland and Ireland. The father died when our subject was but four years old, and about four years later the mother came to America with her two children, locating near Crescentville, Philadelphia.

Young McDowell had learned to read and write in the Emerald Isle, and, being an apt student, made rapid progress in the schools of this country. When he was about eighteen he

began serving an apprenticeship to the mechanic's trade in Bridesburg, near the Quaker city. During this period, four years, he received low wages, but his pay gradually increased as he became more skillful. Though his mother had married again, they were poor, and the youth was resolved to be independent, and managed to pay his own way after leaving school.

June 24, 1845, Richard McDowell married Elizabeth D. Jones, of Bridesburg. She was born in Wales, and with her parents came to the United States when about eight years old, in 1832. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, and three of the number died in childhood. John Wallace, who is married and has two children, is an electrician in New York. Celia and Annie live at home. Harry is a jeweler in New York and Charles is a druggist in Yonkers, N. Y. Both of the last-mentioned sons are married, but neither has children.

Prior to his marriage, our subject had been engaged in the manufacture of machinery used in the weaving of cotton and wool into cloth, but, desiring wider experience and a knowledge of locomotive construction, he removed to Hazleton, Pa., where he worked for two years in the shops. Thence going to Philadelphia, he was in the steamship construction works about a year and a half. The next few years he was employed as foreman in a locomotive manufactory in Trenton, N. J. On New Year's day, 1855, he came to Lambertville, where, after a few years of work in the machine shops he became master mechanic, which position he has ably filled ever since. Early in the old log-cabin campaign he became an enthusiastic worker in the Whig party, and in 1856 he voted for John C. Fremont. Until General Grant was strongly advocated for a third term in the presidential chair, he remained firm in his allegiance to the Republican party, but at that time renounced it, and has since been an ardent Democrat. He had the honor of being the first mayor of Lambertville after it was incorporated as a city. He was then the Republican candidate, but, as he was elected, and as the city was undeniably Democratic in tendency, the





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inference is plain that many of the opposition voted for him from personal friendship and esteem for him, rather than to abide by their own party candidates. He has frequently been sent as a delegate to the conventions of his party. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and holds membership with the church in this city. In 1845 he became connected with the Odd Fellows, and has occupied all the chairs in the lodge. In addition to this society he is identified with the Masonic order.



**J**OHAN C. JOHNSON, M. D. No one in the medical fraternity of northern New Jersey is more highly honored or thoroughly respected and looked up to as an authority than the gentleman whose name stands at the beginning of this sketch. For almost half a century a resident of Blairstown, Warren County, and for a similar period a medical practitioner of reputation for skill and genuine ability in his noble work, he is justly accounted one of the prominent citizens of this community, and is entitled to a place of honor in its annals.

The doctor comes from an old and highly respected family in these parts. The Johnsons from whom he is descended were French-Huguenots (called Jansens), who emigrated from France to Brussels and thence to Brooklyn, N. Y., and later removed to Hunterdon County, N. J., in the course of a generation or two. Henry Johnson, great-grandfather of our subject, was an officer in the Revolutionary war, having the rank of quartermaster. He was a native of Hunterdon County, subsequently removed to Sussex County, where he owned and carried on a farm near Newton until shortly before he died, at the advanced age of ninety years. He was an elder in and a prominent supporter of the First Presbyterian Church of Newton in its beginning, and enjoyed the regard of everyone. His son, Henry, the next in descent to the doctor, died when but

fifty-two years old. He was born in Sussex County and was one of the early settlers in Johnsonburg, where he was occupied in merchandising for some time.

The doctor's parents are William H. and Anna (Couse) Johnson. The father was born in Sussex County, and passed nearly his whole life in the town of Newton. In his active business life he was engaged in carrying on a store in that place, being ranked with the best and most substantial citizens of the town. He was an ardent Whig, and was postmaster of Newton under the first President Harrison and again under Taylor. A faithful and consistent Christian, he exemplified in his early life the faith he professed, and it was ever one of his chief objects to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself. He held membership with the Presbyterian Church. He died in his home in Newton, July 9, 1863, aged sixty-eight years. His wife, who was equally active in the Presbyterian Church, lived to attain her eighty-fifth year, her death taking place in Newton also. In her family there are five children who yet survive: Henry W. (twin brother of the doctor), cashier of the Long Branch Banking Company; John C.; Catherine H.; Samuel, surrogate of Sussex County; and Mary, wife of William W. Woodward, a merchant of Newton.

The birth of Dr. John C. Johnson occurred in Lewisburg, Sussex County, October 21, 1828, and he grew to mature years in the pretty village of Newton. There he entered upon his studies, and having completed the general branches and his classical course in Newton Academy he took up medical study under the direction of Dr. John R. Stuart, of his home town. Later he attended lectures in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, graduating therefrom March 8, 1850, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. June 3, 1850, he located permanently in Blairstown, and now enjoys the distinction of having been the longest engaged in practice here of any physician in the place. Indeed, with but two exceptions, he has been longer in active and uninterrupted practice than any of the medical

profession in Warren County, and since 1852 he has been a member of the Warren County Medical Society, in which he has served both as president and secretary. He is, moreover, a member and fellow of the Medical Society of New Jersey, and in 1867 was its president. In the Presbyterian Church he has been an active and valued member for many years. For thirty-four years he has acted in the capacity of an elder, besides serving in other positions, such as a trustee, etc. He is also a director in the Blair Presbyterian Academy. The only office he has filled was that of school trustee; he has never held a political position. He was first a Whig, afterward a Republican.

January 15, 1862, Dr. Johnson married Anna L. Howell, daughter of John R. and Sarah (Armstrong) Howell. They have one child, a daughter, Sarah A. All the family hold membership with the Presbyterian Church.



**J**OHAN NEWTON LOWE, M. D. The medical profession is one that in all ages and localities has called to its practice men of superior intelligence and depth of character. None else can succeed, for the profession demands men of brains and untiring perseverance. One of the well-known physicians of Milford is the subject of this article, who has had many years of experience in practice and has gained a thorough theoretical and practical knowledge of its every department and phase. For some years after entering upon the profession, he followed the regular school in his practice, but succeeding years of investigation and study led him to alter his views and to abandon the old school for the new, which he now practices.

The office of Dr. Lowe is located at his home on North Main street. He settled in Milford April 1, 1870, coming here from Titusville, Mercer County, N. J., where he had practiced for several years. After graduating from the

medical department of the University of New York in 1862 he followed the school of allopathy until 1865, since which time he has been a homeopathist. He has been highly successful and ranks among the foremost in his profession in the county of Hunterdon, which has been his life-long home. A man of broad education, cultured and well informed, he has the regard of all with whom professional or social relations have brought him into contact.

Dr. Lowe's father, John J. Lowe, was a leading farmer of his day in Hunterdon County. Interested in public affairs, he was a man of influence among his neighbors. In 1830 he took the first census ever taken in the northern part of the county. He was especially devoted to religious work and was an earnest member of the German Reformed Church. When in life's prime, at the age of forty, he was called from earth. The family of which he was a member dates back several generations in Hunterdon County, where his father, John Lowe, was born and where he died at eighty years of age. The mother of our subject was Catherine Conovers, daughter of Garrett and Margaret (Regan) Conovers, and an active member of the Reformed Church. In her family there were eleven children and of these the doctor was seventh in order of birth.



**W**ILLIAM H. BARTLES, M. D., is living retired from the active duties that for years commanded his whole energies, and enjoys life in his beautifully appointed home in Flemington, Hunterdon County. Here he is surrounded by his books, music and the treasures collected during a lifetime, and here he takes great pleasure in extending hospitality to his numerous friends. He has ever taken great interest in the welfare of this town, for here the happy days of his boyhood were passed, and here he has returned to spend the remainder of his life.

The doctor is of direct German descent on the paternal side. His great-grandfather, while serving under Frederick the Great of Prussia, was captured by the French, but succeeded in making his escape from Paris, and came to America prior to the Revolutionary war. He was married in Philadelphia, but soon afterwards removed to New Germantown, Hunterdon County, where he engaged in manufacturing for several years. In 1793 he removed to what is now Bradford, N. Y., and was there occupied in the flour and lumber trade. He built the first mills there and shipped his products down the Susquehanna River to Baltimore and other Atlantic or sea-board cities. His son Andrew was the grandfather of the doctor. About 1790 he was a farmer in the vicinity of New Germantown. He married Catherine, daughter of John Plum, of New Brunswick, N. J., a lieutenant in Washington's army during the Revolutionary war. Andrew was the father of eight children, of whom, Charles, born March 18, 1801, was the father of our subject.

The birthplace of Charles Bartles was the old home of the family near New Germantown. He began his higher education under the tutelage of Rev. Ernest L. Hazelius, a well-known Lutheran minister, also studied under the direction of Rev. Dr. Studdiford, of Lesser Cross-roads, and Rev. Horace Galpin, of Lamington, N. J. September 19, 1819, he was enrolled in the junior class in Union College, William H. Seward being in the senior class at that time. Mr. Bartles graduated in 1821, and reached home on the twenty-first anniversary of his birth. He entered the law office of Nathaniel Saxton, where he spent four years in study, at the same time paying off the debt that he had incurred to complete his college education. When twenty-five he was free of such incumbrance, but stood on the threshold of his future career without a dollar. The next fifteen months he taught school here, and as soon as he was admitted to the bar, which was in 1824, he commenced practice. He succeeded from the start, and for thirty years gave himself up completely to his professional duties.

In conjunction with the law, he began to make investments in real estate as early as 1832, and from that time until 1860 handled large tracts of property. In 1850 he became interested in railroad matters and succeeded in securing the road that gave direct communication with Philadelphia. It was called the Flemington Railroad and he was president of the same until it was purchased by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1854 he became a member of the firm of Reading, Fisher & Company, extensive manufacturers of lumber and owners of large tracts of timberland in Pennsylvania. This land was doubly profitable, as coal was deposited there in great quantities. Mr. Bartles was very instrumental in securing the completion of the Delaware & Rariton Canal and the Camden & Amboy Railroad; was elected president of the Hunterdon County Bank in 1858, which position he held for years, or as long as his health permitted; and, with John D. Hopewell, seeing the importance of having a good water supply in Flemington, and the advantages of gas for the town, gave his influence towards the organization of the present companies, which were incorporated in 1859.

For fully sixty years Charles Bartles dwelt in one house in this place. In the spring of 1833 he married Eliza, daughter of Neal Hart, of this village. She died February 25, 1845, leaving three sons and a daughter. Subsequently Mr. Bartles remarried, his second wife having been Eliza E. Randall, of New Hartford, N. Y. She departed this life March 19, 1877, and left two children. Four of the children of Mr. Bartles survive, viz.: Dr. William H.; Charles J., a lawyer of Williamsport, Pa.; Joseph, general manager of the Standard Oil Company, in St. Paul, Minn.; and Margaret R., wife of Stephen C. McCandless, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. Bartles received an excellent education, studying largely under private tutors. Having completed a course in Trenton Academy, he next entered Rutgers College, graduating therefrom in 1859. The following year he pursued legal studies under the supervision of Judge Scudder

at Trenton. About this time he decided that he should not adhere to the profession of law, and accordingly he went to Philadelphia and matriculated in Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he was duly graduated. In order that he might have the practical experience so necessary to a young physician, he went through every department of the Philadelphia Hospital, spending eighteen months in this manner. During a part of the war he was acting assistant physician in the large army hospital at Portsmouth Grove, near Newport, R. I. Returning to the Quaker city, he established himself in practice, and was located there some four years. In 1872 he became one of the staff of physicians in the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, and remained in that position for fifteen years, or until he resigned from active practice. During his very arduous and unremitting labor his health had become somewhat impaired, and he concluded to retire permanently from his professional work. His opinion is considered invaluable in mental diseases, and he is still often called into consultation with other physicians. For a time he was one of the directors of the Hunterdon County National Bank. Politically he is a Republican. Since 1892 he has been treasurer of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Flemington, and is greatly interested in promoting the prosperity of the congregation.



**M**ICHAEL MEAGHER. The characteristics necessary for success are the same in all parts of the world. Industry, good judgment, perseverance and sound common sense are indispensable requisites. Without them, success is impossible; with them, one may hope to attain at least a fair degree of prosperity. It is to the possession of these qualities that Mr. Meagher owes his high financial standing and his reputation as a successful business man. Coming to

America a poor boy, he relied upon his hands and brain to lay the foundation of his fortune. He worked at whatever occupation he could find, and carefully saved his earnings, which he invested in such a manner as to pay a large interest on the original investment. As a consequence of his efforts he is now the owner of the largest real-estate interests in Washington, where he resides.

Mr. Meagher was born in the parish of Emly, Ireland, in February, 1844, and is a son of Timothy and Mary (Day) Meagher. When he was small his father died and his mother afterward married again. William, the oldest brother of Michael, came to America when young, but has not been heard from for many years, and his whereabouts are unknown; Daniel, another brother, was a farmer in New Jersey, where he died some years ago; Mary, the only sister, is the wife of Thomas Keeler, of New York. Accompanying his sister to the United States, Michael Meagher settled in Somerset County, N. J., but after three years he came to New Hampton, and five years later went to Clarksville, N. Y., where he was employed for a year. His next home was in Clinton, where he spent four years clerking for Mr. Weller, the hotel man there, and for a short time he also had a livery stable.

In 1873 Mr. Meagher came to Washington and embarked in the livery business, renting the barn that he now owns on Belvidere avenue. But he soon purchased the property, and also bought several business houses and three lots, 70x200 feet. Later he bought a lot on Church street and erected a house. He resides in one of the finest residences in the place, which he purchased about 1886 and which is located on the corner of Church street and Belvidere avenue. In 1889 he purchased what is now the New Windsor Hotel, of which J. Ross Lake is the proprietor. It is situated on the corner of Church and Belvidere, surrounded by spacious grounds, heated throughout by steam, and lighted by electricity and gas. It is one of the finest hotel properties in the county. The main building was erected for a private residence by a retired contractor of New York City and cost about \$25,000. Since its purchase by

Mr. Meagher a large dining room and kitchen have been added, also three stories containing well furnished suites of rooms. In addition to his other possessions, Mr. Meagher owns several fine farms in Washington Township, two of which are in the borough. From one of his farms he sold twenty acres for the cemetery grounds. His livery stable is well equipped with horses and vehicles of every description, and is conducted in a systematic and successful manner.

By his marriage to Jennie, daughter of Jackson Hornbecker, of Washington, Mr. Meagher has four daughters, Mary, Lizzie, Jennie and Annie, refined and accomplished young ladies. Politically a Democrat, Mr. Meagher is interested in party matters and is always pleased when his party scores a victory. He and his family hold membership in the Catholic Church.



**T**HEODORE S. BIRD, after a very active and useful life in the great metropolis of our Atlantic seaboard, returned to the neighborhood in which his youth was passed, Clinton, Hunterdon County, and intends to pass his declining years in this place. Having been diligent in his business affairs during his early manhood and prime, he is now justly entitled to quiet and restful enjoyment, and is surrounded by numerous comforts and luxuries which his forethought and industry have provided.

The parents of our subject were John and Catherine (Whitehead) Bird. He was born in Union Township, this county, in 1828, and was reared to maturity upon his father's farm. John Bird removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., in later years and lived to be eighty-four. His estimable wife, the mother of our subject, died in young womanhood, in the early '30s, when her son Theodore was a mere child. He had but limited advantages for the acquisition of an education, being a pupil in the district schools for a few months each year until he was half way through his teens.

By that time he had decided that the life of an agriculturist was not to his taste, and he therefore learned the carpenter's trade. For a few years he was employed in the building of houses, barns, etc., in his own county. When he reached his majority he went to New York, and there worked as a ship carpenter for more than thirty-two years. In 1890 he came to Clinton, where he has a pleasant home and numerous friends. In the matter of political opinion he is a Democrat.

The first wife of Mr. Bird was Miss Lydia Bloomfield prior to their marriage, which was solemnized in 1851. She departed this life in 1883, and but one child of their union survives, viz., Addie, who is married and lives in New Haven, Conn. A son, Theodore, died when in his twenty-third year. In 1890 Mr. Bird married Mrs. Emily Bonnell, daughter of Wesley and Catherine (Tinsman) Bird, who were of Warren and Hunterdon County families, respectively. By her marriage with Mr. Bonnell, Mrs. Bird had five children: Irene, wife of Dr. Walter D. Hasbrock, of Rondout, N. Y.; Harry R., a druggist in Clinton; Margaret, wife of Chester A. Tomson, a coal dealer in Clinton; Helena, wife of John Y. Bellis, of Chester; and Milton, who resides at home. Mrs. Bird is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the other members of the family circle also attend its services.



**J**OHAN C. REEVES is the senior member of the firm of Reeves & Terriberry, dealers in lumber and builders' materials in Clinton, Hunterdon County. He is a business man of ability and executive talent, and stands high in the estimation of all who know him, whether in a social or public or private way. He has the good of his fellow-townsmen deeply at heart, and is always ready to do all that lies within his power to promote their welfare. He has been very active and interested in public affairs touching the local

good, and has at different times occupied positions of trust and responsibility. He has hitherto rendered his allegiance to the Democratic party, but during the last campaign preferred to stand independent of its restrictions. He is a thinker, and decides for himself all great questions involving principles, as he is not one of that multitude who are ready to take the opinions of others, party-machines, perhaps, as their own, nothing doubting.

The father of the gentleman of whom we write was George Reeves, a native of Somersetshire, England, who came to America in his early manhood, locating in this county. Here, on a farm, engaged in the peaceful routine of agriculture, he spent the remainder of his busy and useful life. He died at his home in April, 1858, and was survived several years by his devoted wife. Her maiden name was Margaret Henry, and her birthplace was in this section. To them five sons were born, viz.: Henry E., of Flemington; William C., deceased; Sylvester, who died at the age of fifteen years; John C., and Andrew J., a retired shoe merchant of Junction, N. J.

John C. Reeves was born in what is now called Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, March 7, 1832. He grew to manhood on the old farm, and after leaving school commenced the business to which he gave his time and attention for a quarter of a century—that of carpentering and building. In 1882 he started a lumber yard in Glen Gardner, which he successfully conducted for fifteen years, disposing of it in the spring of 1897. In 1888, in partnership with Stewart Terriberry, he founded the large lumber yards in Clinton. They keep an extensive assortment of all kinds of lumber used in the trade, and have built up a lucrative business.

In the various fraternities of this region Mr. Reeves stands especially high. He is past master of Lebanon Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M., and holds the office of high priest in Clinton Chapter No. 37, R. A. M. He has the honor of being a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of the grand lodge of New Jersey, to which no one is eligible save those who have been master-masons

for twenty-one years and a member of the grand lodge, to which only past masters are admitted. Religiously Mr. Reeves is a Presbyterian, being identified with the Musconetcong Valley Church.

December 3, 1859, the marriage of Mr. Reeves and Mary A. Bowlby was solemnized. She was a daughter of David and Margaret (Shafer) Bowlby, farmers of Hunterdon County, and of an old pioneer family of the Musconetcong Valley. Mrs. Reeves was called to her reward May 1, 1890, and was placed to rest in the Musconetcong Valley Cemetery. She left two children to mourn her loss: William A., who is a teller in the Clinton National Bank, and Frank A., now living in Glen Gardner.



**R**EBUBEN POWNELL ELY, an honored old citizen of Lambertville, Hunterdon County, stands very high in the estimation of all who know him. Of late years he has lived retired from active toil, as his years well warrant, but he has not been idle, for he has, among other things, spent much time in tracing the history of the Ely family, one of the most ancient in the connected annals of this country and England. As a result of his untiring and diligent research, and of others of his family who have gladly lent him the valuable assistance, he has probably the most exhaustive and trustworthy accounts of the Joshua Ely family to be found in America. In addition to this he is an authority on events and history of the communities in which his life has been spent, and his accurate memory is a matter of comment to everyone. The limits of a work of this kind would be exceeded were a half or a quarter of this mass of material relating to him and his family used, but we are glad to be able to give the following interesting summary:

Tradition has it that all of the Elys in the United States are descended from three brothers who came to these shores from England, but at

widely separated periods in our colonial history. The name is certainly most ancient and respected, as in the early Saxon chronicles it is related how, in 673 A. D., St. Ethelred began the "minster of Ely," and the convent in the city Ely, Cambridgeshire, was constructed in 870 A. D., on the island of Ely, separated from the mainland by the Ouse River. The beautiful cathedral of Ely is still an object of great interest to travelers in England, and the bishopric of the same was founded in 1170.

Nathaniel Ely settled in Springfield, Mass., in 1628, and possibly was a brother of the Richard Ely who located in Lynne, Conn., in 1660, having come there from Plymouth, England, where he was a ship merchant. The third Ely, from whom our subject is descended in direct line, was Joshua Ely, who came to these shores from Nottinghamshire in 1685. He located in Trenton, N. J., where he bought of Mahlon Stacy four hundred acres of land, paying for the same forty-seven pounds, ten shillings, sterling. A part of this land was afterwards sold and divided into city lots. This Joshua Ely left England with his wife and two sons, Joshua, Jr., and George, and a third son, John, was born during the voyage. It is from the second son, George, that our subject is descended. In the last will and testament of the senior Joshua Ely he provided that if his son George persisted in marrying Christian, daughter of Nathaniel Pettit, a near neighbor, the said son should be cut off with twenty pounds, and have no share in the estate. He did not marry Christian, but married her sister, Jane Pettit, in 1703, being then but twenty-one years of age. Therefore he came in for his full share in the estate, and was the owner of one hundred acres in Trenton vicinity. When the city was incorporated in 1746 he served as a member of the city council, as the records show. He died in 1750 and an inspection of the inventory of his property shows that he was a rich man for that period.

Of the three sons and three daughters which he left the eldest was Joshua, born March 16, 1704, in Trenton, where he lived until he attained the

age of man's estate. He married Elizabeth Bell, also of Trenton, and for several years rented a farm on the Delaware River. He afterwards purchased some four hundred acres, situated about a mile north of New Hope, Pa. From that time on his name frequently appears in the township records, as well as in the records of the Society of Friends, to which both himself and wife belonged, though none of his ancestors had before been connected with the same. In 1752 he was made an elder and in 1758 a minister in the society. He died July 15, 1783, leaving his land to his four sons and his personal property to his three daughters, all of whom lived to have families of their own. The third son, John, was born in Solebury Township, on the farm which his father was then renting (May 28, 1738), and as his inheritance he received the fourth part of the homestead, on which stood the house and farm buildings which had been erected by his father. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Simcock, and their marriage being celebrated in the Friends' Meeting-house in Buckingham, November 11, 1764. They had five children, one of whom, Asher, was the grandfather of our subject. He was born July 11, 1768, and married Eleanor, daughter of John and Mary Holcombe. He was a farmer and lived upon that part of the Ely farm so often referred to in this narrative. The deed from his father was dated April 23, 1808, and the price set upon it three thousand pounds, current money of Pennsylvania. He died in 1855 and his wife the following year.

Of the nine children of Asher and Eleanor Ely, John H., the father of our subject, was born March 6, 1792, and was twice married, his first wife having been Elizabeth Pownall, who was born June 30, 1786. They were married November 11, 1812. She was a daughter of Reuben and Mary Pownall, whose land joined the Ely tract on the north.

Reuben P. Ely, the second child of his parents, was born June 7, 1815, and began life as a farmer in Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pa. Later he was interested in various business ventures and was usually successful in his enter-



prises. He married Violetta Duer, December 4, 1851, and has two children, Elizabeth F. and Sarah W. The mother was born January 11, 1818, and was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Duer.



**P**ETER C. HOFF, a dealer in coal, and proprietor of a livery establishment in Lambertville, Hunterdon County, is one of the substantial citizens of this place. His life history is one of unusual type, and the obstacles which he has had to overcome in making a position for himself in the business world were certainly numerous enough and difficult enough to have utterly disheartened most men. He is made of the kind of mettle that stands the test of adversity, however, and one cannot but have the greatest admiration for him in view of what he has done in the battle of life. To him the synonym is not a light one, for it has been wholly realized in his case.

Born in Somerset County, N. J., October 13, 1821, our subject at nine years of age went to work for a farmer near Griggstown, but as the man was unkind to him the lad ran away from his inhospitable home at the end of two years. He soon obtained another place, remaining there for two years, but all of his little earnings went to his father. He was next employed by a Dr. Davis, and while working for him he had an experience which came near finishing his career. In company with a hired man he went in a wagon to a distance, and at a certain point they forded the Raritan River. The current was so strong and deep that the wagon-bed was lifted off the wheels and floated down stream, with our hero clinging desperately to it. He was at last rescued, more scared than hurt, but his troubles were not over for that day, for before he went to sleep that night he accidentally broke his leg, and, as there were no doctors near, his aunt set it as best she could. For a few years he was employed by various men, none of whom took much

interest in the boy, nor did they give him enough compensation for his toil to make him ambitious of achieving greater things. For two years he was engaged in training race horses for Major Low, and carefully saved his earnings only to have them stolen at last. Then, for a year or two, he drove tow horses on the canal. His next venture was to learn the coach-maker's trade in Lambertville, the first year receiving \$20 for the year, and each succeeding year for four years getting an additional \$5. At length he started into business for himself with an exceedingly small capital, thus being in every way at a great disadvantage, but at the close of the year he had about \$400 clear. He went to New York in 1845, and after serving in the capacity of a clerk in a grocery for a time, he opened a store of the same kind in New York City, and conducted it with fair success four years. In 1851 he returned to this place and carried on a dry-goods and grocery store for a number of years in partnership with Martin L. Reeve. In 1864 he sold out, and, going to Tennessee, was appointed horse inspector in the Army of the Cumberland, and served as such until the close of the war, at \$150 per month.

In 1866 he became a partner in the firm of Jamieson, Murray & Co., owners of a foundry and machine works in Trenton, N. J. Since 1867 he has been a resident of Lambertville, and occupied in a coal and livery business. September 1, 1847, he married Sarah H. Marshall, of this place, daughter of Philip and Sarah Marshall. Her brother, James Wilson Marshall, was the noted miner who discovered gold at Sutter's Mills, in California, in 1848. In 1852 our subject went to the Pacific slope by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and was gone over eight months. During this period he joined his brother-in-law and was fairly successful in the pursuit of fortune. He returned the same year. In December, 1854, he removed to Frenchtown and went into the ready-made clothing business; he returned to Lambertville in 1856, and again went into business with his old partner, M. L. Reeve, and continued in business until he sold out in 1864 to join the army. Mr. and Mrs. Hoff had two chil-



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dren, but the son, Charles C., is deceased. The daughter, Mary A., a most amiable and charming young lady, is her father's comfort and right hand since the wife and mother was summoned to the silent land March 23, 1895.

Formerly a Democrat, Mr. Hoff voted first for James K. Polk in 1844. Later he was a Whig, and since the organization of the Republican party he has been staunch in his allegiance to the same. With the exception of three years when he served as treasurer of this town, Mr. Hoff has never held office. Religiously he is a Baptist, and has acted as treasurer of the church here. When he attained his majority he joined the Odd Fellows, and is still affiliated with them, and is also a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Amwell Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M.



**W**ALTER S. HIBSHMAN, M. D., is one of the promising young physicians of Hunterdon County, having his office in Milford. A native of Franklin County, Pa., his early education was obtained in the public schools of the Keystone State, and afterward he was a student in Wooster (Ohio) University, from which he received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. The degree of M. D. he received from the Medico-Chirurgical Institute of Philadelphia and after his graduation he was employed for one term as resident physician at the Institute Hospital. For a short period he practiced his profession in Erwinna, Pa., from which place he came to Milford in June, 1896. He has built up a valuable and growing practice in this section and also in Bucks County, Pa., where he is frequently called in consultation or for medical treatment. Besides his private practice he is medical examiner for the Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, N. J.

In his fraternal relations Dr. Hibshman is connected with the Patriotic Order Sons of America and he is also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega

of the college fraternity. In 1895 he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Elizabeth Mills, daughter of E. S. Mills, and their union has been blessed by the birth of two children, twins, Gertrude and Leonora. The doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church of Milford. They are popular in the social circles of the place and are welcomed guests in the best homes of the community.

The doctor's father, Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., was for many years a prominent minister in the Reformed Church of Pennsylvania and was a man of broad information and deep spirituality, whose influence in his denomination was great; he died in April, 1896. His ancestors had been prominent in the history of Pennsylvania, of which they were early settlers. He married Alice Jane Clark, daughter of Edwin Clark, who gained fame as an inventor of the roller flour mill system. Seven children were born of their marriage, namely: Rev. E. Clark, pastor of a church at Stroudsburg, Pa.; Allen Porter, a retired farmer residing in Eschbach, Pa.; Rev. A. H., who lives in Shippensburg, Pa.; Rev. H. E., of Mount Pleasant, N. Y.; Walter S., the subject of this sketch; Roy S., now a student in college; and Margaret M., a pupil in the Lancaster (Pa.) high school.



**D**ENNIS V. L. SCHENCK. Numbered among the sterling old citizens whose industry and enterprise have been most important factors in the development of Hunterdon County is this farmer of Delaware Township. He was born in Somerset County, N. J., December 3, 1820, being a son of Gilbert Schenck, a native of the same locality, and grandson of John Schenck, who served gallantly in the colonial struggle for independence. From these worthy ancestors the subject of this article inherited sturdy, honest, industrious traits of character,

the exercise of which has brought to him a fair measure of this world's goods and the genuine regard of all his neighbors and acquaintances.

In 1859 D. V. L. Schenck was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Carle, whose father was Judge Samuel Carle, a rich and influential merchant and representative citizen of Hunterdon County. He was a leader in the Democratic party, and was for fifteen years a county judge. In his official capacity he acquitted himself with ability and much credit to himself and constituents. He was the administrator of numerous estates, and his fellows placed the utmost confidence in his integrity. He accumulated a goodly property, and was generous in the distribution of his money. He was born in Hunterdon County, but was in business in Somerset County, N. J., several years, his home being at Neshanic Station.

John E. Schenck, son of D. V. L. and Mary E. Schenck, was born near Mount Airy, Hunterdon County, July 21, 1861, and grew to mature years in that locality. He went to the country schools, where he obtained the rudiments of his education, supplementing this later by a course in the Trenton Business College. There he took the entire practical business studies, save the part relating exclusively to banking. Then he returned to the old home, and was interested in its management until he was twenty-five. The following year he was in business in Philadelphia, and upon New Year's day, 1889, he opened a livery and sale stable in Lambertville. His maternal grandfather, Judge Carle, previously mentioned, gave the young man financial aid on the start. He has a well-equipped establishment, keeps a fine line of carriages and road-carts and good horses. He is building up a sure and regular patronage, and deserves the support of the people in this vicinity, as he endeavors to please. Like his father before him he holds to the principles of the Republican party, and cast his first vote for James G. Blaine. Socially he belongs to Lone Star Lodge No. 16, K. P., and is past chancellor of the same.

November 4, 1891, Mr. Schenck and Miss Jennie Lear were united in marriage in Lambert-

ville. Mrs. Schenck is a daughter of Mahlon and Fannie (Yates) Lear, and by her marriage has become the mother of one child, Fannie, born in this town September 16, 1892.



**T**HEODORE D. VAN SICKEL, D.D.S., is one of the representative members of the dental profession in Hunterdon County and during the comparatively short time that he has been established in the town of Lambertville has succeeded in building up an enviable reputation for excellent work. In few of the professions have greater strides been made in this progressive decade or two past than in the one to which he belongs. He has the advantage of having recently studied the most approved methods of the time and is therefore particularly well fitted to meet the most difficult requirements in the shape of bridge-work, plates, crown-work, splints, obturators, etc. In manner he is kindly and courteous and readily wins friends by his genial characteristics.

Dr. Van Sickel is a native of New Jersey, his birth having occurred in the town of New Brunswick, July 26, 1871. He is a son of William and Lydia (Dean) Van Sickel, most worthy and respected citizens of Middlesex County. The father was a native of the same locality as was our subject, and was reared on a farm. In his youth he learned the mason's trade, his first wages being nine cents a day, and later he became a successful contractor and builder. The doctor was about eight years old when his father bought a farm near Blackwell's Mills, N. J., and there he resided about four years. The homestead was then sold, and the family moved back to New Brunswick, so the lad's education was mainly gained in the schools of that place. He was an apt student and made fine progress in his school work. At the age of seventeen he entered

the dental office of Drs. Hull & Iredell, and was four years an apprentice to the profession there. Having thus laid a good foundation for future endeavor, he now matriculated in the New York College of Dentistry, remaining there three years. He was duly graduated in 1895 and at once settled in Lambertville. While in college he was a member of the Psi Omega Society, and still is associated with the same. In politics he is an ardent Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Harrison in 1892.

While still a student in college, Dr. Van Sickel married Miss Anna Augusta Clickner, daughter of Edwin L. Clickner, of New Brunswick, the ceremony being performed October 13, 1894. Mrs. Van Sickel is a young lady of charming manners and intellectual attainments, presiding over her home with grace and dignity. Both she and her husband are members of the Baptist Church of New Brunswick, where they are numbered among the most energetic workers in the congregation.



**S**AMUEL G. LUNGER, ex-mayor of the thriving little city of Clinton, Hunterdon County, is one of the solid business men of this place, and has always been actively interested in the promotion of its welfare. He comes from old and honored families in this vicinity, his ancestors having settled hereabouts several generations ago, and were among the founders of this county's prosperity.

George G. Lunger, father of our subject, was a life-long resident of Hunterdon County, and, while chiefly occupied in agricultural pursuits, was also for a period engaged in mercantile enterprises. In the affairs of this county he was quite prominent, holding many local offices to the satisfaction of all concerned. After acting in the capacity of collector, he was honored by the

more responsible position of sheriff, and discharged his arduous duties with fidelity to the least detail. His useful, active life was rounded out to almost fourscore years, and when death claimed him he passed away from his community regretted and mourned by all who had known him. He died April 11, 1891, aged seventy-nine years, three months and nine days. His faithful companion, whose maiden name was Rebecca Lawshe, was born in this county, and is still living, now over eighty years of age.

Samuel G. Lunger was born in 1847, upon his father's homestead, in Hunterdon County. In his boyhood he had only such educational advantages as the district school afforded. He became a practical farmer under the direction of his father on the home farm, where he continued to dwell until he was twenty-five years of age. The following two years he was in the government employ, engaged in carrying the mail from High Bridge to German Valley. About 1873 he entered the butcher's business in High Bridge, and was successfully occupied in this enterprise in that village until 1882, when he sold out and went to Philadelphia. After a two years' residence in the Quaker city he removed to Clinton, arriving here June 10, 1885. Since that date he has carried on a meat market here, and has gradually built up a large and remunerative trade.

Mr. Lunger is identified with the Odd Fellows' society and the Knights of Pythias. In the lodge of the last-named organization he has passed through all the chairs, and has enjoyed the honor of being sent as its representative to the grand lodge. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and, while not an aspirant to official honors, he has been called upon in a few instances to occupy public positions in this vicinity, and has acquitted himself with ability. When living in High Bridge he was assessor of that township. Here he has been a member of the common council and has served as mayor of the city.

The marriage of Mr. Lunger and Margaret Bogart took place in 1867. Mrs. Lunger is a daughter of Isaac Bogart, of Hampden, N. J. Of the children born to our subject and wife five are

still living, viz.: Minnie, now the wife of Charles A. Woolley, of Boston, Mass.; Helen, John, Carroll and Robert. Mrs. Lunger is a consistent Christian, and is identified with the Presbyterian Church as a member.



**A**NDREW CRATER. Not far from the pretty village of Pleasant Run, Hunterdon County, is situated the home where Mr. Crater resided until his death. He was a progressive and successful business man and farmer, and was well and favorably esteemed throughout Readington Township, where he lived all of his mature life. His forefathers were closely associated with the upbuilding and development of this section of the state since its early settlement and came here originally from Germany. As a family they have been remarkable for sturdy independence, industry, reliability, integrity and all that goes to make good citizens. Almost without exception they have preferred the quiet, peaceful avocation of a farmer, and in every case have been successful in the acquisition of a good livelihood.

The father of our subject, Peter A. Crater, is a well-to-do farmer of Hunterdon County. He is the son of Philip, and grandson of Matthias Crater, both of whom were natives of this county and practical agriculturists. Peter Crater married Matilda Apgar, a resident of his own neighborhood, and to their union six children were born. Three of the number are deceased, and the others in the order of their births are Eliza A., Rebecca and Lydia.

Andrew Crater was born in Hunterdon County, September 12, 1846. In his boyhood he attended the common schools, where he gained a knowledge of the three "R's" and other useful information amply sufficient for the ordinary purposes of life. At the same time he learned everything essential

to the proper management of a farm, and was thus qualified to assume charge of one of his own when he arrived at maturity. When he died he was the proprietor of an improved homestead of some seventy-two acres, all of which yielded abundant harvests in return for the care bestowed upon the place.

September 28, 1880, Mr. Crater married Sarah Smith, a daughter of Ralph Smith, of this county. They had only one child, Andrew J., Jr. They were members of the Reformed Church, and were interested in religious and benevolent enterprises. In his political belief Mr. Crater was a Democrat. He never aspired to office, but preferred to attend strictly to his own affairs. He commanded the respect and high regard of all with whom he ever had any dealings, whether in a business or social manner; and his death, on May 19, 1898, was mourned by all who knew him. On the 13th of the same month his wife passed away.



**L**UKE S. BLACKWELL has been a life-long farmer and for over forty years has been engaged in the cultivation of his desirable homestead, which is situated in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County. Ever since the First National Bank of Hopewell was started a few years ago, he has been one of the directors of that institution. Though he possessed few advantages in his youth in an educational way, as compared with those now afforded every school-child, he is well posted and intelligent, having become so by reading and observation, and general experience in the hard school of life. Politically he is a Republican, and is a firm believer in the present standard of the monetary system. For years he has been an influential member of the Dutch Reformed Church of Clover Hill, and has served the congregation in the capacity of elder.

The fifth in a family of seven children born to

Jacob and Mary (Van Dyke) Blackwell, L. S., of whom we write, was born in Hopewell Township, Mercer County, N. J., November 21, 1823. The other brothers and sisters are: Ann M., deceased; Nathaniel D., also deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Jacob S. Manners, who was a farmer of this township, and died in 1881, at the age of sixty-nine years; J. V. D., a resident of Werts-ville; Benjamin, of Pennington; and Margaret, who died in infancy.

The parents of our subject died when he was eight years old, but he continued to live in the neighborhood of his old home until he was about sixteen, when he came to this locality. From that time until 1857 he worked for the brother-in-law previously mentioned, Jacob S. Manners. Forty-one years ago he settled upon the farm where he still makes his home. There are eighty-four acres in the homestead, and the owner has another tract of woodland, some thirty acres additional. He deserves great credit for the success which he has made, as he started out to make his own way in the world at eight years an orphan, and unaided by influence, friends or wealth. He is practically self educated and self made, and has won a competence by industry and unremitting attention to business. He was married in September, 1868, to Sarah Sutphin, daughter of R. J. and Rachel A. Sutphin. The mother was born in 1807, is still living and enjoys fair health. Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell have no children.



**G**EORGE I. GARDNER, of Belvidere, was born in this vicinity, and has always lived hereabouts. In a business way he has been active, and in the promotion of local improvements his influence is ever given to the progressive idea. Upright in all his dealings with his fellow-men, he merits and receives, in gratifying measure, their high regard.

The great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Scotland and bore the Christian name of William. At a very early day in the annals of this county he came to America, and made his home permanently in Harmony Township, where he was an influential man and extensive landholder. He donated the ground on which was built the old Harmony Church, and in the neighboring church yard he and many of his descendants are peacefully resting. The father of our subject, James Gardner, was born in Harmony Township, and followed agricultural pursuits in his early manhood. He won the love and esteem of all with whom he came into contact, as his life was above reproach. For years he was a great worker in the First Presbyterian Church of Harmony. In 1857 he removed to Belvidere, and there continued to make his abode while he lived. His death, which occurred in 1883, was deeply deplored by his large circle of earnest friends, and was felt to be a great loss to the community. His faithful wife, whose maiden name was Ruth Cole, is still living, now in her eightieth year, and five of their ten children survive.

George I. Gardner was born January 8, 1842, and when he arrived at a suitable age began attending the local schools. At seventeen he commenced farming in earnest, but the arduous life proved too hard for his strength, and when he reached his majority he came to Belvidere, and embarked in the lumber business and in contracting for buildings. Since that time he has kept steadily at work along these lines, and has met with success. In this town he has erected three hundred or more houses, etc., or more than all other contractors. Still, his time has not been fully occupied in meeting the needs of the local trade, and he has consequently taken contracts elsewhere, anywhere in the county. In Phillipsburg, for instance, he has put up about thirty houses. His structures always give complete satisfaction, as he carries out to the letter every detail of his contracts. In politics a Democrat, he discharges his duty as a voter, but has never aspired to official distinction. By his marriage with Maria, daughter of Samuel Williams, of

Water Gap, Pa., June 8, 1863, he has the following children: Charles; Elizabeth, Mrs. Samuel Belford; Samuel W. and Henrietta.

Samuel W. Gardner was born August 18, 1872, and was educated in the Belvidere schools. When he was in his fifteenth year he went in business with his father, and gradually assumed more of the responsibility connected with the management of the same, until 1891, when the firm name was changed to the present style, S. W. Gardner & Co. In the spring of 1897 he was elected a member of the city council by his political colleagues, the Democrats of this locality. Fraternally he stands high, belonging to Warren Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M., is also a member of the Royal Arch Masons at Washington; De Molay Commandery No. 6, K. T., of Washington, N. J., and is also identified with the Red Men. May 29, 1895, his marriage with Carrie, daughter of Jacob Shield, was solemnized.



**D**AVID ROBerson. A list of the men who, after years of toil and persevering effort have retired from business cares and are enjoying the fruits of former labor, would include the name of Mr. Roberson, of Frenchtown, a well-known citizen and a retired farmer. For some twelve years he has been a director in the Union National Bank. In other ways he is closely identified with local enterprises and has contributed to the advancement of the place where he resides.

The birth of Mr. Roberson occurred in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, December 18, 1820. His father, Pearson, who was a son of Jonathan Roberson, a life-long resident of Kingwood Township, was born January 30, 1796, and died May 22, 1857, at about sixty-one years of age. Born near Baptistown, he engaged in farming in Kingwood Township and was one of its leading agriculturists. In religion he was connected with the Baptist Church, as was also his

wife, Rebecca (Lair) Roberson, who was born June 10, 1794, and died May 4, 1884. They were the parents of eight children, all but one of whom are still living, viz.: David, Jonathan, William, John, Wilson; Jane, wife of Samuel Thatcher; and Joseph.

When twenty-one years of age the subject of this sketch went to Locktown and was there employed on a farm for three years. He then removed to his present home in Frenchtown, where he gave his attention to farming pursuits until 1862. The following year he was appointed sexton of Frenchtown Cemetery, a position that he held for twenty-two successive years. He is now living in retirement from business and farming duties, surrounded by every comfort that can enhance the happiness of life. Fraternally he is connected with Arion Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he has passed the chairs, and is also a member of Lambertville Chapter, R. A. M. In religious belief he is a Methodist and his family also attend that church.

In 1844 Mr. Roberson was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Eichlin, daughter of Samuel Eichlin. Their five children are as follows: John, who is now living in Ohio; Emma, who is at home and is her father's housekeeper; Sarah Ann, deceased; Henry C., of Frenchtown; and James W., who resides in Lambertville. The wife and mother died in 1890, at the age of sixty-seven years.



**J**ACOB VEIT, of Flemington, is one of her most worthy German-American citizens, and one who richly earned his right to be called a patriotic son of this commonwealth during his long and arduous service in defense of this nation's liberties in the late civil conflict. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, May 16, 1842, and came to seek a new home in America when he was a

youth of about fourteen years. He had received a general education in the schools of his Fatherland, and, as soon as possible after his arrival in this country, or about a year later, he went to school through the winter term, working in the meantime to pay his expenses. His was a hardy, industrious nature, and the difficulties that would have seemed insurmountable to many a lad but served to spur him on to redoubled zeal in overcoming them.

The first of our subject's family to leave home and native land was his brother Christian, who located in Philadelphia in 1850. There he was engaged in the butchering business until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted for nine months' service, later resuming his former occupation. The father, Jacob Veit, who was a cooper by trade, and worked at that calling in Germany, was the next of the family to decide that he would henceforth live beneath the stars and stripes. He crossed the ocean in 1852, accompanied by his wife, whose maiden name was Katherine Dibbler. They had but two children, Christian and Jacob.

Jacob Veit, of this sketch, found employment for the first year after he landed in the United States, in a stable in Flemington, as a stable-boy, and was similarly occupied until September 23, 1861, when he enlisted in Company F, Ninth New Jersey Infantry, being mustered in October 1. He was assigned to Reno's First Brigade, and went on Burnside's expedition January 3, 1862, serving altogether three years and ten months. After the first year he was detailed as orderly for Major Stewart, who was successively promoted to lieutenant-colonel, colonel and brigadier-general. This valiant officer he followed throughout his brilliant campaigns, sharing his good or evil fortune, as the case might be. With the exception of one battle, when he was sick with typhoid fever, he participated in all the numerous battles and engagements which his company had with the enemy. Among these were the following: Capture of Roanoke Island, February 8, 1862; Ft. Macon, N. C., April, 25; Young's Cross-roads, July 27; expedition to

Washington, October; Rowells' Mills, November 2; Goldsboro Expedition, December 11; Deep Creek, December 12; near Kingston from December 13-16; White Hall, December 17; expedition to Port Royal, January 20, 1863; Point Comfort, N. C., July 6; Deep Creek, July 12; march to Winton, N. C., July 25. After his re-enlistment January 18, 1864, he was in the battles and skirmishes of Deep Creek, N. C., February 7; Cherry Grove, April 14; Point Walthall, May 6, 7; Swift Creek, May 9, 10; Drury's Bluff, May 12 and 17; Cold Harbor, June 3-13. With the Second Brigade, Second Division, Tenth Army Corps, he was in the encounters at Weir Bottom Creek, June 16; Petersburg, Va., June 20, August 24; Mine Explosion, July 30; Gardner's Bridge, December 7; Foster's Bridge, December 10; Butler's Bridge, December 11; Southwest Creek, March 7, 1865; Wise's Ford, March 8-11 and Goldsboro, N. C., March 21. He was transferred to the Second Brigade, Second Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, April 3, and was finally mustered out of the service July 12, 1865.

At the close of the war Mr. Veit returned to Flemington and bought out a livery establishment and has continued in this business ever since. He has been prospered financially, and stands well in the business community. In local affairs he votes for the one whom he considers best for any given office, and in general elections his support is given to the Democracy. He has never sought or held official positions, preferring to live the quiet life of a private citizen. He is a charter member of Lambert Boeman Post No. 48, G. A. R., of this place. His wife belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps, connected with the post, and has been chaplain of the same for the past ten years. She was united in marriage with Mr. Veit August 7, 1866, she then bearing the name of Lavenia Van Doren. Her father, Jacob Van Doren, and her mother, Sarah, were natives of this county, and resided on the old family homestead in Readington Township. Mrs. Veit has two brothers and one sister living, Joseph C., Lucelia and H. S. O. Van Doren. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Veit two are de-



ceased, viz.: Annie L., who married B. Frank Harris, of South Plainfield, N. J., and left one daughter, Della M.; and John J., the second child. Sadie C. is at home; Edward A. graduated from Stewart's Business College, of Trenton, N. J., March 18, 1898; and Odelbert J. is a student in the high school. Mrs. Veit is a member of the Presbyterian Church, which her husband attends, and to which he lends material assistance. She is also identified with the Needlework Guild of the church and is active in various kinds of benevolences.



**B**ENJAMIN F. HONNESS, now postmaster of Clinton, was appointed to this position by President McKinley in September, 1897, and received his commission on the first of the following month. He was formerly the efficient mayor of this place for two years, and has been for years one of the reliable standard-bearers of the Republican party in this section. He is giving general satisfaction to all parties in his present position, is accommodating and very popular, and deserves the commendation of his fellow-citizens.

The parents of the above were Michael and Elizabeth (Fritts) Honness. The father, who was of German descent, died when Benjamin F. was a mere child, and the latter unfortunately has no remembrance of him. He was a native of this county, and carried on a farm in Lebanon Township. He, in turn, was a son of George Honness. Benjamin F. Honness was born upon his father's homestead in this county, November 7, 1827, and until he was ten years old he lived with his widowed mother. At that tender age he was obliged to leave home to make his own livelihood as best he could, and for a period of five years worked for his board for neighboring farmers. At the end of that time he was apprenticed to a tailor, C. W. Altemus, of Clinton, and was employed solely in that line of business for four

years. Then he accepted a clerkship in the post-office, filling that position in connection with his tailoring business. In 1853 he became a member of the firm of Hummer, Hackett & Honness, and was interested in general merchandising for the next two years.

In 1856 Mr. Honness became an employe of the Hope Express Company, as a messenger on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, his route lying between New York and Great Bend, Pa., for thirteen years. The run was then extended to Binghamton, and he removed from Great Bend, where he had made his home for more than a dozen years, to Binghamton, remaining there about six years. In 1876 he was given the express agency at Newark, N. J., and held the position for ten years, at the expiration of which time the company sold out to the United States Express Company, and with the new corporation our subject continued to render faithful service for two years. He then resigned and came to Clinton, where, a year later, he purchased the hardware store of John A. Young, in partnership with William C. Butler, the firm becoming Honness & Butler. After six years of successful enterprise Mr. Honness retired from the firm, and enjoyed a much-needed rest for a few years, afterwards occupying the public offices already mentioned. Fraturnally he is a Mason, and has been a member of Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., for some time. He was formerly an Episcopalian, but as there is no church of that denomination here he has identified himself with the Presbyterian Church.

January 21, 1857, was the date of the first marriage of Mr. Honness. The lady of his choice was Elizabeth S., daughter of Alexander and Susan (Sharp) Probasco. She died in April, 1859, leaving one daughter, Ada V., now the wife of Prof. George C. Sonn, of the Newark high school. June 28, 1864, Mr. Honness married Sarah A. Foster, whose parents were Thomas and Sarah (Young) Foster. She is a sister of John Y. Foster, deceased, editor of the Frank Leslie publications for a number of years and prominently before the people of this state at one



time as the secretary of the New Jersey Republican Committee. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Honness was blessed with three children: Robert, who died in infancy; John Foster, a real-estate and insurance man of New York City, and who married Catherine, daughter of Rev. J. Clement French, of Newark; and George G., a civil engineer, in the employ of the Passaic Water Company of Paterson, N. J., his home being in Newark. Both sons attended the military school in Reading, Pa.



**R**OBERT A. MONTGOMERY is one of the most enterprising business men of Lambertville, Hunterdon County, of which place he is a native son. From his early years he has been connected with the various interests of the town, and has been foremost in promoting all local industries and institutions that he believed beneficial to our people. In political matters he takes his stand on the Republican party platform, and is now serving as a chairman of the county commissioners, representing the first ward.

Born May 4, 1861, Robert A. Montgomery is a son of Robert and Mary (Roberts) Montgomery. In his boyhood he attended the public schools, and by the time that he was fifteen he had mastered the most practical branches of modern education. He then took a position as a clerk in the store which he now owns, and gradually learned the details of the business, so that he at last felt competent to undertake the enterprise on his own responsibility. For a time, when he was nineteen or thereabout, he was a fireman on the Belvidere branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Returning then to this town, he became the proprietor of the store on Cottage Hill, buying the establishment largely on borrowed capital. This indebtedness he was soon enabled to meet and by his strict atten-

tion to his business in all its details he has been prospered in a financial point of view. At present the demands of the trade keep several clerks busy, and from time to time the owner has been compelled to enlarge his stock and accommodations. In 1889 he began taking contracts for the building of fine roads, macadamized and other kinds, and also employs about two hundred men at crushing stone and making paving-blocks. He handles about \$150,000 to \$200,000 worth of such stone each year, having built up a very large business. This company is known as the Delaware Quarry and Construction Company, and its office is at No. 24 Exchange Place. Mr. Montgomery was elected the president of the same in 1893 and has served as such up to the present time. He is also president of the Stockton Stone Company.

December 13, 1882, Mr. Montgomery married Alma Hunt, of Milford. She was a native of that place and is a daughter of Noah and Rachel (Robeson) Hunt. To our subject and wife a son and a daughter have been born, Richard, in 1885 and Maroan, in 1888. The family have a very pleasant home situated on Cottage Hill. They attend the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Montgomery belongs to St. Elmo Commandery, and is present commander of No. 14, K. T., and has been the high priest of Wilson Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., of Lambertville. He is very fond of athletic sports, and is the treasurer of the Lambertville Athletic Association.



**G**EORGE STILLWELL, a sterling citizen of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, comes from old and thoroughly respected families of this section of the state of New Jersey. His great-grandfather Stillwell was a soldier in the colonial struggle for independence in America, and his descendants have always been characterized with great patriotism and love for their coun-

try, a due regard for the rights and welfare of their fellows and in private life have been marked for their honest, industrious and homely virtues.

The father of the subject of this article was John Stillwell, a native of Hunterdon County. In his younger years he was a merchant at White House, and at one time was engaged in the carding and weaving of wool into cloth. Later he was a successful farmer. He was a son of Nicholas Stillwell, who with his father was an early settler of this county. John Stillwell was a Whig in politics, and joined the ranks of the Republican party upon its organization. He married Elizabeth Longstreet, a native of Somerset County. She died December 31, 1897, at the age of ninety-five years, and was probably the oldest woman in this township. The husband and father departed this life in November, 1869. Of their seven children four are still living, viz.: Martha, widow of the late William Johnson; Mary, wife of Marion Welsh, of this vicinity; Elizabeth and George. Rev. Aaron L. and John V., and Catherine A., Mrs. Peter T. Haver, of Lebanon Township, are deceased. The parents were members of the Reformed Church and reared their family in the ways of righteousness and usefulness to mankind.

The birth of George Stillwell occurred March 20, 1832, in this county, and from his earliest years he has been interested in agricultural pursuits. He received a district school education and is largely self made in this respect, as he has been quite a reader and student, his aim being to keep fully in touch with the spirit of progress. In November, 1860, he married Catherine, daughter of the late Peter Schomp, of Readington Township. Seven children came to bless their hearts and home and six of them survive. Peter is a successful attorney-at-law in Bayonne, N. J.; John V. is a resident of White House Station; Aaron L. lives in this locality; Rosina is the wife of Peter S. Herder, of this township; George also lives in this neighborhood; and Eliza L. is at home. Our subject has been fortunate in his various financial and business undertakings, has reared and educated his children to take useful places in

society and has won the love and respect of all who know him — a record of which any one might well be proud. In matters of political moment he uses his ballot and influence for the Republican party principles and candidates, and has himself occupied the position of committeeman in this township. For many years he and his estimable wife have been members of the Reformed Church of White House, he having acted as deacon and elder in the same.



JOHN G. GROSS, a worthy German-American citizen of Belvidere, has resided here for twenty-two years. During this period he has been proprietor of a bakery and confectionery store. Though not a native of America, he is a patriotic son of his adopted country. In the local fraternities he is active and has been chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge, junior deacon in the Masonic lodge, and a member of the Odd Fellows' society and the Red Men.

John G. Gross was born in the province of Wurtemberg, Germany, February 24, 1849, and was one of five children of John G., Sr., and Barbara (Graf) Gross. His father was a farmer by occupation and was a man of prominence in the Lutheran Church. He passed his whole life in the Fatherland, dying in 1885. His good wife survived him only a few years, her death occurring in 1892. Of the four living children, Margareta is the wife of Jacob Meyer and lives in Germany; Jacob and Christiana (the latter unmarried) are still in Germany. Frederick, the eldest son, is deceased.

In his youth our subject attended the government schools in Germany. At fourteen he left school and worked at the upholstering trade for about three years. In 1871 he enlisted in the army, in the war between his country and France, and served for two years, passing through many

of the severe privations as well as the inevitable dangers incident to the lot of a soldier. Then, upon his return home, he was employed at his trade until he decided to come to America. It was in the Centennial year of our great country that he made the voyage to his new home, and since that time he has been staunch in his allegiance to the United States. May 9, 1876, he married Barbara, daughter of George Kurtz, of Germany, and their three sons living are: Charles, William and Harry.



**J**AMES G. EWING, of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, is a self-made and self-educated man, and through all kinds of difficulties persevered in the task he had set before him until he arrived at a position of respect and influence in the community wherein his lot was cast. The man who overcomes obstacles and wins in spite of opposing circumstances is a man who commands the esteem of all true-hearted Americans, for in this land, more than in any other, the nobleness and inherent strength of character which will not be daunted is the highest criterion of sterling worth.

The Ewings are of Scotch extraction, and the paternal grandfather of the above was James Ewing, who was born across the Atlantic March 24, 1755, and came to this fair land during its struggle for independence. He located after that war in Mercer County, N. J., and there followed his profession as a teacher and was also more or less employed in surveying. He was a learned man for his time and was a minister of no small repute in the Baptist denomination. He was twice married. His labors ended in 1806, and his burial place is in the cemetery at Hopewell, N. J.

Gideon, father of our subject, was born January 22, 1784, in Mercer County. At an early

age he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, receiving but little save his board and clothes. During his youth he was allowed to attend the district schools some in the winter time, but he was mainly obliged to rely upon his individual efforts in the acquisition of knowledge. Upon attaining his majority he removed to this township, settling in Klivesville, where he bought a small piece of land and thereon erected a blacksmith shop. For about forty years he worked industriously at his trade, and was the admiration of all who knew him for his strength and fine physique. Altogether, he was a resident of Klivesville sixty-six years, and was the owner of two excellent farms at the time of his death, which event occurred December 23, 1871.

October 20, 1805, Gideon Ewing married Mary Quick, and seven children came to gladden their hearthstone: Amelia, born February 4, 1808; John G., April 27, 1810; Elizabeth, September 22, 1812; Jerusha, June 27, 1815; Martha, December 12, 1817; Susau, March 16, 1820; and James G. James G. and Martha are the sole survivors of the entire family. The mother died August 31, 1855.

James G. Ewing was born in Klivesville, July 11, 1823, and there grew to manhood. When he started out in life for himself he commenced working a farm on shares, and thus got his financial beginning. It was in 1856 that he came to his present homestead, a well-improved farm of eighty-seven acres, about a mile and a-half distant from the town of Flemington. He has carried on general farming enterprises and in all his undertakings has been ably seconded by his faithful wife, to whom he credits much of his success in life. They were married November 9, 1852, she being then Miss Annie Higgins, one of the six children of John and Rebecca (Schenck) Higgins. The others were named as follows: Mary S., Catherine, Nathaniel, John S. and Rachel. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing was blessed by two children: John H., born November 1, 1853, and Furman R., born July 28, 1859, died November 24, 1861. The surviving son is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College

and is one of the leading physicians of Flemington. He married Julia Sullivan and has three children living: Annie, Alice and Edith, one having died, viz.: Charles F. Our subject and wife are members of the Baptist Church, his membership dating from 1848, and he has been a trustee in the congregation. In accordance with his temperance principles, he uses his ballot on behalf of the nominees of the Prohibition party.



**P**ETER P. SCHOMP is of the fourth generation of Schomps bearing the Christian name of Peter, and comes from one of the representative old families of Hunterdon County, his forefathers having settled here in the pioneer days of New Jersey history. He is a leading and prosperous agriculturist of Readington Township, as was his father before him, and like that honored man, has been a life-long resident of this locality.

The parents of our subject were Peter and Sarah M. (Van Fleet) Schomp, both natives of this county. They were very active in the Reformed Church of Readington, were liberal and unflinching in their kindness to the poor, and in every respect were ideal citizens. Mr. Schomp held many official positions in the church, such as that of deacon and elder, etc., and in his death, which event took place in 1886, the people of this community, to whom he had greatly endeared himself, felt that they had indeed met with an irreparable loss. In politics he was a Republican, and public spirited at all times. Of his children the following survive: Mrs. George Stillwell; Peter P.; Mrs. William Probasco, of Flemington, N. J.; Leah, wife of George W. Cole; Margaret, wife of Sanford Pickle, of Somerville, N. J.; and Winfield. John V., Jacob P. and Emma, Mrs. William McCrea, are deceased.

Peter P. Schomp was born February 28, 1845,

in Readington Township, and is largely self educated, as the district school which he attended in his boyhood did not afford very liberal advantages to the ambitious youth of the period. He has always been connected with farming duties, and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-six acres of valuable land under good cultivation. This is his home property, and in addition to this he has another tract of ninety-nine acres. His success in a business way is to be attributed solely to his sound judgment and correct methods of transacting his financial affairs, and to his industry and perseverance in whatever he undertakes. He is a respected member of society in this section of the state, and with his good wife is active in religious and benevolent work. They hold membership with the Reformed Church of Readington. His right of franchise he uses in favor of the nominees of the Republican party.

The marriage of Mr. Schomp and Sarah A. Dalley, of this county, was celebrated November 24, 1869. She was born September 21, 1845, a daughter of John E. and Rebecca (Dilley) Dalley, natives of Hunterdon County. The father died in 1880. Mrs. Schomp has three brothers living: John J., in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Levi, in the west; and Peter, in this township. The two children of our subject and wife are Peter and Ida.



**A**ARON J. THOMPSON is one of the best known citizens of Hunterdon County, within the boundaries of which not only he but his honored father, the late Judge Joseph Thompson, was born and always resided. For forty years he has been officially connected with the Farmers' Mutual Fire Assurance Association of New Jersey, and during the past thirteen years he has served in the capacity of secretary of the organization.

The birth of the subject of this review occurred

December 11, 1837, on a farm in Readington Township. Here he grew to man's estate, leaving school when he was about fifteen on account of poor health. Active out-door life, however, soon restored him to his accustomed vigor, and he became active and energetic in the business world. When his father and other prominent men organized the fire association, in which he is still interested, he was made assistant secretary and eventually succeeded his senior in the secretaryship upon the latter's retirement from the office in 1885. He is a man of good executive ability, understands thoroughly the details of the business, and is the "right man in the right place." In affairs affecting this neighborhood he has always taken commendable interest, his influence being ever cast on the side of progress and advancement. In politics he is a Republican. For years he has been a member of the Readington Reformed Church and is now one of the elders in the same. He enjoys the friendship and good will of everyone, being highly esteemed for his sterling qualities of head and heart.

In 1861 Mr. Thompson married Anna L. Rarick, who was born in this locality, and they became the parents of four children, three of whom survive, viz.: Anna D., who is a missionary in Japan in the interests of the Reformed Church; Rev. Elias W., who is the pastor of the Broadway Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J.; and Josephine A., wife of Jacob Kershaw, of Somerville, N. J. In 1880 our subject married Abbie H. Thomas, of Metuchen, N. J.

Judge Joseph Thompson, the father of our subject, was in many ways a most remarkable man, one of the foremost of his time in western New Jersey. From worthy, upright ancestors he inherited characteristics that commanded the admiration of his associates, and his life was truly without blot or blemish, save in very trivial matters. His grandfather, John, was born in Scotland April 15, 1730, and married Judick Bodine, of Holland extraction. This worthy couple had but one child, a son, John, born near White House Station, Hunterdon County, in 1772. The little family were compelled to flee for their

lives in 1778 when residing on the Susquehanna River, and this terse statement, written in a Bible belonging to the family, tells briefly and quaintly the sad result: "On the 9th of June, A. D. 1778, John Thompson departed this life. Was killed and scalped by ye tory and Indians at Shemokem." The son John was afterward bound out as an apprentice to a tailor in Readington. He married before he was twenty-one, and later bought the farm Brookye, later known as Pleasant Run. This place he owned and lived upon the remainder of his life. He was a justice of the peace more than a score of years, and was judge of the Hunterdon County court for a period of thirty-two years.

From his boyhood Judge Thompson gave promise of unusual talents and diversified genius. Born September 30, 1808, he worked at the loom that he might earn money for the purchase of books necessary in his studies; later taught district schools in this county; at various times was a surveyor, and in 1857 moved to the farm where he made his home for fifty-six years. This property was formerly the home of his wife's grandfather, Abraham Post, a hero of the Revolutionary war. When he was but twenty-eight the judge became associated with his father as judge of the Hunterdon County court. This position he held for fifteen years, and then, as the house he occupied was found to be on the Somerset County side of the boundary line, he served for a like period in the courts of that county. In the course of his life he settled numerous estates, and it is a notable fact that so mature and just were his judgments that no decision ever given by him was ever finally reversed. He was an intense believer in the ultimate triumph of the right, and did all in his power to bring about such a happy state of affairs. In all public questions he did his duty as a citizen and patriot, furthering all movements of progress that were founded on truth and goodness, and always having due regard for the welfare of others. A man of deep religious nature, he was an elder in the Reformed Church and a leader in all its departments of useful activity. For sixty-eight years he was very much con-

cerned in the management of the Sunday-school at Pleasant Run, he having been the originator of the school and a regular attendant, rarely missing a meeting save for illness.

In 1830 Judge Thompson married Ann Post. They had eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Three of his sons became ministers of the Gospel. Rev. John Bodine Thompson, D. D., of Trenton, N. J., is engaged in literary work, and his name is known in foreign lands as well as in America. Rev. Abraham Thompson, for many years pastor of a church at Pella, Iowa, and later, in New York City, died a few years ago at his father's residence. Rev. Henry Post Thompson, formerly in charge of a congregation in Peapack, was afflicted with paralysis in later life. He was the author of several volumes of most noble purpose, that of uplifting and making better his fellow-men. Aaron J., of this biography, has been previously mentioned at length. One of Judge Thompson's daughters is the wife of P. H. Bousquet, an eminent lawyer, of Pella, Iowa; and the other is the wife of Aaron Hoffman, of this township. The father of these children was summoned to his reward October 23, 1893.



**H**ENRY ATEN is, without question, one of the most progressive, wide-awake and business-like citizens of Hope Township, Warren County. For nearly thirty years he has owned and carried on the boundary farm formerly known as the Bulkley homestead, and is still dwelling thereon. In addition to managing this large and valuable farm he operates an iron foundry and machine shop, where he manufactures all kinds of farm machinery and implements. He owns another well-improved farm in this township, and owes to himself alone the success that now crowns his years of toil. His motto has always been, apparently, "work and

perseverance," and certainly, labor and pluck accomplish wonders when persistence in any given line of action is added thereto.

The senior Henry Aten was a native of this township, and was engaged in agricultural avocations within its boundaries during his whole lifetime. He provided well for his large family, rearing his children to become sterling citizens and desirable residents of any community. His ballot he used in favor of the principles set forth by the Democracy. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died at the age of fifty-eight years, regretted and loved by all who had known him. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Henry, her father having been John Henry. She died at the age of forty-four years and of her nine children only four survive. Herbert is the eldest of them, and his home is in Susquehanna County, Pa. Caroline is the wife of Benjamin Treadwell; and Margaret is the wife of L. Scott. The father of Henry Aten, Sr., was Herbert Aten, a native of Knowlton Township, and a farmer throughout his active life.

Henry Aten of this sketch was born upon his father's farm in Hope Township, September 27, 1838, and there he learned at an early age to handle the plow and to wield other implements which he has since been engaged in manufacturing in extensive quantities. When he was about eighteen he began an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, following the same for twelve years with slight interruption. In 1870 he purchased the farm where he may still be found, and ere many years had rolled away he had made a place for himself among the representative agriculturists of this section. He also gained the respect and admiration of all his associates, and has often been called upon by them to hold offices of honor and trust. For several years he has served on the town committee and in 1895 was elected a freeholder, his term to run three years. Socially he is identified with the Hope Tribe No. 52, Order of Red Men, and has been keeper of the wampum. He is also a member of Independence Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M.

January 8, 1870, Mr. Aten married Elizabeth

V., daughter of Daniel S. Ayers, and two children grace their union, Lulu and H. Floyd. The family attend Hope Methodist Episcopal Church, the parents being active members of the congregation. Mr. Aten has been a trustee and steward of the church, and has been zealous in the work. He enjoys the love and respect of a large circle of neighbors and friends, who have been drawn to him by the ties of many long years of pleasant association. He merits their good will, for his deeds and words have ever been exerted toward the betterment of mankind, and not towards his own selfish aggrandizement.



**A**ARON HOFFMAN has been for nearly forty years engaged in cultivating his desirable farm in Readington Township, Hunterdon County. The success that he has achieved entitles him to rank among the most capable business men of this vicinity, and his worthy, blameless life deserves the commendation of all, as it most freely receives from those who have known him best. He was born in this county, in January, 1833, and is a son of Peter and Amy Hoffman. The Hoffmans have long been identified with the development and prosperity of this county, and are notable for their sterling qualities as citizens and patriots. The father of our subject was a farmer and life-long resident of Tewksbury Township. Of his children six survive: Aaron, Frederick, George, Peter; Emily, Mrs. Jacob Philhower; and Mary, Mrs. Wesley Fisher.

In his boyhood Aaron Hoffman did not have the educational advantages which are now afforded every child, but he made the best of such as he possessed, and by private reading and observation became well informed. He early learned the duties of farm life and devoted himself assiduously to agriculture. Since 1860 he

has given his time and attention to the carrying on of the farm where he may be found to-day, and he may well be proud of the thrifty appearance of everything about the place. The farm comprises one hundred and thirty-one acres, and is furnished with good buildings, fences, etc. Like his father before him he is a Republican. He is public-spirited and takes an active part in all local affairs, having served as a trustee of his school district in order to manifest the interest which he has in the proper education of the rising generation.

Mr. Hoffman has been twice married, his first wife having been Mary Ann Hildebrant in her maidenhood. They had three children, of whom one is deceased, while the others are Nathaniel B. K., a graduate of Rutgers College, of New Brunswick, N. J., and a civil engineer by profession; and Emalida, wife of J. F. Voorhees. The present wife of our subject was formerly Miss M. Eliza Thompson, daughter of Judge Joseph Thompson, recently deceased. (See his sketch on another page of this volume.) Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are valued members of the Reformed Church of Readington. The former has served the congregation in the capacities of elder and deacon, and is literally one of the pillars of the church. He enjoys the love and high esteem of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, as does also his estimable wife.



**A**BRAM S. CASE, of Three Bridges, Hunterdon County, is a wide-awake, enterprising young business man. He is thoroughly interested in the promotion of local prosperity and improvements and can always be relied upon to do his full share toward the upbuilding and advancement of his community. He has been too much occupied in his diversified business affairs to take any active part in politics, and is quite in-



dependent of party ties, preferring to give his support to the men whom he deems best qualified to represent the people, regardless of their party affiliations.

The parents of our subject were Jacob and Margaret (Schomp) Case. The father was born and reared in Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, and from the time that he arrived at manhood he was occupied in agricultural pursuits. He has favored the Republican party, and has been a freeholder for several years, though he has not been at all desirous of holding public office. Of his children four are living, viz.: Clarinda, wife of George N. Smith, of Easton, Pa.; Anthony L., a farmer and auditor of this county; Abram S., and Anna H., who is at home.

Abram S. Case was born in Raritan Township, this county, September 26, 1860. He was first a pupil in the public schools, but later attended private institutions of learning in Flemington and Somerville, owing to his earnest wish to have better advantages than were afforded by the common schools. After he had worked for about a year on the farm, he concluded that that business was not to his taste, and that he could find an occupation in which his natural financial talents might be better employed. In 1885 he bought the hotel at Three Bridges, and has since conducted the same very successfully. Later he commenced dealing in grain, hay, feed, coal, farm machinery, etc., and though not located in a large town, he transacts an extensive business in these various lines, it amounting to \$50,000 or \$60,000 and sometimes \$75,000 a year. During a season he has had pressed as high as five thousand tons of hay, his shipments running over five hundred car-loads. He handles some fancy driving stock, and his excellent judgment in the selection of young horses has made him noted throughout this section as an authority on the subject. In short, he brings to bear upon every enterprisrare executive ability and native shrewdness and penetration.

December 27, 1883, Mr. Case married Martha W., daughter of John D. and Elizabeth (Kuhl) Van Liew, formerly of this county, but now of

Des Moines, Iowa. Six children were born to our subject and wife: Elizabeth V. L., October 5, 1884; Jacob L., May 15, 1886; Margery C., March 28, 1889 (died March 19, 1897); Martha K., October 28, 1892; Pauline, November 22, 1894, and Ruth, December 16, 1896. Mrs. Case is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which her husband is a regular and generous contributor.



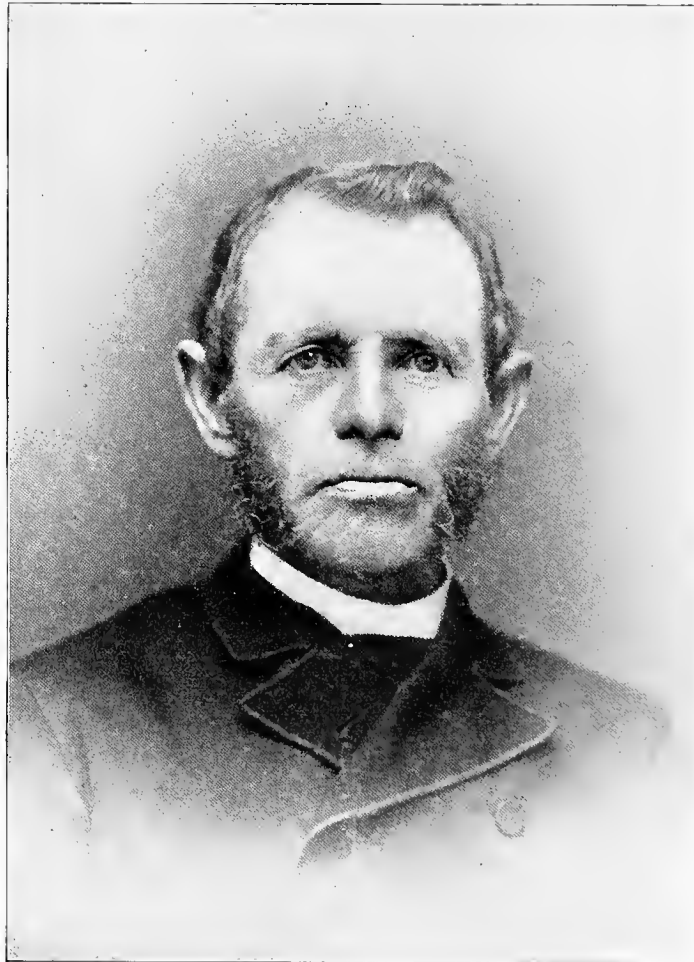
**L**EWIS C. POTTS. Among the leading agriculturists of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, ranks the gentleman whose name heads this review. He has always been identified with the upbuilding and progress of this section, as here it was that his infancy and youth were spent, and here he has made his home in manhood. His ancestors, too, for several generations were numbered with the enterprising citizens of the county, and, as a family, have ever been noted for sterling qualities which command the respect of all with whom they have any dealings whatever.

Born August 19, 1851, Lewis C. Potts is the sixth in order of birth in the family of eight children whose parents were Joseph and Catherine (Manning) Potts, both natives of Hunterdon County. The others are as follows: Susan, Christiana, Mary, Jane, Martha, Ella (deceased) and Francis. The father of Joseph Potts was William Potts, a well-to-do farmer of this township. Joseph Potts was himself an influential man in his neighborhood; owned a large and desirable homestead and served in the capacity of committeeman several years.

From his early years Lewis C. Potts has been accustomed to the routine work of a farm, and is now a progressive and practical business man. He owns a valuable homestead of eighty-six acres, it being situated not far from the thrifty town of Stanton. In 1895 he was elected a free-







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holder, his term of office to run for three years, and previously he was a member of the committee of appeals two terms. In political affairs he uses his franchise on behalf of Democratic nominees. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Sunnyside Lodge No. 234, and is also connected with the Farmers' Alliance and the Masonic lodge at Flemington.

October 25, 1876, Mr. Potts married Jane McCloughan, who was born and reared to womanhood in this immediate vicinity. They are the parents of one child, a son, John McCloughan. Mrs. Potts is a lady who is beloved by all who know her, and is a great worker in the Reformed Church of Stanton, where she holds membership. The McCloughans originated in Ireland, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Potts, Dr. John McCloughan, having come to America in the early days of the annals of New Jersey, and settled upon a large tract of land which he purchased near Clinton.



**D**AVID S. BELLIS is one of the oldest and most respected farmers of Hunterdon County, and for the past few years has been living retired from active labors, making his dwelling-place in Flemington. For several generations his family have been numbered among the citizens of the county, and his grandfather, William Bellis, who was a native of this locality, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

The parents of our subject were likewise born and reared in Hunterdon County, and owned a good farm in Raritan Township, not far distant from Flemington. They were named respectively David and Eleanora (Schenck) Bellis, and their children were nine in number and as follows: Ralph S., Catherine, John W., Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth A., David S., Garrett and Hiram. Of the entire family circle, our subject is the only

survivor. The father was an elder in the same church with which David S. has long been connected.

David S. Bellis of this sketch was born in Raritan Township, near Copper Hill, January 11, 1819, and from his early years he was thoroughly familiarized with every detail of agricultural work. He remained on the farm with his father until he was thirty years of age, when he married. He then managed the old homestead for some twelve years, and afterward purchased the farm in Raritan Township which he still owns. He continued to live there until 1882, when he retired and came to Flemington. Besides owning the one hundred acres in the farm just mentioned, he owns a homestead in Flemington. In politics he is a Republican; he has never been ambitious of holding official positions, and merely strives to do his duty as a voter. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of East Amwell, having been connected with the same for sixty years. October 10, 1849, he married Ann Marsh, and their only child, Ella, is the wife of Augustus Van Sant.



**H**ON. DAVID LAWSHE. In the fall of 1897 this respected citizen of Stockton, Hunterdon County, was elected to represent this district in the state legislature. He was a candidate of the Democratic party, and was elected by a handsome majority. His service on behalf of the public is well and favorably known in this portion of the state, extending, as it has, over a period of nearly twenty years. Early in the '80s he was elected and for four years was the clerk of elections; in 1888 he was elected to the office of township collector and during the succeeding five years was a member of the board of commissioners and of appeals. His attitude on the subject of better facilities and a higher standard of instruction of the rising generation being known

and commended by the people, they chose him to act on the local board of education, electing him for a term of three years, beginning with the spring of 1896. In everything tending to advance the good of the community where he has always dwelt he is actively interested, casting his influence on the side of progress.

The birth of David Lawshe occurred near Ringoes, September 28, 1844. He is the youngest of seven children, whose parents were David and Elizabeth A. (Hice) Lawshe. But two of the sisters of our subject are now living, viz.: Lydia, wife of B. A. Holcombe and Emeline, wife of John M. Wilson. The father was a native of this township, and was occupied in farming up to the time of his death, which event took place four months before the birth of our subject. The lad grew to manhood under the loving guidance of his mother, and his elementary education was gained in the public schools. Later he was a student in the Trenton Business College, and soon after leaving there he found employment as a clerk in a hardware store in Lambertville. This position he kept during the next three years, after which he removed to the old Lawshe homestead. Eight years he cultivated and managed the farm, gaining quite a reputation as an agriculturist. In the spring of 1879 he became manager of a branch of a Lambertville mercantile store owned by Mr. Fisher. Three years later this store was sold out, and for a short period our subject was employed by Mr. Fisher in Lambertville. About this time he found himself in such a financial condition that he decided to invest some of his means in the handle factory which had been established by Charles T. Fisher here some twelve years previously, and this enterprise has been conducted by Mr. Lawshe since in an advantageous manner.

November 10, 1870, Mr. Lawshe married Sarah Elizabeth Fisher, daughter of Johnson Fisher, of this town. To their union one child has been born, Mary Belle, who is at home with them. Religiously Mr. Lawshe is a Presbyterian, for twenty-three years has been an elder in the same church; for twelve years has been a mem-

ber of the board of trustees and for twenty-four years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. In the Odd Fellows' lodge of this place he has filled all the chairs and is besides a member of the Masonic order and the Royal Arcanum. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him, and is an upright, honorable, patriotic man and citizen, of whom any community might justly be proud.



JAMES R. KLINE, deceased, was numbered among the representative citizens of Hunterdon County during his entire lifetime. For several generations the Klines have been active, progressive business men of this section of New Jersey, noted for traits of honesty, sobriety, industry and patriotism. The sterling old citizen of whom we write was no exception to this rule, and was loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact.

The parents of the above were Henry M. and Sarah (Ramsey) Kline, both natives of Hunterdon County. The former was engaged in merchandising here for many years with success, and died February 29, 1848. His wife survived him several years, being called to her reward May 22, 1872. James R. Kline was born in 1827 in Klinesville, Hunterdon County. His early education was obtained in the vicinity of his old home and was finished in the schools of Flemington. When he was a young man he came to Clinton and started in business as a clerk in a store. He spent several years in that position, and in the meantime allowed no opportunity to pass whereby he might advance himself in knowledge of financial affairs and proper methods of conducting the same. When the First National Bank of Clinton was organized he became one of the directors, and upon the death of the president of that institution, Mr. Foster, he was chosen to act in his stead. From that time until death put

an end to his labors he most creditably discharged the duties of this responsible place. He was for years a member of Stewart Lodge, F. & A. M.

In 1860 Mr. Kline married Frances Aletta Dunham, a daughter of Aaron and Catherine (Kline) Dunham. Aaron Dunham was born in this county and came from a family that settled here in the eighteenth century, and were thereafter thoroughly associated with the best interests of western New Jersey. Mrs. Catherine Dunham was also a native of this county, and was a daughter of an honorable old family in this section. Mrs. Kline is one of eight children born to her parents, and is still making her home in Clinton, where death bereaved her of her kind and loving husband May 23, 1895. As they had no children they adopted and brought up as their own child James C. Field, now a promising young business man (a druggist) of Somerville, N. J. They also adopted Sarah E. Dunham, who is still living with her foster-mother, and is her loved companion, confidant and friend. Mrs. Kline has been for many years a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, a valued worker in the same and a generous subscriber to its various charities.



**W**ILLIAM LAUER, manager and part owner of the Spoke Manufacturing Company of Lambertville, Hunterdon County, is one of the representative citizens of this place. In tracing the history of himself and family a most unusual example of patriotism is to be noted: that his paternal grandfather, Philip Lauer, who was born in America, but was of German descent, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, serving under Washington; Rev. William Lauer, father of our subject, was a hero of the War of 1812, and he of whom we write served in the Civil war.

Rev. William Lauer was a native of Philadel-

phia, received a liberal education in the city schools, and in his youth became connected with the Mount Zion Christian Church on Christian street. Later he was a zealous and energetic minister of the church, and was actively engaged in the work of saving souls for over fifty years. He became quite famed for his enthusiastic ministry, and preached in various parts of his native state and in New Jersey. He founded the Christian Churches at Carversville, Pa., and another in Finesville, N. J. Starting in the pastoral field before he was twenty, he continued until shortly before his death, at the age of seventy-seven years. Late in life he drew a pension for his services in the War of 1812. He was twice married, and was the father of seventeen children.

William Lauer of this sketch is a son of his father's second marriage, his mother being Mary (Bowers) Lauer. Of his brothers and sisters eleven grew to maturity and but five are now living. He was born in Bucks County, Pa., March 2, 1843, and was only eight years old when his family removed to Burlington County, N. J. There he remained until the beginning of the Civil war, receiving a fair education in the public schools. April 18, 1861, he was among the very first in the land to respond to the president's call for troops, by presenting himself for enlistment in the Company I, Twenty-third Pennsylvania Infantry. He was assigned to guard duty on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad until June, and was at Harper's Ferry with Patterson, thus missing the battle of Bull Run, but took part in several skirmishes in Winchester, Martinsburg, etc. After receiving his honorable discharge he served until the close of the war in the government employ, six months in the forage department at Fortress Monroe, and was then sent with the Fourteenth Army Corps to the front of Richmond and Petersburg. During Grant's Cold Harbor campaign he had charge of the ammunition trains, and later he was with Butler at Bermuda Hundred in charge of land transportation.

When the clouds of war had rolled away, our subject returned to this state, and for a time worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the track

construction department. Subsequently he came to this county, and commenced working in a saw-mill, and in 1868 moved to Lambertville, where he has since made his home. At first he was employed in the concern with which he is connected at this time, as a mechanic, at \$9 a week, but at the end of two years he was placed in charge of the shipping department. This position he faithfully held ten years, then being made a member of the firm in recognition of his fidelity, and put at the head of the manufacturing plant. During the twenty-nine years he has been connected with this enterprise the business has developed remarkably and whereas twenty men were formerly employed over six times as many are now necessary to handle the trade. They have a very large foreign trade, which is yearly increasing, and have constantly more orders on hand than they can fill. At the time that Mr. Lauer became a member of the firm the others chiefly interested were Messrs. Finney and Clossen, the former of whom died in 1884, while the latter withdrew from the business 1893. After the death of Mr. Finney, Mr. Lauer took entire charge of the business, and the management has since been in his hands.

As his father was a strong Abolitionist and Republican, our subject early imbibed his principles, and cast his first presidential ballot for Lincoln. He belongs to the order of Red Men, and to the Grand Army of the Republic. July 25, 1867, he married Hannah M., daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Lair) Crouse, of Milford, N. J. They have one child, a daughter, Cynthia, who is at home.



**B**ADIAH H. SPROUL, M. D., ex-president of the New Jersey Medical Society, is one of the most distinguished members of the profession in this portion of the United States. He has been a regular attendant at the meetings of this organization for over thirty years and served

as an officer of the same for some years. His elevation to the presidency was a just recognition of his devotion to the field of medical practice and his high standing therein. The state society numbers many of the brightest and most able men in the medical world, and its proximity to the great centers of medical research and learning, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, keeps it fully abreast of the latest discoveries in the healing science.

Dr. Sproul was born in Middlesex County, N. J., in 1844, being a son of Rev. Samuel Sproul, a well-known Baptist clergyman, and grandson of Oliver Sproul, a farmer and mechanic of Monmouth County, N. J. The family is of Scotch-Irish stock. The doctor's mother was a Miss Holmes, of Monmouth County, and was a descendant of good old New England stock, several of her ancestors having made records in the war of the Revolution.

After leaving the public schools the doctor prepared for college under the direction of his father, who was a scholar and a man of much more than ordinary attainments. The young man was engaged in teaching in the public schools for two years, and in the meantime took up medical studies. In 1866 he graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Then for the long period of twenty-four years he was a practitioner of Stockton, on the Delaware River, and in 1890 he came to Flemington, succeeding to the practice of the late Dr. Shannon. Owing to the fact that there are extensive stone quarries along the Delaware River, much surgical work is demanded, and in this direction the doctor is especially well posted and experienced.

From his early manhood the doctor has been interested actively in promoting the good of the Republican party. Frequently he has been called upon to serve in county conventions, and in 1894 he was elected surrogate of Hunterdon County, receiving a majority of over one hundred and fifty votes. This was the more remarkable as the county usually has a Democratic majority of from eighteen to twenty-four hundred votes. For twenty years, when he was living in Stock-

ton, he was the clerk of the district, and for years he has been identified with the public school system. He is past master of Orpheus Lodge No. 137, F. & A. M.; is past high priest of Wilson Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., and is a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 14, K. T., of Lambertville. Religiously he is connected with the Baptist Church.

In 1868 Dr. Sproul married Amy H. Dilts, and three children blessed their union: Florence M., wife of V. C. Hyde, of Flemington; Eleanor C. and Samuel H. L. The son is deceased.



**G**EORGE L. BELL, deputy county clerk of Hunterdon County, is a highly respected citizen of Flemington, in which town he has made his home for the past thirteen years. He has been devoted to the interests of the Democracy since he arrived at mature years, and has ever been a sincere friend of the people.

A native of the Empire state, Mr. Bell was born in Rochester, November 29, 1850, and received his education in the common schools of that city. Coming to the state of New Jersey about the time that he reached his majority, he settled in Somerville, and there took up legal studies. He was admitted to the bar during the year of the Centennial, and at once started in upon his career as a practitioner, meeting with fair success from the first.

His ability was soon recognized and in 1882 he was employed in the clerk's office of Union County, serving in that office for five years with credit. In 1885, having removed to Hunterdon County in the meantime, he was appointed deputy clerk of this county, and has acted in that capacity up to the present. He has given complete satisfaction to his superiors, and of late years almost the whole business pertaining to the office has devolved upon his shoulders. However, being

thoroughly trustworthy and capable, he has no difficulty in meeting all the requirements of the position, and is a general favorite with all who have business dealings with him.



**C**HARLES E. CONNET, of Readington Village, Hunterdon County, is one of her most enterprising young business men. He takes great interest in everything pertaining to the upbuilding and development of this portion of the state, and does his full share in the promotion of its prosperity. In March, 1894, he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of collector of Readington Township, his term to run for three years. While serving in that responsible position he acquitted himself most acceptably, and won the approval of his political opponents as well as the commendation of those of his own party who had given him their support at the polls.

The birth of our subject occurred on the old homestead of the family in this township, September 25, 1855, his parents being Samuel and Hannah (Thompson) Connet, sterling old settlers of this region. The father spent most of his life in this immediate locality, and for a long period was occupied in the management of his farm in Readington Township. His father, Samuel, Sr., was of English descent and was a soldier in the War of 1812. Samuel Connet, Jr., was a Republican, and was a patriotic citizen. To himself he owed the prosperity that crowned his old age, for he had been a great worker and by his well-directed efforts gradually acquired a competence. A member of the Reformed Church of Readington, he aided in its support by his influence and money, and was never slow to respond to the request of the poor and needy for assistance. To his widow and children he left a valuable and well-improved farm, and what is much better, an honorable and unblemished name. His labors completed, and his busy and useful

life-work done, he was summoned to his reward, December 18, 1887. His widow, who was loved and highly respected in this vicinity, was born March 29, 1817, being a daughter of Andrew and Susan (Lane) Thompson, both natives of this county. She died March 9, 1897. Her great-grandfather, Harmon Lane, is believed to have been the first settler on the above mentioned farm. Her marriage with Samuel Connet was solemnized January 10, 1835, and of their nine children five are still living. Eleanor A. is the wife of W. H. Post, of Batavia, N. Y.; Andrew T. is a resident of Flemington, N. J.; John L. lives in the town of Flemington; and Sarah is the wife of Peter S. Hyler. Stephen, Susan, Peter and William are deceased.



**J**OHN LUNGER, deceased, was a member of the common council of Clinton, Hunterdon County, and also of the board of education, in both of these places manifesting a high regard for the advancement of our local affairs and a commendable concern in that important matter of the education of children. Wherever he was known his name stood for all that is right, progressive, patriotic and of lasting benefit to the public.

John Lunger was born in the town of Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County, in 1846. His father, George G. Lunger, was likewise a native of this county, and at one period held the position of sheriff of this region. Both in the capacity of a public official and as a private citizen he won the good will of all his associates, and his demise was a loss to his community. His wife, formerly Rebecca Lawshe, came from an old and respected family in this county, and here she was born and reared. She is still living and in the enjoyment of reasonably good health, though she is over fourscore years.

Until he was about sixteen John Lunger re-

mained on the home place, attending the common schools. Having determined to seek some other means of earning his livelihood than that of farming, he commenced serving an apprenticeship to the harness-maker's trade. In 1870 he located in Clinton, and afterward not only dealt in harness, blankets, lap-ropes and other similar supplies, but also carried on a boot and shoe department and a gentlemen's furnishing goods department. He carried a well-selected and varied assortment of goods in these lines, and had a remunerative trade. He had an abiding faith in the superiority of the principles of the Republican party, with which organization he was associated during his entire life. The only offices he held were those mentioned above, member of the council three years and clerk of the board of education. He was a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge.

In 1874 Mr. Lunger married Miss Jennie Hardy, daughter of William and Margaret (Berry) Hardy, all natives of this county and highly respected citizens. The only child of our subject and wife is Emma F., who with her mother holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place and is an active worker. Mr. Lunger was a trustee of the congregation for twelve years and was a liberal contributor to the financial needs of the church. His death occurred March 24, 1896.



**W**HOWARD LAKE, ex-member of the New Jersey state legislature and ex-sheriff of Hunterdon County, is the genial and popular proprietor of Lake's Hotel, in Flemington. This well-equipped house was erected by him in 1895, and though there were already two other large and flourishing hostleries in the town, it came into prominence at once, partly owing to the esteem in which the owner is held, and partly



owing to the fact that everything about the hotel is thoroughly modern and up-to-date and conducted in a business-like manner.

The Lake family is of English origin, and at a remote period in the history of the United States, three brothers of the name came to seek permanent homes for themselves and children in this, the land of promise. One of the brothers settled in Long Island, another in Philadelphia, and the third in Delaware Township, this county. From the last-mentioned our subject is descended. Cornelius Lake, great-grandfather of W. H., was an influential man in his day and community, and was constantly consulted by his neighbors in regard to their property interests, deeds, wills, etc. He was himself an extensive land-owner and farmer, and his son John, next in the line of descent, followed closely in the senior man's footsteps in all things. John Lake married Ann Dilts, and their children were: Ezuba Jane, who married John Fauss, of Delaware Township; Jacob; Nancy, wife of John Sweazy, of Delaware Township; Susan, Mrs. John Clawson, of Pennsylvania; and Mary. They are all deceased.

Jacob Lake married Sarah Ann, daughter of Abner Ross, a well-to-do farmer of Bucks County, Pa., and they became the parents of the subject of this article. The father was a distiller of all kinds of grain and fruit in his early manhood, and later devoted himself exclusively to agricultural pursuits. Favoring the Democratic party he was of great assistance in local campaigns, but would never accept official positions for himself. His widow is still living and enjoys good health, though she was born in October, 1817, and is consequently past fourscore years. She has three sons living: Martin Harris, a carriage-maker in Copper Hill, N. J.; J. Ross, proprietor of the Windsor House in Washington, N. J., and W. Howard, of this sketch.

The birth of our subject occurred in Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, April 21, 1850. Early in life he started out to make his own livelihood, and it is a fact of unusual note that he has never yet worked for wages or on a salary for another. His first financial venture was to invest

his small savings in live stock, and before he was twenty he had accumulated quite a sum of money. At that time he started out as a miller, and, having mastered the details of the business, worked at the calling most industriously for about twenty years. In the meantime he also conducted a large farm and was engaged in raising and dealing in stock. In 1882 he bought a homestead, which he still owns. The hotel which he has owned and carried on for the past three years is one of the most pleasant that it is the lot of the traveling public to meet in many a day. It is fitted up with steam heat, electric lights and all the appointments of a first-class hotel of the period, and is largely patronized in the summer season by wealthy New Yorkers, fleeing from the discomforts of city life in hot weather, but desirous of a comfortable home.

November 5, 1873, Mr. Lake married Addie S. Wilson, of Oak Grove, Hunterdon County, daughter of Josiah and Mary A. Wilson, members of the Society of Friends. Mrs. Lake is also identified with the Friends, and is much loved by all who know her. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lake died in 1880, aged four years. Their only daughter, Blanche, is exceptionally bright and business-like, and is of material help to her father, as she purchases the necessary supplies for the hotel. She is an active worker in the Presbyterian Church.

In politics Mr. Lake adheres to the creed of his father, and his work for the success of his party has been frequently recognized in his being elected to various important offices. The first nomination which he was prevailed upon to accept was that of candidate to the legislature in 1882. He was duly elected and served most satisfactorily for three terms, and in 1888 was nominated for sheriff. There were eight candidates and he received a majority vote of forty-eight over all the others, but at the ensuing election he was defeated by about one hundred votes. In 1891 he was again nominated for the same position and received ninety-two of the one hundred and five votes of delegates, thus making it practically unanimous, as many of the other votes were com-

plimentary to a favorite aspirant for the office. In former elections he had taken no active part, but this time worked with his friends and was elected by a large majority, and held the place for the term of three years. Fraternally he is a member of Lackatong Lodge No. 94, I. O. O. F.



**G**ODFRIED W. GEBHARDT is one of the honored German-American citizens of Hunterdon County who have been very influential in the progress and development of its best interests and business prosperity. For over a quarter of a century he has made his home in Clinton, where he has carried on a boot and shoe business. He is loyal to the flag of his adopted country and truly patriotic in every sense. It has often been pointed out that the English people owe much of their best blood, ideas, philosophy and literature even, to the influence of the German and Saxon element, and true it is that the people of this fair land owe, in addition to this, much of the sturdy self-respect and prominence among civilized nations to the presence and intermingling with us of the sons of the Fatherland. They are noted for their independence, honesty and industry; loyalty to good law and order, and everything which goes to make a reliable citizen, one that can be depended upon to do his duty in times of peace and war alike.

Born in the province of Wittenberg, Germany, our subject is the son of Christian and Sophia (Algier) Gebhardt, who were of the same locality, and spent their entire lives in the home of their childhood. The date of the birth of young Godfried is October 9, 1830, and in 1844, when he was consequently in his fifteenth year, he left the shelter of the parental roof and for a period assisted an uncle in the management of his farm. Thence, going to the capital of Suttgardt, he worked in that city until he was seventeen, when he returned home. During the next two years

he learned the shoemaker's trade, and concluded that he would seek a home and livelihood in the New World. At first he located on Staten Island, being there for a year or more.

The youth sustained many severe trials for the first few years of his abode in this land. He had little knowledge of the language, he was quite inexperienced as a workman, and everything seemed to work against his success for a long time. He received but \$2 a month, then \$3 for several months, and once, after working very industriously and steadily for two months, his employer would pay him only half of the amount they had agreed upon, which was only \$4 for the two months at that. The lad possessed the right spirit, and though he was naturally somewhat discouraged, he did not give up for a moment, but resolutely determined that he would wrest success from failure itself, if perseverance and will and work counted for anything. July 8, 1851, he landed in the vicinity of Clinton, and after following his trade in different parts of the country for eleven years, in 1862 he located permanently in Clinton. Since that year he has conducted a boot and leather business in connection with his trade and has been prospered. He was careful of his earnings and investments, and at length became the owner of considerable good business property here. In 1861 a disastrous fire swept one of the prominent streets of Clinton, and five store buildings belonging to Mr. Gebhardt were destroyed. He immediately rebuilt two stores and two dwelling houses to replace the former structures, and was soon on his feet financially. He carries a large and well-selected stock of boots and shoes, and commands a large share of the trade of this section, being recognized as the leader in his line in Clinton.

March 11, 1854, Mr. Gebhardt married Jane Cavanaugh, of Hunterdon County. She died February 26, 1888, and of her children five survive. Joseph K., John and Jacob are business men in New York City. William C. is a rising young attorney-at-law; and Katie is the wife of John Y. Tunison, a confectioner and market-man





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of Clinton. March 22, 1893, our subject married Rebecca Schertzing, who was born in Germany. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternal Mr. Gebhardt is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been connected with the same for twenty-three years. He has filled many of the places of honor in the lodge; has probably initiated more members into the lodge than any other officer here and is the present efficient warden.

Since coming to Clinton Mr. Gebhardt has been prominently identified with the growth and development of its various interests and he is recognized as one of the energetic and enterprising men of western New Jersey. In him Clinton has a staunch and powerful supporter of its enterprises.



REV. HENRY SEYMOUR BUTLER, A. M., D. D. During the fourteen years of Dr. Butler's pastorate in Blairstown, Warren County, he has met with gratifying success in his beloved work of winning souls to the service of the Master, and the influence which he has exerted for good in the community is very great. He is a man of broad and liberal mind, generous sympathy with his fellow-men and deep sense of his responsibility. Beyond most of his ministerial brethren, he is gifted with executive ability and wisdom in the management of ecclesiastical affairs, which may account for his selection as chairman of the Presbyterial committee on foreign missions. After the death of Rev. Dr. Imbrie, of Jersey City, he was elected chairman of the same committee in the synod of New Jersey. To its connection with the large and growing Blair Presbyterial Academy, which is richly rewarding its generous founder's liability in its present success and future promise, the Blairstown Presbyterian Church is partly indebted for its prominent place in the sisterhood of churches

in this section of New Jersey. It is a live and aggressive body, full of zeal for the cause of Christianity and destined to occupy a yet larger sphere of usefulness.

The ancestors of Dr. Butler were among the early settlers of Connecticut, residents of Wethersfield and Hartford. His paternal grandfather was a seafaring man, engaged in the then profitable trade with the West Indies. The embargo of 1807 deprived him of his employment and he exchanged his property in Hartford for a tract of wild land on the Blandford Hills of Hampton County, Mass. He removed thither with his wife and six children in December, 1811. One of his sons, Henry Butler, father of the doctor, was then a boy of six years. When he was fifteen he went to Hartford and clerked at first for J. Granger & Co. Two years later he went to New York City, becoming a clerk and salesman for Skidmore & Wilkins, and afterwards for Caleb O. Halstead & Co., wholesale dry-goods merchants. In time he became a member of the firm of Halstead, Brokaw & Co. and Brokaw, Butler & Co., and later president of the American Exchange Fire Insurance Company. His busy and useful life in the metropolis covered more than threescore years. He died at the home of his son in this town at the ripe age of eighty-six. Both he and his wife, Martha, were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, he being an elder in the congregation. His wife's father, Horace Hinsdale, was an elder of what is now the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and afterwards of the First (Remson Street) Church of Brooklyn.

Their youngest child, Rev. H. S. Butler, was born in New York City, December 19, 1840. He was dedicated to the ministry by his devout mother, who, dying of consumption when he was but eighteen months old, took pains that he should learn of her earnest wishes on this subject as soon as he was old enough to understand. It made a great impression upon his youthful mind and was the initial impetus in the direction of his energies. His preliminary education was gained in the select school of Joshua Huntington, M. D.,

and the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated in one of its first classes. In 1858 he entered Princeton College and graduated four years later. Owing to circumstances connected with the Civil war, then in progress, his father's means had become reduced, so that it became advisable for him to teach for a season before taking up his theological studies. He accordingly took charge of the Putnam County Seminary, at Red Mills (now Mahopac Falls), N. Y. In September, 1863, he returned to Princeton, there completing his theological course. He received the degree of Master of Arts in 1865 and was appointed a tutor in the college.

In July, 1866, he accepted a call to the churches in Columbus and Bustleton, N. J., and having been ordained the following October, he entered upon his active ministerial work. Before two years had passed the young man was forced to abandon his charge on account of ill health, and he spent a year in recruiting and supplying churches. Then followed a happy and useful pastorate of almost fifteen years in the Clearfield (Pa.) church. An interesting feature of his installation there was the dedication, on the same day, of a beautiful house of worship, costing \$45,000. This fine edifice was erected largely through the efforts of Hon. William Bigler, former governor of Pennsylvania and United States senator, then a ruling elder of the Clearfield church. During his pastorate there, Dr. Butler was permitted to see a very substantial growth of the church, both material and spiritual. The relations between him and his people were very harmonious and their mutual attachment very strong. Clearfield County was then undergoing rapid development; the timber was being fast removed and coal was becoming the main article of trade and export. In consequence, new towns were springing up in hitherto desolate regions and there was thus abundant opportunity for missionary effort. From his central location at the county seat he was enabled to organize and direct movements for supplying the prevailing spiritual destitution and was instrumental in forming sev-

eral new churches. Of these, the one at DuBois, with its five hundred members, is especially notable.

In 1876 Dr. Butler was elected Moderator of the Presbytery of Huntingdon; of the Harrisburg Synod in 1880 and by appointment of the General Assembly, was Convener of the consolidated Synod of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, in 1882. At New Brunswick, in 1895, he was chosen Moderator of the Synod of New Jersey; and on November 20 and 21 of that year conducted a successful state convention in the interest of foreign missions, in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Trenton.

A wholly unlooked-for desire on the part of the Presbyterian Church of Blairstown, that he should take charge of the important work here, which involved also the presidency of the directors of the academy, led to Dr. Butler's giving up his cherished work in Clearfield and vicinity, as it became his conviction that his duty lay here. The Blairstown Academy was founded by Hon. John I. Blair, and was donated by him, with its goodly buildings and endowment, to the Newton Presbytery. It was in March, 1884, that our subject entered upon his pastorate and important duties here, and in the following January he was honored by Lafayette College in the bestowment of the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The congregation of Blairstown is one of unusual strength from both a material and spiritual point of view. Among the deceased elders whose lives were of untold benefit to the church may be mentioned Henry D. Gregory, Ph. D., principal of the Blair Academy and later vice-president of Girard College, and Charles E. Vail, the late secretary of J. I. Blair. Through the able persistence of the latter, the church was put upon a financial basis which makes it a model: a policy as ably carried out by his brother and successor as trustee and elder, William H. Vail, M. D. Dr. J. C. Johnson, also, the "beloved physician," has long been recognized as a model elder.

May 8, 1867, Dr. Butler married Miss Maria T. Patterson, of Pound Ridge, N. Y. Her father, Rev. William Patterson, enjoyed the rare

distinction of spending his whole ministerial life of fifty-three years in the same charge, and was greatly beloved by all. The first child of Dr. Butler was born November 4, 1868, and was named Courtlandt Patterson. He was dedicated to the ministry and is now (1898) pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Riverton, N. J. Five other children were born in Clearfield, of whom three sons, William, Joseph and Henry, lie buried upon the hillside overlooking that town. The fourth son, Horace Graham, is in business in Chicago, Ill., and the only daughter, Emma Seymour, is pursuing studies at home. The doctor's sympathies are with the Republican party.



**J**OSEPH W. SILVARA, M. D. Among the medical fraternity of Hunterdon County this enterprising physician of East Amwell Township ranks high. For about thirteen years he has been located in the pretty little town of Ringoes, his practice covering much of the surrounding country as well. He is devoted to his chosen work, and is thoroughly abreast of the progressive spirit of the age, an age which has made a more complete revolution in the matter of treatment of disease than in almost any other direction of science. He is a member of the Hunterdon County Medical Society, and since 1880 has been connected with the Odd Fellows. In 1883, 1884 and again in 1885 he had the honor of being sent as a representative to the grand lodge of the state of Pennsylvania.

The father of the above, Joseph W. Silvara, Sr., was also a member of the medical profession. He was born in the town of Silvara, Bradford County, Pa., and took up the study of medicine when but seventeen years of age. He earned the money with which to take himself through college, and in 1841 graduated from the University of New York City. Settling in White Haven, Luzerne County, Pa., he continued in practice as

long as he lived. His labors were very arduous and were a severe strain upon his mind and physical strength, as he rode for sixty miles around to attend patients, and, having gained a very favorable reputation, especially in surgical cases, he was in great demand. Death found him at his post of duty, as he died when out upon one of his long rides, in 1849, in the town of Hawley, Pa. He married Ellen Morgan, by whom he had four children: Emily, now the wife of James N. Prior, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Emanuel, who was drowned at the age of sixteen years at White Haven; Joseph W., of this sketch; and Thomas, who died when seventeen years old.

The birth of our subject occurred in White Haven, Pa., November 2, 1848, and he was thus but a year old when death deprived him of his loving father's care and guidance. The mother removed to Stroudsburg after that sad event, and from his fifth to his twenty-first year the doctor lived with an uncle in Lacon, Ill. He received very good educational advantages, and graduated from the Lacon high school. For a year or so he carried on his uncle's farm. His next move was to go to Bloomsburg, Pa., where he entered a drug store and served an apprenticeship of three years. Afterwards he was for another twelve-month in the same position but with a good salary. During this period he had made up his mind that he would enter the medical profession, and having bought a few books relating to the subject, he started on this difficult undertaking. For two years Dr. Tewksbury, of Ashley, Pa., where he was then residing, directed his ambitious efforts, and at last, in the winter of 1872, and again in the following year, he was a student in Ann Arbor (Mich.) University. The last year of his course he passed in Jefferson Medical College, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine March 11, 1874. His initial practice was in the town of Parsons, a suburb of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and there he was located three years. The eight following years he practiced in Cresco, Pa., and in the fall of 1885 came to settle permanently in Ringoes. The first three years he was associated with Dr. Robbins, then a candi-

date for state senator, and since then he has been alone, and has certainly met with gratifying success and his full share of the public patronage. August 6, 1890, he married Miss Cora Hunt, of this village. They have a pretty and happy home and delight to entertain therein their numerous friends.



**A**NDERSON W. GREEN has had long and successful experience as a farmer. In 1867 he bought the John Bray farm in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, where he has since resided, giving his attention to the raising of general farm products and to the dairy business. The place contains eighty acres and is improved with neat and well-equipped buildings. An air of thrift pervades the entire farm that speaks volumes for the energy and industry of the owner, who has indeed spared no pains to make of the estate one of the finest in the township.

The father of our subject, Samuel Green, was born in Delaware Township, where the first thirty years of his life were spent. From there he went to Doylestown, Pa., where he followed the wheelwright's trade. For a number of years he carried on a spoke factory at Doylestown. He was a successful business man and accumulated a competency. Though not an office seeker he was interested in politics and was a decided Democrat in his opinions. His death occurred in 1888, when he was eighty-six years of age. Our subject's grandfather, Richard Green, was probably a native of Delaware Township; he was for years a leading farmer of that locality and died there when about eighty. Of his father, Samuel, nothing definite is known.

By the marriage of Samuel Green to Hannah Fisher, one child was born, the subject of this sketch. The wife and mother died when fifty-six years of age. When only six years old

our subject began to work for others and from that time forward he was self supporting. The necessity of earning a livelihood prevented him from securing the education that he desired; the knowledge he possesses is the result of self culture rather than schooling. However, his habits of close observation and careful reading enabled him to gain a broader fund of information than many possess who are his superiors in educational advantages.

The childhood and youth of our subject were passed in Kingwood Township, where he was born in 1835. But in 1856 he went to the west and for three years worked on a farm in Grundy County, Ill. On his return to Kingwood Township he was for a time employed by others, but in 1861 started out for himself, working on shares a tract of eighteen acres and planting it to peach trees. For several years he engaged in the fruit business, but since establishing his home on his present farm he has carried on general farming. He is a Republican in political belief, but is not active in public affairs. His family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is a contributor to its support.



**J**OSEPH HOUSEL is an honored old resident of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, and has been occupied in the cultivation and improvement of his valuable homestead here for over a quarter of a century, as he purchased the place and settled thereon in 1872. Comprised within the boundaries of the farm are one hundred and eight acres, all of which is well adapted to the purpose of general crops grown in this region.

Joseph Housel, Sr., was a native of Raritan Township, and, having reached manhood, chose for his future companion and sharer of his joys and sorrows, Rebecca Dusenberry. By their marriage they had seven sons and one daughter,



named as follows: Henry, Charles, Theodore, Wilson, John, Samuel, Sarah A. and Joseph, Jr. Sarah A., Henry, Theodore and John are deceased. Samuel was a soldier in the late war and the last heard of him he was in a hospital in Tennessee.

The birth our subject occurred in this township February 2, 1826. Here he was reared to maturity, receiving a good education in the district schools of the period. His father gave him practical training in the duties of farm management, and with him he continued to dwell until after passing his majority. He then set out to make his own way in the world by working for neighboring farmers, and was thus occupied during some eight years. At the end of this period he rented a farm in Raritan Township, and later removed to Somerset County, where he remained until 1872. Returning to the place of his youth, he next bought the old Quick homestead, as his farm was formerly styled, and here he may be found to-day. He has always preferred a quiet life, and has never desired official distinction, though he does his duty as a voter, his choice being the candidates and platform of the Democracy.

In October, 1856, Mr. Housel married Sarah Boughner. To them four children were born. Johnson, the eldest, is deceased; Janet is the wife of William Conover, a farmer of this township; Rebecca is the wife of John W. Higgins, of East Amwell Township; and Susie completes the family. The wife and mother died February 22, 1898.



**A**NDREW FLEMING, a worthy old citizen of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, departed this life in 1886, aged about eighty years. His loss was deeply felt by his old neighbors and associates, and his memory is cherished in the hearts of many of the residents of this community. In business life he won success by unremitting industry and effort, and wherever he

went his name became a synonym for truth and honesty. In all his dealings with his fellow-men he was so thoroughly reliable, upright and just that his word was considered as good as his bond, and no other guarantee was necessary. In all the relations of life, as citizen, friend and neighbor, but especially as husband, father and son, did his noble character shine forth, and he endeared to himself a host of acquaintances.

Born October 23, 1805, Mr. Fleming was a son of William and Elizabeth (Cook) Fleming. His birth took place in Hunterdon County, and here he was reared to maturity. After his marriage in 1838 he removed to what is known as Branchburg Township, Somerset County, N. J., and was there engaged in farming for forty-five years. In his declining years he wished to return to Hunterdon County, and accordingly passed his last days in Readington Township, living retired from arduous labor. While in Somerset County he served as a justice of the peace, was actively concerned in every good work started in the community where he dwelt, and feeling the great loss that he had himself sustained in not having received a good education in the primitive schools of his boyhood, he was particularly interested in the matter of providing the rising generation with the best possible advantages. For some twenty-four years he was the treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Assurance Association of New Jersey, and was also a director in the same for about twenty-three years. On political affairs he was well posted, and though he was a little partial to the Democracy, he usually voted for the candidate whom he considered would best carry out the wishes of the better classes of society.

As previously mentioned, Mr. Fleming was married in 1838. The lady of his choice was Margaret, daughter of John and Charity (Lomping) Lawshe, natives of this county. The father of Mrs. Fleming died when he was still a young man. She was born May 10, 1817, and spent her early years in what is now Union Township, there attending the old-fashioned pay schools of the period. She is highly esteemed and beloved

by a large circle of friends in this township, and her memory is held dear by numerous old neighbors in the various localities in which it has been her lot to reside. Of the children born to herself and husband the following are yet living, viz.: John; Jane; Ann, wife of Alonzo Butler; George Robbins; Kate, wife of Alfred Butler, and Asher.

John Fleming was born in Branchburg Township, Somerset County, N. J., June 4, 1839, and received his education in the public schools of the same township, where he resided until coming here with the family. From 1867 to 1882 he engaged in teaching school and in 1884 settled where he still makes his home. He is unmarried and resides with his mother. He is a member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as elder and superintendent of the Sunday-school. For a number of years he has been a member of the board of education of Readington Township.



**F**REDERICK F. LEAR is the owner and proprietor of the Lambertville roller mills, which have been established in Lambertville since 1883. He was at first in partnership with Isaac W. Holcombe and William B. Niece, under the firm name of Lear, Holcombe & Niece, which company was formed in 1883 and dissolved February 3, 1896. Since that time Mr. Lear has carried on the business alone. In addition to the flouring mill interests he adds that of lumber for building purposes and does an extensive business in this line. His mill is equipped with a fine new roller process, the capacity of the original mill being thereby increased three-fold. He commands a large share of the local trade and finds ready sale for the surplus product in adjacent towns.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Lear was born in Bucks County, February 13, 1845, and the first years of his life were spent upon his father's farm. He was a pupil in the neighborhood schools, later

attending the normal in Carversville, Pa. The demand for teachers being very great he left his studies and took charge of a school in the vicinity of his boyhood home. Thus he was occupied for three winters, farming during the rest of the year. He concluded to begin housekeeping about this time, as he had laid aside a snug little sum of money. November 30, 1869, Sarah E. George, with whom he had grown up a school-mate and an old-time friend, became his wife. Her parents were Samuel and Margaret (Fox) George. Several years followed in which our subject was occupied in managing his father's old homestead.

In 1874 Mr. Lear formed a partnership with his uncle, E. D. Fulmer, the firm name being changed to E. D. Fulmer & Co. About two years afterwards the uncle retired from the business and Mr. Lear continued alone until 1883. The mills had a capacity of but thirty-five barrels per day, and it was not before 1883 that he was enabled to put in new machinery. Years ago he had a sawmill and manufactured great quantities of lumber, and now deals in stock that is shipped in from various points.

Mr. and Mrs. Lear have two children, Lavina May, born in January, 1881, and Joseph, born in September, 1883. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Lear being a trustee in the same. In politics he is a Democrat, but is not active nor has he ever been prevailed upon to accept public office. His interest in educational matters, however, led to his taking a place on the school board, where he served for a period. He is a director and stockholder of the Lambertville National Bank. Fraturnally he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The parents of our subject were Joseph G. and Lavina (Fulmer) Lear, both natives of Bucks County, Pa. He was next to the youngest in a family of eleven children of Arnold Lear. Born in 1815 he lived to be seventy-three years old, and died July 20, 1888, loved and mourned by all who had known him. He was born and passed his entire life on the farm where the subject of this narrative was also born and reared. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church,

was an elder and a deacon in the same and was prominent in all good works. He had but two children. The daughter, Mary C., is the wife of Dr. W. H. Kunsman, of Bucks County, Pa., and has one child. The old homestead upon which our subject was reared, consisting of about one hundred and fifty acres, is now the property of himself and sister, Mary C. Kunsman.

being in Milford. His father, William Tomson, was born in this township and spent his whole life on the homestead which he had inherited from his father, with the exception of a few years prior to his death, when he removed to Milford and built the house now occupied by his son, Nahum. He was summoned to his final rest in 1861. The wife of the last-mentioned was Hannah, daughter of Benjamin W. and Matilda (Bloom) Alpaugh. She is still living and in the enjoyment of excellent health. The family is noted for longevity, our subject's grandmother Tomson having attained ninety-six years, and his grandmother Alpaugh having been eighty-one at the time of her death. The only brother of our subject is Rev. G. W. Tomson, of Clayton, N. J.



**W**ILLIAM C. TOMSON is general manager and on the editorial staff of the *Leader*, published in Milford, Hunterdon County. He is a gentleman of wide experience in this field, and is thoroughly practical, understanding journalistic work in every detail. In his youth he commenced at the bottom round of the ladder and from that lowly position worked upward by his own merits to a place of honor and responsibility. In local politics he is quite a leader, being one of the standard-bearers of the Republican party. His fellow-citizens called upon him to serve in the capacity of clerk of Holland Township a few years ago and he fully satisfied their most sanguine expectations in the manner with which he met every obligation of the office during his three years' term.

William C. Tomson was born September 25, 1861, and reared near Milford. He acquired his general education in the public schools, and was nineteen when he entered the office of the *Milford Leader*. He learned the printer's trade, was employed first in one capacity and then in another, until he became thoroughly conversant with the business in every department. He remained in the office under six managements finally becoming the foreman of the actual printing department. At last, owing to some dissatisfaction and misunderstanding, he resigned his position, bought a printing outfit and started into business on his own account. He then engaged in job and commercial printing for the next three years, at the end of which time, or in 1891, the management of the *Leader* engaged him as editor, he to take the general supervision. The paper was established in 1880 and has become one of the acknowledged leaders of thought in this portion of the state.

The Tomsons have been established in Hunterdon County for several generations and have been noted for honest, good citizenship. The father of our subject is Nahum W. Tomson, who was born in the vicinity of Milford and has resided hereabouts all his life. He carried on general farming during his active career, also dealing to a considerable extent in stone, for he was the owner of a quarry. He has always been very active in the support of the Republican party and has occupied various local public positions of trust and honor. For several years he was surveyor of the township highways. In 1885 he retired from the arduous work of the farm, and has since been leading a retired life, his home

In 1881 Mr. Tomson married Jennie, daughter of Henry and Ann Aten, of this county, and they have one child, Charles A. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford, Mr. Tomson having served as local preacher for several years. He has passed all the chairs in Perseverance Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., is also a member of Ridgeley Protective Association for Odd Fellows, and belongs to Camp No. 12,

Patriotic Order of America. He is respected and admired by all with whom it is his lot to come into contact, for he is a man of most sterling qualities of head and heart.



**W**ILLIAM B. HOCKENBURY has made his home on a farm near Locktown, in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, since the year 1855, when he bought the Higgins farm of eighty-three acres. As a farmer he is energetic and industrious, and through perseverance he has brought his place under excellent cultivation and rendered its acreage profitable. In the Grange he is an active worker, and for the past twenty-two years has been its treasurer. His opinions upon public questions are firm and not easily changed when once formed. The Democratic party receives his allegiance and its candidates his support. For three years he was a freeholder. He is deeply interested in the public schools, and for twenty-one years rendered efficient service as a school trustee.

In the township where he now resides Mr. Hockenbury was born in 1824. His father, John, a native of Hunterdon County, spent the most of his life in Kingwood Township, where he followed the trade of a shoemaker and also carried on farm pursuits. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. Among the offices that he held were those of overseer of the poor and overseer of roads. Every enterprise started for the benefit of the community received his warm sympathy and, if possible, his active support. He was a member of the old-school Baptist Church and one of the active workers in his denomination. Attaining an advanced age, he died when eighty-two years of age.

Malcolm Hockenbury, our subject's grandfather, emigrated to America from Germany when fourteen years of age, and settled near Frenchtown, Hunterdon County. He died when

in middle life, when our subject's father was a boy of eight years. The mother of our subject was Sarah, daughter of John Sutton, and a woman of noble character, a faithful member of the Baptist Church until she died, at sixty years of age. Of her eight children, five are living: Dinah, wife of Mahlon Pegg; D. Bateman, John S., William B. and Asa B. Two daughters, Mrs. Jane Horner and Mrs. Mary Snyder, are deceased.

The early years of our subject's life were quietly passed in Kingwood Township. When he was thirty years of age he purchased the place where he has since resided, and to the cultivation of which he has since given his attention. His marriage in 1854 united him with Miss Catherine Chamberlin, daughter of A. B. Chamberlin, Sr. She remained his helpmate until her death, which occurred in December, 1889, at the age of fifty-three years. Four children were born of the union, all daughters, namely: Elizabeth; Florence, wife of J. F. Wagner; Jane, Mrs. Joseph Foss; and Sadie, who married R. H. Foss. The family attended the Baptist Church.



**J**ACOB Q. KLINE, who is a practical miller and good business man, has been the proprietor of the mill in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, near Flemington Junction, for the past eight years and enjoys the patronage of all of the people of this district. The Kline family have been identified with the development and growth of Hunterdon County for over a hundred years and at all times they have been noted for sturdy, industrious, law-abiding qualities. The grandfather of our subject, Peter A., was a native of Readington Township, and was a tanner by trade.

John S. Kline, father of Jacob Kline, was likewise born in this township, and followed farming and carpentering with success. He married Sarah Carkhuff, who was born and reared in this





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vicinity, and to them were born seven children: John W., William S., Peter S., Amanda E., Jacob Q., Ezekiel and Levi.

J. Q. Kline was born March 13, 1853, on his father's old homestead in Readington Township. He attended the common schools of the period, gaining general knowledge of the practical branches. When he was about nineteen he began learning the milling business with Brokaw & Higgins, of Three Bridges, and has since followed this occupation. He is a Democrat in his political convictions, and the only official position which he has ever been induced to accept was that of postmaster of Rowland Mills. He is a member of the Grand Fraternity.

January 24, 1877, Mr. Kline married Annie E. Schomp, whose people are old settlers of this district. Four children came to grace the home of our subject and wife and were named respectively, Howard E., Russell, Sadie and Jessie. Mrs. Kline is a lady who is loved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance and she holds membership with the Presbyterian Church.



**C**LIFFORD MILLS, M. D. It is always difficult for a young professional man to gain a footing in a community, and it is always a work of years and patience for him to acquire a large and lucrative practice. However, it is oft-times effected by the marked ability, fitness for the chosen work, kindness and gentleness of disposition of the young practitioner, his presence bringing cheer and confidence into the sick-room. Thus it has been with the subject of this sketch. He is a genuine student, is unencumbered with the dogmas of the old-style physician, and is thoroughly practical, wide-awake, and up to the spirit of the progressive age in which he lives. It needs no prophet to predict for him a most promising future, judging from what he has

already accomplished, and the best wishes of a host of his sincere friends accompany him in this chosen work.

Among the early settlers in Long Island were two brothers, Timothy and Jonathan Mills, who had emigrated to that point from the extreme northern part of Ireland. From the first-mentioned our subject is descended. Nehemiah Mahlon Mills was married in New York City and removed to Morristown, N. J., at an early day. His son, Nehemiah Mahlon, Jr., born in New York, came with his parents to this state, and upon arriving at maturity married Susan Slack, of Stanhope, and their youngest child is the doctor. N. M. Mills was a carpenter and contractor in Morristown for some years, but the work being too arduous for his health he bought a farm in Morris County, and proceeded to engage in its cultivation until about 1893, when he retired, and is quietly passing his declining years in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former years of toil. He has always supported the Republican party by his ballot, and has never sought or accepted office. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the eleven children born to himself and wife all are living save two. The others in the order of birth are named as follows: George, Mary, Harriet (wife of Russell Chase, of Newark), Harvey, Annie (a teacher), Jennie, Julia, John and Clifford. George is a prominent business man of Morristown, and operates a large planing-mill there. Harvey is in business with him and John is a graduate of Rutgers College, class of '97, and is now studying law in Newark.

Dr. Clifford Mills was born December 1, 1875, in Morristown, and received his education in the excellent public schools of the place. After graduating from the high school he attended Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, and duly graduated from that well-known institution in March, 1897, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His course had included considerable actual practice, and he therefore felt himself competent to enter at once upon the chosen work of his life. He opened an office for practice in

Califon, and is rapidly winning the respect of his brethren in the profession, as well as the regard and confidence of our citizens. He is a young man of frank and manly ways, and has the faculty of readily making friends, and what is more, of retaining them. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and examining physician for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York for Califon.



**R**ALPH D. HUFF, a business man of Blairstown, has made his home here for the past seven years. Born in Hardwick Township, Warren County, in 1856, he is a son of Barnet S. Huff, who was a native of Stillwater, Sussex County, N. J. From 1854 to 1886, in which year he died, he was occupied in the cultivation of his fine farm situated in Hardwick Township, the one adjoining this. He was a man of prominence among his neighbors, and bore a high reputation for honor and uprightness in word and deed. In his political relations he was a Republican. For several years prior to his death he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Stillwater. He was born in 1828 and was consequently fifty-eight years old when he entered into his final rest. His father, Joseph Huff, was born in 1800 and always resided in Sussex County, where he was born. He became a prosperous man of affairs, and owned large estates. Death put an end to his earthly labors when he was seventy-two years of age. His father, Joseph Huff, Sr., was a native of Germany, and upon his arrival in the United States he settled in Sussex County, where his name has since been known, handed down from one generation to another. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Hannah Divers. She is a daughter of Jacob M. and Mary Ann (Voss) Divers, and her grandfather, John Voss, was a native of Germany, and upon his arrival in this country made a perma-

nent home near White Pond, Warren County. Mrs. Hannah Huff is now living at the home of our subject in Blairstown. She had three daughters by her marriage with Mr. Huff: Elizabeth, the wife of Lewis Roy; Ella, Mrs. Philetus Luse; and Mary, deceased.

Ralph D. Huff remained with his parents on the farm until he was grown, and was educated in the district schools; in the year 1891 he came to Blairstown. Here he followed the pursuits of surveying and conveyancing for about four years, after which he purchased a furniture and undertaking business. This he has since successfully conducted, winning a large and remunerative patronage.

In 1881 Mr. Huff married Gertrude, daughter of Isaac R. Kerr, and two children grace their union, Nellie and Clarence. Since he was twenty-five years of age Mr. Huff has held membership with the Presbyterian Church, and his wife and children are also attendants upon the services of the local church. Politically he is a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows, and is treasurer of the local lodge. He is also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and is a trustee in the order. He is a member of Blairstown Lodge No. 165, F. & A. M. He has the respect and high regard of all who are acquainted with him, whether in a business or social manner.



**M**ANUEL TOMSON. This sterling citizen of Clinton, Hunterdon County, is the proprietor of the Clinton House, which he has conducted with ability for the past sixteen years. Prior to assuming its management he had considerable experience in this same line of business, and, in fact, has been interested in the same for nearly a quarter of a century. Since assuming the management of this well-known and popular hotel, he has by untiring energy been able to



place the house among the leading hotels of western New Jersey. He has thoroughly refitted the premises at great expense, has built a large addition and equipped it with steam heat and water system, including bath rooms of latest style. In fact his hotel is modern in every respect and a credit to his push and energy. His affable and kindly manner in his association with his guests has won for him hosts of friends, who hold him in high esteem. His personal qualities are such as to make him an ideal host.

About sixty-five years ago the birth of our subject occurred in Warren County, N. J., the date of the event being December 24, 1833. His parents were Lefford and Amanda (Hise) Tomson, both of whom were natives of Hunterdon County, but removed to Warren County soon after their marriage. The father was a farmer during his whole life and took an active part in the affairs of the little community in which his home was situated. He died in 1872, and was followed to the silent land in 1887 by his beloved wife. Her mother, Mrs. Hise, attained the extreme age of one hundred years and six months; her mother lived to be ninety-eight, and grandfather Hise was ninety-six at the time of his death.

Having been reared upon a farm, and early initiated into its various kinds of work, young Tomson adopted the occupation of agriculture, following the same for a number of years with fair success. He gained a knowledge of the ordinary branches of learning in the public schools, and added thereto, year by year, the wisdom acquired in the actual battle of life. In 1875 he started in what was to him a new and doubtful business venture, but, as it turned out, one that was destined to reward him with financial prosperity. He embarked in the laborious business of carrying on a hotel, which he purchased at Mount Pleasant, N. J. He sold out in about a year, and then was the owner and manager of a hotel in Glen Gardner, N. J. In April, 1882, he became the owner of the popular Clinton House, made some desirable improvements therein, and is still earnest in his endeavor to furnish the best pos-

sible accommodations to the public. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and belongs to the Order of American Mechanics. In his political convictions he is a Republican, and, while not an aspirant to official distinction, he has served in the capacity of constable and in minor positions.

The marriage of Mr. Tomson and Elizabeth Ann Staats, daughter of a well-known Warren County family, was solemnized in 1856. Three children still remain to them: Sanford R., a practical farmer of this locality; Elmer E., who is in business with his father; and Chester, a coal merchant of this town. The mother is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is loved by all who know her.



**W**ILLIAM H. DALRYMPLE has been a lifelong resident of Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County. Purchasing the Francis Horner farm in 1873, he at once established his home upon it and began the cultivation of the land. In various branches of agriculture he has been successful. Not only has he engaged in raising general farm products, but he has also devoted considerable attention to the fruit business and has on his place a large number of trees that are in excellent bearing condition. In addition, he carries on a dairy business.

Born in this township in 1843, our subject is a son of James Dalrymple, also a native of Kingwood, where he spent his life engaged in general farming. In politics he was a Republican, active in party affairs. From early youth he was a member of the Baptist Church and his Christian faith brightened his declining years. At the time of his death he was eighty-two years of age. His father, John, son of Jesse Dalrymple, was for several years a resident of Franklin Township and a farmer there. He was an active worker in the Baptist Church and one of its deacons. The

marriage of James Dalrymple united him with Margaret Hoff, daughter of William and Mary (Snyder) Hoff, and an earnest member of the Baptist Church. She died when about sixty-eight years of age. Of their ten children only four are now living: William H.; John, of Jersey City; Martha, wife of Joseph Lawshe; and Elmer, a resident of Pittstown.

At the age of fourteen our subject began to work for others and from that time until he was twenty-seven he assisted farmers. Saving his earnings, in 1873 he was able to purchase property and begin independently. Since then he has met with uniform prosperity and has become well-to-do. Politically an active Republican, he is a local leader in his party. Among the positions he has held was that of road overseer. He is a member of the Locktown Grange and keeps posted in matters pertaining to agriculture. For some time he has been a trustee and deacon in the Baptist Church.

In 1871 Mr. Dalrymple established domestic ties, being united in marriage with Miss Hannah, daughter of Peter and Mary Dalrymple, and a resident of this county. A son and daughter came to bless their union, the former being Howard, and the latter Carrie, wife of Wilson Cline. Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple have a grandchild, Estelle Cline, of whom they are very fond. The family stand high in the estimation of the people of the township and have many friends among the best people here.



**A** AMANDUS SCHUBERT, D. D. S. The science of dentistry has reached a fine art, and now is recognized as an important adjunct to medical science. Dr. Schubert has built up a good reputation in Blirstown, Warren County, where he established himself in practice over fifteen years ago. He is a member of the alumni of the New York College of Dentistry, is

an honorary member of the students' society of the same institution and belongs to the New Jersey State Dental Society. In 1890 he attended the Tenth International Medical Congress, in Berlin.

Peter Schubert, the doctor's father, was a native of Meldorf, Germany, but passed the most of his life in Altona, Germany. He was a surgeon of much renown in his day, took a very prominent part as such during the war of 1848 and in the Franco-Prussian war. In 1872 he retired from active professional work, and continued to live and enjoy his quiet home in Hamburg, Germany, for many years longer. At the time of his death in 1890 he was seventy-three years of age. His wife, who survives him, was formerly Maria Henrietta Conradi. She was born in Hamburg, being a daughter of the well-known surgeon Dr. Johannes Conradi, of that city. Her brother, Dr. Theodore Conradi, was noted as a physician, and was the head of the Sailors' Hospital and Asylum at Hamburg from the date of its organization until his death. Mrs. Schubert is still a resident of Hamburg, and is now in her seventy-eighth year. Of the four children born to herself and husband only two, Emma, widow of Capt. Edward Saunmet, of Hamburg, and Arthur, a dentist in Altona, are left in Germany. Emil is a well-to-do merchant in the city of New York.

A. A. Schubert was born in Altona, Germany, June 9, 1854, and in his boyhood received his education in the government schools of his home place. He went to the city of Hamburg while still a youth, and there it was that he had his first experience in the commercial world. Entering a dry-goods store, he served an apprenticeship to the business, and in 1872 he decided to come to America. Settling in New York, he remained there about six years, still occupied in the dry-goods trade. In 1878 he went to Europe and took up the study of dentistry with his brother Arthur, but returned the same year and in 1880 became a student in the New York College of Dentistry, from which institution he graduated in 1882 with the degree of D. D. S. He came to Blirstown in the following year, and has since

devoted his whole time and energies to his practice. Fraternaly he is a member of Blirstown Lodge No. 165, F. & A. M., of this town, and is past master of the same. In 1889 he assisted materially in the organization of a fire company for the better protection of the place in case of fire, and the company is now known as the Blirstown Hose Company. He was its second foreman and its first secretary and treasurer, and is still a member of the company. Since 1869 he has held membership with the Lutheran Church. In 1884 he married Miss Marie Winter, daughter of George Winter, of Germany, an officer under the Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt. The doctor and his accomplished wife have one child, Amanda. In politics he is independent.



**J**AMES ANDERSON is an honored old citizen of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, and has passed his entire life in this and the adjacent township of Raritan, occupied in agricultural pursuits. He has been faithful to all duties imposed upon him as a neighbor, son, husband and father and has striven to promote the prosperity of his own community. Earnestly endeavoring to meet such responsibilities, he has held his own personal interests secondary in importance and has never sought public office or the praise of his associates.

Next to the youngest son in the family of eleven children, our subject was born July 18, 1836, his parents being Samuel and Matilda (Porter) Anderson. The others are as follows in order of birth: John W., Peter T., William J., Timothy, Abraham, Theodore, Ralph, George James, Emilie and Harriet. Only three are now living. James Anderson attended the common schools during the winter season, as was customary in his boyhood, while during the remainder of the year his time was spent in arduous farm work. He early became familiar with every

detail of agriculture, and continued to live on the old homestead in Raritan Township, where he was born, until 1880. At that time he removed to the fine farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres which he had purchased in this township, and here he has since been engaged in making improvements and otherwise increasing the value of the place. In addition to owning this property, he still has in his possession the old home farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres, this being rented out to a responsible tenant.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Anderson is a Democrat and has always voted for the principles and candidates for that party since becoming a voter. In 1892 he retired for a time from active labor, living in the town of Reaville, but at the end of five years or so he became anxious to return to the old routine of life in which his youth and prime had been passed, and he has since managed his farm in East Amwell Township. February 16, 1882, he married Lucella Bateman, who was born and grew to womanhood in Raritan Township. She is a daughter of George and Amelia (Britton) Bateman. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have two daughters: Annie, now in her thirteenth year, and Hattie, twelve years of age.



**J**MMETT J. DIVERS, a prosperous merchant of Blirstown, is justly entitled to credit for the manner in which he has built up his successful business. The great-grandfather of our subject on the paternal side of the family was Henry Divers, who settled at a very early day in Hardwick Township, where he has since been represented by some of his descendants. The next in the line of descent was his son Jacob, who was a life-long farmer and one of the most successful financiers in his locality during his career. He lived to reach nearly fourscore years ere death put an end to his labors. His son John V. was the father of our subject. He was born in

Hardwick Township, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits there for many years. In 1877 he retired to pass in rest and quiet his remaining days, and has since resided in Blairstown. In his political faith he is a staunch Democrat. Emmett J. is the only child of his marriage with Arminda C. Savercool, whose father was Isaac Savercool, of Hardwick Township. Mrs. Arminda Divers is also still living, and with her husband is passing happily along the declining pathway of life, happy because of a past well spent and of a future bright with increasing hope.

Emmett J. Divers was born March 21, 1865, in this county, and has always lived within its boundaries. With his parents he came to Blairstown in 1877 and was educated in the public schools here. Then for eight years he was a clerk in the general store of A. H. Smith. In 1892 he embarked in an enterprise of his own, opening a gentlemen's furnishing goods store. He has met with success, and numbers among his patrons many of the best dressers in the town and locality. In political matters he adheres to the training he received from his father, and votes the Democratic ticket. He is a member of Blairstown Hose Company and has been the secretary of the organization. He is identified with the Masons and is a member of the Red Men.

October 24, 1893, he married Miss Emma Vliet, a daughter of Daniel and Marietta (Decker) Vliet, well-known citizens of this place. The young couple have one child, John Daniel, named in honor of his two grandfathers.



**O**SCAR RITTENHOUSE is one of the enterprising young business men of Clinton, Hunterdon County, and is actively concerned in whatever effects the interests of the people of this community. In regard to politics he is to be found on the side of the Democracy, and has been a member of the city council. For several years

he has conducted a clothing and gentlemen's furnishing goods store, catering to the best trade in this town and vicinity. Success has smiled upon him, and by his courteous, accommodating way of dealing with his customers, he has made them steady patrons, and many of the number are warm personal friends.

Our subject bears a name that is known and honored far and wide in this section of New Jersey, as representatives of it have been associated with our local history from the pioneer days. Without exception those who have had the name have been noted for sterling qualities, for patriotism and loyalty to the government, law and order. The father of Oscar Rittenhouse was William Rittenhouse, a native of this county. He was a good business man, and was engaged in mercantile pursuits in connection with agriculture. He died on New Year's day, 1892, and by a host of sincere friends he is still tenderly esteemed and remembered. His estimable wife, who was a Miss Ida Brewer in her girlhood, is still living, and in the enjoyment of fair health.

Oscar Rittenhouse was born August 19, 1869, in Baptistown, this county, and in his boyhood he was a pupil in the district schools. He passed sixteen years of his life on the farm, but determined that he would not make agriculture his main business pursuit. Having acquired a foundation of business knowledge, he obtained a position as a clerk when he was about seventeen, and during the following three or four years devoted himself assiduously to mastering the details of the mercantile establishment with which he was connected. In 1890 he started into business upon his own account in Clinton and soon built up a lucrative trade. The establishment he conducts is complete in every detail. He carries a large and well-selected stock, and his enterprise has enabled him to make his business a leading factor in Clinton. His store would be a credit to a much larger city.

January 3, 1893, Mr. Rittenhouse married Lizzie, daughter of Cornelius C. Hoff, a prominent and well-known citizen of Frenchtown, this county. To them have been born two children,

a son, William O., named for his grandfather, and a daughter, Janet E. Mrs. Rittenhouse is an active member of the old-school Baptist Church of Kingwood.



**G**EORGE W. COLE, who owns and operates a portion of the original old Cole homestead, a valuable tract of one hundred and forty acres, is a sterling citizen of Readington Township, Hunterdon County. Here his ancestors settled upon their arrival from Germany, and here, generation after generation, had lived and died, adding to the prosperity and steadily advancing civilization of this state by their lives of busy industry and usefulness, and by their unwavering fidelity to the law and high regard for the welfare of the majority.

Of the ten children born to our subject's parents, but two are now living, viz., Sarah E. and himself. The father, David O. Cole, was a well-to-do farmer of this community, and held the office of freeholder for a period. He was a Democrat in his political belief. His good wife bore the maiden name of Agnes Cutter, and she, too, was a native of this township. David O. Cole was summoned to his reward when he had reached the ripe age of sixty-two years.

George W. Cole was born in his father's old home in Readington Township, August 22, 1837, and from his earliest recollections has been associated with a rural life. He possessed natural talent for agriculture, and when he arrived at the age to choose his life occupation, he determined to remain in the honored vocation of the majority of his forefathers. He has been successful in his undertaking, and has always taken great pride in keeping his farm in a thrifty condition. He has served his fellow-citizens as a committeeman and as a freeholder, and has discharged his duty as a voter, his ballot being given to the candidates of the Democracy.

Mr. Cole has been twice married. October 18, 1864, Anna M. Shurts, a native of Somerset County, N. J., became his wife. They had two sons and a daughter, named respectively, Charles E., K. Luella and Frank A. The mother died in January, 1877, when but thirty-two years of age. The present wife of our subject was formerly Mrs. Leah (Schomp) Polhemus. She was born and reared in Readington Township, and was first married to Henry Polhemus. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cole two daughters have been born, Agnes S. and Mabel Leonore. The family are members of the Reformed Church of Readington and are greatly respected wherever they are known.



**B**ARTON HUFFMAN is an enterprising young business man of the town of Ringoes, Hunterdon County, and is considered one of her leading citizens. He is always to be found on the side of local improvements and public advancement along any line, and is foremost in the upholding of law and order. As a business man he has the requisite traits for success, but is quiet, unassuming and faithful to duty, and is not over-ambitious for making or laying up a fortune. He prefers to act according to the dictates of his conscience, to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself, and in short to make the world a better and happier place for his presence.

Barton Huffman is one of New Jersey's native sons, he having been born in Lebanon, Hunterdon County, October 28, 1857. He was reared on a farm until he was in his sixth year, when his parents, William E. J. and Catharine A. (Porter) Huffman, removed to the town of Three Bridges, in the same county. There his boyhood's happy days passed rapidly away, he in the meantime acquiring a liberal education in the public schools of Flemington, N. J. When about fifteen he went with the rest of the family to a farm near Copper Hill, and when he arrived at his majority

took charge of the homestead, which he managed successfully several years, or until 1893, since which time he has lived in Ringoes. He purchased a hay press, which he converted into a roller mill and deals in fertilizer, coal, farm implements of all kinds and also buys and sells grain in large quantities.

Fraternally Mr. Huffman is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, belonging to the Ringoes Lodge. In religion he is a Presbyterian and is a member of the church here. October 16, 1883, he married Rebecca Reed, daughter of Levi Reed, of Wertsville, N. J. Their home is a pleasant one and the abode of happiness and good cheer.



**J**OHAN BURNS, of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, deserves great honor for the way in which he fought and suffered during the late Civil war in defense of his adopted land. To all intents and purposes he is an American, though Ireland claims him as her native son, he having been born in County Roscommon, in June, 1845. He came to the United States with his mother when he was but seven years old, and joined his father, who had preceded them to make a home for them in the land of liberty. He had settled in Lambertville, N. J., and in that vicinity the lad lived several years. His father died in 1854 and a year later our subject went to Morris County and began working for an uncle. He then returned to Lambertville and was employed in farming near there until the breaking out of the war.

In 1862 John Burns enlisted as a private soldier in Company A, Fifteenth New Jersey Infantry, and was mustered in at Flemington. The first engagement in which he took part was the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, after which he participated in the noted battles of

Gettysburg, Rappahannock, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court-house and many minor skirmishes and encounters. In the last-named encounter with the enemy, from May 8-12, he was seriously wounded, being shot by a minie-ball in the shoulder, another ball entering his hip, and still another lodging in his leg. At first he was conveyed to the field-hospital; thence was sent to the hospital at Fredericksburg, and finally was transferred to one at Washington, D. C. Altogether he languished in hospitals for nearly eleven months. At the end of that time, and as soon as his returning health and strength would permit, he rejoined his regiment, then stationed below Petersburg, and stood faithfully at his post of duty during the remainder of the war.

June 16, 1865, our subject found himself once more in Lambertville, which seemed like home to him, though he had no home of his own to return to, and he soon diligently set to work. For a year and a-half he was employed at the harness-maker's trade in Frenchtown. In 1867 he went to Kansas and purchased a farm in Coffey County. After living thereon a few months he became somewhat homesick, and returned to New Jersey, finding employment in Lambertville with the railroad company. His next move was to open a barber shop in Oxford, Warren County, and conducted the same about a year, after which he worked in the railroad shops of the same town two years. By this time he had accumulated sufficient to purchase a farm in West Amwell Township, and having done so, he managed the place for six years. Going back to Kansas, he tried renting a farm there for twenty months, but at the end of that period he once more became disgusted with Kansas, and bought a farm near Lebanon, N. J. This homestead he cultivated successfully ten years or more, then sold out to good advantage. About this time he concluded to embark in an entirely different enterprise, and carried on a hotel in Pittstown for a year, later managing one at Point Pleasant, Pa., for a similar period. In 1890 he became the owner of the Washington Hotel at Ringoes, and has since successfully conducted the same.

The first marriage of Mr. Burns took place in 1869, when Sarah E. Corkhuff became his wife. Four children were born to them, viz.: Ella A., Sarah E., Annie A. and Mary H. The two last-mentioned are deceased. November 16, 1883, Mr. Burns married Mrs. Mary A. (Cole) Henry, widow of John R. Henry. The three children born to our subject and wife are respectively, John B., Jennie W. and Cora S. Fraternally Mr. Burns is connected with Boeman Post No. 48, G. A. R., of Flemington, and is a member of Magnolia Lodge No. 57, I. O. O. F., of Frenchtown. In politics he is a Republican.



**R**ICHARD D. SHAFER, a practical farmer of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, is a native of this county, his birth having taken place in the neighboring locality of Clinton Township, April 5, 1829. During the nearly threescore and ten years of his life, he has dwelt within the borders of Hunterdon County, and has been actively interested in whatever has tended to advance the welfare of the people among whom his lot has been cast. His is a record of which he may justly be proud, and is a legacy which should be more highly prized by his children than houses and lands, for his name is above reproach and is held in the greatest respect by all who know him. The life of a good man in a community has a far-reaching influence, and all who come within the sphere of the worthy subject of this article are insensibly uplifted and made better.

Of the nine children born to William J. and Christiana (Demott) Shafer, three have been called to the silent land, viz.: John, the eldest son; Julia A. and William, the youngest son. The others are: Elizabeth, Mary, Rachel A., Delilah, Richard D. and Margaret E. The father was a successful agriculturist and was a man who was beloved for his many estimable qualities.

In political matters he was to be found supporting the Democratic party. His busy and useful life came to a close when he was in his sixty-fourth year.

Richard D. Shafer owns and cultivates a farm of over one hundred and seventy-five acres. It is well improved and is one of the most valuable homesteads in this locality for the raising of a general line of crops. Everything about the premises bears the stamp of its thrifty and practical proprietor, who takes great interest in supervising repairs and various changes for the better which he has made from time to time.

The marriage of Richard D. Shafer and Anne Maria Kennedy took place February 17, 1853. They became the parents of three children, the eldest son deceased. The second son, Fremont Kennedy, was educated in Washington, N. J., in 1892, and married Lydia L., only daughter of Cornelius Wyckoff, of Vliettown, and has since resided on the homestead farm near White House. The daughter, J. Rose, who attended school at Washington, N. J., married Silas, son of John G. Schomp, of Bedminster; they have two children, Richard Shafer and John G., and reside on what was formerly known as the Anderson farm. Mrs. Anne Maria Shafer died October 26, 1891. She was a daughter of B. S. and Phebe (Freeman) Kennedy (married in 1820) and had ten sisters and four brothers, all born in Warren County. Herself and all of her sisters but two either taught school, music or painting. Two of the brothers, William F. and Daniel F., were the first organ builders of Washington, Warren County. Thomas J. is a lawyer in Jersey City. Her great-grandfather, Samuel Kennedy, came to this country from Scotland and was a practicing physician, but after he settled here he studied for the ministry. He established his home at Basking Ridge, where he lies buried. His education was received in Edinburgh and he was a man of wide range of knowledge. His son, Samuel Kennedy, M. D., grandfather of Mrs. Shafer, first married a Miss Beavers, and after her death was united with Anna Shafer. He was a physician at Johnsonburg, Warren County, and his



practice extended from Easton, on the Delaware, to Lamington, a distance of sixty miles. The most of his first wife's children settled in Canada and Ohio.

One of the older sisters of Mrs. Shafer, Emeline M., married James Melick, a well-known farmer of New Germantown. Rosetta R., one of the younger members of the family, became the wife of Philip G. Vrom, formerly of Pluckemin, but for some time a resident of Bayonne and principal of one of the larger schools there. Bernetta is a well-known music teacher; and Henrietta is a successful artist and portrait painter. All are members of the Mechanicsville Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Shafer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of White House. Of kind disposition, he is ready to lend a helping hand to the worthy who are in unfortunate circumstances. He is a thoroughgoing Republican. The only official position he ever held is that of township committeeman.



**W**ILLIAM B. PRALL, a leading farmer of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, was born upon the old homestead which he now owns and dwells upon, and which has been in the family for several generations, having been left as an inheritance to the great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch by his father. The great-grandfather mentioned, Peter Prall by name, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. He was born on the farm where William W. Fisher now resides. The father of Peter Prall was Abraham, and his grandfather was Aaron, who came to this vicinity about 1730, and settled on land in this township now in the possession of Henry Kline.

The parents of William B., of whom we write, were Abraham and Hannah (Bellis) Prall. The father was born upon the homestead now owned

and occupied by Edward Durham, in the year 1811. His death occurred in 1843, after which event his widow continued to carry on the old farm with the assistance of her sons, W. B. and Abraham, between whom the property was divided ultimately. She was born March 23, 1813, and died in 1883. The Pralls were all identified with the old United Presbyterian Church, which is one of the landmarks of East Amwell Township.

William B. Prall was born April 10, 1834, and was reared to maturity upon the farm where he is to be found to-day. His education was obtained in the neighborhood schools of that period, and as his father died when the lad was young, the responsibilities of life fell upon his shoulders at an early age. He took full charge of the farm when he was about eighteen, and upon reaching his majority he fell heir to his portion of the estate. In 1874 he erected the substantial and comfortable house within whose hospitable walls many a friend and passing traveler have since been entertained. He has made many other good improvements, such as planting trees, building fences, etc. As the farm is situated on the Brook road leading from Ringoes to Wertsville, it is convenient to both towns. Mr. Prall has been engaged in raising a general line of crops and also does a dairy business. He has always been staunch in his allegiance to the Republican party and has been township committeeman since 1894, and was formerly a commissioner for a time.

January 30, 1855, Mr. Prall married Elizabeth Quick, of East Amwell Township. Five children have been born to them, viz.: Abraham W., September 11, 1855; Cornelia, July 14, 1857; Annie C., November 27, 1858; Hannah, March 23, 1866; and William B., Jr., March 14, 1871. The eldest son resides in Ringoes, and is in the employ of Barton Huffman. He married Mary E. Horn, and has four children, Andrew, Edith, Lizzie and Clarence. Cornelia, the eldest daughter of our subject, died when less than a year old, July 9, 1858. Annie C. is the wife of Levi H. Quick, of this township, and has one child, Hattie. Hannah is the wife of David C. Hill, a farmer of this



neighborhood, and has a daughter, Cornelia A. William B. married Emma J. Johnson, February 24, 1898, and resides with his father on the homestead. Our subject is a member of the Reaville Presbyterian Church, and has served as an elder in the same for about twenty years.



**A**SHER W. VAN DOLAH, who is engaged in farming in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, was born in Delaware in 1832 and is a descendant of one of the old families of this county. The first of the name to locate in America was Hendrick Van Dolah, who emigrated from Holland about 1735 and three years later bought a tract of land in Delaware, where the remainder of his life was passed. He died at an advanced age and was buried in Barber's Cemetery. His son, Garrett, who was a farmer and died at about eighty-two years, had a son, Henry Van Dolah, who was born and reared in Delaware, and spent his entire life on the old homestead, engaging in its cultivation and also following the trade of a wheelwright. He died when about forty-five years of age.

Next in line of descent was our subject's father, John Van Dolah, who was born in Delaware, but in 1858 removed from there to Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, where he afterward made his home with his son. By trade a blacksmith, he followed this occupation for many years, but in later life followed farm pursuits. He died at the age of eighty-one, in the faith of the Baptist Church, to which he had long belonged. His wife was Grace Opdycke, a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Wolverton) Opdycke; she attained the age of seventy-four years, and, like her husband, was a member of the Baptist Church. Their family consisted of two children, Asher W., and Mary, the deceased wife of Henry F. Trout.

When a boy our subject attended the public

schools near his father's home and, while his educational advantages were meager in comparison with those afforded children of the present generation, yet he availed himself of them to the utmost, and acquired a broad and valuable fund of information. In 1858 he bought the Richard Barcroft place near Barbertown, and here he has since resided, engaged in general farming, but making a specialty of fruit growing. He is a Democrat in political sentiments and for three years served as town committeeman. For some time during the '60s he was captain of Company B, Hunterdon County Brigade. Fraternally he is a member of the Amwell Lodge of Masons at Lambertville. His family are Baptists and he himself inclines to that faith.



**W**ILLIAM P. DEMOTT. In the history of a new country like America, when large and perhaps more tempting territories are constantly being opened for settlers in the west, there is a natural tendency toward leaving the old and tried and venturing forth into a possible Golconda, and when it is found, that in certain sections dwell families whose property has been handed down from father to son, for several successive generations, it becomes a matter of comment and admiration. The worthy citizen of whom we write comes from the sturdy, industrious, honest and reliable old Holland-Dutch stock, which has been a most important factor in the development and progress of New York and New Jersey. Over one hundred and forty years ago his great-grandfather, Jacob Demott, left his native land, and, accompanied by two of his brothers, crossed the Atlantic to found new homes in the land of promise, America. April 2, 1757, he bought the farm of two hundred acres, which has descended to his posterity, and continued to till the soil and improve the place as long as he lived. About a year subsequent to

the date of his settlement here his son Richard was born (April 14, 1758) and he, in turn, inherited the old farm.

William P. Demott is the third son in a family of ten surviving children of Richard S. and Maria (Probasco) Demott, three others having died. Those living are as follows: Richard R., George R., William P., Alfred, Martha, Mary, Emily, Amanda, Susan and Isabelle. William P. Demott was born March 16, 1850, on the old estate and has always given his entire attention to the management of the property since it came into his hands. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and is quite independent of party in matters of political import.

December 4, 1886, Mr. Demott married Annie M. Kinney, who has always resided in this township. They have two children, Roscoe and Irving. Mr. and Mrs. Demott are valued members of the Reformed Church of Stanton, the former having served the congregation as treasurer for several years and also as elder.



**C**ALEB FARLEY QUICK. No one in Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, is more worthy of being represented in the history of her sterling citizens than is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch. It is the name of one who has led a life above reproach—a name honored and respected by all who have the pleasure of acquaintanceship with its possessor. He has always followed the quiet, peaceful routine of agriculture, and, though he is a staunch Republican, and has filled the office of surveyor of highways, was justice of the peace, for eight years commissioner of deeds and occupied other minor offices, he has never sought public honors, but has shunned them when possible. In the Presbyterian Church he has been an elder for about fifteen years, though his mem-

bership extends over a much longer period, and he has occupied one seat in the church for half a century.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was John P. Quick, a native of Raritan Township. Gideon Quick, father of C. F. Quick, was also a native of this township, and here married Sarah Fisher. Their children were: Jacob, born in 1818, and died in 1896; John, born July 17, 1820; Anne, born August 7, 1823, and died November 26, 1837; Caleb, of this sketch; George W., born July 29, 1830, and died October 5, 1835; Mary C., born June 5, 1835, and died March 18, 1854; Martha W., born August 22, 1837, and died April 15, 1854. The mother departed this life November 21, 1837, aged thirty-six years, she having been born July 8, 1801. The second wife, whose maiden name was Clara L. Ray, became the companion and helpmate of our subject's father September 28, 1840, and died May 16, 1873. Their children were: Sarah A., born July 9, 1841; Jane E., born January 24, 1845, and now the wife of George Comstock, of New York City; and Amanda M., born January 30, 1847. The father, who was a life-long farmer on the old homestead, where he was born February 17, 1793, died July 21, 1872. He was a faithful member of the Amwell First Presbyterian Church of Reaville and was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

Caleb F. Quick was born July 25, 1825. He grew up on the old homestead, remaining with his father until he was twenty-two years old. The following five years he lived on an adjoining farm, and at the end of that time he purchased the place of one hundred and two acres whereon he has since dwelt. Forty-five years have elapsed since then, and in the meantime he made substantial improvements in the way of buildings, fences, etc., and greatly increased the value of the farm. He owns another tract of thirty acres. His neighbors place such confidence in his excellent judgment, as well as in his absolute integrity, that he has frequently been called to settle up estates as executor and administrator.

November 24, 1847, Mr. Quick married Catherine B. Holcombe, who was born January 26,

1828, and died July 23, 1892. They had three children: Sarah C., born September 4, 1849; Martha, born in 1854, and now the wife of John Q. Holcombe; and Frances B., born in 1857 and now the wife of William N. Reed.



**A**MOS M. HART, M. D., a leading member of the medical profession of Hunterdon County and for years a prominent citizen of the town of Ringoes, has a reputation for skill and ability in his favorite field of endeavor that is more than local and is well deserved. His patients, particularly many suffering from chronic and hereditary diseases, are scattered throughout this and adjoining states and some of the number are treated and prescribed for by means of correspondence. He has had wide experience and was qualified both by nature and training for the practice of the healing art. His broad and kindly sympathy with the sick and afflicted is not the least secret of his success and his cheering presence is a boon wherever he goes.

Dr. Hart was born near Pennington, Mercer County, September 20, 1833. His boyhood was passed upon a farm, his education being gained in the schools of the district and in the local seminary and Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa. He remained on the old homestead belonging to his father, Aaron Hart, until 1860, when he came to Ringoes. Here he was instructed in medicine and directed in his studies by Mrs. Bennett, M. D., who was then a very prominent physician in this community.

In the autumn of 1862 Dr. Hart succeeded Dr. Bennett in her practice hereabout and has since prospered beyond his expectations. He owns a half interest in the old homestead in Mercer County, where he was born, it being a valuable place of two hundred and ten acres, and in addition to this has a farm in this county of thirty acres. When the Ringoes Canning Company was

established in 1892 Dr. Hart was one of the men in getting it started and has since been a stockholder and is now president of the concern. For twelve years he has been treasurer of Powhatan Lodge No. 72, I. O. O. F., of Ringoes. He was president of the board of trustees of the same lodge and was a prime mover in the building of suitable quarters for the society. With the Masonic order he is connected with Darcy Lodge No. 37, F. & A. M., of Flemington; with Wilson Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., and St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., of Lambertville. In his political affiliation he is a Republican.

March 22, 1859, Dr. Hart married Elizabeth T. Wilson, of Ringoes. Four children blessed their union, viz.: Fannie J., wife of William J. Brown (a farmer in the neighborhood of Ringoes) and mother of two children, Alice M. and Harry H.; Clarence; Elmer and Laura. The doctor is the president of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church of this place and takes great interest in the success of the various departments of its work. Personally he is very popular with all who know him and stands high in the estimation of his professional brethren.



**L**ARA HILL, whose home is in Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, is a native of this vicinity, having been born here April 6, 1863. Following the calling of his father, he is a miller and farmer, thoroughly understanding every detail of the two lines of industry. In 1894 he purchased the property of his father, and has since carried on the mills, which are situated on the Neshanic River, in Raritan Township. Besides the regular grist and feed mill there is another one for the purpose of reducing bone to fertilizer, and still another mill is used for the manufacture of cider. Mr. Hill is the owner of a valuable farm located three miles southwest of Flemington, on the Copper Hill road, this place

comprising eighty-three acres. He is a reliable business man, meeting every promise or obligation with promptness and absolute fidelity, and thus he has built up a reputation for integrity which is most desirable. He possesses the respect of all persons with whom he has ever had any dealings, and his customers are always his sincere friends.

William Hill, father of our subject, was also born in Raritan Township, and was the son of Thomas Hill. When he arrived at maturity he chose for his companion and helpmate along the remainder of his journey of life, Mary Ann Higgins. Their eldest son, Thomas, was named in honor of the father of William Hill. The young man is now engaged in the hay, feed and coal business in Flemington. Augustus, the next son, is a resident of Neshanic, N. J. Cornelia, the eldest daughter, is the wife of George Britton; Alvin is occupied in farming near Larisons Corners; Bessie is still at home with her mother.

November 14, 1893, the marriage of Ira Hill and Miss Mary E. Kuhl was solemnized. They are members of the Presbyterian Church and take active part in the promotion of its prosperity. In political matters our subject is liberal, preferring not to bind himself to any party, but rather to use his ballot as he deems best and using his influence in favor of the best man rather than the party candidate.



**L**EVI REED, an honored and representative old citizen of Hunterdon County, has dwelt for the past half a century in East Amwell Township. He has been a committeeman of this district for several terms, is an active Republican, and has tried in every way to advance the best interest of the neighborhood in which his lot has been cast, and to use his influence for good in all circumstances. It was in the spring of 1847, soon after his marriage, that he came to his present

home, and to him is due the credit of having made all the substantial improvements upon the place. Within its boundaries are one hundred and forty-five acres, almost all of this being suitable for cultivation of pasturage.

Richard Reed, great grandfather of our subject, was a native of England. Having come to America, he decided to settle permanently in New Jersey, and finally located on the farm where Levi, of this sketch, was born. There his son John and grandson Richard, the latter our subject's father, were born. This old estate, situated in what is now known as West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, is now in the possession of David Larison. The grandfather of our subject was a patriotic son of America, and fought in the war of the Revolution.

Levi Reed is next to the youngest of the eight children of Richard and Rebecca (Young) Reed, the others being named as follows: William, Mary, Theodore, Rachel, Richard, Betsey A. and John. Of the entire family circle he and one sister, Rachel, are the only survivors. She is the wife of James D. Pierce, of Somerville, N. J. The birth of Levi Reed occurred June 21, 1821, and he was but an infant when death deprived him of the tender protection and loving guidance of a father. He grew up on the farm and gave his dutiful assistance to his mother in the work of the place until he was sixteen, when he went to Reaville to learn a trade, and there served an apprenticeship of four years. Going to Clover Hill at the expiration of that period he worked for another four years at his trade.

His marriage with Miss Sarah Nevius was celebrated in 1846 and in the spring of the next year he took his bride to a home in East Amwell Township, and they have here passed their entire happy life together. They have been blessed with four children, viz.: Catherine A., Sarah R., William N. and Richard. The last-named died when but four years of age. Catherine A. is the wife of Edward Nicholson, Jr., of Bucks County, Pa., and is the mother of two children, Emma, Mrs. William Baker, of Trenton, N. J., and Lizzie, at home. Sarah R. married Barton Huffman, who

is represented elsewhere in this volume; William N. has charge of the farm and lives with his parents in the old home. For a helpmate he chose Fanny Quick, daughter of Farley Quick, and they have one bright little girl, Bertha Q. The Reed family are members of the Reformed Church of Clover Hill.



**C**HARLES H. DARMON, postmaster at Milford and one of the well-known business men of this place, was born in Gloucester County, N. J., in 1854, being a son of William Darmon, M. D., a successful physician who engaged in practice in Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia for a number of years, and died in the latter city in 1889, at the age of seventy-four years. The grandfather, William Darmon, was a life-long resident of New Jersey and was, it is thought, a native of Salem County. By the marriage of Dr. Darmon to Beulah R. Smith, a daughter of Ann T. Smith, of Salem, there were born nine children, and of these six are still living. They are named as follows: Hannah, who is the widow of William Sprague, of Philadelphia; Mary, wife of Joseph March; Samuel, a commission merchant residing at Philadelphia; Emma, a physician engaged in practice in Philadelphia; Charles H.; and Isaac, whose home is in Philadelphia. The mother of this family was identified with the Baptist Church of which Russell H. Couwell is the pastor. She died in Philadelphia when seventy-three years of age.

When a child of seven years the subject of this sketch accompanied his parents in their removal from Gloucester County to Washington, D. C., and during the five years spent in the latter city he was a pupil in the public schools. Afterward he attended the public school at Crumpton, Md., for a number of years. At the age of fifteen he accompanied the family to Philadelphia, where he completed his education. In 1877 he gradu-

ated from the University of Pennsylvania and the same year came to Milford, where he purchased the drug stock of James McPherson, and has since successfully carried on a drug business.

Always a champion of the Republican party, the services rendered by Mr. Darmon in its behalf resulted in his appointment to the office of postmaster in July, 1897. He also served as deputy collector for the township. Local measures receive his support, and at this writing he is president of the Milford Delaware Bridge Company and secretary and treasurer of the Milford Union Cemetery Company. In 1880 he married Miss Marietta Smith, daughter of William L. and Rachel Smith. They are members of the Presbyterian Church and for twelve years he has been one of the trustees of the congregation. Fraternally he has been connected with Perseverance Lodge No. 30, I. O. O. F., since 1885, and holds the offices of treasurer and past district deputy.



**J**OSEPH R. CASE. The farming interests of Hunterdon County have an able representative in the subject of this sketch, who has for many years owned and operated a farm in Alexandria Township. The estate that he cultivates (known as the old Wesley Johnson farm) contains one hundred and twenty-eight acres, divided into fields of convenient size for the pasturage of stock and raising of grain. Since he bought the place in 1878 he has introduced a number of improvements, has bought modern farm machinery and erected some substantial buildings, thereby making the farm one of the best in the neighborhood.

September 29, 1851, the subject of this article was born near Frenchtown, to John and Elizabeth A. (Rittenhouse) Case, also natives of Hunterdon County. He was the youngest of three sons, his brothers being Elijah R. and Dr. Levi W. His maternal grandfather was Elijah Rittenhouse;

his paternal grandfather, Godfrey Case, a native of Alexandria Township, engaged in farming here until his death, at seventy-five years. He was a son of William, whose father came to America from Germany. Our subject's father owned a saw-mill above Frenchtown for fifty years and followed the lumber business, together with farming, during his entire active life. His death occurred when he was about seventy years of age, and his wife passed away when sixty-six.

Remaining with his parents until twenty-three, our subject then went to Virginia, where he engaged in farming for four years, and he is still the owner of a farm there, as well as some land in North Carolina. In 1878 he settled on the farm where he now lives, and here he has since carried on farm pursuits. While not active in public affairs, he is a staunch Democrat and supports the candidates of his party. He was a member of the Alliance and the Grange, and in religious connections, with his family, holds membership in the Presbyterian Church at Mount Pleasant. In 1876 he married Miss Mary I. Draucker, daughter of Adam Draucker, of Nottoway County, Va. They have a family of eight children, namely: John W., Ella B., Jessie M., Levi W., Emma B., Annie E., Joseph R., Jr., and Albert D.



JACOB S. SUTPHIN, a highly esteemed citizen of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, is one of the brave soldier boys who donned the blue and went to the defense of their country in the days of her great peril during the Civil war. He was a young man then, barely twenty-two years of age, and full of patriotism and courage. In times of peace he has been no less a truly loyal citizen, ever ready to do his entire duty as a voter and as a son of America to uphold her laws and work for her best interests.

The Sutphins are well known farmers of Hunterdon County, having been located in this section of New Jersey for several generations, and have been noted for sturdy, industrious traits of character and for strict integrity of word and deed. The parents of our subject were Ralph and Rachel Ann (Bellis) Sutphin. The birth of Jacob S. Sutphin took place in Raritan Township, this county, August 23, 1840. He lived at home with his parents until after reaching his majority, and was then qualified for whatever was in store in the future for him. He had received excellent school advantages, and was thoroughly competent to manage a farm and to carry on business transactions.

About this time the war was in progress, and he felt it his duty to offer his services to the Union. He enlisted as a private soldier in Company B, Thirty-first New Jersey Infantry, in August, 1862, being mustered in at Flemington. With his regiment he was sent to Washington, where he was on duty for nine months, the term of his enlistment, after which he returned to his old farm life, taking charge of the place. He continued to live there until 1880, when he moved to the home where he has since resided, he having purchased the same in 1878. It comprises one hundred and eighty-one acres, adapted for general farming and dairying. The owner makes a specialty of raising fruit and has four thousand bearing peach trees, and two thousand others which will be matured in a short time. A ready market is found for the product each year, and nets the proprietor a goodly income. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he is identified with Post No. 108, G. A. R., of Hopewell, and has served as sergeant-major and commander of the same. He is a member and has officiated as a trustee of the United Presbyterian Church.

December 9, 1873, was an eventful day in the history of Mr. Sutphin, as then it was that Miss Alida Fisher became his wife. She is a daughter of Caleb F. Fisher, a native of this township. Her paternal grandfather was Jacob, and her great-grandfather was Peter Fisher, who originally settled upon the farm where she was born.





CAPT. RICHARD B. READING.



Of the two children born to our subject and wife, one died in infancy, and the other is Raymond, who is still at home, and aids in the management of the farm. They are all most worthy people and possess the confidence and respect of all who know them.



**CAPT. RICHARD B. READING.** To the philosopher or student of human nature there can be no greater pleasure than to trace the history of one who has risen from poor and humble surroundings to a high place of honor and influence by the strength of his own personality, and the use of the talents with which he was endowed. In this land where true worth is the only real measure of nobility, we point with pride to our Lincolns and Garfields, who overcame poverty and obscurity in the straightforward path of duty, and justly feel that the greater credit is due them for the heights to which they have reached.

In following up the story of the life of Captain Reading one can find naught save that which elicits one's admiration for the man. Heredity did much for him, in that his ancestors were honest, God-fearing people, striving to do their duty toward their fellow-men. He is a descendant of that John Reading who was one of the honored early settlers of Hunterdon County. The parents of the captain were George Jackson and Eliza C. (Swallow) Reading, natives of this (Hunterdon) county.

Richard B. Reading was born in Raven Rock, Hunterdon County, June 28, 1843, and passed his whole life in that vicinity up to the time that he removed to Lambertville, a few years ago. In his boyhood he went to the district school in the winter and worked on the farm with his father the rest of the year. When he was but nine or ten years old he began to carry water and run errands for the men who were then engaged in

the construction of the Belvidere Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1859 he commenced working in the blacksmith shop of the railroad company at Raven Rock, the first year receiving \$25 for the twelve months of work.

At the end of two years he was given journeyman's wages, and was soon made foreman. His father had charge of a construction corps at this time, and the young man joined his forces, working as a track laborer for some time. He was too ambitious to keep at this business very long, however, and, coming to Lambertville, he entered a railroad telegraph office, and, having learned the business, was sent back to Raven Rock to take a position at the station there as an operator. From 1864 to 1869 he served the corporation in that place, then being transferred to the superintendent's office in this town. In 1871 he was returned to Raven Rock to straighten up the accounts of his successor there, as he had defaulted. In that position he was retained until he resigned in 1895, and came to Lambertville.

In the field of politics Captain Reading has been very prominent. He cast his first presidential ballot for Lincoln in 1864, and has done much for the success of the Republican party in this state. In 1887 his merits were officially recognized by his being appointed a member of the New Jersey State Republican Committee, on which he has acted ever since, now being one of the executive committee. Prior to the date just mentioned he had distinguished himself while a member of the Hunterdon County Republican Committee, of which he was chairman for three years, as to him was largely due the fact that the county went Republican twice while he held the office. In 1877 he was appointed fish commissioner for this county by Gov. George B. McClellan, and occupied that position six years. In 1885 he was elected secretary of the New Jersey senate for three years, and won the respect and commendation of all. In 1888 Governor Greene appointed him riparian commissioner of New Jersey, and as such he served three years. At this time he is general and special agent for railway companies in the legislature. In both the

Masonic and Odd Fellows' societies he holds high rank. In the latter he has taken all the degrees and is noble grand and past representative to the grand lodge of Pennsylvania. With the Masons he has taken the Knight Templar degree and served as past eminent commander. He also belongs to Lulu Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Philadelphia; and is a member of the order of Elks of Trenton. July 16, 1897, he was appointed as inspector of rifle practice and was placed on the staff of Colonel Bamford, of the Seventh Regiment, with the rank of captain.

In 1866 Mr. Reading married Sarah Morris, of Point Pleasant, Pa. She was born in Bucks County, Pa., and is a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Seese) Morris. The captain and wife have three children, the eldest of whom, Willard B., was born in Raven Rock in 1868. He graduated from Trenton Business College and is now an employe of the Pennsylvania Railway Company. Richard B., Jr., was born in Raven Rock in 1876 and graduated from the Trenton Business College in 1897. Bertha M., the only daughter, is attending college at Hackettstown, N. J.



**E**DWIN HUTCHISON, who died August 21, 1897, was a native of Belvidere. His career was replete with adventure and danger, owing to the nature of his life occupation, as he was a detective, and his death resulted from the effects of a struggle with four men who were breaking the law by stealing rides on the railroad. His service was solicited by the government on several occasions when unusual daring and skill were required in some direction, and for years he was occupied in bringing criminals into the hands of justice. He was a man of quiet determination.

When he was untimely cut down by the hand of death, Mr. Hutchison was in the prime of vigorous manhood and activity. He was born

November 1, 1854, and always made his home or headquarters in Belvidere. His parents were Zachariah D. and Catherine (Lake) Hutchison, the former of Scotch-Irish extraction. For twenty-eight years Z. D. Hutchison has been in the employ of the Belvidere & Delaware Bridge Company. His wife died in 1865, and of their three children only one survives, Eleanor, wife of O. H. P. Reimer, of this place.

The education of Edwin Hutchison was obtained in the Belvidere schools, and when he was sixteen he commenced learning the trade of a machinist. On two occasions he acted in the capacity of policeman, and in the spring of 1884 was appointed state detective by the governor, having in the meantime made more than a local reputation. He held the office of state detective for thirteen years, or until his death. He was chief of police and constable in Belvidere for a number of years and did some very clever work during the great strikes in the coal regions in Pennsylvania, and also during other strikes in New York, Newark, Jersey City, Perth Amboy and elsewhere. In his possession were letters from dozens of prominent judges, lawyers, statesmen and business men in this part of the United States, commending his shrewdness, general ability, intrepidity and fidelity to duty. For a long period he was engaged in special work for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad and he was still in the employ of that corporation at the close of his career. He is survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Lillie Pearson, and to whom he was married July 26, 1884.



**P**ETER STAATS is a substantial citizen and progressive farmer of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County. He has lived upon one farm, the one which he now owns and cultivates, for over twenty years, in the meantime having

made good improvements upon the place, and materially increased its value. All local enterprises find in him a sincere friend, but he has never been an aspirant for public office. He prefers to do his duty as a humble citizen, giving his support to the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and to devote his time and attention to his home and own business affairs. He is especially interested in religious work and gives liberally of his time and means to the support of the Amwell Presbyterian Church, with which he holds membership. In the spring of 1897 he was appointed to serve as an elder in the congregation, and previously acted in the capacity of a trustee for about a dozen years.

The parents of Peter Staats were John B. and Lucretia S. (Sutphin) Staats, natives of Hunterdon County. The Staats family, as may be inferred from the name, originated in Holland many generations ago. The birth of Peter Staats occurred in Hillsboro Township, Somerset County, December 31, 1854. He was reared in that vicinity, and until he was seven years of age lived in the village of Hillsboro. Then, with his parents, he removed to a farm near by, and received practical training in agricultural employments and pursuits. His education was acquired in the public schools of his home neighborhood, and when he was twenty-three years old he left home to make his own way in the world as best he might.

The first year in the independent career of our subject he rented land, and diligently worked from morning until night in order that he might have a sufficient sum of money to make a payment upon a homestead of his own. The following year he had succeeded so well that he purchased the place where he now resides, it comprising ninety-one acres. This was in the fall of 1877, and from that day to this he has been prospered, though he has had reverses, as it falls to the lot of all mankind to have such backsets. He aims to keep posted in all modern methods of farming, is a member of the Grange and takes leading agricultural journals.

The marriage of Mr. Staats and Miss Maria V. N.

Sebring was celebrated September 13, 1876. She was born in the same place as her husband, being a daughter of Isaac and Cornelia S. Sebring. To the marriage of our subject and wife two children, a son and a daughter, were born, named respectively John B. and Lillie F., and they are both still at home with their parents. The family enjoy the regard and esteem of all who know them, and their warm personal friends in this community are legion.



**H** R. RICHARDS has engaged in business in Belvidere for a period of about twenty years. By his energy and correct methods of carrying on business he has won the principal trade of the townspeople in his line. He owns and conducts a market, and in addition ships considerable produce to New York City.

The Richards family were among the early settlers of Orange County, N. Y., but the grandfather of our subject was a wealthy land owner of Sussex County, N. J., and donated the site of the court house at Newton. The father of H. R. was Francis G. Richards, who was born in Passaic County, N. J., and died in 1885. By occupation he was an undertaker for the most part, though he also carried on a cabinet-making shop, and at one time was the owner of a meat market. He was a good citizen, liberal and public spirited, and possessed the love and respect of all who knew him. Religiously he was a member of the Reformed Church. His undertaking business is still managed by his widow, who is now in her eightieth year, yet very active and a good financier. Of her eleven children all survive save one. Her maiden name was Sarah Brown.

H. R. Richards was born in Passaic County, N. J., September 19, 1856, and when he was a mere lad of thirteen he left school in order to earn his own livelihood. Having mastered the details of the butcher's business, he decided to settle permanently in Belvidere and opened a market,

which he has since managed. He has acquired a competence and is a stockholder in the Warren National Bank. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and he holds membership with the First Presbyterian Church. He married first Mary A. Schultz, daughter of Palmer Schultz, of Mountain View, Passaic County, N. J., who died in 1890, leaving two children, Francis P. and Gordon J. He married his present wife, Elizabeth D. Perry, July 28, 1892.



**L**EWIS SUTPHIN. There has been much said in regard to the respective merits of life in the city and life in the country, and though a multitude of young men leave the farm every year to seek a more or less precarious livelihood in the great cities, already crowded in every avenue and pursuit with countless thousands ready, eager and capable to hold almost any position that might offer, undoubtedly those who choose to quietly and industriously devote themselves to agriculture are the wisest. True it is that great fortunes are occasionally made by men of unusual genius and enterprise, but the vast majority utterly fail, and ultimately return to the old farm, or else wearily toil in the factory, store or office for little more than sufficient to keep the soul and body together. The farmer lives near to the great heart of nature, enjoys the pure air, free from the dust and smoke of the city, may have on his table the freshest and choicest of food from the garden and orchard, and pure water, untainted by sewerage; these blessings, and a thousand others, of which he is scarcely conscious perhaps, are his heritage.

When the time came for him to make a choice of occupation, the subject of this article determined that he would follow the calling of his father. He was born on the farm where he now resides in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, June 3, 1829. Here he grew to man's

estate and received good training in agricultural affairs. When he was twenty he began to work the farm on shares, and in 1860 purchased the place, which numbers one hundred and seven acres, suitable for general crops and dairying. Mr. Sutphin has been very successful in his business enterprises, and possesses the respect of all with whom he has ever had any dealings. In politics he is a Republican, and the only position of public character that he has ever been induced to hold was that of road supervisor.

The partner of Mr. Sutphin's joys and sorrows bore the maiden name of Ann Waldron. They were married February 18, 1859, in Raritan Township, where the bride was born in 1842. They have had nine children, four of whom are deceased. Those living are: Arthur L., who is a resident of Clover Hill; Cora, who is the wife of Alvin Hill, of this township; Lewis C., Jr., Howard C. and Annie W., who are at home. Elizabeth, who married George Whitenack, died August 10, 1885, and Julia E. died January 15 of the same year. John C. and Samuel died in infancy. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church of Reaville, and for thirty years our subject has been a deacon in the congregation.



**W**ILLIAM McCREA, who was elected to the board of freeholders of Hunterdon County, and served as such most creditably for five years, was for two years of that period a director and for a similar length of time on the finance committee of that honorable body. In his political convictions he is a staunch Democrat, warmly seconding the principles advanced by his party, and using his franchise on behalf of its nominees. By occupation he is a farmer, and is the proprietor of a valuable homestead in Readington Township.

The parents of our subject were Archibald and Rachel (Alpangli) McCrea, both of whom were

natives of this county. The father was a direct descendant of that revered minister, Rev. McCrea, whose daughter, Jane, was massacred by the Indians during the war of the Revolution in 1777, the red men having been incited to the cruel deed by the British, who wished to take revenge upon the family for their heroic aid and sympathy with the rebellious colonists of the mother country. Archibald McCrea grew to manhood in Hunterdon County, and, after his marriage, concluded to try his fortune in Illinois. He accordingly removed to Fulton County, and while a resident there the war came on, and he enlisted as a volunteer in Company G, One Hundred and Third Illinois Infantry. He faithfully stood at the post of duty for nearly three years, participating in many engagements and battles of importance, and was finally captured and sent to that frightful prison, Andersonville, where he who entered "left hope behind." He did not long survive the privations and cruelty of his treatment there, and thus his life was a sacrifice to his love for his country. Death would have appeared to him much kindlier had he come on the swift wings of a bullet than in the long-drawn-out suffering of that foulest of foul prisons, and fate seemed terribly cruel to have reserved him for this, when it had spared him in countless engagements with the enemy on the fair field of battle. He left a widow and three children to mourn the loss of a kind father and husband. In 1865 they returned to Hunterdon County.

William McCrea, who was born in Fulton County, Ill., January 23, 1859, is, nevertheless, practically a Hunterdon County boy, as he was a mere child when he was brought back to this neighborhood, and here he was reared to maturity and has always made his home. He is the only survivor of his family. As soon as he had reached a suitable age he commenced to work on a farm and has always persisted in this occupation, and with good success. He has had to rely solely upon his own resources in the battle of life, and has wrought out for himself a name for industry, honesty and other sterling virtues of a manly character. He eminently deserves the

genuine respect that is freely accorded him by those who have always known him, and his place in local society could hardly be filled. Both he and his good wife are members of the Reformed Church of Readington, he being a deacon at this time. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows' society, belonging to the White House Station lodge.

November 29, 1882, Mr. McCrea married Emma Schomp, daughter of the late Peter Schomp, of this township, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. They became the parents of one child, a daughter, Mary E., who is at home. Mrs. McCrea died February 26, 1896, and on the 18th of May, 1898, Mr. McCrea married Mrs. Maria Schomp (née Berkaw.)



**A**BRAMHAM J. PRALL is a representative of the men of energy, ability and enterprise who have made Hunterdon County prominent in the state. His name is associated with the agricultural interests of East Amwell Township, where he owns and resides upon the old homestead where he was born, April 28, 1840. He is a son of Abraham and Hannah (Bellis) Prall, who were highly respected citizens of this community for many years.

Having finished his education in the public schools of his district, Abraham J. Prall started out to make his own way in the world by removing to a part of his father's farm and engaging in cultivating the tract. He had early learned by experience and practice under his parents' judicious instruction everything necessary to the proper management of a farm, and was still enabled to turn to them for further advice whenever it was required. With characteristic energy he at once began to make substantial improvements on the farm, and, in fact, has constructed most of the buildings, fences, etc., on the place. He owns one hundred and ten acres here, and does a gen-

eral dairy and farming business, having succeeded from the first. He is a Republican in his political standing, and is greatly interested in the success of that organization. At the same time he is not a politician in the ordinary meaning of the term, nor has he ever sought or desired public office. In church work and charitable enterprises he takes an active part, and since 1867 he has been an elder in the Reaville Presbyterian Church, and has also served as a trustee of the same.

January 27, 1861, Mr. Prall married Miss Mary, daughter of David S. Hill. To this marriage seven children were born, of whom the eldest, Adeline H., born November 2, 1861, is the wife of V. B. Lowe, of Newark, N. J.; William B., born July 4, 1864, is deceased; David S., born December 10, 1865, holds a responsible position as an inspector in a store in Omaha, Neb.; Mary, born April 11, 1868, is the wife of Harry D. Phillips; Carrie, born June 25, 1872, is the wife of Joseph Phillips; J. Scofield was born January 27, 1875; and Horace G., the youngest, was born March 6, 1881.



**J**OHN W. HOFFMAN is the owner and manager of the Hoffman House, in New Germantown, Hunterdon County. This is one of the cleanest, cheeriest, most homelike hotels to be found in the county and the traveler is always sure of a hospitable welcome and all the accommodations of our modern civilization. The proprietor is thoroughly conversant with the business, and caters to the wishes and needs of the public in a manner that wins for him regular patronage from the best class of people who find themselves in this locality.

The subject of this article is a young, energetic man, progressive and enterprising. He was born April 12, 1866, in Fox Hill, now Fairmount, Morris County, just over the boundary line of this county. He is a son of Isaac A. and Mary

A. (Eick) Hoffman, and a grandson of Jacob Hoffman, who was a shoemaker by trade and owned a good farm near Califon, in this county. Isaac A. Hoffman is a farmer by occupation, and makes his home near White House. In his family there are five children, of whom John W. is the eldest, and the others are Myrtle, wife of Melancthon Apgar, of White House, an employe of the New Jersey Central Railroad; Harry C., William and Mamie.

The boyhood of our subject was spent with his parents on the home farm, where he led the usual happy, careless life of the farmer's boy, a part of his time being given to attending the district school, and the remainder divided between work and play. At the age of twenty-two he accepted the general agency for T. C. Fielding's emblematic charts for various fraternal orders. The company is a Boston (Mass.) organization, sole publishers of this style or class of engraving in the United States. Though he had had no previous experience to amount to anything in the world of business, young Hoffman made a success of his venture, and remained with this one firm for a period of eight years, giving entire satisfaction.

April 20, 1889, Mr. Hoffman married Etta, daughter of Milton G. and Nancy (McNair) Horton, who were natives of Morris County, N. J. Mrs. Hoffman was born in Fairmount, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Floyd, who died when but ten months old; Florence and Blanche.

After residing a year in Fairmount after his marriage, our subject removed to German Valley, Morris County, where he lived five years, while traveling on the road as a salesman. He then purchased the New Germantown Hotel of Samuel Clark, and has since carried it on under its present name. He has made many important changes in the building, placing the parlors on the southern side of the house, adding a reading-room, putting in steam heat, and making other modern improvements. The dining room is bright, clean and well appointed in every respect and the food served is very appetizing and invit-

ing, consisting largely of fresh country produce, well cooked. In political affairs, Mr. Hoffman's views coincide with the policy of the Democratic party, and socially he belongs to Chester Lodge No. 209, I. O. O. F., of German Valley, and is past grand of the same. He is also affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to Prospect Lodge No. 24, F. & A. M. A Knight of Pythias, he is a member of Fidelity Lodge No. 123, of Califon, and in the Order of Red Men he is associated with Shabbekong Tribe No. 46, of Junction, N. J.



**HON. WILLIAM H. MARTIN.** For about thirty years this gentleman has been an honored citizen of the flourishing town of Frenchtown, Hunterdon County, and for twenty-three years of this time he has been connected with the Union National Bank here. He is now serving his twelfth year as the president of this well-known institution, which is one of the most substantial ones in the state. Mr. Martin stands among the well-known financiers and politicians of western New Jersey. He is a loyal Democrat and he has never been defeated for any office for which he was a candidate, although his home district has usually gone Republican at other elections. From 1888 to 1890 inclusive he was a member of the assembly, and each year that he ran for the position he received an increased majority. In 1891, after an exciting and hard-fought campaign, he was elected senator by a plurality of nearly a thousand votes, his opponent having been Capt. John Shields, a man of influence and high standing in the ranks of the Republicans. In 1893 he acted as chairman of the committees on riparian rights and state prison and was a member of the committees on railroads and canals and corporations.

Senator Martin was born in New Jersey, June 17, 1846, his birthplace being in the vicinity of Little York, Hunterdon County. He received a

good general education. He developed an especial aptitude for commercial transactions and since 1875 he has been engaged in business in Frenchtown. He has met with success in his various undertakings and has held local positions of trust and responsibility with credit to himself and friends. In January, 1887, he was elected a director of the Alexandria Bridge Company and the following year was made president of the concern. November 17, 1887, he was elected president of the Union National Bank, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hugh E. Warford, and he has continued to hold this position up to the present time.

In 1873 Mr. Martin first came before the public in an official capacity, he being then elected tax collector for the borough of Frenchtown by a large majority. The succeeding year he was re-elected, receiving a still greater number of votes, after which he was a member of the common council, being elected for four successive years, beginning with 1877. In 1881 he was chosen mayor of the town and re-elected the next year. In all of his varied public life he has ever sought to promote the welfare of his fellows in every possible way and to this he doubtless owes much of his success.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of one child, a daughter, Ella J., now the wife of Rev. W. A. Long, D. D., of Newton, N. C. Mrs. Martin was in maidenhood Miss Lizzie Mettler, and is a daughter of Levi Mettler, of Kingwood.



**JACOB A. SPECHT** is engaged in general merchandising in New Germantown, Hunterdon County. He has been the proprietor of the store that he now operates, for nearly twenty years, carrying a well-selected stock of hardware, dry goods, boots and shoes, hats, caps, clothing, etc. In his business affairs he has shown excellent judgment and foresight, fairness



in all his dealings with others and perseverance in whatever he has undertaken. Thus he has wrought out for himself a success that he richly deserves and at the same time possesses the confidence and respect of the whole community in which he dwells.

The parents of our subject were John and Elizabeth (Kinkel) Specht, who were much-respected citizens in their home place in the province of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. The father was a farmer when in early life and in his prime and for years was the burgomaster of his own village, a position of honor and responsibility, as every German knows. Of his six children three are now living in America: John, who is mentioned upon another page of this work; Henry, who lives near Lake Hopatcong, N. J.; and Jacob A.

The birth of the subject of this review took place in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 15, 1838. He was a student in the government schools during the required period, and when he was but fifteen he bade adieu to all the friends of his boyhood and set sail for America, the promised land. His elder brother, John, had preceded him about six years and was then located in New Germantown. Therefore the youth came direct to this town and here he has always dwelt since, with the exception of two or three years when he was absent serving his apprenticeship. At first he tried the shoemakers' trade, working in Mechanicsville, and as this business was not at all to his taste he learned that of cabinet-making. This he followed for several years in this town and vicinity, after which he was employed for a year or two in his brother's tanyard. In 1862 he entered the store of J. R. Fisher, of this place, as a clerk, serving in that capacity for a year, when the firm sold out and then for two years longer he was in the employ of the successors of Mr. Fisher, Messrs. Honeyman and Van Doren. In 1865 Mr. Specht purchased the interest of Mr. Honeyman, the business being conducted thereafter under the name of Van Doren & Specht until 1871. Mr. Fisher then became a member of the firm, succeeding Mr. Van Doren, whose share he bought, and the style of the company was changed to Fisher &

Specht. As such they did business, building up a large and paying trade, but in 1880 our subject withdrew from the concern, selling out to William P. Fisher, who wished to become a member of his father's enterprise. At this time our subject established an independent business, which has commanded a large share of the patronage of his old customers, as well as claiming that of many new ones.

Politically Mr. Specht is associated with the Democratic party and has officiated in numerous local positions of trust and honor, among these having been a freeholder. He was formerly a member of the Masonic fraternity but is not now active in the same. He is a valued member of the Lutheran Church and has been an officer in the same. January 1, 1868, he married Emeline, daughter of John B. and Maria (Abel) Melick. She is a native of this county, as are also her parents. The only child in the family of our subject and wife is Everetta, an accomplished young lady and the organist in the Lutheran Church.



**W**ILLIAM BARRY, JR., is the proprietor and manager of a well conducted livery in Belvidere. He is a young man of energy, and has succeeded in winning a large and remunerative patronage in this vicinity. He has been a great lover of fine horses as long as his memory reaches into the past, and is considered by all to be a competent judge of superior horse flesh. It was in the spring of 1890 that he established himself in business in this, his native town, and from the first his success seemed assured. His livery is one of the best in the county, and is equipped with good carriage and saddle horses, and a fine line of carriages, carts and light road vehicles. The traveler may be sure of courteous treatment on the part of the proprietor, and to the local citizen he needs no special recommendation, for



he has always resided in Belvidere, where his merits as a business man are favorably esteemed.

The birth of William Barry, Jr., occurred thirty-eight years ago, February 22, 1860. His father, William Barry, Sr., is still living, being about sixty years of age, and still hale and hearty. He is a native of Ireland, and came to America about forty-seven years ago, since which time he has been chiefly engaged in railroading, in various capacities, now being road supervisor. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Driscoll, is also a native of the Emerald Isle, and is about sixty years of age. Of their ten children seven survive. Our subject was a pupil in the public schools of this town until he was about eighteen years old, when he started forth to make his own way in the world. For a short time he worked for a railroad company. He is reliable and popular with his patrons. He is unmarried, and in religious belief is a Catholic.



**J**OHAN V. STILLWELL, an energetic and progressive young business man of White House Station, Hunterdon County, has been located in this bustling railroad town scarcely two and one-half years, but in the meantime has built up a large and remunerative trade. He is a dealer in all kinds of pine, spruce and hemlock lumber, in coal of various kinds, in fertilizers, adamant wall plaster, dry goods and groceries.

A son of our well-known citizen, George Stillwell, of whom notice appears in another part of this volume, John V. was born July 29, 1865, in Readington Township, and was reared to man's estate upon the parental homestead. In the district schools near his home he received his elementary education, adding to this the experience obtained in the world's battlefields, and the results of his private reading and study. He is a Republican in political convictions, and is greatly interested in the success of his favorite princi-

ples. July 1, 1897, under President McKinley, he received the appointment of postmaster. He is identified with the Independent Order of Foresters, which has a lodge in White House Station, and Lodge No. 207, I. O. O. F., of White House.

In November, 1891, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stillwell and Annie Demott, whose father, J. R. Demott, is a leading citizen of Stanton, N. J. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with one daughter, Edna, and a son, John. The family attend the Reformed Church, and are liberal supporters of its many departments of usefulness and activity.



**S**IMPSON S. STOUT is one of the native sons of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, his birth having taken place upon the farm adjoining the one which he now owns and cultivates, November 28, 1840. From his boyhood he was thoroughly patriotic, and while the shadows of the Civil war were becoming more and more serious, he could scarcely be restrained from enlisting in the defense of his loved country. Finally, in September, 1862, he volunteered in Company D, Thirty-first New Jersey Regiment, as a private soldier, and was mustered into the regular service at Flemington. With his regiment he went to Washington, D. C., thence to Bell Plains and Fredericksburg, and at the end of nine months returned home to the quiet routine of farm work.

The parents of our subject were Nathan and Mary A. (Fisher) Stout. They were most worthy people, loved and esteemed by all who knew them. Thoroughly congenial and happy in their wedded life, they were not long separated by death, for when the aged husband was summoned to his reward his faithful wife rapidly failed, and about a week later was placed by his side in the quiet cemetery. The father was in his eightieth year, while the mother was eighty-

three years and three months old. With the exception of our subject their children have all passed to the better land. The eldest, William F., died September 18, 1872, at Independence, Iowa. Henry H., the next of the family, was a lieutenant in Company K, Fifth Wisconsin Infantry, having risen from the ranks; was killed at the battle of Spottsylvania Court-house, May 10, 1864, and lies buried in the National Cemetery at Fredericksburg. Lucretia died September 7, 1873, and Mary Y. died December 23, 1891. The Stout family in America is descended from Richard Stout, a native of Nottinghamshire, England. He married Penelope Van Princes and on coming to America settled in Middletown, Monmouth County, N. J.

When he returned from the southern battlefields Mr. Stout devoted himself to the cultivation of the old farm on which he had always lived. He continued to manage the place until 1891, when he removed to the fine homestead where he may be found to-day. He has a place containing two hundred acres, and another tract of two hundred acres more, including the wooded or timberland property. One farm near Quaker-town owned by him has eighty-six acres, and another farm in West Amwell Township contains forty acres. He is a charter member of the Lambert Boeman Post No. 48, at Flemington, and is affiliated with the Republican party. He married Miss Julia H. Smith October 15, 1884. She is the daughter of Robert R. and Rebecca (Young) Smith, natives of this county, now deceased.



**L**IJAH HOLCOMBE, a prominent agriculturist of Hunterdon County, has owned and carried on the farm where he now makes his home for nearly forty years. It is situated in Delaware Township and contains one hundred and thirty acres within its boundaries. Arable and in a high state of cultivation, it is a very de-

sirable and valuable place, being equally well adapted for the raising of cereals and ordinary crops or for dairying and fruit growing. The proprietor of this homestead is a practical man of affairs, and, having given much of his life to agriculture, is thoroughly acquainted with the subject in all its details.

The father of our subject was John Holcombe, a native of this township, and son of Thomas Holcombe, also born in Hunterdon County. John Holcombe married Maria Holcombe, and four children were born to their union, viz.: Mary, Cornelia, Thomas and Elijah, of this sketch. The last-mentioned was born in the township of West Amwell, Hunterdon County, January 20, 1828, and was a lad of eight years or thereabout when, with the rest of his family, he removed to East Amwell Township. As was the custom at that time he worked on the farm with his father during much of the year, only attending school in the winter season, and thus his learning at the age of fourteen, when he left home, was rather rudimentary. Friction in the outside world, observation and experience and reading, however, soon made him competent to meet the ordinary requirements of life, and his native talent and quick mind readily grasped and mastered every difficulty as soon as it presented itself. When he was fourteen years old he started out to make his own way in the world, and began serving a three years' apprenticeship to the tailor's trade in Hopewell. Subsequently he followed this calling for five years, after which he entered a store at Wertsville, and was employed there for two years. His next venture was to invest in a hotel business at Wertsville, and during the next six years he was quite successful in the enterprise. Having sold out, he purchased the farm where he has since dwelt, and from that time to the present he has devoted his whole attention to the cultivation of his property. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious faith is a Presbyterian, and gives liberally to the cause.

February 21, 1857, Mr. Holcombe married Miss Mary E. Sutphin, who was born and reared in this county and is a daughter of Derrick and

Elizabeth Sutphin, of old and respected families in this portion of New Jersey. The union of our subject and his estimable wife was graced by seven children, but three of the number are deceased, John S., Abraham, and Maria, who married William Runkle and left one child, Mary H. Those who remain are Cornelia A., wife of William H. Hilliard; Catherine, wife of William Quick; Oliver, in Philadelphia; and Hannah, at home.



**PETER V. DALRYMPLE.** It is quite fitting that the lives of good and useful men should be perpetuated in history by those who have been uplifted and made better by their example and influence. No one came within the scope of the honored citizen whose name stands at the head of this sketch without being benefited in one way or another, and the annals of Hunterdon County would be sadly incomplete if his name were omitted. His life nearly spanned this century and came to a close in 1897.

Peter V. Dalrymple, formerly of Kingwood, was born February 23, 1811, in this county, wherein his ancestors had resided for several generations. His father, John Dalrymple, passed his whole life within the limits of this county, being occupied in farming. He married Wilhelmina Vanderbelt and to them were born seven children, of whom but two are now living; viz.: Sarah M., who is the widow of Joseph Case; and Armina, widow of Herman Little. John Dalrymple, who was a member and a deacon in the Baptist Church for many years, lived to be about fourscore years old. His father, Jesse, was a native of Alexandria Township, this county.

The subject of this narrative was reared upon a farm, and quite naturally decided to adopt the same means of gaining a livelihood as had his forefathers. For over thirty years he was occupied in the management of his valuable homestead in Kingwood Township. Success came to

crowns his industrious efforts, and during the last years of his life he had abundant means wherewith to surround himself with many of the luxuries as well as all necessities. In his political convictions he was an adherent of the principles of the Republican party. For years he was connected with the Baptist Church, was very active in the advancement of all worthy religious and charitable enterprises, and for some years was a deacon in the congregation. Happily and peacefully his life drew to its close, and eighty-six summers had passed over his head ere the summons came and the "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord" resounded in his ears.

In 1839 was solemnized the marriage of Peter Dalrymple and Mary Ann, daughter of George and Rachel (Godown) Hiere. Of the nine children that came to bless their union all but two are still living and are as follows: G. Watson; Rachel J.; Hannah, wife of William Dalrymple; Sarah, Mrs. Joseph Hoff; Rutser; Emma, wife of A. E. Roberson; and Charles M., of Ridgefield Park, now engaged in teaching school. Hattie died when thirty-two years old, and Marietta died at the age of eighteen months.



**EDWARD M. BEESLEY, D. D. S.,** has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Belvidere for over a quarter of a century, and is one of the most prominent of her citizens. He is a native of Dennisville, Cape May County, N. J., born June 22, 1845. His education in the higher branches of knowledge was gained in the West Jersey Academy, at Bridgeton, and the Pennsylvania Dental College, in Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1867. His initial work in his profession was at Absecon, Atlantic County, N. J. In 1871 he came to Belvidere, and has since made this place his home. His practice is large and lucrative, and his ability

has been recognized by his fellow-dentists, who elected him as a member of the state board of examiners in dentistry.

He served as sergeant-at-arms in the New Jersey senate from 1870 to 1873, and in 1882 was engrossing clerk of the same honorable body. He has always been a staunch Republican. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Warren Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M. November 11, 1873, he married Carrie A., daughter of Israel Harris, who for forty years was cashier of the Belvidere National Bank. The eldest child of the doctor is Eleanor, who is a practicing physician in Newark, N. J. The other daughter, Mary, is the wife of Frank Matthews, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Maurice, the only son, is a graduate of Belvidere high school in the class of '98.

The paternal grandfather of the doctor, Thomas Beesley, born in December, 1771, came from England to America in 1778, settling at Beesley's Point, on the New Jersey coast. He owned large tracts of land there, and the place was named in his honor. A brother of his, John Beesley, was killed in the Revolutionary war. His son Maurice, father of our subject, was born at Beesley's Point, May 16, 1804, and died in Dennisville, January 13, 1882. He studied medicine at Salem, N. J., graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1828, ranking high in his class, and continued in the practice of the healing art fifty-four years. In 1840 and again in 1841 he served as a member of the New Jersey state legislature and from 1842 until 1844 was one of the governor's counsel. During this time he strongly advocated the establishment of a state lunatic asylum, and it was largely through his efforts that the institution was at last erected. He was one of the committee appointed to select the site. In 1845 he was elected a charter member of the New Jersey State Historical Society, and though his time was very fully occupied with divers affairs, he still found time to collect much valuable information relative to the history of the state and in regard to the geology of the southern portion of it. Among his effects was a rare old scrap-book, which he bequeathed to

our subject, and in which there are some documents of great value, one being a letter written by William Penn in 1682. He was an author of some repute and wrote the early history of Cape May County. Dr. Maurice Beesley married Susan, daughter of Amos C. Moore, of Dennisville, and to them were born four children. She died in June, 1894.



**W**ILSON THOMAS, senior member of the firm of W. & W. E. Thomas, has been engaged in the milling business at Milford for many years, and has become well known as a reliable and enterprising business man. For some time he also carried on a trade in lumber, coal and plaster, but his principal occupation has been that of milling. When a youth of seventeen he began to work in his father's mill, where he learned the trade, and since then he has been engaged in business on the same spot. On the retirement of his father in 1852, he and his brother Edward succeeded to the business under the firm name of W. & E. Thomas, and their connection continued until January, 1893, when he bought out his brother's interest and took into partnership his son Wilson Egbert Thomas.

Born in 1829 in Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pa., the subject of this sketch is a son of Mordecai and Grace (Wilson) Thomas. His father, whose birth occurred in Bucks County in 1797, remained in his native place until 1843, when he removed to Milford, N. J., and established a flour mill. In 1852 he was succeeded in the business by his sons, and in 1854 he died at the age of fifty-seven. His life occupation had been that of miller and he was thoroughly informed regarding the trade. Politically he supported the Whig ticket. His wife, who was a daughter of Jesse and Amy Wilson, of Philadelphia County, Pa., died in 1887, at the age of

eighty-five. She was a member of the Society of Friends. Three children were born of their union: Wilson; Edward, who was in partnership with his brother for forty-one years, and died in 1896, at the age of sixty-five years; and Frances, wife of Samuel Thomas, of Phillipsburg, Warren County.

Our subject's grandfather, Jonathan Thomas, was born in 1768 and spent the most of his life in Philadelphia County; he died in Bristol, Bucks County, in 1842, at the age of seventy-four. During early life he followed the miller's trade, but afterward retired to a small farm. His father, Mordecai Thomas, who was born in 1743 or 1744, was a son of Daniel Thomas, born in 1711 and died in 1760. The latter was a son of Daniel Thomas, Sr., who came to America from Wales in 1700 and in 1705 married Miss Catherine Morris.

Until about twelve years of age our subject resided in Newhope, Pa., from which place he accompanied his parents to Bristol, also in Bucks County, and thence came to Milford, N. J., April 1, 1843. He attended the public schools of the various places where he lived and acquired a fair education there and in a select school in Philadelphia County, where he was a pupil for a few years. At the age of seventeen years he began to learn the miller's trade, which he has since followed. As a citizen he is public-spirited and gives his allegiance to measures calculated to benefit the town and county.

In 1855 he was elected a director in the Milford Delaware Bridge Company at Milford. The year following he was elected treasurer and filled the office for forty-two years, and is treasurer at the present time. Subsequently he filled both offices and is still one of the directors. He is also president of the Milford Union Cemetery Company, having held the office since 1875, and is the only officer living who was associated with its incorporation in 1858. He votes the Republican ticket, but other than that has not taken any part in politics, preferring to give his attention to his business.

In 1860 Mr. Thomas married Miss Lizzie S. Eg-

bert, daughter of Judge William and Elizabeth (Van Sickel) Egbert. They have only one child, Wilson Egbert, who is in partnership with his father. The family are identified with the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Thomas has been an elder, trustee and treasurer for some years.



**A**UGUSTUS GREEN is the owner of a farm in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, and also owns a blacksmith shop in Baptistown, where he has made his home since early manhood. Though himself a native of Delaware (born there in 1852) he is a member of an old Hunterdon County family. His father, Emanuel Green, was born in Clinton, this county, but spent the greater portion of his life in Delaware, where he followed the blacksmith's trade at Grove for thirty-five years or until his death. In addition, he also devoted some attention to farming. Politically he was a Republican and took an active interest in matters pertaining to local and national progress. For many years he served the Methodist Episcopal Church as a steward and trustee, in which capacities he remained until his death, at sixty-five years.

The grandfather of our subject, John Green, was born in Hunterdon County and for some time was engaged as a blacksmith in Clinton, later following the same occupation for many years at Grove, Del. The political principles that he espoused were similar to those adopted by the Republican party on its organization. By his consistent Christian life he upheld the doctrines that he professed, those of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a trustee and steward. He died when about seventy-two years of age, and among those who attended his funeral were forty-two blacksmiths, all of whom were relatives.

To the marriage of Emanuel Green and Rachel Reading, daughter of Asher Reading, there were

born five children, of whom three are living: Carrie, wife of William Lawshe; Augustus; and William, who resides in Flemington, N. J. The mother is still living and resides on the old homestead at Grove. Until twenty-two years of age the subject of this sketch made his home in Delaware, where he learned the blacksmith's trade under the supervision of his father. From Delaware he came to New Jersey and settled at Baptistown, purchasing the place owned by Nathan Dalrymple, which he has since operated. He is also the possessor of an eighty-six acre farm in Kingwood Township. Not caring for official position, he discharges his duties as a private citizen by casting his vote, in local elections, for those whom he believes to be best qualified to represent the people. In national politics he supports Republican principles. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sergeantsville, while his family attend the Baptist Church. In fraternal relations he is an Odd Fellow and belongs to the lodge at Frenchtown.

In 1874 the subject of this sketch married Miss Henrietta Roberson, daughter of Daniel B. Roberson. Three children bless their union, as follows: Howard, who is a teacher in the public school of Baptistown; Verner and Harry, who are at home.



**R**EV. ALVIN A. KING. During the five years' pastorate of this most worthy laborer in the Master's vineyard in the pretty town of Glen Gardner, he has been blessed wonderfully, and under his ministry the number of members in the church has been almost doubled. The First Lutheran Church, over which he presides, is in a thriving condition, giving promise of a bright future of usefulness in this community. The building has been repaired and painted, as has also the parsonage, and both are neat and attractive in appearance.

The birth of Rev. A. A. King took place in

Easton, Pa., February 16, 1868, and thus he is in the prime of manhood, usefulness and activity. His parents were Samuel and Mary A. (Roth) King, both natives of Easton. The father was a contractor by occupation and was quite successful in his business ventures. His family comprised three sons and three daughters, viz.: Elamanda, wife of John Narr, of Hanover, Pa.; Milton H., whose home is on College Hill, while his place of business is in Easton; John F., who is in partnership with his brother Milton; Savilla, wife of Samuel Shortz, a farmer of Northampton County, Pa.; Alvin A.; and Cora E., wife of Charles Frey, an employe of the government steel works of Bethlehem, Pa.

In his youth A. A. King remained at home with his parents, receiving his initial training in knowledge in the local schools. When he was twelve he entered the preparatory department of Nazareth Hall, in the town of that name in Pennsylvania, and there pursued his studies five years. Then he went to Atchison, Kas., where he obtained a position as a clerk in a grocery. At the end of a year or so he became a traveling salesman, his territory being the states of Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. He was still in the employ of the old firm and continued with them altogether three years. He had now barely arrived at his majority, and, returning home, he entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, where he pursued a three years' course, after which he entered the theological seminary of the same place, graduating in the class of 1893. He was licensed to preach the year before, and he was ordained in Allentown, Pa. January 1, 1894, he was called to his present pastorate, and has been generally liked here in all church circles, as he is liberal and broad-minded in his views, devoted to the uplifting of his brother-men and fervent in Christian spirit. Like a true patriot and public-spirited citizen, he takes great interest in local affairs, and in political matters uses his franchise in favor of the Republican party.

October 9, 1894, Mr. King married Alice A. Reimer, daughter of John D. Reimer, of Stone Church, Pa. She was born in that place and

there grew to womanhood. She is a lady of good education and social attainments and is a true helpmate to her husband, being of great assistance to him in his noble work.



**G**EORGE FRITTS, a well and favorably known farmer of Union Township, Hunterdon County, has been carrying on a business in coal and farm implements in Pattenburg for the past two years in addition to the cultivation of his valuable homestead. He is a much-respected citizen, and shows his patriotism by the interest which he takes in the support of all industrial enterprises, improvements, etc., inaugurated for the benefit of the public. He uses his ballot in furtherance of what he earnestly believes to be for the lasting good of the commonwealth. He is a Republican, and has never been a politician in the ordinary sense of the term, as he prefers to attend to his own affairs and has no aspirations to public office.

Born January 13, 1846, in Lebanon Township, our subject is a son of Jacob D. and Catherine (Beavers) Fritts. The father was a farmer in this county during his entire active life. He removed from Lebanon Township to Fairmount, and from that place to Clinton, where he passed his declining days, his death occurring in 1890. His family comprised three sons and a daughter. Adeline, now deceased, was the wife of Noah S. Tiger; Isaiah and Ralph B. are prosperous and enterprising agriculturists of Clinton Township.

When he was but a child, George Fritts removed with the family to the vicinity of Clinton, and received his education in the village schools. He was married in December, 1867, the lady of his choice being Mary E., daughter of Asher and Martha (Hull) Smith. She was a native of Bethlehem Township, born near West Portal, and, having enjoyed excellent educational opportunities, is a woman of pleasing attainments.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritts have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Carrie E., to whom they are giving the best advantages in their power.

In the spring succeeding his marriage Mr. Fritts settled in Bethlehem Township, and devoted himself assiduously to farming. Later he removed to Clinton Township, and still later came to his present home. He holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Norton, but attends the church of this same denomination in Pattenburg. During his residence in the first-mentioned town he held the office of steward in the congregation. He is an interested worker in the cause of Christianity, and is liberal in his contributions to the church and worthy benevolences. He was recently honored by being appointed visitor to the State Board of Agriculture, for the Fourth Congressional district, by Governor Griggs.



**J**OHAN D. LARISON. Hunterdon County is one of the most fertile and productive counties in the state and its farmers are enterprising, self-reliant and progressive. Among these the gentleman of whom we write occupies an honored and respected place, as he is well and favorably known throughout this section and is accounted a man of public spirit, ever ready to assist in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the people. The cause of education finds in him a sincere friend and champion, and for two years he was a member of the board of education in Delaware Township, in which district his farm is situated.

Andrew Larison, grandfather of the above, was a native of West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County. Our subject's father, Benjamin Larison, was born in Kingwood Township, this county, and like the majority of his ancestors was a farmer by occupation. For his companion and helpmate on the journey of life he chose Hanna A. Holcomb,



a most estimable lady, beloved by all who knew her. Their children were nine in number, John D., born December 12, 1846, being the seventh of the family.

To the elementary education gained in the common schools of this neighborhood our subject has added wide general information through his private study and reading and by the sterner knowledge acquired in the battle of life. From his boyhood he delighted in the free, open air existence of the agriculturist and determined to follow in the footsteps of his father in the choice of an occupation. When he was nineteen years old he took charge of this farm, carrying it on thenceforth without any division of the responsibility. That he has succeeded well is evident by the fine condition of everything about the premises, as he takes just pride in the appearance of his buildings, fences, etc. The farm consists of one hundred acres of arable land one and a-half miles north of Stockton, on the old Flemington road. In former years the owner devoted much time to the business of peach-growing and derived a good income from that source alone.

December 11, 1872, Mr. Larison married Delia Bodine and four children came to bless their union. The eldest son, Andrew B., is employed in the mills at Lambertville; William is at home and aids in the care of the farm, and the two younger children, Annie and Carman, are also at home. In his political preference Mr. Larison is a Republican. Religiously he is a Baptist and holds membership with the church of that denomination in the village of Sandy Ridge.



**J**OHN B. WELLER, proprietor of the Union Hotel, at Clinton, Hunterdon County, was born in Warren County, N. J., September 6, 1836, and is a son of Peter and Frances (Miller) Weller, both natives of that county. Peter Weller, the father of our subject, was for many years

prominently identified with the growth and development of his section of the state. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits and held in high esteem by all who knew him. The death of his wife occurred during his early life and his own followed in 1845, while yet in the prime of life.

John B., our subject, was then left an orphan at the age of nine. Thrown upon his own resources, his early life was such that habits of frugality and self-dependence were formed which in after years were to lead him to prominence and a competency. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native place, Uniontown and Stewartsville, N. J., and later in Easton, Pa. His entry into the commercial world occurred in 1855, when he procured employment in a general store at New Hampton in the capacity of clerk, and later in a similar position in Green's Mills, N. J. Some three years were spent in these two situations, when, in view of the ability he had shown, he was taken into partnership by his brother, Andrew J. Weller, of Easton, Pa., the firm style being Weller & Brother.

This association was continued until 1857, when Mr. Weller purchased the Union Hotel at Clinton, N. J., entering what was to be his life-long enterprise. Since assuming the control of the above property he has become one of the most popular and widely known hotel men of his state, and his house is noted for its homelike comforts and commendable service, as well as the kind and affable demeanor of its proprietor and his wife. Aside from his above interest he has been prominently identified with the growth and development of the village and has been ever ready to assist in any enterprise tending to advance its interests. His charities are many and varied, though always given in an unostentatious manner. Politically he is a Democrat, and although not a politician in the ordinary acceptance of the term he has been called upon to fill various positions of trust and honor and in which he has served with marked ability. He is a member of Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., and De Molay Commandery.

In 1875 Mr. Weller married Anna M., daughter of Peter Kent, a prominent and well-known







EDWARD HUMPHREY MOORE, M. D.

resident of Northampton County, Pa. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is highly esteemed throughout the community and is actively engaged in various religious and charitable works. Her personality is striking and her many acts of kindness have endeared her to a host of friends and acquaintances.



**E**DWARD H. MOORE, M. D., has been located in White House Station, Hunterdon County, for three years only, but has already gained an enviable reputation, not only among the inhabitants of this region, but among his professional brethren as well. He joined the Hunterdon County Medical Society at Flemington in 1897, and was honored by being elected its third vice-president, in which capacity he served until April, 1898, when he was elected second vice-president.

Born in Somerset County, N. J., Dr. Moore is in the prime of early manhood, as the records show that his birthday was November 29, 1867. He is one of ten children of George and Eliza M. (Hiler) Moore, both of whom were natives of this state. Two of their family are deceased, and those who survive are named in the order of birth as follows: Philip H., John, George, William, Edward H., Charles, Mary and Elizabeth D. George Moore, Sr., was a farmer and miller, and won the love and regard of all who knew him. He died November 27, 1894, at the age of sixty-nine years. His father-in-law, Mr. Hiler, was a man of considerable prominence and held numerous offices of trust and responsibility, among them those of assemblyman, freeholder and overseer of the poor.

E. H. Moore was born and brought up on a farm, and studied in the neighborhood schools, after which he attended private schools in Chester and Dover, N. J. Having decided to enter the medical profession, he took his preliminary studies

under the instruction of Dr. Frederick Johnson, of Stanton, and in the course of time graduated from the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, his degree of Doctor of Medicine being dated 1892. Later he took a post-graduate course in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, receiving a diploma therefrom in 1893.

In no department of science or learning is greater progress being made than in the art of healing and he who would keep in accord with the spirit of the times must be a student and thoroughly awake and practical in theory and application. The doctor is in every respect equal to these demands and is of earnest, painstaking disposition, making the best of each opportunity that presents itself whereby he may advance in knowledge. At the same time he holds to those old, true and tried methods that have been proven of great value on a thousand occasions.



**O**LIVER I. BLACKWELL. Since 1879 this sterling citizen of Ringoes, Hunterdon County, has been engaged in the practice of law here, and has been actively identified with all enterprises of a character affecting the general public hereabouts. From 1890 to 1893 he was counsel for the board of freeholders, an elective office, and in 1879 he was elected township clerk of East Amwell Township, for a five years' term. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat. Fraternally he is a member of Powhatan Lodge No. 72, I. O. O. F., of Ringoes.

The birth of O. I. Blackwell took place on the old family homestead near Larison Corners, Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, October 3, 1857. This fine old estate, comprising two hundred acres, is now the property of our subject, and was settled upon by his grandfather, Andrew Blackwell, about 1830. He was a thrifty agriculturist and good business man, and was a native

of Mercer County, N. J. His son and namesake, Andrew, married Miss Mary Hunt, daughter of Dr. Cicero Hunt, a prominent physician of that day in this vicinity, and their two children were Oliver I., of this sketch, and Ella, who married Dr. P. C. Young, and died in 1888.

In his boyhood and youth our subject attended the neighboring schools and graduated from Ringoes Seminary in 1875. Soon afterwards he entered the law office of Senator Richard S. Kuhl, of Flemington, and, after devoting himself assiduously to the study of legal lore, he was admitted to the county bar in November, 1879. The same year he was appointed master in chancery. From the very first his success in his chosen avocation seemed assured, and he soon built up a remunerative practice. In the past he did considerable surveying and was interested in various enterprises. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, and is a member of Kirkpatrick Memorial Church of Ringoes, being a deacon in the congregation at this time.

The marriage of Mr. Blackwell and Miss Maggie W. Miller, of Mahopac Falls, Putnam County, N. Y., was solemnized June 13, 1888. She was born July 9, 1857, and is a daughter of Rev. Alexander Miller, who at one time was the loved pastor of the Ringoes Presbyterian Church. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell has been blessed with two children, Ella, born August 17, 1891, and Mary H., born July 2, 1893.



**J**OHN SPECHT, a retired business man of New Germantown, Hunterdon County, is a striking example of what a man can accomplish when he is strong and resolute in the pursuance of a good purpose in life. He is a native of Germany, and landed in this country when a youth of less than twenty, without home, friends or capital to help him in the new world. Everything seemed against him, the mere fact of his

being an entire stranger to the English language being not the least of his difficulties. But he had a brave heart, and was determined to win success by earnest effort and hard work. The result is the only comment necessary, perhaps, to those who know him and his circumstances, and it may well inspire and encourage many another youth who is now setting out to fight the battles of life. He found, as they will, that the only secret of success is honest, industrious work, perseverance and the exercise of common sense.

Born December 8, 1830, John Specht is a son of John and Elizabeth (Kinkel) Specht, of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. His boyhood was passed quietly and uneventfully in the Fatherland, and he became more and more earnest in his desire to come to America. Leaving home with his elder brother, Henry, he started for the hospitable shores of the United States in 1849, coming direct to German Valley. Here he entered the employ of Isaac Sharp, who was engaged in running a tannery and leather business. The young man had worked at this trade in his own country, and was consequently familiar with the details of the business. After remaining two years with his first employer he went to the town now known as Fairmount, where for a year he worked for John and Aaron Vescellius, tanners.

Then Mr. Specht came to New Germantown, and started into business for himself in an old abandoned tanyard. He was repeatedly urged by many of his friends not to embark in this venture, as several other parties had done so here and failed, but he quietly persisted, believing that he could and would make it a success. Commencing in a small way, he enlarged the capacity of the plant from time to time, eventually building up a large and remunerative trade. It is said there were at that time eighteen tanneries in this county; there is now not a single one, but, in spite of the competition which our subject then had to contend with, he prospered. He not only supplied the local trade, but shipped considerable stock to the city markets. He continued to manage the tannery until 1892, when he sold out and retired from business. Since

then he has handled hides and leather to some extent, as he is naturally active and does not desire to live in idleness, though he is justly entitled to a rest from toil after the long years he has been so actively occupied. He is a Democrat in politics, and since he has left his business cares he has served the people of his community for four years as collector of taxes. He was one of the original stockholders of the First National Bank of Clinton. For thirty-five years, or until quite recently, he held one office or another in the Lutheran Church, and is considered one of the most substantial pillars in the congregation.

April 3, 1868, John Specht married Anna E., daughter of Edward and Keturah (Prall) Updyke. She was born in the town of Pattenburg, Hunterdon County, and by her marriage has become the mother of two daughters, Louisa and Elizabeth. The younger of the two is a graduate of the state normal school in Trenton, N. J., and is now a successful teacher in the local schools. Both daughters are living at home.



**H**ON. JOHN KUGLER, ex-judge of the Hunterdon County court, is one of the representative and loyal citizens of this section of New Jersey. The Kugler family have been identified with the development and increasing prosperity of this county for several generations, and have always been esteemed for their sterling characteristics. They come from sturdy, industrious and thrifty German stock, and are noted for fidelity to duty and patriotism.

The father of the judge, James Kugler, was a native of Kingwood, Hunterdon County, born in 1797, and, with the exception of three years which he spent in the adjoining state of Pennsylvania, resided in the vicinity of his birthplace all his days. In his early manhood he and his father were interested in boating on the Delaware River, but later he settled down to agricultural

pursuits. He was very successful as a business man and farmer and became the owner of large tracts of finely improved land. He was active in the furtherance of plans having as their end the advancement of the people's interests, and in his political leaning he was a Democrat. He departed this life at the age of seventy-three years. His father, John Kugler, was also a native of this county, and accumulated an extensive fortune. His calling in life was that of a tiller of the soil, and in the exercise of his duties he was always prompt and faithful. He died at the good old age of seventy-one. His father, John Kugler, was a son of Germany and passed the first fourteen years of his career in that beautiful country. Then, with the other members of his family, he came to America, and proceeded to fight the serious obstacles that were in the pathway leading to success. He mastered the English language, worked at farming, and finally became the owner of a homestead. His first property, situated near the village of Tumble, is now in the possession of George W. Kugler.

The mother of our subject was Miss Eliza Rittenhouse in her girlhood, she having been a daughter of Jonathan and Julia (Bray) Rittenhouse. She became the mother of nine children, only five of whom are now living, viz.: John; Oliver; Harriet; George W., a lumber dealer of Gloucester County, N. J., having large interests in timbered land in North Carolina; and Willson, a farmer of this locality. The mother was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, and died strong in the Christian faith, as she had ever lived, her summons to her reward coming when she was nearly eighty years old.

Judge Kugler was born near the old Methodist Episcopal Church in Kingwood in 1823. He remained at home on the farm until he was nineteen, when he went to live with his maternal grandfather, Mr. Rittenhouse. For several years he carried on the homestead belonging to his venerable relative, and after his death the young man removed to a farm near Flemington, the county-seat of this county. Eight years he was situated in Alexandria Township, and at the ex-

piration of that period he purchased (in 1857) his present home and farm comprising one hundred and seventy-five acres. Since then he has devoted his time and attention to the raising of a general line of crops, and has been prospered.

Mr. Kugler is a Democrat and for a number of years served as a committeeman of Alexandria Township, and acted in a similar capacity in Kingwood for some time, besides being a freeholder of the last-mentioned place three years, elected without opposition. In 1870-71 he was a member of the general assembly of the state, and was on the committee on asylums and reform schools. In 1893 he was appointed by Governor Werts and confirmed by the senate as judge of the county courts, his term to run for three years. He has since retired to private life.

In 1849 Mr. Kugler married Mary Schamp, who died when but thirty-eight years, leaving six children. William died at seven and Ella at two years. Harriet is the wife of Albert Fritts. James is the oldest surviving son. Mary is the wife of George Evans. Huldah is the widow of James Alpaugh. The second wife of our subject is Mary, daughter of Mahlon M. and Catherine (Rittenhouse) Thatcher. The children of this marriage are as follows: Ella, wife of Charles B. Rittenhouse; Annie, at home; William and John, twins, the last-named dying in infancy; and Martha E., a teacher at Morristown, N. J. The family attend the Baptist Church.



**F**RANK S. GRIM, M. D. In no profession is a clearer mind or better judgment required than in that of the medical practitioner's. Constant study and application are necessary in order that one may be in touch with the spirit of progress, and, perhaps, in few other lines of science are more startling discoveries made than in the causes of disease and methods of treatment. The young physician of the period

has the immense advantage of having no old worn-out ideas rooted in his mental makeup, as, unfortunately, too many of the older members of the profession undoubtedly have. Though the gentleman of whom we write has been engaged in practice in Baptistown scarcely three years, he has already become well known and his clientage is steadily increasing.

His father, Dr. George W. Grim, was a leading physician of Revere, Bucks County, Pa., for many years, standing equally high with the other members of his profession and with the public at large. Politically he was a Democrat, and at one time was a candidate for the office of state senator. He served as chairman of the county Democratic committee as school director, and in various local positions of trust. He assisted in organizing the lodge of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and that of the Red Men, and was one of the most prominent members of the same. He died at the age of sixty years, having been a faithful member of the German Reformed Church for years, and having led a life that was above reproach. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Koons, of Montgomery County, Pa. Of their eleven children the following are yet living: Harvey, a physician of Revere; Dr. George M., of Ottsville, Pa.; Florence, wife of O. H. Bigley, of Doylestown, Pa.; Webster G., an attorney of Doylestown; F. S.; Harry E., an attorney at Perkasio, Pa.; Cora, wife of William Rufe, a merchant of Riegelsville, Pa.; Nora, a twin sister of Cora, a teacher in the Revere grammar school; and James S., a member of the junior class of Lafayette College. The mother of this fine family may justly be proud of her children, who are all active and noble citizens of the several communities in which they dwell. She is still living, being sixty-six years of age, her home in Revere. She is identified with the German Reformed Church as a member.

Dr. Frank S. Grim was born in the town of Revere, Pa., March 10, 1868, and when of a suitable age was sent to the public school of his native place. Later graduating from the state normal at Kutztown, he engaged in teaching for four years. He then enrolled himself as a student at

Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, Pa., graduating therefrom in 1895 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He passed the examinations required by the New Jersey board of medical examiners, and purchased the practice of Dr. E. D. Leidy, of Baptistown. In politics he adheres to the training of his father, and deposits his ballot in favor of the Democracy. In 1895 he married Mary E., daughter of Caspar and Catherine Fabian, of Revere. The young couple are members of the German Reformed Church. Fraternally the doctor is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle of Revere, the Odd Fellows of Frenchtown, and the Royal Arcanum of Lambertville. Mrs. Grim is a graduate of the state normal at Kutztown, Pa., and taught school in Bucks County, Pa., for ten years.



**G**EORGE C. PEDRICK, one of the most enterprising citizens of Flemington, Hunterdon County, has been in business here ever since he arrived at man's estate. Commencing his commercial career entirely without capital he deserves great credit for the success that he has wrought out for himself. He possesses those qualities that are essential to prosperity to a young man without funds or influential friends, industry, perseverance and good judgment. By the exercise of these characteristics he has won a place in the regard of those who have been associated with him in the business world, and he stands no less high in the best society of this town.

The parents of the above-named gentleman are H. E. and Mary (Schmidt) Pedrick, the former a native of Ethia, Tompkins County, N. Y., and the latter of Germany. H. E. Pedrick was born and reared in the town of Mount Holly, and is now engaged in the manufacture of brick in Flemington. George C., of this sketch, was born January 4, 1860, on a farm in the vicinity of this place, and received his education in the district

schools. When he was still a mere boy he went into the employ of William H. Fulper, the well-known merchant, and remained with him for thirteen years, during which time he became thoroughly proficient in every detail of work pertaining to the business. He won the good-will of his employer by his honesty, punctuality and regard for his superior's interests, and when at last the young man told him of his ambition to enter business on his own account Mr. Fulper generously came to his assistance, helping him to get a start.

Until 1892 Mr. Pedrick was a member of the firm of Nevis & Pedrick, but for the past five or six years has been carrying on a clothing store alone. He receives a fair share of the patronage of our citizens and strives to meet their wishes with honest goods at reasonable prices. In the fraternities he is identified with the Masonic order, is past grand of the Odd Fellows' society, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum. In the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place he is looked upon as one of the most reliable members, one that can be depended upon for active work, and at present he is a steward in the congregation.

May 3, 1883, Mr. Pedrick married Jennie Hunt, of Lambertville, daughter of E. L. Hunt, a miller of that town. They have five children, named in order of birth: Russell, Reba, Beatrice, William and Gilbert.



**J**ACOB DILTS, JR., a freeholder of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, was elected to that position on the Democratic ticket in 1895 for a term of three years. From 1874 to 1877 he was a township committeeman; from 1884 to 1891 was tax collector, and for the long period of twelve years was a school trustee. He has always taken commendable interest in the welfare of the people of this community, and has done all within his power to promote their good.

The Dilts family have long been respected, industrious and thrifty agriculturists of Hunterdon County. The great-grandfather of the gentleman of whom we write was Henry Dilts, who was one of the early settlers of Delaware Township. He was naturalized by an act of legislature in 1744. His son, Jacob, the next in the line of descent, married Sarah Heath, and bought the old homestead which is now owned and carried on by our subject. The latter's parents were Hiram and Beulah (Chamberlin) Dilts, natives of Delaware and East Amwell Township. Their family comprised six children, of whom the eldest, Lewis, is deceased; Clarinda is the widow of Jacob F. Larison, of Raritan Township; Jacob, the first of the name in this family, died in infancy; Maria L. is the wife of John B. Fisher, of Hopewell Township; Emeline is the wife of Edward B. Holcombe, of Mt. Airy, N. J.; and Jacob, of this sketch, is the youngest. The father was a life-long farmer and was fairly successful in his business undertakings. He lived to the good old age of seventy-five years, dying in April, 1879, and was placed to rest in the quiet cemetery at Larison Corners. For many years he was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and all who knew him loved and esteemed him. His widow is still living, and though she has reached the unusual age of ninety-four years, enjoys very good health. She is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Holcombe.

Jacob Dilts was born on the farm where he may still be found, December 8, 1848, and from his first recollections he has been closely associated with the annals of this immediate locality. His education was gained in the district schools of the neighborhood, and, as soon as he was old enough, he began to aid in the work of the farm. Then, with his father, he carried on the home place in harmonious spirit as long as his senior lived, and upon his death fell heir to the farm. There are one hundred and eleven acres in the same, and it is suitable for general farming and dairying. A member of the Odd Fellows' society, he is identified with Powhatan Lodge No. 72, of Ringoes, and has served as district deputy in the

same, and is also a member of the Flemington Encampment. In the Presbyterian Church of which he is a member he has been one of the board of trustees, and has held other official positions.

November 1, 1867, Mr. Dilts married Martha, daughter of John and Sarah J. (Dean) Housel. Four bright, enterprising sons are the children of their union, viz.: Orville H., a merchant of Ringoes; Hiram, who is a telegraph operator and station agent at Taylorsville, Pa.; Lewis C. and Frederick A., who are still at home and assist their father in the work of the farm.



**JUDSON B. RITTENHOUSE.** One of the neat and well-improved farms of Hunterdon County lies in Kingwood Township and is the property of Mr. Rittenhouse, under whose supervision it is kept in a high state of cultivation and improved with the embellishments of modern farms. It comprises seventy acres, planted to grain or devoted to the pasturage of stock, for dairying is carried on here with success. It is the old homestead of the family and one of the well-known places in the township.

The father of our subject was Jeremiah Rittenhouse, a native of Kingwood Township and by occupation a farmer. He was an energetic and persevering man and reached a commendable degree of success in the cultivation of his land. When a young man he affiliated with the Democrats, but in later years he became a Prohibitionist and a staunch opponent of the saloon. For a number of years he served as a deacon in the Baptist Church. His death occurred when he was fifty-eight years of age. His father, Daniel Rittenhouse, was a native of Kingwood Township, where he remained until his death, at sixty-nine years.

Our subject's mother, who makes her home with him, was Elizabeth Burkett, a daughter of



Charles Burkett. In her family there were four children: Judson B., Andrew, Jennie and Mary (deceased). Judson B. was born in Alexandria Township in 1865 and grew to manhood upon the home farm, the management of which he afterward assumed. He is well informed concerning public questions and in politics gives his support to the Republican party. He has passed all of the chairs in Magnolia Lodge of Odd Fellows and is interested in the work of the fraternity. Reared in the Baptist faith, he has identified himself with that denomination and for some years has officiated as one of the deacons of his church.



**S**TANFORD VANDERBELT is a prosperous farmer of Hunterdon County, who, without assistance from others, but solely by the exercise of good judgment, sound common sense and perseverance, has arrived at a position of independence and influence. He is the owner of a farm situated in Kingwood Township and consisting of seventy-seven acres, devoted to the raising of general farm products. Here he has resided since 1891, meanwhile maintaining the land under a high state of cultivation and introducing needed improvements.

The father of our subject, Peter Vanderbelt, was born in Holland Township, Hunterdon County, but in early life moved to Kingwood Township, where he became a large and successful farmer and also followed the trade of a miller until failing health forced him to retire. In politics he adhered to Republican principles. He was interested in local matters, and for three years held the office of commissioner for this township. The Christian Church had in him one of its faithful members and its doctrines he always supported earnestly. When seventy-four years of age his earth life ended. By his marriage to Mary Cooley, daughter of John L. and Sarah Cooley, he became the father of ten children, of whom

seven are still living, viz.: Elmira, wife of Theodore Myers; Mary E., who married J. C. Amwine; Caroline; Abbie C., Mrs. Alton Spoor; Rachel; Stanford and Augustus G. The wife and mother was an amiable and intelligent woman and a sincere Christian. She died at the age of sixty-two.

During the residence of his parents in Holland Township the subject of this sketch was born in 1862. When he was eleven he accompanied the family to Kingwood Township, where he grew to manhood upon the home farm. At the age of twenty-two he started out for himself and since then has been self-supporting. In 1891 he purchased the John Brink farm, where he carries on general farming. He is an energetic man, with considerable force of will and determination of character, and what he starts out to do he usually accomplishes. The Republican party contains the principles that he believes are best adapted to secure the progress of the nation and the perpetuation of the federal government; consequently he is active in his support of its men and measures.

In 1878 Mr. Vanderbelt was united in marriage with Catherine Warne, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Warne, of this county. They are the parents of one child, Ada. The family attend the Presbyterian Church of Baptistown, with which Mrs. Vanderbelt is identified and to the support of which our subject is a contributor.



**W**ILLIAM V. PRALL, whose home is in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, has been for the past five years in the employ of the North Virginia Bridge Works, of Charlestown, W. Va., representing the company in the counties of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren, N. J. The first year thirteen iron bridges were erected under his supervision, and he has been kept very busy indeed in carrying out contracts. He follows farming to some extent also, and has a valuable place under fine cultivation.

The grandfather of our subject was a physician, his residence being in the town of Reaville, this county. The father of William V. is William R. Prall, a native of Hunterdon County, as was also the mother, Sarah (Lance) Prall. He was a prominent man in his day, holding from time to time important local offices of responsibility and honor. His first wife was Elizabeth Runkle, by whom he had two daughters: Mercy R., deceased, formerly the wife of Alexander R. Risler, of Elizabeth City, N. J.; and Evelyn, who with her husband, Caleb Shiner, is deceased also. During the life of his first wife, William R. Prall settled in Glen Gardner, and engaged in merchandising, also operating the Rowland Mill, which enterprises he carried on for years. Fraternally he was a Mason, and for twenty years he was a justice of the peace, then resigning the position. Politically he was a Republican. He died at his home in Changewater, January 20, 1877, and is buried in Spruce Run Cemetery. His second wife, mother of our subject, died July 5, 1888.

William V. Prall, of this sketch, was born March 2, 1842, and is the only child of his mother. Until he was eighteen years of age he remained at home, obtaining his education and helping in his father's business concerns. He finished his studies with a course in Bryant & Stratton's commercial school, after which he entered the employ of William Waggoner, of Bound Brook. Later he clerked for about a year for J. C. Davis, whose store was destroyed by fire, and he was then forced to seek another position. The following eighteen months he was with Victor Castner, of Changewater, and was next shipping clerk for the Brown & Co. lumber mills in Whitehaven, Pa., about six months. Desiring to see something of the country he went on a trip throughout the west, but was not tempted to locate permanently there. Returning he began working as a carpenter, and his first task was on the building now occupied by S. Fleet, of Glen Gardner. After two years in the carpenter's field of enterprise he taught school for one season in Changewater. Since then he has followed his trade of carpentering more or less. In 1876 he

again traveled in the west, and located at Clinton, Mo., with the intention of remaining there, but the climate did not agree with him, and by the advice of his physician he returned to his native state. In the fall of 1878 the old homestead came into his possession, and two years later he sold it, reserving a lot on which he built a substantial home for himself. Since then he has bought sixty-two acres of land, and has cultivated the same, also raising live stock. For three years he has been interested in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Readington.

When he was but little past his majority, Mr. Prall commenced his active public life by being installed as clerk of his home township. This position he held acceptably for five years, since which time he has been almost continually in one local office or another, and has served as a justice of the peace eight years. Until within a few years he was a very ardent Republican, but he has changed his attitude somewhat, and is now independent. Since he was twenty-one he has been a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Mansfield Lodge No. 36, F. & A. M., of Washington, N. J. September 24, 1879, Mr. Prall married, in Easton, Pa., Rachel, daughter of Josiah and Anna (Fritts) Apgar, of Lebanon Township originally. A daughter is the only child of our subject and wife, Miss Laura, now a school girl.



**J**OHN SCHOMP. Prominent among the old families to whose sterling characteristics is due much of the prosperity which the state of New Jersey enjoys is the one represented by this well-to-do farmer of Readington Township, Hunterdon County. It has long been a recognized fact that the wealth of a country consists very largely in the class of men who till the soil, as upon the result of their labors depend all commercial enterprises. This state has been partic-

ularly fortunate in her sturdy farmers, who have remained here for generations, and have developed our resources to a remarkable degree.

The birth of John Schomp occurred June 30, 1840, he being a son of Henry and Sarah (Naylor) Schomp, both natives of Hunterdon County. Their family comprised six children, but three of the number died in infancy. Margaret is still living, and Ira, who has never married, resides on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in this neighborhood. John Schomp, Sr., was a life-long farmer, and was, moreover, a hotel-keeper for several years. In his political affiliations he was a Republican. His father, Henry G. Schomp, was born in this vicinity, and passed his whole life, some eighty-eight years, in the county boundaries.

Since he was a mere lad, John Schomp, of this sketch, has been devoted to the management of a farm. He received a general education in the common schools of his home district, and was given practical instruction in business affairs by his father. For a period he was interested in the distillery business. His present homestead is a tract of thirty-one acres. September 12, 1885, he married Helena Cole, whose father, John T. Cole, was a farmer of this township. Following the example of his father, Mr. Schomp uses his right of franchise in favor of the nominees of the Republican party. He is deeply interested in whatever tends to the betterment of his fellows, and does his share toward the promotion of public enterprises.



**D**AVID BARTRON. During the years that have elapsed since he entered upon the practice of the legal profession, Mr. Bartron has built up an important practice and has been retained as counsel in many well-known cases. His time has been given closely to the demands of his practice and he has held no offices except

such as were in direct connection with his profession. For four years he served as borough attorney, in which capacity his good judgment and acute reasoning faculties were of the greatest value to the municipal interests. Admitted to the bar in 1880, he opened an office in Hacketts-town, but after three years removed to Oxford, where he spent eight years, and from that place came to Washington, his present place of residence.

Mr. Bartron was born in Tranquility, Sussex County, N. J., August 27, 1849, and is a descendant of one of the old families of this state. Three brothers bearing the name of Bertrand (the original spelling) came to America from France, one settling in Philadelphia, another in Reading, and the third near Easton, Pa. In their native land they had been men of wealth and influence, and in their several localities each soon acquired prominence. David Bartron owned a farm of two hundred and ten acres in Hunterdon County and on his death this was inherited by his two sons, the old will written by the father being now in the possession of our subject. One of the sons, James, who was born in Hunterdon County, was a soldier in the Revolution and fought under General Washington for several years. He died at the home place, in the house where his son and grandson also passed away.

David, son of James Bartron, was born in Hunterdon County, where he followed farming and the shoemaker's trade until his death. He had a son, Elisha M., our subject's father, who was born in Warren County and there spent his entire life, engaged in farming and the manufacturing of boots and shoes. He was a Republican in politics and during the war was a strong supporter of the Union. He married Eleanor A. Cooper, daughter of Aaron and Margaret Cooper, and a native of Warren County, her maternal ancestors having come here from Germany. She had one daughter and three sons. Elizabeth B. is the wife of George Potter, of Burton, Mich.; Ruel C. lives on the old home place in Warren County; and Sylvester H. is in Detroit, Mich.

After attending the public schools for some

time, our subject entered the Pennington Seminary near Trenton, N. J., and remained a student there until his graduation in July, 1874. He then began the study of law in the office of Lockwood & Post, in New York City, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time he entered the law office of J. C. Allen, a noted lawyer of Hackettstown, with whom he spent four years and was admitted to the bar in 1880. He has since engaged in professional practice and has gained a valuable clientage. He has taken an active part in the affairs of the Democratic party and stands high in its ranks. Fraternally he is a member of Mansfield Lodge No. 36, F. & A. M., the Royal Arcanum and the Improved Order of Red Men. In religious belief he is identified with the Presbyterian Church.

In 1886 Mr. Bartron married Jennie E. Weston, daughter of Charles B. and Caroline Weston. She was born in Massachusetts, but was brought to New Jersey by her parents in 1865, her father erecting a large nail factory at Oxford and continuing to conduct it until his retirement from business cares in 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Bartron are the parents of a daughter, Jean Pauline.



**L**ORENZO D. HAGAMAN, attorney-at-law and a prominent citizen of Frenchtown, was born near Ringoes, Hunterdon County, in 1857, being a son of Lewis and Sarah E. (Matthews) Hagaman. His father, who was a native of the same place as himself, removed to Frenchtown in 1884, where he died May 24, 1896, at seventy-nine years of age. By trade he was a carpenter, which he followed for some years, and later was engaged in the stock business. Politically he voted the Democratic ticket, but was not active in the party. His father, Abram Hagaman, was born near Ringoes in January, 1786, and engaged in farming there until his death, in 1868, at the age of eighty-two. The father of

Abram was Abram, Sr., whose father, also of the same name, was born near Sandy Ridge, Hunterdon County, and the latter's father, Abram, came to Hunterdon from either Somerset or Middlesex County, this state. By his marriage to the daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Burroughs) Matthews, Lewis Hagaman had two children, but Lorenzo D. is the only survivor. The mother died in 1859, when twenty-three years of age.

After the death of his mother our subject was taken into the home of his grandparents, by whom he was educated and under whose careful oversight he grew to manhood. He attended the Pennington and Ringoes seminaries and graduated from the latter in June, 1875. Afterward he began the study of law under Hon. John T. Bird, of Trenton, and was admitted to the bar of Hunterdon County in February, 1882. At once upon completing his studies he opened an office at Frenchtown, where he has since engaged in legal practice. In addition to the law he is local agent for the Continental, German-American and New York Insurance Companies, for Frenchtown and vicinity. Politically he is a Democrat. For three years he was city clerk. In 1886 he was elected a member of the city council and served until 1889. In 1889 he was elected mayor of Frenchtown, which position he filled two years. In 1888 he married Carrie Rockafellar, daughter of Samuel and Zeruah (Duckworth) Rockafellar, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is one of the trustees.

Fraternally Mr. Hagaman is a member of Orion Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M., Wilson Chapter, R. A. M., and St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., and is past master in the blue lodge. In the lodge of Odd Fellows at Ringoes he has passed all of the chairs, also those in Home Lodge No. 95, K. of P., and has served for four years as a member of the finance committee of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for the Knights of Pythias. In the Junior Order United American Mechanics he has been treasurer of the council, and in the Manhattan Tribe of Red Men has served as presiding officer. Since coming to this place he has

been attorney for the city of Frenchtown and the Union National Bank. As a lawyer he is quick, far-seeing and logical, with acute reasoning faculties and force of will, qualities which have contributed to his success in the profession.



**R**ICHARD ASHCROFT. By training and inclination Mr. Ashcroft is a farmer, and the success that has come to him in agriculture proves that he acted wisely in following his preference in this direction. In 1876 he bought the Rittenhouse farm near Frenchtown, and there he made his home for a number of years, removing from that place to the old Presbyterian parsonage that he now owns and occupies. He is the owner of two farms aggregating one hundred and thirty acres, upon which he engages in dairying and general farming.

The Ashcroft family is of English origin. The father of our subject, James Ashcroft, Sr., was born near Manchester, England, in 1804, and some years after his marriage to Sarah Irlam he came to America, settling near Philadelphia in 1838. His son, Richard, was born in England in 1839 and at the age of nine months was brought to the United States by his mother. For some years the family resided near Doylestown, Pa., but in 1858 removed to New Jersey, settling in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, where the father died at the age of seventy-three. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Oak Summit and had many warm friends among the people of his neighborhood. In his family there were eleven children, viz.: John, Alice, William, Arenia, Richard, James, Alfred, Samuel E., Sarah A., Edwin and Jennie.

Educated in the public schools of Bucks County, Pa., our subject accompanied his parents to New Jersey in 1858 and remained with them until twenty-five years of age, when he rented a farm near Kingwood Hotel. In 1876 he

bought his wife's old homestead near Frenchtown, and there he engaged in raising general farm products. Later, however, he removed to his present home. He is deeply interested in the cause of temperance and both in theory and practice upholds Prohibition principles. For some time he has been a trustee in the Baptist Church of Frenchtown. Fraternally he is connected with the Shepherds of Bethlehem. In 1867 he married Mary Jane, daughter of Garner Rittenhouse, and they are the parents of two children: Annie Mary, Mrs. Ross Wolverton; and James Irving, of Pittstown, Hunterdon County.



**D**ANIEL P. CASE. Much has been said by philosophers and able reasoners on the subject of the relative importance of the strictly commercial man of business and the farmer, by whose labor are produced the food supplies of the people, and these wise men have always come to the conclusion that the two classes are mutually necessary and dependent upon each other, and therefore of equal value to any state. If anything, the farmer is the more independent man of the two, and upon him rests the foundation of any prosperous nation. New Jersey has ever been fortunate in her agriculturists, for they have developed her resources to the utmost limit, and the great cities adjacent to her territory depend largely upon her for food products.

Among the enterprising farmers of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, is the subject of this article. He is the possessor of a valuable tract of nearly two hundred acres, suitable for raising ordinary crops, and also used for dairying. He is a native of this vicinity, having been born on the farm now owned by Peter Shepherd, December 28, 1854. His parents were David A. and Susan E. (Pierson) Case, natives of the same township. They had five children, the eldest of whom, John R., lives near Quakertown; Joseph D.

is a resident of Delaware Township; Jonathan is a resident of this township; Susan E. is deceased; and Daniel P. is the youngest. The father was a life-long agriculturist, and passed his last years in Franklin Township. He died in 1894, at the good old age of eighty-two years. His wife was fourscore years old at the time of her death, in 1891.

When he was a youth of fifteen, Daniel P. Case went to East Amwell Township, where he worked on a farm for two years, and then, going to Delaware Township, he found employment in the same line for a similar period. From that time until 1894 he resided in Franklin Township, and while there acted in the capacity of register of the township, having been elected by his political friends, the Republicans of that locality. For the past four years he has lived upon the farm which he purchased in 1894.

Mr. Case attended the seminary at Ringoes after finishing his elementary studies in the public schools, and is to-day a well-informed man upon the various subjects of general interest. In 1879 he married Minnie Sturm, of Sunnyside, daughter of Frederick Sturm, and they have four children, viz.: Leslie J., Fred S., Rector D. and John P. Mr. and Mrs. Case are members of the Baptist Church of Flemington, and stand high in the regard of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.



**J**OSEPH WILLIAMSON. Few men in Hunterdon County more thoroughly enjoy the confidence and genuine esteem of their neighbors and associates than does he of whom we write. He was born on the old family homestead in Delaware Township where he is living to-day, and has spent the greater part of his life within the walls of his present home. From 1885 to 1888 he enjoyed the honor of being county collector for Hunterdon County, he having been

elected for a three years' term by the board of freeholders. He was also justice of the peace for two terms of five years each. He has also served as a judge of elections for nine years, and has often been sent as a delegate to district and county conventions of the Democratic party, to which organization he gives his political allegiance.

Abraham Williamson, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany, and came to America prior to the war of the Revolution, in which conflict he took part. Afterwards he settled in Delaware Township, on the tract of land which has descended to his grandson, Joseph. By trade he was a weaver, but his main occupation in life was that of farming. His five children were Richard, Abraham, Sarah, Eleanor and Matthias. The last-mentioned, born on this homestead, February 22, 1787, married Susan Slack October 13, 1832, and their third child was Joseph, of this sketch. Their two elder children, Asher, born November 14, 1835, and Sarah E., born August 2, 1837, both died on the same day, September 5, 1842, with that dread disease, scarlet fever. The youngest of the family, Margaret, born January 2, 1844, and widow of Bartlett Hand, resides in Kingwood Township, this county. The father, who held various local offices, such as constable, died March 6, 1875. His wife, a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died July 27, 1859.

Joseph Williamson was born October 10, 1839, and when he was of a suitable age began attending the district schools. He was naturally very apt and quick to learn, and made the best of such advantages as were within his reach, and thus when he was nearing his majority we find him himself conducting a school. For several winter terms he was thus employed, making a success of the undertaking. From the time he was twenty-one until 1877 he had charge of the management of the old homestead, and at the time last mentioned he removed to the farm near Sergeantsville, Hunterdon County, formerly belonging to his wife's father. This property he purchased, and cultivated about twelve years, then returning

to his old home here, where he owns one hundred and forty acres. It is a fine place and has a peach orchard of some three thousand trees. In addition to this farm, Mr. Williamson still owns the tract of forty-three acres at Sergeantsville before mentioned. He has passed all of the chairs in Orpheus Lodge No. 137, F. & A. M., of Stockton, N. J.

In December, 1864, Mr. Williamson and Miss Mary A. Gordon, a native of this township, were united in marriage. They have a nice family of five children, viz.: Franklin P., Kate G., Matthias, John H. and Frederick B., born in the order named.



**G**EORGE WILLIS TITMAN, M. D., of Hackettstown, is a member of a family that has been long and honorably associated with the history of Warren County. The first of the name to locate in America was Ludwig Tittman (as the name was then spelled), who crossed the Atlantic and landed in Philadelphia in 1730. Seven years later he purchased a tract of farming land, four hundred acres, near Blairstown, N. J. The farm became the property of his son George, who also purchased two hundred and twenty-six acres in Oxford Township, now Warren County, in 1775. The latter tract descended through the latter's son George and grandson George to our subject's grandfather, who bore the same name and who was born on the old homestead. Orphaned by his father's death when he was a mere lad, he took charge of the farm and the management of the family interests at the age of fourteen years, and from that time on his life was a busy and active one. Not only was he prominent in business circles, but in politics also he was active, and as a member of the Democratic party wielded a wide influence in his locality. In 1848 he was elected sheriff of Warren County and filled that position for three years.

The maternal ancestors of Dr. Titman were also early settlers of America. The Curtis family was founded in this country by Henry Curtis, who received a grant to land situated at Windsor, Conn., and whose son Samuel was born on that place in 1649. The doctor's great-grandfather, Deacon Joseph Curtis, was first lieutenant of a company that served in the Revolution and took an active part in securing the independence of the colonies. He had a son, Lathrop Willis Curtis, M. D., who studied medicine under Dr. Mussey, and was a graduate of Dartmouth College. The state board of Vermont granted him a certificate to practice in that state, and this paper, bearing date of 1829, is now in the possession of our subject. In 1832 he removed to Illinois, then considered the far west. There he established his home in Fulton County and built the first frame building erected in Canton, later the county-seat and a prosperous city. He was widely known among the pioneers of Fulton County, where he built up a successful practice and where he continued to reside until death. He was a Royal Arch Mason and stood high among the members of the fraternity.

The father of Dr. Titman was Marshall Titman, a native of Bridgeville, Warren County, where he spent the greater part of his life, engaged in the mercantile and grain business. Interested in public affairs, he took an active part in matters pertaining to the township and county. In politics he affiliated with the Democrats, and upon the party ticket was elected to various offices of a local nature. For a time he held the position of deputy sheriff. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Born in 1831, he was sixty-four years of age at the time of his death, in 1895. His wife, Mary P. (Curtis) Titman, was born in May, 1833, and died in August, 1897, at sixty-four years of age. She was a sincere Christian and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The subject of this review, who was the only child of his parents, was born in Bridgeville June 20, 1863, and in boyhood was a pupil in the Belvidere Academy and afterwards at Blair Hall



Academy, N. J. In the spring of 1880 he began to study medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Daniel Gardner, of Woodbury, N. J., and in the fall of the same year he entered Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, where he took a full course of lectures, graduating in 1883. He continued his studies as assistant to one of the faculty. In October, 1883, he opened an office at Germantown, in the suburbs of Philadelphia, where, as the years passed by, he became the possessor of an important and lucrative practice. This he sold in October, 1897, and returned to his native county, where he has since resided at Hackettstown. He is related to many of the most prominent people of this locality, and is also on the maternal side a connection of the Wright family, which is one of the oldest in America.

The marriage of Dr. Titman united him with Miss Leonora Stephens, daughter of Samuel Stephens, of Hackettstown. They have two children, Willis and Leonora. As were both his grandfathers, he is identified with the Masonic fraternity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Titman are members of the Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown.



**S**AMUEL CLARK. In perusing the history of this sterling old citizen of New Germantown, Hunterdon County, the most casual reader finds much of interest, and his numerous friends here and elsewhere will be thoroughly pleased to have the privilege of tracing the story of his life. Indeed, his life very nearly spans this century, and he has been a witness of much of the marvelous growth and development of the United States. Having lived in the state of New Jersey, he is practically one of her sons, though he is a native of a sister state.

Abel Clark, the father of our subject, was born in Connecticut, and was a youth of a dozen years or more at the time of the Revolutionary war. He

was about sixteen, and with some other lads of about his age was engaged in herding some cattle near the shores of the ocean, when a British gunboat landed some soldiers and captured the boys, as well as the cattle, taking them on board the ship. The men of the home colony were, with few exceptions, away fighting the battles of their country, and thus the boys were an easy prey to the enemy. Young Clark was conveyed to New York, where he was imprisoned six months, or until General Washington was in Long Island, and secured the lads freedom by exchanging a British soldier for him. Afterwards Abel Clark participated in several skirmishes, and when the war had come to a happy termination he returned home to Old Milford. There he married Lois Smith, and six sons and a daughter were born to them; of these our subject is the only survivor.

The birth of Samuel Clark occurred in the vicinity of Old Milford, Conn., April 1, 1810. From the time he was twelve years until eighteen he attended private schools during the winter season, thereby gaining his education. When he was sixteen he went to Great Falls, N. H., to learn the mason's trade. The great man of his home neighborhood, hearing that he was going, gave him \$5 to take with him, a wonderful sum to a lad in that early day. While working as an apprentice, having bound himself for a term of four years, he was employed in different places in New Hampshire and New York, receiving only \$3 a month, and this amount he had to turn over to William Winship, the man to whom he had bound himself. When his time was up he turned his attention to carpentering during the winter, making \$11.50 a month. In the following spring he went to Geneva, N. Y., and remained there three years, doing mason work. He then started out as a salesman for Holt & Chidsey, of Geneva, which firm later removed to Easton, Pa. The young man stayed in the employ of that company about seven years, and with them came westward to Easton, driving a team through New York and this far.

In 1836 he settled in Lebanon, N. J., where he established himself in business, and conducted a



store successfully for twelve years. He then sold out, investing the sum realized in a hotel and small farm. The hotel he carried on successfully for twenty-four years, then rented it until 1896, when he sold out his interest in the same, and has since lived retired from business. He was a pioneer in the fruit or peach culture, planting the first orchard in this locality. He has occupied about every office in the township, discharging the duties of each post with fidelity and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Formerly a Henry Clay Whig, he later became a Democrat, but is liberal in his views. He was once nominated for the assembly and for sheriff and has been a freeholder of Tewksbury Township. Though he has been so often before the public in these different capacities, he has been more active in the promotion of the political interests of friends than he has in his own. During the Civil war he was past the age of service, but his ardent patriotism was not satisfied until he had thoroughly manifested his willingness to be actively represented, and, after doing all in his power to aid the Union cause, he furnished two men for the ranks, to go in his stead. Many years ago he helped to establish a Masonic lodge in this locality, this being Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., formerly of Peapack, but later removed to White House and then to Clinton. Mr. Clark is a past master of this lodge.

October 29, 1836, the marriage of Samuel Clark and Sarah, daughter of James Ramsey, of Lebanon, was solemnized. The Ramseys are old and influential people in these parts, and some of them are represented in this volume. Of the seven children born to our subject and wife four are living, viz.: Alvah, a prominent attorney of Somerville, N. J., and at present a member of the legislature; George, a farmer in the neighborhood of Lebanon; John, a stock dealer in Califon; and Charles, an attorney in the city of Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are exceptionally well preserved, both being in complete possession of their faculties, physically and mentally. They celebrated their golden anniversary in 1886, and, are consequently now in the sixty-third year of

their happy married life, a record that is rarely surpassed. One of their grandchildren, George Martin, Jr., is in business in New York City, and makes his home with his grandparents. He is at this time a member of the New Jersey legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are both members of the Dutch Reformed Church of Lebanon, one of the oldest congregations in this county. They enjoy the love and high regard of all who know them, and their well-wishers are legion.



LEVI HOLCOMBE, who was postmaster of Ringoes, Hunterdon County, under President Cleveland's first administration, is an active Democrat, and has filled numerous public offices to the satisfaction of all concerned. Since 1877 he has been a justice of the peace and from 1889 to 1896 was assessor of East Amwell Township. He has made his home in Ringoes for the past twenty-three years and since 1882 has been agent for the Mercer County Mutual, the Hillsboro Mutual and the Continental Insurance Companies, the last of New York City.

The father of our subject, George B. Holcombe, was a farmer and cattle-buyer of this county, and was for three years sheriff of this county, and also served as assessor several years. He removed to Lambertville about 1843, and made his home there thenceforth. His first wife was Louisa Holcombe, and Levi, born July 1, 1842, was their eldest child. John, the next, is now a merchant of Lambertville. Martin V. B. is a farmer of West Amwell Township. Eveline is the wife of Charles Price, of Trenton. The second wife of George B. Holcombe bore the maiden name of Ann L. Robbins. Their family were as follows: Andrew, a resident of Neshanic Station, N. J.; Frank, a lumber merchant of Cedar Point, Kan.; Etta, of Kansas; Albert, a resident of Trenton, N. J.; Kate, deceased wife of Charles

Capper, of Snow Hill, Md.; Georgia, second wife of Charles Capper; and Victor B., a merchant in Trenton, N. J.

Levi Holcombe was reared in Lambertville, and educated in her public schools. When he was about seventeen he began working as a carpenter, serving an apprenticeship at Reaville, and later followed his trade in the car shops of Lambertville. During a part of the war he was in the construction corps, and while acting in that capacity witnessed the battles of Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain. Returning to Lambertville, he continued to reside there until 1875, since which time he has made Ringoes his place of residence. He is secretary of the cemetery association and a member of the vigilance committee. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and is a member of Leni Lenape Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., of Lambertville and is a member of the encampment. He has held all the offices in the lodge and is past grand patriarch of the state of New Jersey. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, is a deacon in the church at Ringoes, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school fifteen years.

The marriage of Mr. Holcombe and Mary M. Williamson was solemnized in 1863. Edwin, their eldest son, is foreman with the Knickerbocker Ice Company; Charles is engaged in the undertaking business in Ringoes, and was postmaster of this place during Cleveland's last administration; Calvin C. is a clerk in the employ of Orville Dilts; and Julia completes the family.



**H**OWARD SUTTON, general merchant in Fairmount, Hunterdon County, is carrying on the business that was founded here by his grandfather, and in which he was succeeded by his son, the father of our subject. Thus he is of the third generation of Suttons who have attended to the needs of this community in a com-

mercial way, and it may be truly said that no more enterprising, and at the same time thoroughly reliable, trustworthy and upright business men have ever lived in this section. They have enjoyed the confidence of all who have had dealings with them, and from father to son had descended that strict regard for the rights and welfare of others that has endeared each of them in turn to our citizens.

The modern and finely equipped establishment now managed by Howard Sutton bears little resemblance to the one formerly carried on by his predecessors, though that was sufficient for the times. In 1894 he removed from the old dingy store building to a new one across the way—the one in which he is now to be found. This is stocked with fresh, inviting goods of the diversified description necessary in a store of this nature. Mr. Sutton succeeded to his father in the business in 1888 and for six years was located in the old store.

In the ranks of the local Democracy Mr. Sutton stands high, and though he has never been an office-seeker he has accepted several positions at the earnest solicitations of his friends. He frequently represents this section in the various conventions of his party, and is now serving his second term as township clerk. During the first administration of President Cleveland Mr. Sutton was appointed by him to the office of postmaster of Fairmount, and held the position for four years. When Mr. Cleveland was again in the presidential chair, Mr. Sutton was once more honored by being made postmaster, and is still acting in that capacity. He is a member of Rialto Lodge No. 163, I. O. O. F., of High Bridge; is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Fidelity Lodge No. 123, of Califon, and has filled all the chairs and is past chief of Califon Castle No. 32, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Mr. Sutton was born on the old family homestead February 13, 1862, his parents being George B. and Lydia (Hoffman) Sutton. He received a good general education and when he was nineteen years old entered his father's store, remaining there until he attained his majority. Desiring





WILLIAM CRAIG.

then to see something of his native land before he settled down for serious routine work, he went to the west, and was for about a year in Illinois. Returning home he was employed as formerly in the store for about a year, and then visited in the west for several months again. The next time that he came back he did so with the determination of making this his permanent home, as he has done. He became the owner of the business by purchase in 1888, his father retiring.

November 11, 1891, Mr. Sutton married Emma, daughter of William H. and Mary (Lance) Anderson, of Califon. They have two bright little daughters, Lena and Nancy.



**W**ILLIAM CRAIG, a successful business man and agriculturist of Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, is also the proprietor, with his brother, Richard F., under the style of W. & R. F. Craig, of the Pottersville flouring mill, formerly owned by his father. This mill is a model one of the size, is fitted with the improved roller process, and as fine flour is manufactured here as can be found in any of the more extensive mills of the country. Though in no sense of the word an officeseeker, Mr. Craig has from time to time been prevailed upon to accept local positions of more or less importance, and has always acquitted himself with credit. He was elected on the Democratic ticket as township clerk, and acted in that capacity for eight years. He was also collector for this section three years and since 1886 has been a justice of the peace, being now in his fourth term as such. Educational matters find in him one who is deeply concerned, and since 1889 he has been a school trustee of the New Germantown district. In 1894 he was elected clerk of the board of education for Tewksbury Township, and is yet acting in this important office.

A son of Robert and Elizabeth (Fields) Craig,

our subject was born May 21, 1841, and with his eight brothers and sisters was reared to mature years upon the paternal farm. (See sketch of his brother, Henry F. Craig, on another page of this work.) The education of William Craig was completed in the academy in Caldwell, Essex County, N. J. He continued to live on the home farm long after he had reached his majority, and in 1871 built the house which has since sheltered himself and those dear to him. After his marriage he settled down upon a portion of the old homestead, where he has been of late years especially interested in growing peaches and in dairying. When his father's estate was settled in 1895 he became the purchaser of the flour mill previously mentioned.

February 13, 1872, William Craig married Mary W., daughter of Jonathan and Jane (Kline) Dawes, of Stanton, N. J. The former was a very prominent figure in this county in his generation, and was elected a member of the legislature, serving in the sessions of 1841-42. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig: Jonathan D., named for his grandfather, and now in his senior year in Lafayette College; William Warren Blauvelt, named for Rev. William W. Blauvelt, pastor of the Lamington (N. J.) Presbyterian Church for more than fifty years; and Edith F. Rev. W. W. Blauvelt gave to his namesake a Bible with this inscription within it: "From William W. Blauvelt, pastor of your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents." Still another generation of the lad's ancestors, whom the recorder omitted to mention, was Hendrick Field, his great-great-grandfather, who was also a member of the congregation presided over by Rev. Mr. Blauvelt. Since his early life Mr. Craig, our subject, has been a member of the same church, since 1888 has been a trustee of the board and for five years has been its president.

Moses Craig was the first of his family to come to this county. He emigrated here from the north of Ireland with a Presbyterian colony, which formed the original church at Lamington, Somerset County, about 1730. He bought what

is still the homestead farm in Tewksbury Township, in 1757, and died July 31, 1777. The property descended to his son Robert, who was born November 15, 1734. He married February 7, 1756, and some time after the death of his wife in 1777 (she leaving several children) he married Elizabeth Taylor, by whom he had four sons and a daughter. One of these, William, born in 1785, was the grandfather of our subject. His father died when he was a mere boy, and upon attaining his majority he and his brother Joseph bought out the interest of the other heirs in the homestead.

In 1822 William purchased the interest of Joseph, and when he died he willed the estate to his son Robert, father of our subject. Robert Craig was born March 10, 1815, and became one of the most influential citizens of this locality. A Democrat in politics, he held numerous official positions of trust and honor, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. During the war, when much money was handled, he, in his capacity of committeeman and treasurer, won the commendation of all, and altogether he was on the township committee about a quarter of a century. He was one of the pillars in the Lamington Presbyterian Church, and for many years was a ruling elder in the same. In the fall of 1887 he purchased the mill property at Pottersville, remodeled it and put in the improved roller process, this making it first-class in every respect. He was very active and energetic up to the last, and when death summoned him he was at the post of duty. December 22, 1892, while walking to his house, after he had been working at a spring, where he had a hydraulic ram to force the water to his residence, he suddenly fell dead. Death came to him as he would have wished, without lingering illness or wasting disease, and found him ready. He was a man of whom his children may justly be proud, and his memory is cherished in a multitude of friendly hearts. Among his records of the old church are many of great interest, some dating back to 1740. The first pastor there was Rev. James McCrea, whose salary was forty pounds a year, English money,

until 1748, when it was increased by a third. The accounts of the expenses of the church are all in pounds, shillings and pence, English style.

January 9, 1840, Mr. Craig married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard H. Field, of Lamington. They had nine children, as follows: William; Richard F., who married Alice L., daughter of David Welsh; Sarah E., wife of Henry M. Kline, of Clinton; Gertrude, deceased wife of David Dunham, of High Bridge Township; Henry F., represented elsewhere in this volume; Mary L., wife of William B. Dunham, of Pottersville, N. J.; Margaret V., who married William Waldron, a farmer of New Germantown; Anna B., wife of John Skillman, now operating part of the old homestead; and Robert, unmarried.



**R**OBERT S. PRICE, of Hackettstown, Warren County, is now serving his eighteenth year as county superintendent of schools, and is one of the representative citizens of this portion of New Jersey. He is a man of superior attainments and natural talents, being eminently qualified for the responsible position he has filled so long and so acceptable to all concerned. Though particularly interested in the subject of education for the young, he is a man of such broad ideas that he is deeply concerned in everything tending towards the elevation and uplifting of humanity, and in promoting the highest interests of the state.

The grandfather of the above-named gentleman was David Price, who was born in Wales, and came to America in the latter part of the last century, settling in Warren County, near Hackettstown. He married here Miss Anna Ayers, a native of this locality, and a daughter of Ezekiel Ayers, who a century ago owned a large portion of the land where Hackettstown is located. Mrs. Price lived to be over ninety years old. Their son Archibald, born in this place, where he

spent his entire life, was the father of our subject. When he reached his majority he engaged in the meat and live-stock business. After being successfully occupied in this enterprise about thirty-five years he retired from business, though he still continued to be very active both in mind and body until a few days prior to his death, which occurred in February, 1889, when in his eighty-first year. In local affairs he was always actively interested, and in national issues he voted the Democratic ticket. At various times he held official positions, being a member of the common council, tax collector, etc. He married Lydia Sagur, of Hunterdon County, and she is still living, aged eighty-four years. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a lady who is beloved by all who know her. Her father was of German descent and was a school-teacher by profession. To Archibald and Lydia Price six children were born: Edgar died at eighteen years of age; William is a resident of Newark, N. J.; Elizabeth A. married Charles N. Downs, of Hackettstown; Robert S., of this sketch, is next in order of birth; Archibald is a resident of Morristown, N. J., and Theodore a resident of Newark, N. J.

Robert S. Price was born December 31, 1840, in Hackettstown, and was a pupil in the common schools until he was about eighteen. He then attended the state "model school" in Trenton, N. J., after which he took a course at the Commercial College in Newark, N. J. Choosing the law as a profession, he began studying under the instruction of Col. C. H. Valentine, of Hackettstown, and was duly admitted to the bar and successfully followed the profession for six years. In 1867 he was one of the promoters of the Hackettstown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and drew up the charter for the company, of which he was elected secretary, holding that office for fifteen years or until he was appointed county superintendent of schools. He is still a director in the company. Up to the time that he was appointed county superintendent of schools he was occupied in the practice of law and in discharging the duties of the secretaryship of the insurance

company just noted. Unusual distinction is his, as he has been appointed to his present position for six succeeding terms by the state board of education, and is the only man in this county who has ever held the office for more than two terms. He also served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of mayor, member of the common council and city clerk. Fraternally he is connected with Independence Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M., of Hackettstown.

A faithful and earnest worker in the Presbyterian Church, he was remarkably successful as superintendent of the Sunday-school for years. In 1880 he married Mary J. Johnson, daughter of William L. Johnson, a prominent business man of Hackettstown, and they have one daughter, Mabel S.



**J**OHAN W. COOLEY. The family represented by this gentleman originated in Europe. From that country Philip Cooley came to America and settled in Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, where he became the owner of a large tract of land. His son, Philip, Jr., who was born in Hunterdon County, had a son, George H., our subject's father, who was born in Kingwood Township, where, and in Alexandria, he spent his active life engaged in farm pursuits. Politically he affiliated with the Democrats, and in religious belief was identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred in 1870, when he was but forty years of age. His marriage united him with Elizabeth Roberson, daughter of John and Grace Roberson, and an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She survived her husband some years, dying at the age of fifty-five.

Of three children that comprised the family, our subject is the sole survivor. He was born in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, in 1859, and was reared in that township and

Bethlehem and Holland. When twenty years of age he went west and spent one year in Illinois, but not liking the prospects there returned to New Jersey. In 1894 he bought a farm near Frenchtown and here he engages in raising fruits and berries, as well as general farm products. The place contains ninety-three acres and is improved with a substantial set of buildings, adapted to their varied needs.

The political belief of Mr. Cooley brings him into sympathy with the Democratic party, which ticket he always votes. He has never cared for public office, but has preferred to devote himself entirely to the labor of cultivating his farm. Matters relative to the public welfare receive his attention and all progressive plans have his support. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is an active member. His marriage, August 4, 1886, united him with Arah Eichland, daughter of Samuel and Jane Eichland. One child blesses their union, a son named Eldon E.



**P**ETER B. SROPE is one of the old and honored business men of Hunterdon County, and for nearly half a century he has been engaged in general merchandising in Pattenburg. He located here when the railroad was being constructed through here, and has been a witness of the prosperity and development of this region. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, having won a competency by years of untiring energy and well-applied industry.

Grandfather Christopher Srope was a native of Germany, as was also his wife, Thankful. Our subject's parents were John and Eleanor (Smith) Srope, who lived and died in the vicinity of Norton, N. J. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and had a large family for which to provide, but he was an honest, hard-working man, a kind husband and father, and did as well by his children as he was able. His nine sons were as fol-

lows: Lewis and Christopher, both deceased; Jacob; William, deceased; John; Theodore, deceased; Peter B., Henry and Robert P. The three daughters were: Anna and Thankful, both deceased, and Mary, wife of Stryker Taylor, of Ogle County, Ill.

Peter B. Srope was born January 24, 1821, in Norton, N. J., and remained at home only until he was eleven years of age, when he went to live with Peter Bodine, of the same neighborhood. He was a member of that worthy man's household about three years, after which he resided with his brother Christopher two years. At the end of that time he commenced serving an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade, and worked at that calling faithfully five years. Returning to the place of his birth he bought a little home, and in September, 1844, he and his newly-made bride commenced housekeeping. She was Lydia, daughter of George G. Cramer, whose home was near Lebanon, this county.

During the six years following his marriage our subject carried on a tailoring establishment in Norton, but the confinement of the work at last told upon his health and he decided to give up the business. Believing that out-door life would be of benefit to him he bought a farm, and about the same time opened a store in Norton. This concern he was connected with some three years, and then, selling out, he bought the mill property at the point now known as Sunnyside, paying \$11,000 for the same. At the expiration of two years he sold it for the same amount, and in its stead purchased the Hoffman mill, of Round Valley, managing this with ability for ten years or more. His wife having died, he removed to a farm in Round Valley, but sold this land a few months later at an advanced price. In 1850 he came to this town, bought a lot and proceeded to establish himself permanently in business. He has not allowed his time or attention to be diverted to other enterprises since, and has been very successful. Though not an office-seeker, he has been induced to accept local positions now and then, and in politics he is a staunch Democrat.



To the marriage of Peter B. Srope and wife, Lydia, five children were born, viz.: George K., a collector of Union Township; Barker, who is in the grocery business in Newark; Peter S., named for his father, in the coal trade in Jersey City; Catherine K., the wife of Henry Smith, a farmer of Pittstown; and Ella, the wife of Sloan Hulsizer, a telegraph operator of Bloomsbury, N. J. For many years Mr. Srope has been identified with the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, has been a valued worker in the same and has held the office of trustee. Mrs. Lydia Srope departed this life September 11, 1871. Mr. Srope married Mary (Bowlby) Anderson December 9, 1875. There are no children by this marriage.



**A**LBERT H. RITTENHOUSE succeeded to the responsible position of cashier of the Hunterdon County National Bank in Flemington on New Year's day, 1895, his predecessor having been the well-known John B. Hopewell, who had occupied the post for three decades and is represented elsewhere in this volume. The subject of this article has had wide and varied experience as a business man and financier, and is pre-eminently the man for the place he holds. He stands as high in the ranks of the Masonic order here as he does in the business community. He is past master of the blue lodge, was a charter member of the chapter in Clinton, and the first high priest of the same and also belongs to the commandery and to the Royal Arcanum. In his political faith he adheres to the Democratic party, to which his father also gives allegiance.

That worthy citizen of this county, John P. Rittenhouse, was born on a farm about six miles west of Flemington, May 17, 1820. His father, Samuel, was born within ten miles of the same place in 1765 and died in 1852. The family dates back to the early settlement of this region and has been very influential in the upbuilding and

improvement of this locality. The Samuel referred to was a boy at the time that the Revolutionary war was in progress, and, as his father, Isaac, kept the inn then, as now, known as the Rittenhouse Hotel, Washington and some of his officers were entertained there at one time. The great general gave the lad, grandfather of our subject, a "hard dollar," which was kept in the family until recently, when it was unfortunately lost.

In early life John P. Rittenhouse was a school teacher, and also learned the harness-maker's trade. Then, for a time, he engaged in farming, but in 1849, when the "gold-fever" broke out, he was one of the first to be infected, and as he had not sufficient means to get to the Pacific coast, he was in despair. Through a friend he at length made arrangements to ship on the schooner Olivia bound for California with a cargo of supplies for the miners. He took a tenth interest in the cargo, and when they finally reached San Francisco and trouble rose among the parties interested, he and one or two friends bought the whole outfit, and sold it in Sacramento at a good profit. About a year of life in the west was sufficient for him and he returned home, to devote himself once more to agriculture. In 1856 and 1857 he was a member of the New Jersey legislature, and in 1858 was appointed inspector in the custom house in New York. In 1866 he engaged in the hotel business and two years later was made deputy sheriff of Hunterdon County, and in 1871 was elected sheriff, which office he held acceptably three years. In 1881 he purchased a hotel in Ringoes, and carried it on until 1891, when he retired from active business.

In 1845 John P. Rittenhouse married Susan Ann Hoffman, who died in 1888, and left three children. Hawley O., born in 1851, passed the required examination for entrance into the United States navy when he was but fifteen, and is now on the United States man-of-war Baltimore in Japanese waters. The youngest son, Claude D., is in the drug business in Wahpeton, the county-seat of Richland County, N. D.

A. H. Rittenhouse was born near Flemington, February 26, 1854. In youth he went to New York City, where he was employed in a wholesale dry-goods store four years. Returning at the expiration of that period he was for six years in the employ of W. H. Fulper and then became teller in the Clinton (N. J.) National Bank. He occupied that position seven years, and then entered into partnership under the firm name of Hall, Trewin & Rittenhouse, and purchased the mercantile establishment of the late William H. Fulper, where he had formerly been a clerk. Five years later he withdrew from the firm, and turned his attention to the wholesale produce and commission business for three years. The past three years he has been the cashier of the bank. In 1879 he married Mary, daughter of Alexander Risler, of Elizabeth, N. J. They have had three children: Hawley H., Alberta, and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse are members of the Presbyterian Church.



**A**NDREW B. ROBERSON, a very successful farmer of Kingwood Township, has resided in the vicinity of Baptistown during his whole life, and has been numbered among the most thrifty agriculturists of Hunterdon County since he embarked in his independent career. He makes a specialty of dairy farming, is wise and judicious in his investments and business ventures, and is rapidly advancing towards assured prosperity.

A man who was prominent in the affairs of his community and particularly in the church was the father of our subject, Daniel B. Roberson. He was a native of Kingwood Township, and was one of the leading farmers of the same, and an extensive owner of finely improved land. He became very well-off and influential, being considered one of the leading financiers of his county.

In political affairs he was very active and aggressive, and did much to advance the interests of the Republican party, to the principles of which he was devoted. For nearly half a century he was a member of the Baptist Church, and for years was deacon. The cause of Christianity was very dear to him, and in every possible manner he sought to aid in its triumph. He lived to the good old age of seventy-six years, and died, regretted by a host of sincere friends whom he had bound to himself by a thousand acts of kindly sympathy. His was a character which comprised all that goes to make up a noble, honest, upright man. He was a son of Francis Roberson, who was also a native of this township. He was a successful farmer and was the proprietor of large tracts of land. He was affiliated with the Whig party, and was a member of the Baptist Church. His was a long and useful life, as death claimed him only when he was in his ninety-fourth year.

The mother of our subject was a Miss Jane Reading in her girlhood, she being a daughter of John Reading. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, two of whom are deceased. The others are: Eliza, wife of Watson Dalrymple; Andrew B.; Etta, wife of Augustus Greene; Edward; Martha, wife of A. Tiutsmann; and Abel, a farmer of this district. Watson Roberson, the only survivor of the family of Francis Roberson, is a resident of Doylestown, Pa.

Andrew B. Roberson was born on the old homestead in 1851, and early acquired knowledge of farming in all its details. When he was twenty-four years of age he left home to make his own independent livelihood. He removed to a farm owned by his father, and this he afterwards purchased. He has seventy-eight acres in the home tract and twenty acres situated in another farm. Like his revered father he is always greatly concerned in the promotion of all public enterprises and is a staunch Republican.

In 1875 Mr. Roberson married Augusta Martin, daughter James C. and Clarissa (Duckworth) Martin. They have two living children: George M. and Markley L. The family are identified with the Baptist Church, as the Robersons have

been for many generations. Our subject is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and belongs to the Oak Grove Grangers Association.



**J**AMES ASHCROFT, of Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, is a descendant of English ancestors. His father, after whom he was named, was born near Manchester, England, in 1804, and married Sarah, daughter of William Irlam. In 1838 he crossed the Atlantic to America and subsequently was joined by his family, they making their home first near Philadelphia and later near Doylestown, Pa. In 1858 they settled upon the farm now owned and occupied by Hiram Rittenhouse and known as Ashcroft's Corner, in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County. On that place the wife and mother died in April, 1867, and here also his death occurred in May, 1876. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: John, Alice, William, Arenia, Richard, James, Alfred, Samuel E., Sarah A., Edwin and Jennie.

The eldest son, John, did not accompany the family to America, but remained with his grandmother in England until he was twenty-one years of age. He then left England on a vessel bound for Australia, but was never heard from after he embarked on the ship at Liverpool. William married Sarah A. Philkill, daughter of Ben Philkill, and they have two children, a son and daughter. Arenia married Sylvester Burket, by whom she had a son and daughter; and after the death of her first husband she became the wife of John Fulper. Richard married Mary J. Rittenhouse, daughter of Garner Rittenhouse, and they have a son and daughter. Alfred chose as his wife Sophia Cherry, daughter of Thomas Cherry; they have no children. Samuel E. died in 1863, at the age of seventeen years. Sarah A. became the wife of Hiram Rittenhouse, son of Garner Rittenhouse,

and they have one son living. Edwin married Ann, daughter of Aaron Dalrymple; they have no children. Alice and Jennie died in infancy.

During the residence of his parents near Doylestown, Pa., the subject of this sketch was born in 1842. He was sixteen when he came to New Jersey and afterward he continued to reside at home until his father's death. In 1878 he bought his present farm, where he has since been successful as a general farmer. He has been active in local affairs and is staunch in his allegiance to the Republican party, upon which ticket he has been candidate for assessor, collector and committeeman. Interested in educational matters, he advanced the welfare of the local schools during his service for several terms as a member of the school board.

The marriage of Mr. Ashcroft united him with Susan R. Burd, daughter of John S. and Sarah (Hoff) Burd, and granddaughter of William Hoff. They have an only son, J. Wilford. The family are identified with the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which Mr. Ashcroft is interested. Fraternaly he is a member of Lone Star Lodge, Shepherds of Bethlehem, at Frenchtown.



**E**DWARD WARNE, who is a prosperous farmer of Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, was born in Broadway, Warren County, this state, November 5, 1848, and is a son of Daniel Warne, a resident of Baptistown. When he was seven years of age he accompanied his father in his removal from Warren County to Pennsylvania, where he spent the ensuing three years. Afterward, for three years, the family resided in Fauquier County, Va., and then spent a similar period near Washington, N. J. Coming to Hunterdon County in 1866, this has since been the family home.

When a young man the subject of this sketch learned the trade of a carpenter and this occupa-

tion he followed for a number of years. In 1882 he bought the Thomas Slater farm in Kingwood Township and upon its fifty-five acres he has since engaged in dairying and general farming. A thoughtful man, interested in all the questions of the age and well informed concerning public affairs, he has formed decided opinions concerning national issues. Realizing the grave danger to the nation of the increasing use of intoxicants by its people, he gives his allegiance to the Prohibition party. He is a local leader of his party and in 1891 was its candidate for the state assembly. He is an officer in the Baptistown Prohibition Club and one of its most influential members. Temperance work has always engaged his sympathy and received his earnest attention.

In 1877 Mr. Warne was united in marriage with Josephine R. Dalrymple, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Dalrymple. They have no children, but a nephew, David C. Warne, makes his home with them. The family attend and support the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Warne are members and active workers.



**JAMES W. ALTEMUS & BRO.** This well-known business firm of Clinton, Hunterdon County, was established here just thirty years ago, since which time a generous share of the county's patronage has fallen to its portion. The firm owns a granite and marble yard, and undertakes to furnish the finest monuments, etc., with the best skill and finest designs known in the trade. Nor is the custom of the firm confined to this locality, as their orders frequently are from a distance, and they have even erected monuments in beautiful Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, and in other of the celebrated city burial places. The Robert Todman memorial monument on Atlantic avenue, Greenwood, and the Grandin tombstone at Bethlehem churchyard, in this county, among many others of note,

were put up by this firm, and are especially deserving of mention for their acknowledged artistic merit. This business was commenced here in 1868 and ten years later the founder, Herman Altemus, admitted his brother J. W. to the firm, the style becoming as at present. Their methods of doing business are beyond question, and their reputation for strictly following out to the letter their contracts have won them the confidence and respect of the public.

Herman Altemus, who took the initiative in starting this prosperous concern, was born July 24, 1846, in the town of Clinton, Hunterdon County. His parents were Charles W. and Lucinda M. (Moore) Altemus, the former a native of Philadelphia, born March 14, 1813, and the latter born February 16, 1819. The father departed this life January 26, 1883, after having survived his faithful wife but a year and a-half, she having died July 22, 1881. They lie side by side in the cemetery at Bethlehem. The father was a tailor by trade, and followed that vocation, in connection with keeping a clothing store in Clinton, for half a century or more. He was an influential and highly respected citizen, took an active part in local affairs, and was several times honored by being elected mayor of the town; besides serving as its postmaster some twelve years. Of his large family of thirteen children all but two lived to maturity, and six of the number are still surviving. James W. is the partner of our subject, Herman; Mary is the wife of Theodore Swarer, of Clinton; William is a resident of Trenton; Walter is a merchant of Knowlton, La., and David is engaged in business in Plaquemine, La.

The early years of Herman Altemus were spent uneventfully in his native town, he attending the public schools as soon as he reached a suitable age. He was but sixteen when his ardent patriotism led him to enlist in the defense of the old flag, which he has loyally stood by in peace and war. He became a soldier in Company E, Thirty-first regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, his superior officers being Captain Holt and Colonel Berthold. He served faithfully for nine months, the term of his enlistment, at the expiration of

which he was honorably discharged. Upon his return from the battlefields of the south, he went to Easton, Pa., where he spent five years in learning the details of the stone cutting trade. He then came back to his native place and opened the marble yard with which his name has since been associated. He has given his allegiance to the Republican party, and has often been selected as the standard-bearer of that organization. At different times he has been a member of the council and in 1894 was elected to the responsible position of assessor of Clinton for a term of three years and at the expiration of his first term was re-elected for a second.

February 20, 1868, Mr. Altemus married Margaret, daughter of Amandus and Lucinda Paul, of Easton, Pa. Their union has been blessed with four children: John, who is following the same trade as his father, in Quincy, Mass.; Ida, Agnes and Raymond, a student in Pennsylvania business college of Easton, Pa. Mr. Altemus is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton, and to Clinton Chapter No. 37, R. A. M. He has filled all the chairs in both lodges, and is past master and past high priest.



**J**OHN C. HAYNES is one of the most enterprising young farmers of Hunterdon County, and for several years has been especially interested in the raising of fine thoroughbred poultry. In this branch he has won wide celebrity, as he has taken prizes time and again for fowls he has exhibited and is considered to be an authority on this subject. In 1891 he was awarded the New Jersey special prize for the best collection of poultry, and for a number of years he has won important prizes in the annual Madison Square poultry and pigeon shows. He is vice-president of the New Jersey Poultry Association, is officially connected with the Garden State

Association and the American Leghorn Club, the American Wyandotte Club and the Game and Game Bantam Club of America.

Joseph A. Haynes, the father of our subject, was born in Sussex County, N. J., and from his youth has been engaged in railroading. For many years he was a conductor on the New Jersey Central Railroad, finally was appointed station agent at Elizabethtown, which post he held for five years, and during the past twenty years has been located at Plainfield, N. J., as agent there. He was married January 3, 1864, to Mary C., daughter of John C. Cramer, and of the children born to them who survive, the elder is John C. and the other is Sarah C., wife of Francis Palmer, a business man of Brooklyn, N. Y.

John C. Haynes was born in Annandale, N. J., November 4, 1865, and since his early childhood he has made his home with his maternal grandfather on the farm known as the Annandale Poultry Farm, in Clinton Township. He received a good education in the schools of this locality, finishing his studies in Plainfield. He has always assisted in operating the old homestead here, and since he was a mere lad he has been interested in the poultry and nursery business. In 1885 he established the Annandale Nursery, now well known throughout this section of this state. He is an enthusiast on the subject of raising fine fowls, and he has had as many as thirty varieties of standard stock in his yards at one time.

When but twenty-two years of age our subject was nominated and elected on the Republican ticket to the office of township clerk, his friends winning the day, though there was an unusually large number of votes polled by the opposition. He was re-elected the succeeding year, and in 1895 was sent as a delegate to the state convention which nominated J. W. Griggs for governor. The same year he was the choice of his party for assemblyman from this county. In addition to managing his regular business affairs Mr. Haynes is a popular auctioneer, his services being in great demand in all sections of the county, and even in adjoining ones. In his social relations he is de-

servedly esteemed, his ready and brilliant conversational powers, his genuine courtesy and kindness of manner making him a great favorite wherever he goes. He is district grand chief, past chief and has filled other offices in the Order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Vesper Lodge No. 239, of Lebanon.

May 8, 1889, Mr. Haynes married Minnie E. Bowers, who was born in Somerville, Somerset County, April 24, 1868. Her parents are Jacob F. and Josephine (Meyers) Bowers. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes a little daughter, Lulu C., has been born. They are both members of the Reformed Church of Annandale.



**J**OHAN INGHAM. During the long period of thirty-five years this citizen, whose death occurred July 21, 1892, was one of the substantial and enterprising business men of Phillipsburg, Warren County. For more than a score of years he was the efficient and trusted superintendent of the Warren Foundry, and largely to his energy, skill and business methods are due the success of this establishment, as he firmly fixed their reputation for reliability and excellence of work turned out of their plant. He won the esteem and genuine regard of those who were under his supervision, as well as the confidence and good will of his superiors.

In tracing the history of John Ingham one is struck with the manly, determined character that manifested itself in his actions from the time that he was a mere boy. He was born at Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire, England, April 17, 1830, being one of nine children. His parents, then in somewhat straightened circumstances, were compelled to have their sons enter the world-struggle for a livelihood at an early age. Thus, at a time when John Ingham should have been attending school he was at work in the woollen mills of

Bradford. The lad was naturally of a mechanical turn of mind and this quality was developed by the studies and experiments which he constantly pursued. He secured employment in the Bowling Iron Works next, with the intention of learning the molder's trade, but was soon deterred by the rule which he found was in force, that none but the sons of iron-molders were permitted to learn the trade. He was, however, but fifteen when his skill and intelligence led to his being placed in charge of a gang of men engaged in the handling of heavy castings.

At the end of two years, seeing that there was no prospect of further advancement, the ambitious youth thought that he would go to Australia, but, as his means were not sufficient to convey him to that far-away land, he came to the United States. During the tedious voyage of five weeks' duration the ship encountered severe storms and the passengers suffered greatly, as the hatches were closed much of the time, owing to the high seas, and ship-fever broke out, resulting in the death of several unfortunates each day. The fever so greatly dreaded did not overcome young Ingham until after he had reached land, but he was soon obliged to enter a hospital, remaining there for thirteen weeks. At last he was sent out as well, but he was still very weak and had but \$1 in the world. Without friends, in a strange land, the future looked very dark, but he had a brave heart and would not submit to defeat. One day he met a man who had crossed the Atlantic on the same ship and in their conversation this acquaintance spoke of a friend of his who owned an iron foundry in Milford, Pa. Our sturdy young hero decided that he would go there and seek employment, did so and was successful. At the end of a year he removed to Sussex County, N. J., where he was employed at a small foundry for a few months. Then he worked in Hay's foundry, on Fourteenth Street, New York City, until 1857. By this time he had become a skilled mechanic, quick and active, and was ready for a position requiring larger abilities of both mind and workmanship. In March, 1857, he came to Phillipsburg, and contracted to complete a pipe

contract which the Warren Foundry was engaged in making for the city of Washington. He was so successful in this and other contracts that the directors, on February 13, 1871, elected Mr. Ingham to succeed John F. Ward as superintendent, which office he held up to the time of his death.

From the day that he located in Phillipsburg until he was summoned to the silent land, Mr. Ingham was thoroughly interested in the development and welfare of this city. He was an earnest supporter of the Republican party from the birth of the organization. Years ago he served as a school trustee and as a member of the town council. He was a regular attendant of the Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church and substantially aided in its maintenance. He was not a member of the church, although he was an active trustee of the board for several years. He was a true friend to the poor and needy and in the hearts of many a citizen here his memory is cherished for the unostentatious good that he was constantly doing. He left a wife and four children and two sisters who are still in England. He was married to Isabella McKane and to them were born three daughters and one son, viz.: Mary, wife of Isaac Z. Hamlin; Mrs. Emma Spettigue, widow of William R. Spettigue; Miss Bella and James, all residents of Phillipsburg. James is assistant superintendent of the Warren Foundry and Machine Company.



**F**RANK P. BUNNELL has been numbered among the successful merchants of Blirstown for over twenty years. He has been quite active in the support of local affairs of benefit to the community and has officiated in the capacity of town clerk for three years and during a period of similar length of time was collector. A charter member of Blirstown Hose Company No. 1 he has been treasurer of the same several years.

In brief, he takes commendable interest in all that tends toward the advancement of the welfare of the place and people.

The birth of Frank P. Bunnell took place upon his father's large homestead near Wallpack, Sussex County, April 25, 1853. Until he was twenty years of age he remained at home assisting on the farm and during the winter terms attending the local schools. His education was finished in Blair Hall, where he pursued the higher branches of study. He then began clerking in the general dry-goods store of Theodore F. Margarum, of Newton. Later he spent five months in Waverly, N. Y., and in the fall of 1874 he came to Blirstown. Here for eighteen months he clerked in a general store. In 1876 he embarked in business on his own account by buying out a confectionery store, and this he has conducted successfully up to the present time. During this period he has enlarged the scope of his business, adding a department of gentlemen's furnishing goods and general notions. He owns the property on which the store stands and enjoys the patronage of our best citizens in his particular lines.

In 1881 Mr. Bunnell married Ella M. Chamberlin, a daughter of George M. Chamberlin, of Easton, Pa. Two sons were born to them, George David and Clarence C. In October, 1897, the parents met with a sad loss in the death of their son Clarence, then in his seventeenth year.

Mr. Bunnell is a Democrat. Fraternally he is identified with the Red Men and is keeper of the wampum in the home tribe. He is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, of which congregation his wife and son are also members. For the past two years he has been the president of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and in every department of church activity and usefulness he is deeply interested.

The parents of the above-named gentleman were David and Catherine Decker (Smith) Bunnell. The father was born on the old farm once owned by his grandfather near Wallpack, Sussex County, in 1806. On this homestead he continued to dwell until up to the last three years of his life, spending the balance of his life with his chil-



dren. He was an influential farmer when in his prime, and in addition to being the owner of valuable farms in Sussex County he had others in Illinois and New York. In political matters he was a Democrat. For over half a century he was an elder in the Wallpack Reformed Church and very zealous in the work of the same. Death closed his earthly career in February, 1894, when he was eighty-eight years of age. He married in 1831 and eleven children blessed his union. The mother died in 1891, at the ripe age of fourscore years. Of their five surviving children Henry resides in Waverly, N. Y.; Mary is the widow of George C. Stull; J. W. lives in Wallpack; Martha J. is the wife of John Young, of Tri States, N. Y., and F. P. is the subject of this article.



STEWART TERRIBERRY, a member of the firm of Reeves & Terriberry, dealers in lumber and building material in Clinton, Hunterdon County, is one of the most respected citizens of this thriving town. He has always been an earnest and active worker in the promotion of the best interests of the place, and from time to time he has held official positions of responsibility and honor to the entire satisfaction of his friends and neighbors. He stands high in the estimation of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, ranking equally well in the business, social and church circles of this community.

The family name of our subject was materially changed by the preceding generation, it having been originally Durnburger. Jacob Durnburger, the paternal grandfather of the gentleman of whom we write, was of German parentage. He was a farmer by occupation and resided on Schooley's Mountain, Morris County, N. J., and there his children, who altered the family surname, were born. The parents of our subject were Nathan and Margaret (Stires) Terriberry, both natives of Hunterdon County. The father was a practi-

cal and prosperous farmer, and accumulated a large amount of real estate. He was devoted to the work of the Baptist Church of Junction, aided in the erection of the present house of worship, and gave liberally of his substance to the cause of Christianity. He was a man whose life of good works and practical philanthropy won him the love and high esteem of all with whom his lot was cast. He was the father of nine sons and a daughter, several of whom lived to maturity and have become prominent factors in the various communities where they dwell. John, the eldest, died in 1888; George is a practicing physician of Paterson, N. J.; Jacob died in his youth; Stewart is the next in order of birth; Calvin is a noted surgeon of Paterson, and has won a truly enviable reputation for skill throughout this and adjoining states; Whitfield, twin-brother of Calvin, is a successful lawyer, whose home is in Plainfield, N. J., but whose office is in New York City; W. Judson left home soon after the war and is the master mechanic of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, his home being in Denver, Colo.; Andrew M. is a merchant of Somerville, N. J.; Catherine, widow of Willis Hunt, of Plainfield, is now keeping house for her brother Whitfield, who is a bachelor; Alfred, who died at the age of nineteen years, was a student in Pennington University, where he contracted a fever which resulted fatally.

Stewart Terriberry was born December 7, 1845, in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, and grew to manhood under the loving and uplifting influences of a good home. He attended the public schools of that locality, and was about twenty when he accepted a position as assistant agent at Junction, with the Central Railroad of New Jersey. Two years later he was advanced in the service and for a number of years was conductor on freight trains. The last seven years of his employment with the railroad he was a conductor on a passenger train, his run being at first from Hampton to Elizabeth and Bergen Port and later (after the construction of the High Bridge branch) he ran from Phillipsburg to Port Oram and Rockaway. In 1888 he severed his connection



with the company and went into partnership with John C. Reeves in the lumber business. The yard which they established in Clinton was the first one of any importance here, and the business has steadily grown until it is one of the most flourishing concerns in this vicinity.

Mr. Terriberly is a pronounced Republican in his political views. He has officiated in several of the leading positions in Lebanon Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M., of Glen Gardner, and is a charter member of that body. December 12, 1871, he married Grace, daughter of John and Julia (Phillips) Crater, of this county. They have two promising sons: Nathan S., employed by the Armour Packing Company, of New Bedford, Mass., and Joseph F., with the great department store of Hahne & Co., of Newark, N. J.



**E**DWARD THOMAS, one of Milford's most prominent and influential citizens, was born in New Hope, Pa., December 13, 1830. He was the son of Mordecai and Grace Thomas. His parents moved from Bristol, Pa., to Milford, N. J., when he was thirteen years of age, and from that period until the time of his death he resided in his mansion, beautifully situated on the Delaware River, and once occupied by ex-governor Ludlow, Daniel Van Syckel, Samuel Parry and Mordecai Thomas.

Edward Thomas formed a co-partnership in the milling business January 12, 1852, with his brother Wilson Thomas, which continued more than forty years, and was dissolved by mutual consent January 16, 1893. The firm also owned a coal and lumber business in connection with the manufacture of flour.

Mr. Thomas was a successful business man, a person of excellent natural and acquired abilities and his word was always considered as good as his bond. He was by birth a member of the Society of Friends, and in his last illness gave a

most beautiful testimony to his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1857 he married Virginia Van Syckel, daughter of Daniel Van Syckel and Mary Carhart, his wife. He is survived by his wife and four children: Isabella, married to Rev. Horace D. Sassaman; Frances, married to Dr. Thomas Craig Detwiller, of Lancaster, Pa.; Howard Van Syckel Thomas, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Susan Spencer Thomas. Mr. Thomas died May 8, 1896.



**S**EYMOUR R. SMITH, president of the Hackettstown National Bank, has been officially connected with this reliable banking institution for the past twenty-two years and is a prominent business man of Hackettstown. He enjoys the friendship of a large circle, both here and in Sussex, his native county, where he has spent a portion of each year for many years, having a beautiful summer home in the pretty town of Waterloo. In numerous local industries he has been actively interested, and at present is the president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Hackettstown and is a director in the City Electric Light Company.

Peter Smith, father of our subject, was born in Morris County, N. J., but removed to Waterloo, Sussex County, when in early manhood. There he engaged in mercantile pursuits, was concerned in an iron manufactory and also carried on a farm for years. Entirely self-made in a business sense, he achieved success and won the high regard of all who knew him. For a long period he was a member of the board of freeholders and from 1861 to 1864 was in the state senate, having been elected on the Democratic ticket by the largest majority ever received by any man in his county. One of the original promoters and directors in the Hackettstown National Bank, which was incorporated April 3, 1855, he was appointed president of the institution upon the death of Mr. Rea in 1864, and from that time until his death, in 1877,

(at the age of sixty-eight years) he continued to serve in that capacity. When he was a young man he united with the Methodist Church, and was very active in the same until a short time before he died. His father, John Smith, was general of a troop of the home militia in Sussex County. He was a farmer, iron merchant and general business man. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Methodist. He died in 1859, aged eighty-four years.

The wife of Peter Smith was Maria Johnson in her girlhood. She is also a native of Sussex County, and though now in her eighty-eighth year is quite active in mind and body. Like her husband, she is a faithful member of the Methodist Church. Of their children we note the following: John died when fourteen years old; Samuel T. is a leading citizen of Waterloo, N. J., now retired from business cares; Matilda is the wife of O. R. Van Doren, of Newark, N. J.; Caroline, who died in 1875, at the age of thirty-three years, was the wife of Harvey Cook, of New York; Peter D. makes his home in Waterloo, N. J.; our subject is the next in order of birth; Nathan A. is living at Newark, N. J.; the youngest died in infancy. Samuel T. is vice-president of the Washington (N. J.) National Bank; was a member of the state senate from 1873 to 1876 and served as judge of Sussex County for two terms, or ten years. Peter D., also a prominent citizen of Waterloo, is vice-president of the Waterloo Ice Company and was a senator from Sussex County, from 1888 to 1891.

S. R. Smith was born August 14, 1847, in Waterloo, N. J., and received his higher education in Pennington and Rutgers College, graduating from the last-named institution in 1868 with the fourth honor of his class of twenty-one members. Soon afterwards he entered into business with his elder brothers, Samuel T. and Peter D., under the firm name of Smith Brothers. They were the proprietors of a grist and saw mill which they carried on in connection with a general store until they closed out their interest in 1891. Owing to his father's declining health, he was made vice-president of the Hackettstown National Bank

in 1876, and served as such until 1890, when he became the president of the same. He is a staunch Democrat. Fraternally he belongs to Independent Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M., of Hackettstown. In 1873 he married Miss Charlotte E. Snover, who was a native of the same place as himself. They have one son, Peter L., who is now attending school.



**G**EORGE W. KUGLER resides upon the old family homestead in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, where he was born in 1846. Purchasing the property in 1879, he settled upon it in the spring of the following year and has since engaged in its cultivation. While he raises the various cereals his specialty has been the raising of fruit, and upon his place he has a large number of trees, comprising the principal varieties of fruits. The homestead consists of one hundred and six acres and bears a full equipment of substantial farm buildings. In addition to this property he owns thirty acres near by.

Upon this place in 1811 the father of our subject, Samuel R. Kugler, began his connection with human activities. The greater part of his life was passed here engaged in farm pursuits and he was one of the leading and most prosperous farmers in his locality. Politically he was a Democrat, not active in public affairs, but staunch in his allegiance to the principles he professed. His death occurred in 1879, when he was sixty-eight years of age. He was a son of John Kugler, to whom reference is made in the sketch of Judge John Kugler upon another page.

The mother of our subject was Eliza, daughter of Edward and Betsy Rittenhouse. She was an active member of the Baptist Church and died at the age of seventy-eight. Of her nine children five are now living, namely: Hannah, who is the widow of Stacey Risler; Elizabeth, widow of Sam-

uel B. Johnson; George W.; Anderson B., who lives in South Carolina; and Theodore, who lives in Kingwood Township. With the exception of five years spent upon a farm near Locktown the entire life of our subject has been passed upon the homestead where he was born. Farming has been his life work and in it he has met with success, being considered one of the efficient and energetic agriculturists of the township.

In political belief Mr. Kugler is a Democrat, firm in his allegiance to the party of his choice. For six years he held the office of committeeman of Kingwood Township and for four years he served as a member of the school board. He attends the Baptist Church and his wife is one of its active workers. All matters tending to promote the welfare of the people receive his support and he is classed among the public-spirited citizens of the township. In 1875 he married Miss Emma E. Bodine, daughter of William and Mary (Bellis) Bodine. The three children born of their union are named William Harvey, Mary E. and Addie.



**P**AUL C. LARUE, of Baptistown, Hunterdon County. The family of which this gentleman is an honored representative was founded in America during the seventeenth century, when several persons bearing the name of Larou (as it was then spelled) crossed the Atlantic, settling in northern New Jersey and southern New York. Afterward one family removed to Virginia and another to the Ohio River, purchasing land on what is now the site of Louisville, Ky. The family originated in France, and was of the Huguenot faith, its members sharing in the great conflict for religious toleration that made the seventeenth century memorable in the history of the ages. They were persecuted on account of their faith, and were often in peril of their lives, but with unwavering courage clung to the faith they had espoused.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Abraham Larue, was a son, it is thought, of the founder of the family in America. He owned a farm near Sergeantsville, in Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, his place being in later years known as the Lee farm. By his wife, Mary, he had a son, Uriah Larue, who married Permelia Gordon, of Delaware Township, and with her removed to Franklin Township, Hunterdon County, about the year 1802, purchasing the farm now owned by William Dubon and others. Here during the summer months he engaged in farming and carpentering, while in the winter months he constructed fanning mills for the farmers of the neighborhood. After a short time he purchased a farm near King's Mills, now owned by Ash Butler. About 1812 he also bought the farm now owned by Mr. Clawson, in Readington Township, but when preparing to remove to this place he was taken ill with typhoid fever and soon died. His widow and children then settled upon the Readington farm, which the oldest son, Gordon, with the aid of the other members of the family, carried on for a number of years.

The family of Uriah Larue consisted of four sons and three daughters, all deceased, namely: Amy, Thomas, Gordon, Franklin, Elisha, Mary, Ann and Ura. The eldest, Amy, married Tunis Cole, of Readington, both now deceased, leaving no children. When a boy Thomas fell on the ice and sustained injuries that resulted in his death. Franklin married Mary Kiney, of Readington Township, and removed to Ohio, but later returned to New Jersey and died at Frenchtown. The children of Franklin were: Thomas G., who died unmarried; Amy Ann, who is the wife of Barton Carkuff of Coal City, Ill.; and Maggie, who married Andrew Van Wicklin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., but both are now deceased. Elisha, the fourth son of Uriah, married Mary Sharp, of Readington, and had five children; he and his wife are deceased. Their children are named as follows: Hannah, wife of Abraham Creagar, of Annandale, Hunterdon County; Thomas, who married a Miss Cronce and resides at Frenchtown; Baker, who is married and lives

in Delaware; Anna, wife of John Smith, of Readington Township; and Mary, deceased wife of David Cole, of Readington. Mary Ann, daughter of Uriah Larue, died at Frenchtown, N. J., where the youngest child, Ura, also passed away.

Of the sons of Uriah, Gordon was the eldest who survived to mature years. He was born in Delaware Township in 1800, was a farmer by occupation, and died November 18, 1871, on the farm now owned by William Dubon in Franklin Township. His wife, who was Anna Cole, of Readington, was born in that township November 22, 1801, and died January 9, 1879. In religious faith both were identified with the Dutch Reformed Church. They were the parents of four sons and one daughter: Uriah, T. G. G. W., Elisha L., Paul C., and Sarah, who died in infancy. Uriah married Amy Burd; their only son, Elisha Gordon Larue, died unmarried. T. G. G. W. married Susan Fritts, of Clinton Township, and they had two sons, the elder of whom died in infancy, and one daughter, Anna, who married David Sharp, a farmer of Lebanon. The surviving son, William A., married Laura Strobel, of Sussex County, and resides in Easton, Pa., where he is engaged in the laundry business. T. G. G. W. and his wife are Presbyterians, while his brother Uriah and his family are Baptists. Elisha L., the third brother of our subject, married Helen Smith, of Clinton Township, who, like himself, was identified with the Methodist Church. They died, leaving two sons: Mahlon G., a fireman in Keyport, N. J.; and T. G. G. W., now of Trenton, N. J., where he is engaged in the bakery business.

The subject of this sketch, who was the youngest of his father's sons, was born in Franklin Township in 1839. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade, but farming has been his principal occupation in life. From 1861 until 1889 he resided on a farm purchased from his father-in-law, but in the latter year he came to Baptistown, where he has since lived retired. He is the owner of three farms that aggregate about three hundred and fifteen acres. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows

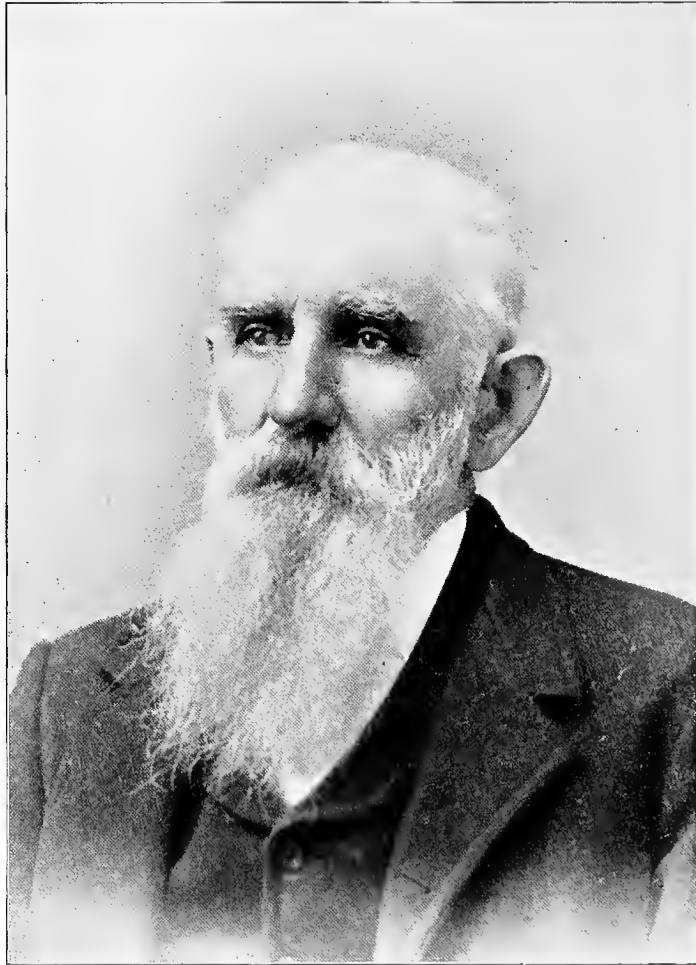
and the Patrons of Husbandry, while in religious belief he and his family are Baptists. In 1861 he married Mary E. Hoff, of Kingwood Township. Two children blessed their union. The son, John G., who resides upon a farm owned by his father and situated two miles east of Baptistown, is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Baptist Church. By his marriage to Anna Chamberlain he has one child, Blanche. Our subject's daughter, Anna J., married Levi Barron, of Bucks County, Pa., but now residing on his father-in-law's farm at Baptistown. They have one child, Ethel.



**W**ILLIAM W. FISHER is a land-owner and substantial business man of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, and has spent his whole life in this immediate vicinity. In everything pertaining to the upbuilding and development of the resources of this locality he has taken an active interest, doing his full share as a citizen. He is a member of the Grange and in the past held various offices of minor importance here, such as township committeeman, etc. In his political convictions he is a Republican.

The Fisher family, of which our subject is a most sterling representative, has long been associated with the history of this portion of Hunterdon County. The great-great-grandfather of the above was one Peter Fisher, a native of Germany, who came to America and settled permanently in this county, where many of his descendants have since dwelt. His son William was born in what is now known as West Amwell Township, as was also William's son William, the latter being the father of our subject. The latter's mother bore the maiden name of Mary Dilts. To her marriage two children were born; William W., of this sketch, and Mary, who married Theodore Young and died in 1844. William Fisher, Sr., was born





WILLIAM SUTPHIN.

in 1798 and departed this life in 1870. The farm which he owned and carried on during his lifetime was purchased by his father about 1830.

William W. Fisher was born in that part of old Amwell Township now called Delaware Township, March 23, 1824. When he was about three years old his parents removed to East Amwell Township and in 1833 the family settled on the farm which our subject has since been interested in managing, wholly or in partnership with his father. Most of the improvements on this homestead he has assisted in making and many of them were entirely his own undertaking. He owns one hundred and forty-eight acres comprised within his home farm and another valuable place of eighty-four acres. His education was acquired in the district schools and in the more difficult school of life, and he is to-day a man of general information. For twenty years he has been an elder in the United First Presbyterian Church and for many more years has been connected with the same congregation as a member. He was one of the organizers and for a time a director of the Flemington National Bank.

In 1853 Mr. Fisher married Miss Sarah E. Laning, of Delaware Township. She faithfully shared his joys and sorrows and cheered and comforted him along the highway of life until her death, March 20, 1894. They have had two children: Martha, who died when fourteen years of age, and Mary, who became the wife of Joseph Van Marter and is the mother of four children: Joseph W., who died in infancy; Sarah, William and Alice.



**W**ILLIAM SUTPHIN, a highly respected citizen of Ringoes, and now living retired from business cares, has justly earned his present quiet and comfort by a past of industry and enterprising effort. That each person who strives to do his duty and earn his own livelihood occupies a position in the busy world as honor-

able as that occupied by any other bread-winner is now a generally accepted fact in America, and he who has tilled, improved and increased in value a tract of land has done much for his own and succeeding generations. Our subject may lay claim to having done this, and not only this, but has never neglected to do his duty as a citizen of this commonwealth in supporting law and order and the general good of the neighborhood in which his lot was cast.

A native of East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, William Sutphin was born on a farm near Wertsville, October 21, 1821. He is a son of Arthur, a native of the same township, and grandson of Derrick Sutphin. The mother of our subject was Mary Cox in her girlhood. By her marriage she became the mother of twelve children, nine of the number surviving to mature years. In order of birth they are as follows: Derrick, Edward, Joseph C., Ann, William, Lewis, Mary, Sarah and Jacob. Lewis and William are the only members of the large family circle living to-day, and the former carries on the old homestead at Wertsville.

Until he was thirty-five years old, William Sutphin continued to live with his parents, but from the time that he attained his majority he was engaged in carpentering. He then purchased a farm of eighty acres not far distant from his old home, and cultivated and improved the place from 1851 to 1876. He sold out in the year last named and bought a valuable farm of one hundred and thirty acres near Ringoes. Many substantial changes for the better were instituted by him during his residence there, a period of some eight years, and in 1884 he came to live permanently in the town of Ringoes. In 1876 and 1877 he was a freeholder of East Amwell Township, and in political affairs he is a Republican. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the Ringoes church of that denomination.

March 10, 1855, Mr. Sutphin was first married, the lady of his choice being Charity Chamberlin. They had no children, and in 1863 the wife died. Subsequently, in 1868, our subject married the lady who now bears his name

and who was then Catherine Davis. The elder child of their union, Annie C., is the wife of Howard Dilts, and the younger, Milton, is an enterprising young agriculturist and resides on the farm owned by the senior Sutphin in East Amwell Township.



**T**HEODORE BALDERSTON, D. D. S., is a leading member of the dental profession in Hunterdon County, and has been occupied in the work of his chosen field of enterprise in the town of Lambertville for over ten years. He has acquired a reputation for thoroughness, skill and practical knowledge of dentistry, and richly deserves the large patronage which the people of this vicinity give him. Rapid progress has been made in the treatment of the teeth and the artistic supplanting of those which are useless, and the successful practitioner must keep fully up to the wisdom of the times in this branch, perhaps more than in any other profession. The public demands excellent work, and are satisfied with nothing but the best, and, realizing this, the subject of this article aims to adequately fulfill their wishes. He is a great student, takes the leading journals published in the interests of dentistry, and adds to all wide experience.

The parents of the doctor were David and Anna (Moore) Balderston, natives of Bucks and Lancaster Counties, respectively. The father was a farmer, owned a valuable homestead, and was a man of considerable importance in his neighborhood. Until a few years prior to his death he was a Republican, later voting for the nominees of the Prohibition party. For the long period of eighteen years he held the position of supervisor of his township, discharging the duties that rested upon him with fidelity. Religiously he was a Friend. His busy and useful life was brought to a close May 1, 1895, when he was seventy years of age. His wife was a daughter of Jeremiah and

Elizabeth E. Moore. The five children born to David and Anna Balderston were named as follows: Walter; Elizabeth M.; May, who died in infancy; D. Newlin and Theodore. Walter is married and has one child, James. He is a resident of New Hope, N. J., and is engaged in the manufacture of rubber boots. The only sister living is now in Langhorne, Pa.; D. N., the youngest of the family, was a student in the Williamson schools of Delaware County, Pa., and graduated from there in March, 1896. He is now employed in an electrical establishment at Philadelphia.

Theodore Balderston was born on his father's farm in Bucks County, Pa., January 13, 1861, and passed his boyhood days there. He was given the advantages of a general education, such as could be gained in the district school, and continued to live at home and assist his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty-three years old. In addition to this he had been quite successful in his sales of fertilizers to the farmers of his region. For two years he was a student in the Trenton normal school, and while there conceived the idea of entering the dental profession. Accordingly he went to Philadelphia, and became enrolled in the Pennsylvania Dental College, pursuing the regular routine of work until his graduation in 1886. Returning to New Hope, Pa., he practiced there for about a year, after which he came to Lambertville and opened a first-class office. He is kept very busy and is doing very well in every point of view. In 1884 he cast his first presidential ballot for James G. Blaine, and since that time has been a loyal worker for the Republican party. In Unity Lodge No. 300, I. O. O. F., of New Hope, Pa., he has filled all the chairs. He is also a member of Vashti Lodge No. 190, Daughters of Rebekah, to which order his wife belongs. Besides he is a Knight of Pythias, a member of Lone Star Lodge No. 15, of Lambertville.

July 2, 1889, Mr. Balderston married Sallie V. Smith, of New Hope, Pa. She was born in that town November 10, 1860, and is a daughter of James P. and Hannah (Chamberlain) Smith.



One child, Reba, born March 18, 1894, brightens the home of our subject and his estimable wife. The doctor adheres to the faith of his father, and is identified with the Society of Friends.



**JAMES M. APGAR.** No employe of the Central Railroad of New Jersey is more respected and popular, both with the traveling public and with the other railroad men, than is this genial and business-like conductor. His run is from High Bridge to Hibernia, his home being in the first-mentioned town. He has reached his present position by absolute merit, having worked his way upward and won the approval and confidence of his superiors by his strict regard for the proper handling of all his duties. In general he is quite enterprising, and is an earnest believer in the future of the flourishing town of High Bridge. In 1896 he erected here the fine brick building known as the Apgar Block. It is the best structure of the kind in the town, it being thoroughly modern and convenient in every respect; having three stores on the first floor, offices and dwelling apartments on the next story and a hall 36x52 on the third floor.

A son of Matthias A. and Amanda (Linaberry) Apgar, our subject was born in New Germantown, N. J., February 20, 1852. He is an only son and his sister Mary is the wife of William Walters, of Dunellen, N. J. The father was a native of Hunterdon County, and followed his trade of a mechanic and carpenter for many years. From 1861 to 1870 he was engaged in merchandising in High Bridge and later kept a store in White Hall. Since his death his wife has made her home with her son James M. Matthias A. Apgar was the third of a family of six sons and four daughters, the others being as follows: Nathan, deceased; Charity, wife of Luke Swick, of New Germantown; Adam, deceased; Cather-

ine, who is married and lives in Califon; Benjamin and Frederick, twins; Nicholas, of Lebanon; Emeline, widow of Jacob Thomas and Julia, who is married. The father of these children was Adam Apgar, a native of this state, and for many years the "village blacksmith" of Califon.

Until he was nine years of age James M. Apgar resided with his parents in New Germantown, then removing to High Bridge. He attended school here and was only about fourteen years old when he commenced working on the steamshovel, when the high grade was being made near this place. He then entered upon an apprenticeship at the Taylor Iron & Steel Works, serving in different capacities at intervals for seven years. In the meantime he was employed for periods in his father's store, and when eighteen was for a time with Hewes & Philips, of Newark. There he started to learn the molder's trade, but gave it up on account of illness, and returned to High Bridge.

In 1873 the financial panic caused the Taylor Works to shut down and Mr. Apgar was compelled to look elsewhere for occupation. Going where the ore mines were being opened, he found employment as a carpenter in the construction of the necessary buildings connected with the plant. From there he went to White Hall and entered his father's store. In 1875 he became a member of the engineers' corps, in the construction of High Bridge branch of the Central New Jersey Railroad, and continued with the force until the work was completed. On New Year's day, 1877, he was offered a position as a brakeman with the company, was subsequently promoted to be baggage-master, conductor of a local freight train and finally was made a regular passenger train conductor. As such he has served to the satisfaction of all for eight years. In his political creed he is independent of party restrictions, voting as he deems best under given circumstances. Socially he is a member of Rialto Lodge No. 161, I. O. O. F., of High Bridge, and of Lalhantang Tribe No. 164, Order of Red Men, of High Bridge.

The first marriage of Mr. Apgar was solemnized February 18, 1879, the lady of his choice being Martha J., daughter of Henry Haltman. She died May 24, 1880, leaving one child, named Jennie M. November 29, 1883, Mr. Apgar was united in marriage with Annie F. Burnett, by whom he had one son, Grover C.



**R**OBERT A. COLE. In every thriving community there may be found a certain number of substantial, reliable, patriotic citizens, who may always be counted upon to uphold the laws, to do all in their power to promote the best interests of the people and who quietly and unassumingly "pursue the even tenor of their ways" in times of peace. Among such citizens of Hackettstown, men who are largely accountable for her prosperity and high standing in Warren County is the gentleman whose name heads this review.

The parents of our subject are Benjamin and Eustatia (Clawson) Cole, both natives of New Jersey, the former of Sussex County and the latter of Hackettstown. The father is still living, is now about seventy-eight years of age, and is making his home with his son, Robert A. He was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that calling during the greater part of his active life. His loving wife, a lady who was highly esteemed by all who knew her, died at the age of seventy-two years.

The birth of Robert A. Cole occurred March 18, 1846, in this city, and here his early years were passed. He was a student in the public schools, and later attended Pennington Seminary. When he was but seventeen he began clerking in a dry-goods store here, but in less than a year his ability had received higher recognition, and he made a step higher in the ladder leading upward to success. Upon the 1st of January, 1864, he took his place at a desk in the banking institution

with which he is still connected. For three months he occupied a clerkship, and was then promoted to be teller and bookkeeper. In that capacity he acted until 1873, when he was again promoted, this time becoming the cashier of the bank. A quarter of a century has passed since then and he is still faithfully at his post of duty, in the meantime having gained the entire confidence and approval of all patrons of the bank, as well as of its officials.

His right of suffrage Mr. Cole uses in behalf of the principles and candidates of the Republican party, but has never been a politician in any sense, nor desirous of office. The cause of education is one that is dear to his heart, and he is now a trustee of the Centenary Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown, one of the best preparatory schools in the country. In the local Methodist Episcopal Church with which he holds membership he is quite active and at this time is a trustee in the same.



**M**ORRIS A. COLE, of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, is a worthy representative of one of the old pioneer families to whose energy and good citizenship is due much of the prosperity which this community now enjoys. Too little attention and too little credit are given those sturdy, honest, hard-working tillers of the soil, those men who wrought the foundations on which is reared the beautiful edifice of our commonwealth, and their children who have entered into their fair heritages realize not what was borne by them. The Coles are of German descent, and the name is found in the records of the first settlers of Readington Township. Ezekiel Cole, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was a farmer of this township and was a justice of the peace. Obadiah, his son, next in descent, was born in this locality and owned large estates.

The father of Morris A. Cole was Ezekiel D.,

son of David O., and grandson of the Obadiah just mentioned. Ezekiel D. Cole married Lettie A. Alpaugh, of this county, and five children were born to them, viz.: David, Morris A., Alice, Hebron E. and Solomon. Morris A. was born April 27, 1844, in Readington Township, and was reared to manhood upon his father's farm. He received a good education in the public schools and was thoroughly trained in business methods and in the practical routine of farm work by his judicious parents. He stands high in the estimation of his neighbors and is noted for his sterling characteristics. In the spring of 1890 he was elected to serve as overseer of the poorhouse of this township, his term of office to run for six years. He belongs to the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of the northern part of New Jersey, and is secretary and collector for the same. In politics he is a Republican, and favors a silver monetary standard.

April 27, 1871, Mr. Cole married Margaret L., daughter of Peter S. and Rebecca A. (Cole) Dalley. She is a native of this locality and passed her girlhood on a farm in Readington Township. Three daughters and one son have been born of their marriage, and are named respectively, Urania, Margaret L., Eva and Clarence.



**H**ON. L. MILTON WILSON has been engaged in general merchandising in Blairstown for over twenty-two years and is considered one of the enterprising citizens of this wide-awake town. He is always ready to give his earnest support to the organization of new industries, enterprises, or societies which have for their objects the upbuilding and elevating of this community or the public in general.

The birth of Mr. Wilson occurred in Hardwick Township, Warren County, N. J., September 17, 1854. He is a son of Lemuel F. L. Wilson, who was born in Hunterdon County, but who passed

the greater portion of his life in this county, a portion of his attention being claimed by his farm in Hardwick Township. He devoted much time to the settling of estates and doing other legal business for his neighbors. He was quite active in Democratic party politics, and was known in all sections of this and neighboring counties. He served as township committeeman, assessor and justice of the peace for many years. He was a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the time of his death, June 1, 1897, prior to which he had long been a loved member of the church. His life came to a close when he had attained more than the allotted age of man, three-score and ten, as he was in his seventy-sixth year. His father was Walter Wilson, a native of Hunterdon County, whence he removed to Oxford and then to Blairstown Townships, arriving here in 1837. He was a very active man, and possessed a vigorous constitution. He lived to the ripe age of ninety-two years, and for forty-five years of that time did not know what it was to be ill, even to a slight degree. The Wilsons were very early settlers in Hunterdon County, and were of English descent.

The mother of Mr. Wilson of this sketch was Miss Mary A. Titman, she being a daughter of George and Mary Titman. She is still living and enjoys fair health for a person of her age, as she is seventy-four years old. Her home is now in Blairstown, and with her resides her daughter Emma. Another daughter, Mary L., widow of F. M. Smith, also lives in Blairstown. Cassie is the wife of Alonzo Hill, of Hardwick. The aged mother of these children is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The early life of our subject was passed on the farm. His education was obtained in the district schools and Blairstown Academy, and when he was twenty-two years old he entered into partnership with F. M. Smith in a mercantile business in Blairstown. They continued together for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Wilson bought out his partner's interest, since which time he has conducted the business alone. He keeps a well-selected stock of goods, varying

in quality and prices to meet the needs of the people. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, Blairstown Lodge No. 165, F. & A. M., and with the Odd Fellows he is a member of Puritan Lodge of Blairstown, in which he has passed all the chairs. He is past sachem of Kittatinny Lodge No. 126, Improved Order of Red Men of this place, and is connected with Marksburg Council, Royal Arcanum. From 1892 to 1894 he was a member of the legislature of New Jersey, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. He made a creditable showing while representing the people, serving on several important committees, and all classes were satisfied with him in every respect. During Cleveland's first term, from 1882 to 1886, he held the postmastership of Blairstown. He has been quite a leader in his party, as well as in business, fraternal, social and church circles. For over ten years he has been president of the board of education, and has manifested great interest in the subject of providing better facilities and advantages for the rising generation in this direction.

In 1879 Mr. Wilson married Celestia Rosenkrans, daughter of Avert Rosenkrans, of Wallpack, N. J. They have three children, Roscoe M., Alice R. and Edith R. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Wilson being a member of the same. They have a pleasant home and enjoy the friendship of a multitude of old associates.



**W**ILLIAM BELLIS is one of the prominent citizens of Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, and was born upon the old homestead which he cultivates at the present time. This valuable farm was first owned and managed by the great-great-grandfather of the above, he having come here to make his permanent abode early in the eighteenth century. The parents of our subject were William and Abi (Housel) Bellis. The

former was very active in the organization and maintenance of the Presbyterian Church, and for a great many years was an elder in the congregation. The cause of education found in him a sincere friend, as indeed did every worthy movement or object. His life was a busy and useful one, and his chief pleasure consisted in being able to extend a helping hand to those less fortunately situated than himself. Until his last illness he possessed remarkable good health. His death occurred when he was in his eighty-eighth year, and he is sleeping his last sleep beside his faithful wife, who died in her sixty-eighth year, and was interred in Amwell Cemetery.

William Bellis is one of two children born to William and Abi Bellis that survive, two others having died. His sister Louisa lives with him and superintended his household affairs until he was married, in June, 1890. The birth of our subject took place August 1, 1847, and he was reared and educated in this neighborhood. His elementary education was obtained in the local schools, after which he studied the higher branches of learning in the Flemington high school, and later attended a private one in Hightstown, N. J.

Upon his entrance into the business world Mr. Bellis located in Flemington, and, at the end of a year or so, decided to study law. Having been instructed and guided in that direction by Judge R. S. Kuhl, he was admitted to the bar, but never actually practiced, as his parents were growing old and needed him at home, and he consequently resigned his own more ambitious plans. He carries on the farm, which comprises one hundred and sixteen acres. The place is well adapted to the raising of a general line of cereals and ordinary crops and Mr. Bellis keeps a fine grade of live stock, including high-grade horses. In politics he is a strong believer in the merits of the Prohibition party over all others existent. For some years he has been an elder in the Amwell United First Presbyterian Church, and at present is the president of the Hunterdon County Christian Endeavor Union. His life

record is one of which any man might well be proud, as it is replete with good and noble actions, unselfish thought for others' welfare and earnest effort to help and elevate all with whom he comes into contact, whether in the business or social world.



**P**ROF. GEORGE FLEMING is the efficient principal of Junction Academy, having been in this position for the past nine or ten years. He is an able educator, and is recognized as such among those of the same calling. During a period covering fourteen years he has served as county school examiner of Hunterdon County under the administration of three county superintendents, and has given entire satisfaction. He was president of the County School Teachers' Association at different times in the existence of that organization. While he does not adhere strictly to the old-fashioned methods, and is not in haste to adopt all of the educational theories advanced so freely nowadays, he is in favor of whatever is progressive and in the spirit of true improvement. In his school-room work one of his chief objects is to train the youth under his care to good and useful citizens, as he rightly holds that mere knowledge of books and theories is the least important part of the learning that the pliant minds of children should acquire.

George Fleming was born February 12, 1845, at Milltown, in Somerset County, N. J., about four miles west of Somerville. In 1850 his father removed to a farm a mile east of Readington, and there the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood. The elder Fleming was a man of energetic disposition and was quite prominent in public affairs of his community. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Assurance Association, and for over twenty years was the treasurer of that company. He, Andrew Fleming, was born in 1805; married

Margarette, daughter of John Lawshe and Charity Lompings, and had several children who lived to maturity, viz.: John, born in 1839; Jane, 1841; Ann, 1843; George, 1845; Levi, 1847 (died in 1875); Robins, 1856; Kate, 1857; Asher, 1859. Ann married Alonzo Butler, now of Frenchtown, N. J., and Kate is the wife of Alfred Butler, of Urbana, Ohio. Andrew Fleming departed this life in 1886.

In tracing the history of the Fleming family it is found by the record that one Malcolm Fleming died near Cookstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1736. His three sons, Thomas, Andrew and William (1) came to America about 1750 and settled in Hunterdon County, near Bethlehem Presbyterian Church (familiarily known as the "New Stone Church"). Several of the family are buried in the old church-yard near. William (1) had two daughters and one son, Andrew (2). Andrew (2) died in 1785. There is a tradition in the family that he served in the Revolutionary war. His widow, Rebecca, died in 1821. They had five children: William (2), born in 1769; Eleanor, 1771; Martha, 1773; Malcolm, 1775; and Margaret. William (2), who was born in 1769, married Elizabeth Cook, who was born in 1768 and died in 1849. Their children were Eleanor, 1800-1878; Jacob Cook, 1802-1874; Thomas, 1804-1883; Andrew (3), 1805-1886; Joanna, 1807-1880; William, 1809-1872; Tyler, 1811-1839; Abbott, 1813-1896.

The school days of Professor Fleming were spent in the district in the neighborhood of his father's farm. Some of his teachers were of good ability, and though he did not have the advantages afforded many of the young people of this period he made the best of his opportunities, and by private study and earnest endeavors became very well informed. He, with two or three other young men, formed an algebra class, which met once or twice a week to study that branch under the direction of Sylvester Robins, a former teacher. In 1867 he left home to take charge of the Ridge school near White House. He found a boarding place in the home of Peter Green, near the school. Mr. Green had an only daughter

ter, an attractive young lady, and in the course of time an attachment sprang up between the teacher and the aforesaid young lady, this resulting in their being married December 24, 1868. The following spring Mr. Fleming bought a farm near White House, built a house and again became a farmer. This was at the time of the high prices at the close of the Civil war, and as time elapsed, farming became less profitable and he resumed teaching for several years, having charge of both farm and school.

In 1873 Professor Fleming was chosen principal of Mondalia Academy, in Glen Gardner, and removed to that place, where he remained four years. Then he was invited to take charge of the academy in Clinton, and held that position four years. In 1881 he settled in Readington, near the home of his boyhood, and during the three years that he was principal of the public schools of the town, he was particularly successful and happy. From there he went in 1884 to Valley, or as it is more generally known now, West Portal. The iron mines in that vicinity were being worked with much enterprise at that time, and the school which he conducted there for five years was very flourishing. He resigned to accept his present position, in which he has met with gratifying success. He has been identified with the several churches of the various places in which he has dwelt. In 1868 he united with the Methodist denomination in White House and soon after became a member of the official board. At the present time he is connected with the Methodist Church of Junction; is president of the trustees, treasurer of the stewards and Sunday-school superintendent. In early life he used his ballot in favor of the Democracy, but since the organization of the Prohibition party he has usually rendered it his allegiance, though he is not bigoted, and sometimes votes for some other candidate.

As before mentioned Professor Fleming married the daughter of Peter Green and wife (formerly Esther M. Miller). Mrs. Fleming, whose given name is Esther Ann, was born in 1850, in Sergeantsville, N. J. The children born to our

subject and wife are: Peter Green, 1870, now engaged in the machinery business in Elizabeth, N. J.; he married Ida May, daughter of Alfred Barber, of Raritan, N. J., and had three children, Myrtle D., Alfred B. and Malcolm; Margarete, 1872, is the wife of Rev. Thomas Houston, of Elizabeth, and her children are: Elizabeth F., George Fleming and Thomas; Myron, 1874, a machinist of Elizabeth, married Beatrice Hadley, of that city, Louisa Johnson, 1876, is a teacher in Junction Academy; and the younger children are Esther Miller, 1878; Mabel Victoria, 1887; and Andrew Carlos, 1891.



**A**UGUSTUS W. CUTLER, ex-mayor of Hackettstown, Warren County, has been very active and aggressive in the promotion of the welfare and advancement of the best interests of the people of this place and vicinity. To his influence and material aid many of the industries and permanent benefits which have accrued to the advantage of the inhabitants of this community are directly traceable, and a history of our achievements and increasing civilization would be wholly incomplete were his own life-sketch omitted.

The great-great-grandfather of our subject was Silas Cutler, a man of much distinction in his time. He was a member of the first continental congress of the United States, served as one of the committee of safety and at one time was speaker of the house. His son, Abijah, great-grandfather of our subject, fought for the liberty of America in the war of the Revolution.

Silas C. Cutler, father of A. W., was a native of Morristown, Morris County, N. J. He was a scholar, a graduate of Princeton College and of New York Medical College. For several years he was successfully engaged in practice, and for a period was president of the New Jersey State Medical Association. Death cut short his career

when he was in the prime of manhood, being but forty-three years old. He had married Sarah V., daughter of Judge Stephen Vail, of Morristown, N. J., and sister of Alfred Vail, who, with Professor Morse, invented the telegraphic system. Mrs. Cutler lived to be seventy-five years of age, and died, regretted by a large circle of loving friends. Her grandfather, Joseph Vail, was brigadier-general of the New Jersey Cavalry during a part of the war of the Revolution.

Augustus W. Cutler was born in Morristown, N. J., September 2, 1840. After leaving the common schools in 1854 he attended a seminary in Deckertown, N. J., and in 1855-56 was a student in Nazareth, Pa. He was about twenty years of age when he came to Hackettstown, since which time he has made his home on the farm originally owned by his grandfather, Judge Stephen Vail, from whom he inherited the place. About fifty acres of this tract lies within the city limits of Hackettstown, and as the town is gradually spreading in this direction it bids fair to rise in value, and eventually be subdivided into residence lots.

In political affairs Mr. Cutler is a Democrat of the independent order. He was a member of the common council for five or six years and in 1889 was elected a freeholder, after which he was a director of the board for seven years and is the present incumbent. He is a member of the board of water commissioners and of the board of health. For two years he was the efficient and popular mayor of this city, and at the expiration of that time resigned his position. When the boundary lines were established between Somerset and Morris and Hunterdon and Morris Counties he was one of the three commissioners appointed by the supreme court to establish the lines. In all these varied positions he gave entire satisfaction to the public and acquitted himself most admirably.

September 16, 1863, Mr. Cutler married Miss Catherine M. Fairclo, who was born in Chester, N. J., and came to Hackettstown with her parents in 1854; her mother is still living, aged ninety-two. They have one son, Silas C., named

in honor of his grandfather. He is engaged in railroading. He was married October 19, 1892, to Augusta Valentine and they have three children, Kathryn, Augustus and the youngest daughter, Ray. They reside in Hackettstown.



**L**IJAH R. ROBINSON is the genial and popular station agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in Pittstown, Hunterdon County. Though he has held this position here but seven years, he has been in the employ of this railway corporation for a much longer period, in fact for a quarter of a century. He is considered one of their most reliable, punctual and wholly trustworthy men, and with the general traveling public he is equally esteemed. In former years he took a very active part in political affairs, giving his influence and votes to the Democracy. During some four years he was a member of the board of freeholders of this county, was president of the same honorable body all but a year of that time; served as township committeeman and was clerk of the board for three years and also occupied the position of justice of the peace. In these several places he won the high praise of all interested in public matters by his fidelity to his duties and his patriotic regard for the rights of the people, as he always earnestly labored for their benefit.

This branch of the Robinson family in the United States is a very old and honorable one, dating back to that revered old clergyman, good old Lucius Robinson, who was the pastor of many of the little band of Puritans that came to found new homes on the bleak shores of New England in the early days of Plymouth Colony. The paternal grandparents of our subject were William and Sarah Robinson, and his parents were Jacob and Martha (Menagh) Robinson. The father, Jacob, was born in 1807 in Berks County, Pa., and upon arriving at man's estate came to Hun-



terdon County. He learned the shoemaker's trade in Palmyra, and worked at this occupation in connection with farming until old age. He lived to be seventy-seven years old, and lies buried at Locust Grove Cemetery in this township. In politics he was an old-school Democrat, and religiously was a Presbyterian. Though only moderately successful in a financial point of view he reared a large family to lives of usefulness in the busy world, and his charities were numerous and unpretending.

His widow died in January, 1897, when in her eighty-seventh year. For about sixty-five years she was a faithful member of the old stone Presbyterian Church, and was "a mother in Israel." Her parents were William and Elizabeth Menagh, who came to America from the northern part of Ireland, and were of staunch Protestant stock. Of the children born to herself and husband, the eldest, Sarah, died in infancy; William, who served for nine months in the Thirtieth New Jersey Volunteers during the late war, died in November, 1892, at the age of fifty-nine years; Hugh M., another brave soldier-boy, offered his life to his country in the Civil war, was a lieutenant in the Thirty-first Regiment of New Jersey, and died at Bellplains, Va., of typhoid fever contracted by exposure and hardships endured in his army life; Thomas Burkitt served in the Thirty-eight Regiment of this state in the war; (Margaret, the widow of Thomas P. Burkitt, is living near Locktown, this county) Elijah R. is the next of the family; Louisa P. is the wife of S. M. Suydam, of this county; and Mary J. married Theodore Geary, of Trenton, N. J.

The birth of E. R. Robinson occurred at the old homestead in Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, June 19, 1843. He remained with his parents until the war came on, when his youthful patriotism could hardly be restrained by their advice and entreaties, and he finally ran away from home to enlist. This was in September, 1862, he at that time becoming sergeant of Company F in the Thirty-first New Jersey Regiment. Upon the expiration of his time of enlistment (nine months), he re-enlisted in the Thirty-eight Regiment of

state troops for service during the war, and served until the close of the war, thus making about twenty-one months altogether. Though he was actively engaged in many important campaigns and in the battles of Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and Petersburg and others, he was never wounded nor taken prisoner.

When the cruel strife had ended, Mr. Robinson returned home and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits for a number of years. In 1873 he began working on the Lehigh Valley Railroad in the construction corps, and in the two years that followed his ability and faithfulness to duty won favorable notice from his superiors. In 1875 he was given the position of agent at Jutland, Hunterdon County, and remained there until 1891, when he was transferred to this post, his son succeeding to his old position in Jutland, which is only a few miles from here. Our subject still has his home in Jutland. He is a member of Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton, N. J., and of Capoolong Lodge No. 185, I. O. O. F., of the same town.

January 31, 1869, Mr. Robinson married Frances E. Best, of Franklin Township, this county. Their two children are Anna K., who is the wife of William Williams, of Easton, Pa., and George M., who, as previously mentioned, has charge of the station at Jutland, and has been connected with railroading since he was fifteen. Mr. Robinson, his wife and daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church; he has been for the past ten years treasurer and president of the board of trustees of the same.



**H**ARRY LATIMER, a prominent citizen of High Bridge, Hunterdon County, is thoroughly patriotic and is a man of public spirit. His own interests he ever holds secondary to the general good, and in all his dealings with his fellows he is noted for his sterling integ-



riety and uprightness. He has hosts of sincere friends and well wishers in this community, where he has endeared himself to the residents by his worthy characteristics of heart and head. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and has from time to time officiated in various local positions of trust and honor. For two years he was treasurer of this township, and for three years he served as a member of the Republican committee of the township. He stands very high in the fraternities, being past master of Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton, and is past noble grand of Rialto Lodge No. 161, I. O. O. F., of High Bridge. He was presented with a handsome past master's jewel by the Clinton lodge in appreciation of his services there.

Our subject is the eldest surviving child in a family of thirteen, whose parents were Edward C. and Lydia A. (Emmett) Latimer, both natives of New York state. The father was an iron-molder by trade, and followed this calling during active life. His living children are as follows: Harry; George and Frank, employed by the Taylor Iron Works, of this place, the latter being superintendent of the wheel department; Walter, engaged in the plumbing business in Bridgeport, Conn.; Carrie, wife of Frederick R. De Groff, a policeman in Jersey City; Ella, wife of J. W. Beavers, a merchant of Califon, N. J.; Grace H., wife of George T. Newhall, of New Haven, Conn.; Edward C., who is in partnership with his brother Walter in Bridgeport, Conn.; Lydia A., named for her mother and now the wife of Edson Clinton, of New Haven, Conn.; and Lizzie and Ida, who are unmarried and are residents of Jersey City.

Harry Latimer was born in the city of New York, August 22, 1854, and spent the first nine years of his life in the metropolis. Then with his parents he removed to Poughkeepsie, on the Hudson, and lived in that pretty town until he was sixteen. The father at that time took a position with the High Bridge Iron Works, and our subject found employment in the forge department of the same concern for eighteen months. He then commenced a regular apprenticeship to

the tinner's trade under the supervision of Peter Doyle, of Glen Gardner. After serving the three years of this period he worked as a journeyman about a year in Easton, and from there went to Brooklyn. In 1879 he returned to High Bridge and laid the foundations for his present business in a small way. Gradually, as success came to him in reward for his persistent efforts, he enlarged his business, and now has a fine stock of light and heavy hardware, stoves, tinware and general house-furnishing goods. He is a practical tinner and an authority on the subject of stoves and hardware.

In the year of America's Centennial jubilee Mr. Latimer was married, in Glen Gardner, Hunterdon County, to Adelaide Flatt. Her parents were William and Susan (Perry) Flatt, who were both natives of Morris County, N. J. Mrs. Latimer, however, was born in High Bridge and was reared to womanhood in this place and in Glen Gardner. Four children grace the union of our subject and wife: William, who is his father's able assistant in the business; and Walter R., Blanche and F. Irving, who are attending school.



**G**EORGE CLARK is one of the substantial farmers of Clinton Township to whose enterprise and public spirit much of its prosperity and high standing in the township of Hunterdon County is due. He owns a section of the original old Ramsey farm, which estate has been in the possession of the family for over a century. In 1883 he built the creamery which is located on this farm, and is now conducting it with success. He buys and ships milk and other dairy products in great quantities, handling about seventy-five cans of milk alone per day, and is recognized as the leader in this industry in his section of the state.

A son of Samuel and Sarah (Ramsey) Clark, our subject was born in this vicinity October 25,

1842. His father was a native of Connecticut, born April 1, 1809. He was a resident of Lebanon for years, but afterwards removed to Germantown, where he carried on a hotel for twenty years. He is still living and in fairly good health. He and his brother Austin married sisters, the brother's wife being named Rachel Ramsey. Samuel and Sarah Clark had seven children: Austin, Alva A., George; Maggie, wife of George T. Martin, of New York City; John B., of Califon, N. J.; Ophelia, Mrs. James Raub, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Charles, a prominent lawyer of Brooklyn.

The boyhood of George Clark passed quietly under the parental roof, and his education was obtained in the public schools of Germantown, N. J., March 20, 1866, he married Anna, daughter of Frederick and Mary A. (Craig) Lane. Mr. Lane was a highly respected citizen of Somerset County and owned one of the finest estates in Bidminster Township. He was an exemplary Christian, and was very active in the work of the Presbyterian Church. He was born December 22, 1813, and died October 7, 1873. His family was a large one, comprising fourteen children, but they were very happy together and never lacked for the necessities and many of the so-called luxuries of life.

After his marriage Mr. Clark settled upon part of the Ramsey farm, renting the same for a number of years or until he could get a fair start financially. About 1879 he purchased from the heirs one hundred acres of the homestead, and five years later bought an additional tract, adjoining the other. In the place where he is now making his home there are one hundred and sixty-two acres. He has made most of the improvements, building a comfortable residence and barns, and otherwise greatly increasing the value of the farm, which is a model one in every respect. He uses his franchise on behalf of the candidates of the Democratic party, but has never been a seeker after official honors. Among his friends and acquaintances Mr. Clark is held in high esteem. He is a progressive citizen, ever ready to assist with his time and means any enterprise tending toward the advantage of the community. To such men

Hunterdon County is indebted for her present high standing among her sister counties. With his good wife and their two children, George N. (who is referred to in another part of this volume) and Marjorie R., he holds membership with the Reformed Church of Lebanon.



**JOHN W. HENDERSON.** During the long period of twenty-three years that this worthy citizen has served as justice of the peace in Califon, Hunterdon County, he has made a record of which he may be justly proud, and one which is seldom eclipsed. He enjoys the distinction of never having had a single judgment of his set aside by the higher courts, a fact which speaks plainly for the wisdom, fairness and excellent knowledge of the general law which he has invariably manifested. In 1881 he was appointed commissioner of deeds and has held this office continuously since, and in 1894 was appointed notary public as well, by Governor Abbott. In 1890 he was the United States census enumerator for Tewksbury Township. Politically he is faithful in his allegiance to the Republican party.

The great-grandfather of the above-named gentleman was a native of Scotland. He came to America at an early date, settling in the vicinity of Asbury, Warren County, N. J. There his son John, grandfather of our subject, was born. He followed agricultural pursuits in the same county, and married a Miss Ritchie, by whom he had a family of seven sons and two daughters. Of these children, Joshua O. was the father of John W., of whom we write. He learned the tailor's trade in his youth, and followed that calling until the loss of his right thumb, as the result of a felon, caused him to abandon his trade and turn his attention to farming. From that time until his death, which occurred in 1885, he made his home in Readington Township, this county. He was a Republican

and a member of the Methodist Church. In 1838 he married Mary B., daughter of Andrew Stout, of German Valley, and the nine children born to them were named as follows: Andrew, Joseph, Sarah J., Hester A., Benjamin F., John W., Wilbur F., Almira and Susan S. The eldest, Andrew, died in March, 1876; Sarah J. died in 1885; Joseph is a resident of Norfolk, Neb.; Wilbur F., of White House, N. J., and the three sisters all live in the town of High Bridge, N. J. Hester is the wife of George Wycoff; Almira married Henry H. Hope, and Susan is the wife of William J. Ladlie.

John W. Henderson was born in Tewksbury Township April 1, 1847. Until he was fourteen years old he attended the local schools during the winter terms and the remainder of the year gave most of his time to the assisting of his father in the management of the farm. When in his fifteenth year the lad left home to make his own way in the world henceforth, and took a position with a farmer at \$4.50 a month and board. The next six years he worked very industriously, always considering his employer's interests, and at the end of this period he was earning a salary of \$200 and expenses. One of the innate qualities of his character has always been noticeable—that of fidelity to duty, no matter under what circumstances, and this it is which was wrought out for him the love and respect of all with whom he has come into business relations. When he was about twenty, he commenced learning the harness-maker's trade in New Germantown, remaining in the employ of William B. G. Price for three years.

A young man of twenty-three when he came to Califon, Mr. Henderson has long been looked upon as one of our representative men of affairs. At that time he opened a harness shop for himself, but at the expiration of that period he sold out to John Williamson. From boyhood he had felt the need of better advantages in an educational way, and assiduously devoted many an hour to study that his companions gave to recreation. He now spent much of the time for a twelve-month in preparing himself for teaching, and hav-

ing succeeded in meeting the requirements of the examining board, he engaged in training the young idea for the succeeding eight years with gratifying success. For ten years he was much interested in the raising of peaches and fruit. He was but twenty-seven when he was elected a justice of the peace, and from that time to the present he has served the public in some official position or positions. The entire confidence of his associates is reposed in his known and tried honor, and he is frequently called upon to settle up estates and act in the capacity of trustee. He is a member of Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton, and is past chancellor of Fidelity Lodge No. 123, K. P., of Califon.

For over a quarter of a century Mr. Henderson was cheered by the companionship of his faithful and devoted wife, to whom he was united in marriage December 16, 1871. She was Mary, daughter of Leonard N. Flomerfelt, of Califon. Death claimed her upon the 17th of March, 1897, and her loss is deeply felt by the many friends to whom she had endeared herself in a thousand ways during her busy, cheerful life. For twenty years Mr. Henderson has held the offices of steward and trustee in the Methodist Church of this town, and is also treasurer of the board. He was largely instrumental in the building of the beautiful new church structure, which was started in September, 1891, and was completed and dedicated May 6, 1892, entirely free from debt. The amount necessary in the building was \$8,400, all raised by subscription.



**M**ARSHALL F. APGAR, superintendent of the forge department of the Taylor Iron and Steel Company, is a young man who has worked his way up from the foot of the ladder, and has won a deservedly high place in the estimation of his superiors. Faithful, industrious and honest, he is thoroughly reliable and to be

depended upon, and his genuine merit is recognized by all who know him. The Taylor Iron and Steel Company, as everyone in this section of the state knows, is one of the most important industries, and is situated in High Bridge, Hunterdon County. A lengthy account of this plant is to be found in the sketch of the president of the works, Lewis H. Taylor, printed elsewhere in this volume.

A worthy representative of an honored old family of this county, our subject was born April 20, 1861, his parents being Benjamin and Emma (Wier) Apgar, and his paternal grandfather Adam Apgar. The last-mentioned was born and lived near Califon, and was a blacksmith in that town. His son and grandson seem to have inherited his talent for mechanics and iron-working. Benjamin Apgar was a millwright by trade and erected most of the mills in this portion of the county. He has also put in much of the machinery in the forge and iron works, and is now employed here, and has charge of the construction of buildings and the placing of new machinery. He has been twice married and is the father of the following children: Marshall F.; Sarah, wife of Wilmer H. Apgar, a telegraph operator of High Bridge; and Augusta, wife of John Backus, of Centralia, Kas.

In his youth Marshall F. Apgar attended the common schools of his home neighborhood until he was about fourteen years of age, when he commenced serving an apprenticeship to his father as a millwright. He soon afterwards became one of the employes of the company with which he is still connected, at first in the forge department in a minor capacity, but by degrees worked his way to the front ranks. Since January, 1889, he has held his present responsible position, and has from one hundred and forty to one hundred and fifty hands under his supervision. In political affairs he is to be found using his ballot on behalf of the Republican party, and fraternally he is a Master Mason, belonging to Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton.

In August, 1884, the marriage of Mr. Apgar

and Emma C. Hoffman, daughter of Frederick and Mary A. (Keeter) Hoffman, of Morris County, was solemnized. One child who came to bless their home has since died, but four bright, promising little ones remain, viz.: Augusta D., Stanley, Harold and Benjamin Frederick. The youngest was named in honor of his two grandfathers. The family has a pleasant home, whose hospitable doors are always open to receive and welcome the many friends of our estimable and respected subject and his charming wife.



HENRY M. KLINE is an honored resident of Clinton, Hunterdon County, of which place he has been the efficient mayor for several terms. During the prime of his life he was busily engaged in mercantile ventures, and he has not altogether retired from commercial life, as he is of too energetic a nature to rest in idleness. He attends to various investments, is an assignee, collector, etc., and has served the people of this vicinity as an assessor and in other minor positions. He favors all progressive movements, and is a sincere friend to education. When the Clinton Electric Light Company was first talked of, he was one of its most enthusiastic supporters, was very influential in getting the same started and afterwards was made its vice-president. He possesses genuine talent as a financier, and has the wisdom gained in a wide business experience, extending over many years.

H. M. Kline was born in the town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, April 22, 1845, and in this neighborhood received his elementary education. In his youth he learned the printer's trade, and followed that occupation for about three years. Then for a similar period he was a collector for a New York business firm, and finally he embarked in general merchandising in Clinton, N. J. There he remained during some thirty years, being blessed with success, and during the last few

years laying aside a competence for old age. In 1893 he retired from the mercantile business and since then he has been a resident of Clinton, N. J. In numerous ways he has endeavored to promote the welfare of our citizens, and while acting as mayor and as a member of the council his influence was notably on the side of law, order and progress. He is an honorary member of George W. Taylor Post No. 9, G. A. R. With his ballot he supports the nominees of the Democratic party. In company with his good wife, whose girlhood name was Sarah Craig, he holds membership with the Presbyterian Church. Their marriage took place in this county October 21, 1868, at the home of the bride's father, Robert Craig, a respected citizen.

The parents of H. M. Kline were Oliver and Lucinda B. (Leigh) Kline. They were both born and reared to maturity in this county. The father was a quiet, unostentatious man, diligent in his business affairs, and for years was occupied in speculation in wool, cattle, etc. He died about 1891, loved and regretted by all who had known him. He was a son of H. M. Kline, whose father, Christopher, was a native of Germany and who was an early settler in this state. Mrs. Lucinda Kline died in 1890. She was a descendant of Thomas, first Lord Leigh of Stanley, in County Warwick, England.



**D**AVID C. CRAMER, one of the honored old citizens of Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, owns a valuable and well-improved homestead in the vicinity of the town of Annandale. For many years he has made a specialty of dairying on quite a large scale, and has been very successful in the venture. He is a practical business man, active and progressive in his methods, and by his own industry and perseverance has won a competence for his declining years.

A native of Clinton Township, our subject has been a life-long resident of this neighborhood, and here, where he is so well known, he is most highly esteemed. His father, John S., and grandfather, Mathias Cramer, were born on the farm that he now owns. This tract of land was originally taken up by the great-grandfather of our subject, Noah Cramer. John S. Cramer, born in 1796, was the second child in his parents' family. His brothers and sisters were: Mary (now deceased), wife of John W. Lowe, of Clinton Township; Nancy, wife of Benjamin Boss; David W., deceased; Catherine, wife of Captain Bird; Matilda, wife of David W. Deliker; and Matthias. The wife of John S. Cramer bore the maiden name of Catherine Creer. They had several children, of whom three survive: Matthias, a miller in Hamden, N. J.; John C., and David C., the subject of this sketch. The father departed this life June 5, 1891.

David C. Cramer was born September 16, 1831, and soon after his marriage he took charge of the home farm, operating it until it came absolutely into his possession. He has kept up the place in good shape, making necessary improvements, and everything about the homestead shows the care and attention he bestows upon it. For years he dealt extensively in cattle and horses, buying, selling and shipping to various points. Later he became interested in the dairy business, and has kept from forty to fifty cows, making a specialty of the live-stock business. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Stewart Lodge No. 34, of Clinton; to Clinton Chapter No. 37, R. A. M., and to De Molay Commandery No. 6, K. T., of Washington, N. J. He is a charter member of Clinton Lodge, which he assisted in organizing. In his political relations he is connected with the Democracy.

In 1850 Mr. Cramer married Miss Harriet Sharp, and to their union two children were born. Austin, the son, lives on the old homestead, which he helps to manage. He is married and has three children. December 29, 1897, his daughter Laura became the wife of Howard Sharp, of Easton, Pa. The wedding was one of

the noteworthy affairs of the season, and over one hundred invited guests were present. Marilda, the daughter of our subject, is the wife of A. L. Ramsey, of this township.



**B**ELLY H. BELLIS has for more than twenty years engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead where he was born. The place comprises seventy-four well-cultivated acres and is situated in the township of Kingwood, Hunterdon County. In the house where he now lives Mr. Bellis, in 1822, first saw the light of day. He is a son of Samuel Bellis, a native of Alexandria Township, but a resident of Kingwood during the greater part of his life. By trade a carpenter, he engaged quite extensively in work at his trade, erecting many buildings in his locality. In addition, he did considerable business as an undertaker, and also superintended the management of his farm. He was well known throughout the county and was respected as a man of the highest integrity and worth of character. A Methodist in religion, he assisted in the erection of the first church of that denomination at Everittstown, and for years held office as a trustee and class-leader of the congregation. When he passed away in 1875 he was eighty-eight years of age. He was a son of John Bellis, who spent the most of his life as a farmer in Alexandria Township, dying there at seventy-five years.

By the marriage of Samuel Bellis to Mary, daughter of Paul Kels, four children were born, and two of these are now living: Emily H. and Lucinda, widow of Absalom Apgar. The mother, who died at the age of about sixty-two, was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The entire life of our subject has been spent in Kingwood Township, upon the family homestead where he was born. Farming has been his principal occupation in life, though he has also done

considerable carpentering and in his younger years taught school for a short time. In 1876 he purchased the old homestead and has since carried it on. With his wife he holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

In 1850 occurred the marriage of Mr. Bellis to Miss Elizabeth Pittinger, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Stout) Pittinger. They are the parents of an only daughter, Martha J., who is the wife of L. S. D. Kerr, of Frenchtown.

**B**OGARDUS, D. D. S., is considered the leading dentist in the pretty town of Phillipsburg, Warren County. From his early years he has been familiar with the work pertaining to the profession, as his father also followed the calling for many years, and gave him able and practical instruction. In every one of the professions, there has been marked progress during the past few years, and this is especially true of the dental art. The public demands excellent skill in this direction and under the present systems of our dental colleges, students are required to pass rigorous examinations ere they are admitted to the rank of graduate dental surgeons. After taking a full course in the New York College of Dentistry, the subject of this article was examined by the boards for that purpose in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and is thus qualified to practice in either state. He is a student and keeps posted on all recent discoveries in his line by taking the leading journals devoted to dentistry.

The Bogardus family originated in Holland several generations ago. The father of the doctor was S. W., a native of New York state. During the Civil war he was in the Union army with the rank of first lieutenant, and the sword which he carried is now in the possession of his son. Dr. S. W. Bogardus came to Phillipsburg in 1882 and continued actively engaged in practice until his death, which took place in 1890. His wife, who is also a native of the Empire state, was Sarah A. Rose before their marriage. She is still living, being seventy-three years of age.





JOHN W. READING.



Our subject was born in the town of Matawan, Monmouth County, N. J., June 24, 1853, and is one of ten children. He received an excellent education in the public schools of this state, supplementing such instruction with a course in the higher branches in Matawan Institute. Having determined to adopt his father's calling, he went to New York, and, as previously stated, commenced his studies in dentistry. After he had completed the same he returned home, and began his practice with his father, who was of much assistance to the young man. The doctor is a lover of fine horses and owns some.

In November, 1876, Dr. Bogardus married Mary, daughter of Jacob Eilenburg, of Stroudsburgh, Pa., and they became the parents of a child, who was not long permitted to remain with them, but in its infancy was summoned to the home above. The doctor politically is identified with the Democratic party.



**JOHN W. READING.** Among the honored old citizens of Hunterdon County no one is more justly entitled to representation in her history than is he whose name heads this article. His busy and useful life, almost spanning this wonderful century of progress and intellectual and commercial activity, has been entirely passed in this locality. He was born in Delaware Township, within whose limits he still dwells, August 17, 1812.

Asher Reading, father of our subject, was born in New Jersey, near Black's Eddy, Pa., and afterwards lived near Rosemont. He followed agricultural pursuits as a means of gaining his livelihood, and in addition to this he had learned the tinner's trade and worked at that occupation to some extent. He married Margaret Wolverton, and had a family of eight children, viz.: Nancy, who married John Golden; John W.; Kensel,

whose home is in Davenport, Iowa; Mary, deceased; Sarah, wife of Joseph Opdyke, of this county; Samuel, deceased; Rachel, wife of Emanuel H. Green; and Margaret, wife of Asa Crouce, now living on the old home place.

The public schools of this locality were poorly managed and bore little resemblance to the finely equipped ones of to-day, when the subject of this sketch was a boy, and he is mainly self educated. He continued to live at home with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he moved to the farm where he is still making his dwelling place. This homestead comprises one hundred and nineteen acres, devoted to the raising of a general line of cereals, etc., usually grown in this portion of the state and certain large fruits, such as apples and peaches.

Mr. Reading has been a practical and successful farmer, and won his high place in the esteem of his neighbors and associates by a life of the utmost integrity and uprightness. His right of suffrage he has always used on behalf of the Democratic party, and though he has avoided official distinction, he has sometimes been called upon to act in minor positions in this community, and has each time given full satisfaction to all concerned in the same. He is a director in the Flemington National Bank, and for years has been president of the Centre Bridge Company, at Stockton. This company erected the first bridge across the Delaware River between Trenton and Easton.

Although not a member of any denomination Mr. Reading attends the Methodist Church in Rosemont and sometimes is present at the services of the Methodist Church in Sergeantsville. His religion has been a matter of his daily life and practice, and is not limited to devout lip-service. As all men should do, he has endeavored to use whatever influence he possessed in the helping and uplifting of his fellow-man, and many a one has been materially aided, comforted and made better by his wise assistance and timely sympathy. Though he is much past the allotted age of man, according to the Psalmist,

he is remarkably strong and well, in both mind and body, and gives promise of living many years longer.

In 1839 J. W. Reading married Lucinda Gordon, and to them three children were born. Gordon, the only son, is deceased, as is also Delilah Ann, the youngest of the family. Sarah Elizabeth married Charles T. Fisher, who has since died, and she is now living with her aged father on the old homestead, giving to him most loving and dutiful care in his declining days. She has one daughter, Maud V., who is the wife of Everett Johnson, and resides in New York.



**J** WALTER INGHAM is the superintendent of the Warren Foundry and Machine Company, of Phillipsburg, one of the largest establishments of the kind in this portion of the state. Since he became superintendent of the works, some six years ago, the capacity of the plant has been increased about twenty-five per cent. and seven hundred men are now employed. Two locomotives and crews are required to do the necessary shifting in the yards, and everything about the establishment is on a large scale. In this foundry was cast the first twelve-foot-long pipe ever made in any country.

The father of the above, Charles Ingham, was a native of Bradford, England. He was a fine mechanic, and understood thoroughly all kinds of work pertaining to the foundry business. His brother, John, who was also well up in the business and was manager of the Warren Foundry and Machine Company here, sent for him to come to this country and accept a position as foreman in the works here. Accordingly Charles Ingham crossed the Atlantic in 1867, and from that time until his death, February 8, 1889, was connected with the shops, and was quite a prominent man in Phillipsburg for years. He married, while in England, Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas

Walmsley, manager of a large woolen mill in Bradford. She is still living, and is now in her sixty-fourth year. Her only other child is Beatrice, who is unmarried and resides with her.

J. Walter Ingham was born in the city of Bradford, England, June 2, 1856, and was but eleven years old when he came with his parents to America. He attended the public schools of Phillipsburg for about five years, becoming familiar with all the most practical elements of education. In 1872 he was first connected with the Warren foundry, and learned the trade of a machinist. He was promoted to the position of foreman in 1880, having served a long apprenticeship, and proved himself to be fitted for the place in every way. Upon the death of his uncle he was made superintendent, and for the past five years has officiated in that capacity with great credit to himself. In politics he is a Republican. October 21, 1880, Mr. Ingham married Elmira Wagner, a daughter of Henry Wagner. They have three children: William, who is attending the Moravian Institute, at Bethlehem, Pa.; Bertha and J. Walter, Jr.



**E**NOCH B. SUYDAM, a well-known business man of Pittstown, Hunterdon County, makes his home in Quakertown, in the same township. His financial operations have been quite extensive and have not been confined to this particular locality. For years he has transacted a large commission business, being connected with a substantial firm in New York City, in which metropolis some of his busy life has been passed. In a political way he stands high in this, his native county, and is counted on as one of the most effective workers in the ranks of the local Democracy. For four years he acceptably filled the office of clerk and was township committeeman during a period of ten years. Then for eight years he served as

township treasurer, and in each and all of these places of responsibility and trust he proved himself worthy of the people's confidence in every particular.

The eldest son in a family of eleven children, E. B. Suydam was born December 19, 1849, in Raritan Township, his parents being Jacob and Nancy (Hartpence) Suydam. The other brothers and sisters were as follows: Samuel M., a well-to-do farmer of this county; Isaac, a commission merchant in Quakertown, N. J.; Joanna, wife of Enos McPherson, of this county; Horace, who died in infancy; Julia S., wife of Edward Wilson, a farmer of this locality; Matilda, who married Thomas Halley, of Delaware Township, this county; Catherine, deceased; Taylor, a farmer of this county; Eliza H., a resident of Quakertown; and Christopher C., a farmer of Delaware Township. The father of this family was born, reared and always lived upon a farm. He resided in Raritan or Delaware Townships until his death, at the age of about threescore and ten years. He survived his first wife, who died when fifty-three years of age, and later married Catherine Happock, by whom he had two children. He was a member of the Baptist Church and politically was a Democrat. His parents were of old county families here, and of Holland extraction.

E. B. Suydam continued to live with his father on the old farm until he was of age, when he began clerking in a general store in Quakertown. At the end of a year he went to Flemington, and after clerking for a time, entered a business college in Trenton, N. J. His next venture was in the fruit business in Scranton, Pa., and after a few years' experience in managing a store he went to New York City, in 1876, and was interested in a general produce and commission house five years. Another twelve months he passed in Pittstown, and returning to the great metropolis, was manager of a branch fruit and produce firm there for a year. Nine years followed, in which time he was a member of the firm of Kilby & Suydam, who had stores in the old market and on Washington street. Selling out his share in the enterprise, Mr. Suydam has since been con-

nected with Porter C. Little, of Pittstown, in the grain and fertilizer business, the firm title being Suydam & Little, and he is also one of the New York firm of G. Ferman & Co., in the commission trade.

June 23, 1877, occurred the marriage of Mr. Suydam and Miss Alice M. Agans, a native of the township. They have two daughters, Viola and Leila, both at home with their parents.



**A**SPER E. APGAR, one of the most honored citizens and business men of Califon, Hunterdon County, was called to his reward April 27, 1893. He was then in the prime of vigorous manhood, his plans and hopes being at the fullest tide of success and his life bright with promise of yet greater things. In all matters that concerned the community in which his useful career had been spent he was active and thoroughly interested, doing more than his fair share in the work of progress and advancement of the public good. Thus, when the relentless angel of death claimed him, the blow was a very sad one, not only to the hosts of sincere friends to whom he was endeared by a thousand associations, but to the neighborhood in general. His memory is tenderly cherished in the hearts of scores who learned to love him for his sterling traits of character, his loftiness of aim and his genuine regard for the rights of others.

The birth of Mr. Apgar occurred on the old family homestead at Mount Grove, near Cokesbury, Hunterdon County, April 11, 1850. He was the eldest of five sons and a daughter whose parents were Emanuel and Hannah (Hildbrant) Apgar. The others were James, who is a farmer near Fairmount, N. J.; Benjamin, a farmer in the vicinity of Port Murray, N. J.; Matthias, who was burned to death in the Mound Grove schoolhouse many years ago; Fannie, who has never married and makes her home with her

mother in Fairmount; and Jacob E., of Middle Valley. The boyhood of our subject passed quietly and without unusual event on the old farm, his education being such as the district school afforded. He made the very best of his advantages, however, and was such an apt student that he was in charge of a school for two years prior to reaching his majority. At twenty he entered into partnership with Peter Phillhower, in a mercantile business, which they carried on with profit until the spring of 1874.

The business was then moved from Cokesbury, the former location, to Califon, and in 1877 Mr. Apgar retired from the firm. He then turned his attention to the buying and selling of timber land, to the cutting of lumber, telegraph poles, etc. He procured a portable mill and did much of his own sawing, moving his mill from one tract of his timber to another. This enterprise was his chief line of business until his death, and by industry and careful investments he had accumulated a comfortable fortune by that time. He owned two valuable farms, one in Morris County. This place comprises one hundred and eighty acres, and was stocked and operated by himself. The other farm, of about the same size and situated at Port Murray, Warren County, he rented to tenants. He was a man of marked financial ability, successful in the majority of his undertakings, because they were usually plans of wisdom and foresight, and above all, he was never grasping or overreaching. He gave his support to the Republican party but was in no sense of the word a politician.

February 13, 1873, a marriage ceremony performed by Rev. I. A. Blauvelt united the destinies of Mr. Apgar and Mary E. Neighbour. She was born in Califon, N. J., January 9, 1850, and by her union with our subject became the mother of one son, Edson, born November 23, 1873. Mrs. Apgar is a daughter of Conrad R. and Mary H. (Sharp) Neighbour, well-known and respected citizens of this county. Mrs. Apgar and her dutiful and affectionate son reside in the pretty home that has been theirs for a number of years, in the town of Califon. He seems to have

inherited his father's talent for business, and is carrying on the plans of his senior with ability. He completed his education in the Somerville classical school, where he remained for two years, after which he had entered upon an academic course in Easton, preparatory to becoming a student in Lafayette College. His plans were interrupted by the death of his esteemed father, and he returned home to comfort his mother and to take up the work which his parent had just laid down.

The funeral sermon at the home of Mr. Apgar over his mortal remains was preached from the beautiful text found in 1 Cor., 13 ch., 12 verse, Rev. S. H. Jones, who was the minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Califon at that time, officiating. Mr. Apgar was deeply interested in church work and was very liberal in his donations to religious enterprises. When the new Methodist Episcopal Church was erected he was one of the foremost in the cause, and, in proportion to his means, certainly one of the most generous of its members. He gave \$1,000 outright to the new structure and before his death bequeathed \$2,000 more to it. His benevolence and charity towards the poor and needy were among his lovable qualities, and it is safe to say that he had not an enemy, with cause, in the world.



JOHN HEFFERNAN, deceased, the late pleasant, accommodating proprietor of the Union House, in High Bridge, Hunterdon County, was a native of Ireland, and to that fact doubtless owed much of the good humor, wit and shrewdness which were among his marked characteristics. He fought the battle of life single-handed, as he began as a poor boy and worked his way upward by his own independence, industry and will-power. For six years after he bought the hotel, he operated it with ability, until the time of his death.

The birth of the above-named gentleman took place in County Tipperary, December 23, 1833. When he was a lad of about twelve years he accompanied his parents to America on a visit to his elder brother who had preceded them and had located in New Haven, Conn. Our subject remained with this brother, but made several trips to the Emerald Isle, in order that he might keep in touch with those he held dear, and renewing the association of his boyhood. In 1857, while on one of these visits home, he accepted a position on the constabulary force of Dublin, and kept this office about three years. The attractions of America proving too much for him in the long run, he recrossed the ocean in 1860. It happened that he took passage in the *Counaught*, a fine vessel of the Galway line, sailing from the port of Galway. When about one hundred and fifty miles distant from that point the ship took fire, but the passengers were luckily rescued, being taken on board the *Minnie Shaffer*, a coasting brig from New York.

Young Heffernan entered the New Haven machine shops of New Haven in 1860, with the intention of serving an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade, but, not liking the business, he gave it up and found employment in the carriage department of the same concern. Altogether he was there for a period of nine years, giving good satisfaction to his superiors and earning a reputation for faithfulness and attention to duty. In 1865, while on a trip looking for a place for future location, our subject met John O. Stevens, the first superintendent of the New Jersey Central Railroad. That gentleman offered him a position as section boss from High Bridge out five miles, and when the road changed hands he was given the oversight of the track from Annandale to Easton. During this time the fill of one hundred and five feet in height and thirteen hundred feet long was made.

In 1877 Mr. Heffernan built a pretty and comfortable home in this town, and in 1892 opened the hotel which he afterward carried on. Everything about the hotel is neat and inviting to the traveler, excellent meals are served and the vari-

ous apartments are homelike and restful. In his labors the proprietor was greatly aided by his wife, whose maiden name was Rose McCann. She was also born in Ireland, and by her marriage became the mother of five children. Of these Mary is the wife of Martin Erving, a machinist living in Junction; Margaret is the wife of James Martin, of Jersey City; Nellie is with her parents; William J. is an employe of the Taylor Steel and Iron Works; and Mark L. is now nine years old. The family are identified with the Catholic Church. In his political views Mr. Heffernan is affiliated with the Democratic party, and fraternally belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.



JAMES HOFF is one of the prominent and highly respected residents of Quakertown, in which place he has made his home for about twenty-five years. For years he has been a very active supporter of the Republican party platform, and is always much interested in whatever concerns the general public welfare. His personal worth and popularity have frequently been made manifest by the fact that he has been chosen to occupy local positions of responsibility and honor, and at all times and under all circumstances he has diligently striven to do his whole duty to his fellows. In 1884 he was elected collector of taxes for his home district, he then being a resident of Franklin Township. This position he continued to fill with credit for some five years. In 1888 he was appointed by Governor McClellan commissioner of deeds for Hunterdon County, and in 1894 he was reappointed to this office.

The father of the above-named gentleman, Thomas Hoff, was a native of Alexandria Township, and passed his entire life in that district, his attention and labors being devoted to agricultural enterprises. He was an honest, industrious man, caring little for public life, never de-

sirous of office, and, beyond his own affairs, was chiefly concerned in the advancement of the prosperity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he was long identified as a zealous member, being one of its official board. He died at the age of fifty-seven years, regretted by a large circle of neighbors and acquaintances, whom he had endeared to himself by his sterling character. His father, Thomas Hoff, Sr., was born near the boundary line of Franklin Township, and he, too, followed farming pursuits as a means of obtaining a livelihood.

Thomas Hoff, the father of our subject, was twice married, his first wife having been Adelaide, daughter of Christopher Little. After her death, Thomas Hoff married Ann Dalrymple, whose father was James Dalrymple. To this marriage there were born ten children, five of whom are living and as follows: Adelaide, wife of Joseph Rea; James; Samnel; Rachel, wife of George Anderson; and Lydia Ann, wife of Peter Snyder. The mother, who was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and very active in all good works, died at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

The subject of this review was born in the same township as was his father before him, the date of his birth being 1842. He remained at home, giving his parents his dutiful care and service, until he was twenty-four years of age, when he started out to make his own independent way in the world. He had acquired a good general education in the common schools and was fully equipped to meet the duties of farm management. He continued to give himself up to agriculture for a few years, but in 1875 was constrained to part with his farm, owing to his inability to longer engage in laborious work. The reason for this was disease in his left leg, rendering amputation necessary in 1878. Since the Centennial year he has lived in the village of Quakertown. In 1879 he was elected by his friends to the office of justice of the peace, and has held the position for twenty years continuously.

In 1865 James Hoff married Elizabeth C. Ste-

venson, daughter of Samuel C. Stevenson. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hoff has held various official positions in the congregation, such as steward, class-leader, superintendent of the Sunday-school, etc., and has been actively engaged in the advancement of the cause of Christianity for over forty years. The church which he attends was struck by lightning August 4, 1895, while the people were coming from one of the services. Twenty-nine were injured and one killed; Mr. Hoff was struck by the lightning, and lay helpless for some time as a result.



STEWART ANTHONY, though still in the prime of life, has acquired an ample competence for his future needs, and is now living retired from the arduous duties that have hitherto occupied him. In 1896 he concluded to rent his valuable homestead, to which he had devoted many of the best years of his life, and since that time has dwelt in Pittstown, where he has a pleasant home.

As his surname would imply to the student of names, Mr. Anthony is of German descent, and possesses many of the most worthy characteristics that mark the sons of the Fatherland. He was born in 1853, in Morris County, near the borderline separating that county from Hunterdon. His father, Joseph H., was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that calling during his whole career. He was born in Hunterdon County, but moved across the boundary into Morris County, in his young manhood, and carried on a shop near Pleasant Grove. He died in 1856, leaving a widow and three small children. The mother was formerly Mary Beatty, her parents having been John and Elizabeth Beatty; and her three children were respectively: Louis, who died when about twenty-two years old; Stewart, of this sketch; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy. Mrs. Anthony is still living, her home being in

Hackettstown, N. J., and is one of the most valued members of the Presbyterian Church there. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Paul Anthony, a farmer of this county, who lived to reach the extreme age of ninety years. His father was born in Germany.

The boyhood of Stewart Anthony was passed with his mother and he was scarcely fifteen years old when he started forth to earn his own living by working on farms for neighbors. After he had reached his majority he went to New York City, and finding employment, stayed in that metropolis two years or more. The next two years he engaged in farming near Woodglen, Hunterdon County, and in 1878 he bought a homestead in Union Township. Here he gave his time and attention to the cultivation and improvement of his farm for eighteen years, and in the spring of 1896, finding a suitable and reliable tenant, he rented it, and came to live in town.

In 1875 Mr. Anthony married Julia A. Anderson, whose parents were Daniel and Mary (Anthony) Anderson. One child, a son, Lewis Anthony, now in Trenton, N. J., was born to our subject and wife. She died in 1890, aged thirty-six years. The lady who now bears the name of our subject was Miss Maggie Little before her marriage. Her parents are Daniel and Sarah M. (Hoff) Little, of Frenchtown, this county. Mr. Anthony is a member of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, and takes an active interest in promoting religious work and worthy philanthropies.



**H**ON. JAMES E. MOORE, who was a member of the New Jersey senate for the three years from 1885 to 1887 inclusive, has held the position of collector for the Morris Canal in Phillipsburg, Hunterdon County, for the past seventeen years. He has been very prominently before the public time and again while serving in official capacities and stands very high in the

general estimation. During the dark days of the war he became a citizen of this place and ever since that time, some thirty-five years ago, he has been thoroughly identified with the best interests of the town and concerned in its upbuilding and progress.

The father of our subject was Adam Moore, who was born and lived in Morrisville, Pa., where his forefathers have dwelt for a number of generations. He was a hat manufacturer by occupation and made a good livelihood for his family, which comprised his wife, Margaret, daughter of Phineas Ely, a Quaker of New Hope, Pa.; and their six children, only one of whom has been called to the silent land as yet.

James E. Moore was born in the village of New Hope, Pa., July 16, 1841, and his educational advantages consisted of attending school more or less for about three years. He learned the cigar-maker's trade, but did not like the business and ultimately gave it up. At the first call for troops he enlisted in Company E, Third New Jersey Infantry, and served for the three months of his term. He then came to this town, taking a position as a telegraph operator and acting as such from 1863 to November, 1875. At that time he was elected to the office of county clerk, and therefore was a resident of the county-seat, Belvidere, for the succeeding five years, or until November, 1880. In the spring following he came here as agent and collector for the Morris Canal Company, with which corporation he is at the present time. In April, 1867, he was honored for the first time in being called upon in a public position. He was elected town clerk, and continued to occupy this post of trust until February, 1876 (having been re-elected nine times), when he gave up the office in order to accept that of county clerk to which he had been elected. During the years of 1891, 1892 and 1893 he was secretary of the board of managers of the state hospitals, and for three years he was a member of the board of education.

In the fraternities Mr. Moore stands deservedly high, and is identified with about all of the local orders represented. With the Masons he has

reached the Scottish Rite degree, is past master and past high priest and past district grand master. As a Knight of Pythias he ranks as past grand chancellor and past supreme representative and in the Ancient Order of United Workmen he also has been an official member. He has passed all the chairs in several other orders and is past grand and past chief patriarch of the Odd Fellows' society.

December 3, 1868, Mr. Moore married Rebecca J. Person, daughter of Jacob Person, of this place. They have had four children, viz.: John C., who married Annie Smith and now resides in San Antonio, Tex.; Elizabeth, wife of George M. Firth, of Phillipsburg, N. J.; Margaret and Harry B. The family has a pleasant home, and a generous hospitality has always radiated from its cheerful walls.



**T**HEODORE MCPHERSON has been a life-long resident of Hunterdon County, and enjoys the genuine respect and high regard of all who know him. Born February 15, 1836, in Raritan Township, he is the youngest in a family of seven children, whose parents were Asa and Eliza (Porter) McPherson. The father came from a family which traces its ancestry back to Scotland, but his own father, Samuel, was a native of New Jersey, and here he was born February 2, 1798. Reared on a farm in this county, he always devoted himself to agricultural duties and was particularly successful in the raising of sheep. He was a man of strong, commanding physique, and of equally superior mental abilities. His life was a busy and useful one and in his own community he was universally admired and loved. Late in life he became a Republican. He was actively concerned in the Presbyterian Church with which he was identi-

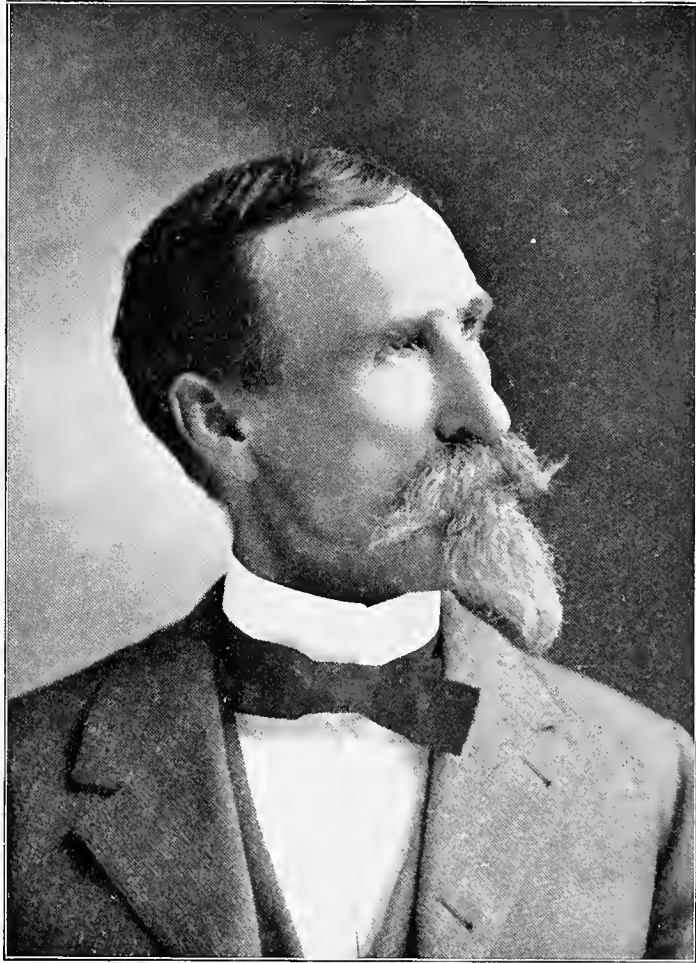
fied. He attained more than the allotted years of man, as he was eighty-two at the time of his death. His wife, a native of Clinton Township, this county, died in January, 1864, at sixty-three years of age.

Theodore McPherson is one of three surviving children, three of his brothers and sisters having died in infancy or when young. One brother, Samuel, is an enterprising farmer of this county; and Amos is a real-estate man in Sioux City, Iowa. Mary married William W. Conover, and is now deceased. Our subject was brought up on the farm in a practical way, and when quite young was familiar with the various kinds of farm work. From a long line of agricultural ancestors he inherited love for Nature and an out-door life, and many other qualities, such as industry, perseverance and fortitude, and by the steady exercise of these he has wrought out for himself a livelihood, and what is far better, a name that is above reproach among his fellow-men. When he reached his majority he rented the old home place for several years, after which he purchased the farm which he has since cultivated, this place lying in Franklin Township. This farm comprises one hundred and sixty-eight acres and is well adapted to the raising of ordinary cereals, etc., and is especially valuable for the growing of fine fruit.

In his political views Mr. McPherson is a Republican. Better facilities for the young in the line of education is one of his favorite ideas, and for two years he served as a school trustee for his own district. He has held other local offices, such as that of registrar of the township, but he has never been desirous of holding public positions. With his wife he holds membership with the Presbyterian Church, the church of his forefathers, and during the past decade he has been an elder in the congregation. January 25, 1866, he married Annie Stout, of Union Township, Hunterdon County, and their only son, Asa, is with them on the farm, and is of great assistance to his father in the management of the place. He married Miss Lizzie Lair, of this township, and they have one daughter, Florence.







J. H. BEATTY.

**J**ACOB H. BEATTY. The municipal interests of Hackettstown, under the supervision of the mayor, Mr. Beatty, are very carefully guarded and intelligently conserved. Measures tending to the advancement of the place are encouraged, as well as those plans that promise to enhance its commercial importance. The people, appreciating the efforts of their mayor, elected him in 1897 to serve for a second term, and he is the present incumbent of the office. In addition, he is one of the successful business men of the city, and as a contractor has probably done more business than any other man in his line here during the past twenty years.

Born in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, N. J., September 21, 1845, Mr. Beatty is a member of a family that has been represented in New Jersey for a number of generations, the first of the name to settle here having been his great-grandfather, James, a native of the north of Ireland. His father, Jacob P., was a son of John Beatty, both natives of Hunterdon County. During active life he followed the occupation of a huckster. Though not active in public affairs, he was always staunch in his allegiance to the Democratic party. He died when about fifty years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Hill, was born in Hunterdon County, and died here at eighty-five years of age. Of her three children one died when young; the elder of the surviving sons is David, a farmer of Morris County, this state.

When a boy the subject of this article was a pupil in the local public schools. At the age of fifteen he began to work as a farm hand and continued in that occupation until twenty, when he apprenticed himself to the stone, brick and plasterer's trade, serving at it for three years. Coming to Hackettstown, he worked at his trade for eight years in the employ of others, and then commenced independently as a contractor, since which time he has been one of the leading business men of the place. By his marriage to Elizabeth Curl, of Warren County, he is the father of five children, namely: Minnie; John C.,

who is a drug clerk in Connecticut; Mary, James Madison and Harry.

As a supporter of Democratic principles, Mr. Beatty has been active and influential in local politics, and has been elected on the party ticket to a number of local offices of responsibility. In 1887 he was chosen to serve as a member of the common council and while in that position was the first to advocate high licenses for hotels and saloons. In 1896 he was elected mayor and the following year was re-elected. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity as a member of Independence Lodge No. 42, and is also actively identified with the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



**M**OSES DE WITT, who died at his home about three miles north of Phillipsburg, Warren County, November 13, 1895, was a successful agriculturist and a representative citizen of the community in which he dwelt during his whole busy and useful life. At the time of his demise he was nearly eighty-two years of age, and he was ready to leave this vale of tears the more cheerfully on account of the fact that his loved wife, his friend and constant companion, had been called from his side some six years previously. When in the prime of his manhood he served his fellow-citizens as assessor of his township, and as a public servant was chiefly distinguished for the part which he took in bringing to justice the famous "ring" politicians when he was a member of the board of freeholders of Warren County.

Moses De Witt was born in March, 1814, and received only an ordinary education, such an one as was offered by the schools of his boyhood, but he was pre-eminently one whose education does not stop with the school-room. His intellect developed steadily all along his life, as he was a

great student and reader, and, as one of his most intimate friends was wont to remark, "his companions were the great men of all ages, the statesmen, authors and soldiers of modern lands, particularly of America, being admitted to his closest friendship." The fact that many of these men had, like himself, been afforded no special advantages in the way of classical or collegiate education was one that made them doubly his brothers, and he came to the conclusion that the so-called higher training was not of real benefit; that the genius or talent of a man would come to the front without such supplementary props. Matters relating to our government and progress, measures of state and diplomacy excited his liveliest interest, and it would have been extremely difficult to find one better posted on all such lines of current history than he. He was a very entertaining conversationalist, possessing a fund of anecdotes and illustrations which embellished his discourse, and his ready wit and brightness of description are well remembered by his associates and hosts of friends.

Though he never connected himself with any denomination Mr. De Witt was a practical Christian, putting into daily operation the highest principles of conduct that could animate any man. He was thoroughly in love with the good, the true, the upright and just; and all shams, frauds, deception and dishonesty were hardly endurable to him. He was too generous and kindly by nature to become wealthy; his purse and time were too freely used for the benefit of the needy for him to lay aside a fortune. But such is the highest kind of Christianity, and it has not a few times appeared to the philosophers of the ages that a man who was thoroughly in sympathy with his fellow-men could not possibly become rich, or, in the event of wealth being bequeathed to him, could he long continue to hoard it while the cries of the suffering and needy were ever in his ears.

Never-failing hospitality was one of the distinctive characteristics of Mr. De Witt, and in this he was ably seconded by his good wife, who was in her girlhood Lenora Lommasson. His home was cheerful and tastefully furnished, being abundant-

ly supplied with books and the leading journals of the day. Among the latter was a religious paper in whose pages was always printed Talmage's sermons, which he took great delight in perusing. He was a great admirer of the learned divine, who may be said to have been the real spiritual adviser of our subject. Mr. De Witt attended the Upper Harmony Presbyterian Church to some extent and was placed to rest in the cemetery adjoining the sacred edifice.



GEORGE M. RINEHART is one of the influential agriculturists of Hunterdon County, his home having been for nearly forty years in Clinton Township, about half a mile west of the village of Cokesbury. Here he owns a valuable farm of one hundred and eight acres, and gives his time and attention to raising a general line of cereals, fruit and live-stock. He has been very successful, having begun his business life without means, and by his own individual efforts, perseverance and economy has acquired a comfortable fortune. He has taken an interested part in public affairs, and has held most of the local offices, including that of freeholder, and in 1896 was elected justice of the peace of High Bridge Township proper. He is a good citizen, a true friend and neighbor, and is respected by all who have ever had any dealings with him.

Born February 18, 1838, our subject is a son of John and Jane (Moore) Rinehart, natives of Morris and Hunterdon Counties, respectively. Some time after their marriage this worthy couple removed to this county, buying land near New Germantown, and there they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was very successful in his financial enterprises, and after his death his estate amounted to over \$50,000 on its settlement in 1895. His father, Martin, was a native of Morris County, and he in turn was a son of Godfrey Rinehart, who was of German birth, and

emigrated from the Fatherland to Morris County, N. J., where he lived thenceforth. During the Civil war John Rinehart was very active in raising substitutes and funds for the Union cause, and was what was then known as a war Democrat. His brother Peter was a hero of the War of 1812, and laid down his life for his country. John Rinehart was an influential member of the local Lutheran Church, giving liberally of his means to its support.

To the marriage of John and Jane Rinehart ten children were born, and not one of the number has been removed by death. All of the sons and sons-in-law are well-to-do farmers, each living upon his own homestead, and all useful citizens of the several communities in which they dwell. They are as follows: Martin, a farmer of Somerset County; Catherine, wife of Henry C. Hoffman, of Tewksbury Township; Mary A., wife of James Fisher, of Tewksbury Township; George M.; John, a farmer of Tewksbury Township; David, of Clinton Township; Joseph E. and William, of Somerset County; Emma, wife of Peter Lane, of Tewksbury Township; and Charles, of the same township.

George M. Rinehart was an infant when his parents came to this county, and his youth was spent on the old homestead. He attended the public schools and early learned the practical side of agriculture. November 14, 1861, he married Hannah C. Alpaugh, daughter of Conrad and Mary (Sutton) Alpaugh. They commenced housekeeping on one of the farms owned by the wife's father, and have always resided on this place since. In 1879 Mr. Rinehart purchased the farm, and has since materially improved it by adding good buildings, fences, etc., and has greatly increased its value in many ways. For some time he was interested in dairying, but now follows general farming. The union of himself and good wife has been blessed with four children: William C., who is engaged in farming in this county; Emma, wife of Edgar W. Farley, of Somerset County, an employe of the New Jersey Central Railway Company; Charles, now assisting his father in the management of the home

farm; and Jennie, who is still at home. Fraternally our subject is a member of the Odd Fellows and Masonic orders, and in politics is a Democrat. He has long been an official member of the Cokesbury Presbyterian Church, and has been an elder for years.



REV. CHARLES G. BIKLE was born November 14, 1871, at Smithsburg, Md., a son of John L. and Georgia V. Bikle. He attended the public schools and the academy at Hagerstown, Md., graduating from the latter in 1888. In the fall of the same year he entered Gettysburg College, at Gettysburg, Pa., from which he graduated in 1892 with the degree of A. B. While in college he was a member of the Phrenakosmian Literary Society and the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in the fall of 1892 and graduated in 1895, receiving at the same time from Gettysburg College the degree of A. M. In November of 1895 he became pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Spruce Run, N. J.

The history of this church is best told in an historical sermon, delivered by Mr. Bikle one year after he accepted its pastorate. We quote from it as follows:

“‘A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered by remote descendants,’ says Macaulay, and one greater than Macaulay has written from his experience and observation, ‘The glory of children is their fathers.’ It is in this spirit that we undertake to recall to your minds the struggles and success of the past in the history of this congregation, hoping that the record of the past may not only kindle in our hearts gratitude, but that by it we may be inspired to make every effort in order that its future may be worthy of its past. The first record of preaching service held in this

community is dated 1775, when on every fourth Sunday Rev. Graaf, then pastor at German Valley and New Germantown, preached to the people who gathered in the barn owned by Frederick Fritts and now the property of Andrew Van Syckle. Here for twenty-five years these faithful men and women heard the Word of God proclaimed by the friend and student of the great and gifted Muhlenburg, the founder and organizer of the Lutheran Church in America.

"Rev. Graaf was pastor until 1808 and was evidently a believer in infant baptism, for he baptised three hundred and twenty-two before the church was built and seventy afterwards.

"In the year 1800 a church building necessary to show permanence and thus win the confidence of the community was decided to be desirable. Plans were completed and the building commenced in the first year of this century.

"Tice Crater, grandfather of our own William Crater, gave an acre of land upon which the church could be erected. James Force was another liberal contributor. These two were Presbyterians, and they in connection with the Lutherans, among whom were the Bangharts, Andrew, Abram and Thomas and George Fritts, worked harmoniously together in completing the structure. The church thus became a union church and remained so for thirty-five years.

"The building was a frame one painted red and was known as the Red Church. Back of it was a cemetery, the oldest record on any of its tombstones being: George Banghart, December 31, 1806, aged sixty-three years. On the interior of the church building were galleries on two sides and in the rear, each row of seats being a step higher than the one in front of it; the pulpit, of course, was after the style of Colonial days, a box style perched high in the air, and reached by means of winding stairs. The music, on account of which people were drawn from far and near to the church, was under the direction of George Fritts, father of our neighbor, Joseph Fritts. In those days there was no organ, but even without it the grand old tunes that never die were inspirations both to minister and people.

One of his favorite tunes was Peterborough, still a favorite with this congregation. The ministry of Rev. Graaf ended in the year 1808, eight years after the building of the church, and after thirty-three years of faithful service.

"The second pastor of the three combined churches was Ernest Lewis Hazelius, who became the pastor in August, 1815. He was a very learned and devout Christian man and, after leaving those congregations, became professor of theology in the first Lutheran seminary established in this country, viz.: Hartwick Seminary. Afterwards he became professor at Gettysburg and then at Lexington, S. C.

"February 12, 1810, a meeting of representatives of the three congregations was held at which the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That the one-fourth of the parsonage known as the Glebe land, belonging to the hitherto united four Lutheran congregations of New Germantown, German Valley, Spruce Run and Plukamin shall hereafter belong to Spruce Run Congregation; Plukamin having in the meantime died away.'

"At the same meeting Spruce Run Congregation paid into the hands of Andrew Bardles \$100, that being their share toward the repairs of the parsonage property at New Germantown.

"Under this ministry, in 1810, the congregation was fully organized by the election of trustees, the following notice for that meeting having been posted on the church door:

" 'ADVERTISEMENT.

" 'The Lutheran Congregation of Spruce Run are hereby invited to attend on Monday, the 26th of May, 1810, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing seven trustees for the said congregation, according to an act of the Legislature passed the 13th day of June, 1799.

" '*Ernest Hazelius.*'

"At that meeting the trustees elected were: Daniel Anthony, Frederick Fritts, Jr., William Fritts, Philip Anthony, Christopher Martinis, John Reinhard and Andrew Miller.

"An interesting item in connection with this

meeting was the election of 'George Fritts and Richard Crozat for the purpose of keeping order in the meeting house at the time of public worship.' Their duty was, I believe, to waken those whose unconscious slumbers put them beyond the minister's influence and disturbed the solemnity of the service. Do we need them?

"Although seven trustees were elected, the names of only six are on the articles of incorporation, and thus it is filed in the clerk's office at Flemington. This document bears a seal of red wax.

"Under the ministry of Rev. Hazelius there were ninety-eight children baptized, on one occasion a family of five children whose ages ranged from one to thirteen. On another occasion six children of one family received this sacrament. The people still held to the good old doctrine of infant baptism. His pastorate ended in 1815.

"The next pastor was David Hendricks, who served the congregation from 1816 to 1822. He was a graduate of Union College, New York, and went from this charge to Saddle River, N. J. From his records he baptized in the three congregations ninety-eight children, and eighty-six of these are credited to Spruce Run Congregation.

"Then began the ministry of Rev. Henry Pohlman. He was elected by the three congregations on the 12th, 13th and 14th of August, 1822, and at a union meeting of the congregations on the 18th a call was extended and was accepted.

"Rev. Pohlman has the distinction of being the first student to enter and to graduate from Hartwick Seminary, and was there under the professorship of another former minister of this congregation—Rev. Hazelius.

"Of this pastor some of you have distinct recollection. It was under his ministry in this state that the Rev. David Kline was converted, and by him regarded as his spiritual father, having been confirmed and ordained by him. Thus there seems to be a line of affection and influence running through the lives of the different ministers

who have served this congregation, which made their labors doubly strong.

"Pastor Pohlman was noted for his strong common sense, his unswerving devotion to the truth, and his untiring energy in every church work. His influence was not limited to the congregation which he served, but was felt in wider circles. Few men are to-day more widely known in the Lutheran Church than your former pastor, Henry N. Pohlman. He was president of the New York and New Jersey Synod, of the New York Synod, and three times president of the General Synod of the United States.

"Under his ministry the church here began to strengthen. His first communion list shows an increase of nine in attendance, and during his pastorate of eleven years he baptized one hundred and sixty-three. Rev. Pohlman owned a beautiful white horse by the name of Charlie and he often related that the horse while conveying him to his appointment would occasionally take the liberty to stop. His master would then begin to sing Old Hundred and the horse would move off quite lively.

"Rev. Pohlman's connection with this church was dissolved in 1833, when it was deemed best that the Spruce Run Congregation should become independent. The territory at that time was too extensive for one man to supervise and minister to, and the congregation under Rev. Pohlman having increased to over one hundred, a separate call was issued from Spruce Run Congregation to Rev. Robert Collyer, who accepted it, and on the 2d of September, 1834, became the first pastor of the church as an independent organization.

"For fifty-nine years it had been identified with the sister churches of Germantown and German Valley, and now, having reached manhood, or ought we to say womanhood, it proceeded to exercise the privileges which this manhood afforded.

"Soon the desire became strong for a new church to supplant the old one which had done service for thirty years, and a movement was started by the pastor to that end. It was successful, as is seen by reference to the proceedings of a

stated meeting of the congregation held in the old church on March 5, 1835. Among those who were present were: Morris Fritts, Andrew and Abram Banghart, Philip Crater, Leonard Hipp, George Fritts, Jacob Vosler, Daniel Castner, Thomas Hunt, D. Peter, F. Baylor and others.

"The land for the new church was bought of Daniel Castner, to the left of the old church property and near where the middle gates of the old cemetery now stand. H. S. Farley was the builder. Benjamin Fritts had charge of the stone work and the walls were a testimony to what he considered the proper way to build a church, and like Solomon of old, who built the temple of cypress trees, which last a thousand years, so did Father Fritts place the stone walls to stay, and after thirty-six years of service and exposure they could hardly be torn down.

"This second was a stone church, 55x40 feet, and its service was made famous by the singing of the large choir under the leadership of Thomas Banghart. Here for the first time musical instruments were introduced into the service; the first ones being a clarinet and a bass violin, afterward an organ. Under the inspiration of the choir and the gifted leader, the congregation sang, and even to-day you hear reports of the grand singing of Uncle Tom Banghart and his choir. He led the choir for twenty-eight years.

"We might philosophize or moralize a little here. Under the inspiration of the new building, the consecrated preacher, and the fine music, the congregation took on new life and increased in membership. Rev. Collyer labored somewhat at a disadvantage, the parsonage at that time being what is now the homestead of Isaiah Bryan. This new church was built as a Lutheran church, the Reformed and Presbyterian part of the congregation having in part been absorbed by the Lutherans after the withdrawal of their minister, Rev. Wack, who for some time had held services on alternate Sundays for the Reformed and Presbyterian members of the congregation.

"During the great revival of 1840 under Rev. Pohlman, the Rev. Lambert Swackhamer began

a campaign of preaching in this district and soon centered his operations at Mount Bethel, where he organized a congregation, and in 1844 succeeded in putting up the present building—the builder being Frederick Swackhamer—and even to this day it is by some called the Swackhamer or the Swack Church. After the departure of Rev. Swackhamer, the congregation having become involved in debt, the building was sold to Moore Castner, whose property it remained for a short while, when it was bought by the Albright Methodists. Their efforts to build up a congregation were unsuccessful, neither could they pay the debt on the church, and it again became the property of Moore Castner and was in his name until 1868.

"In 1860 Rev. Peter Strobel became pastor. He was elected at a congregational meeting held June 10. The installation sermon was preached by Rev. H. Pohlman, a former pastor. Rev. I. C. Duy, of New Germantown, gave the charge to the pastor and the Rev. William Strobel, a brother, delivered the charge to the congregation. Rev. A. Hiller, of German Valley, conducted the introductory service. Thus were the three divided sisters united at this installation. The audience was large and the occasion one of deep solemnity and interest.

"October 30, 1864, Rev. Strobel severed his connection with the Spruce Run Congregation, although he continued his labors until the end of November. The record further states that 'At my recommendation the congregation has given a call to my friend, Rev. David Kline, of Brunswick, N. Y.;' the wisdom of the change had been discussed by the two ministers at the meeting of the General Synod held at York, Pa., in 1864, the question of exchange having met the approval of both.

"During the pastorate of Rev. Strobel the congregation took large strides in membership. At one communion, held January 6, 1861, thirty-seven members were added by confirmation.

"A very interesting item connected with the history of this church is that after the dissolution of the connection between the New York and New



Jersey Synod and the separate formation of the New Jersey Synod, the first meeting of the latter was held in this church October 11, 1861, and its first president was the Rev. H. Kline, the fourth pastor of this church, and the delegate from this congregation was John A. Fritts.

"The correspondence between the congregation and Rev. Kline resulted in his receiving a call and he began his pastoral work here in December, 1864. He was installed on the 8th of February, 1865. At his first communion there were over one hundred members who received the sacrament, and on May 20 there were forty-six admitted to membership, this being the largest number ever admitted at one time in this church.

"During his pastorate Rev. Kline added to the church one hundred and twenty and baptized eighty-four. His attention was centered and he determined to work on the neglected district at Mount Bethel, where the old Swackhamer Church yet remained, the property of Moore Castner. His Christian earnestness, together with his Lutheran pride, led him until on May 14 he organized Mount Bethel as a Lutheran Church. The first trustees were: George Banghart, William R. Prall, Conrad Davis, Benjamin Johnson and Peter C. Apgar. The next year the property was purchased for \$500 and a deed given to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey for the house and cemetery; the Synod having advanced \$300 of the amount necessary, and the Synod yet holds the deed for the property. This was a good work begun by the Rev. Kline and continued by the Rev. Traver, the last recorded meeting being at the end of the latter's pastorate, January 12, 1885, when the last trustees elected were: John Smith, Jacob Terriberly, Isaiah Bryan, Watson Banghart and Joseph B. Fritts. During the pastorate of Rev. Kline the growing needs of an increasing congregation demanded a new church building and subscription papers were circulated for the building of a church at Spruce Run or at Clarksville. Before the papers were handed in it was determined to build at each place a new church and the following resolution was passed:

"That each person having subscribed toward the erection of a Lutheran Church either at Spruce Run or at Clarksville, before it was determined to build a church in each place, be permitted to erase his name from the subscription where it now is if he so desires to do, that he may subscribe the same or more if he choose to aid in building the church to be erected where he prefers having it.

"The corner stone of the new church—the third in the history of the congregation and the one in which we are now worshipping, was laid July 30, 1870. Again the services of Dr. Pohlman, the old friend and former pastor of the congregation, were called for and he conducted the service with appropriate ceremony, and according to the account by the pastor 'It was a fine day, there was a large assemblage and everything passed off pleasantly and satisfactorily.' Upon the corner stone was cut this inscription: Spruce Run Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church, Erected A. D. 1870.

"The old stone church was vacated on the 5th of March, 1871, when Pastor Kline preached a sermon from the text II Cor., V chapter and 17 verse, 'Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new.'

"The new church was dedicated March 9, 1871, by the friend of pastor and people, Dr. Pohlman. That makes this year besides being the anniversary of the present pastorate also the twenty-fifth anniversary of the building of the present church.

"Rev. Kline was at a congregational meeting by vote given permission and was requested to give to the new congregation preaching every Sabbath evening or afternoon.

"The lecture room of the church at Clarksville was dedicated and the officers installed by Rev. Kline. On the 6th of June, 1874, the congregation became an organization separate from the mother church altogether and elected a pastor of its own. At the same time a new call from this church with an increase in salary was given to Pastor Kline, which he accepted.

"On November 4, 1877, the pastor preached a stirring sermon on the parable of the virgins, lay-

ing particular stress upon the foolishness of the five thoughtless ones. He felt ill after the service and did not have an afternoon meeting as was his custom, and before the sun rose on a new day he had gone to his deserved rest and reward, followed with the benedictions of loving friends.

"The succeeding pastor was Chester H. Traver; many of you know him and happy have been all the references concerning him which I have heard since I have been here. He was the only one of your pastors I have personally known. He was elected January 6, 1878, and remained as pastor until May 23, 1885. During his time of seven years he admitted eighty-seven to membership and baptized thirty-four. It was during the administration of Rev. Traver that this congregation adopted the constitution for the government of churches connected with the New York and New Jersey Synod.

"The next pastor was Rev. V. F. Bolton, who took charge of the congregation on October 1, 1885, and remained pastor until May 31, 1895. The present pastorate began November 3, 1895. During the year we have preached eighty-nine sermons, made twenty Wednesday evening addresses; assisted at four funerals and conducted and preached at four others. We have added to the church twenty-eight members, making the present membership of one hundred and twenty-six, as reported to Synod. We have baptized eight children and eight adults; have buried one member, Wilson Warman; have lost three by letter. We have married three couples; made two hundred and one pastoral visits (not counting the twenty-six made during the two weeks of probation and criticism, which was a wonderful proof of your hospitality and a severe test of my endurance), forty-five of which were calls on the sick.

"We have come nearer raising the apportionment this year than any year since the church has been a member of the New York and New Jersey Synod, having reported at Synod as raised on the apportionment \$123.42 and this in spite of evident financial distress.

"Mount Bethel, closed for ten years, has opened

its doors and services have been resumed and are held twice a month; the other two outposts have had preaching regularly once a month.

"A Wednesday evening prayer service has been started. A Christian Endeavor Society organized has now fifty members; Sunday-school has added thirty-two new scholars and now numbers nearly one hundred. The first catechetical class in ten years was organized and had twenty-three members; a long-needed cemetery has been purchased and is now ready for use.

"Thus with the history of one hundred and twenty-one years back of us filled with the inspiration that comes from the arduous labors of Graaf, the intellectual ability of Hazelius, the consecrated devotion of Pohlman and the earnest Christian character of Kline and the memory of the men and women in the pew, who have lived and labored, giving their hearts' best affection, their minds' best thought, and their hands' best help to the cause of Christ and the success of the church of Christ here established, we stand to-day, by the mercy and providence of God, at the entrance of new and grander opportunities and the call comes ringing down through the century: Be not false to your own best interests, to the welfare of the church and to the cause of Christ, but give Spruce Run Church the inspiration of your life and energy, your prayer and purse, your loyalty and love, and with the Spirit as the great brooding power, there shall come as a result, a life whose influence shall quicken church and community. Awake! O Zion; put on thy strength; O arm of the Lord."



**F**RANCIS ASBURY APGAR, M. D. For over twenty years this prominent physician of Hunterdon County has been engaged in practice in New Germantown. He enjoys the patronage of almost all of the leading families of this section, and is kept very busy. A deep student, he is constantly engaged in research,





STIRES FRITTS.

takes the best journals devoted to medicine and practice, and is well posted in everything pertaining to the profession.

Casper Apgar, grandfather of our subject, was born in the neighborhood of High Bridge, Hunterdon County, and was a farmer by occupation. He was twice married, his first union being with Elizabeth Best. His children were named as follows: Ann, wife of Daniel Seals, of High Bridge; Elizabeth, Mrs. John P. Sutton, of the same locality; Jacob B., Emanuel, John R., Casper P. and Andrew. Casper P. is the father of the doctor and is still living. He has resided upon his present homestead in Washington Township, Morris County, N. J., ever since he was married. The lady he chose to share his joys and sorrows along the highway of life was formerly Rachel Philhower, who died in 1897. To this worthy couple eleven children were born. Only three sons and two daughters, however, attained mature years. Oakley, deceased, was engaged in the nursery business in Califon; Sarah Elizabeth is the wife of Peter B. Huffman, a farmer of Woodglen; Howard S. is managing a farm in Morris County and Hannah M. is the wife of Charles Hoffman, who is employed by the United States Express Company in Elizabeth. The father of these children has long been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is a trustee and steward of the same, and, in accordance with his principles of temperance, he is affiliated with the Prohibition party.

Dr. F. A. Apgar was born upon his father's farm in Washington Township, Morris County, July 23, 1851. He received his early education in private schools, later he attended the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and was graduated March 1, 1876. He immediately came to New Germantown, and here was initiated into the work of his chosen profession. He had very soon made a respected position for himself, and established a reputation for skill that brought him a constantly increasing clientage. He is now in his office but two hours a day, in the early morning, as his outside practice keeps him steadily on the go the remainder of the day, and

often far into the night. He is the examiner for several of the leading life insurance companies. In his political faith he is a Prohibitionist. In the Methodist Episcopal Church where he holds membership he has been a trustee and is now one of the stewards.

February 22, 1877, Dr. Apgar was married to Elmira Hester, whose father, Simon B. Fisher, is a well-known citizen of Hackettstown, N. J. The only child of the doctor and wife is Miss Ida Mabel, a graduate of Hackettstown Centenary Collegiate Institute. The family have a very pleasant home, bearing the evidences of the refined and literary tastes of its inmates.



**S**TIRES FRITTS, who comes from one of the old and respected families of New Jersey, has been a life-long resident of Hunterdon County, and is at present engaged in various mercantile enterprises in the village of Landsdown, Franklin Township. He is always actively concerned in whatever movements seem calculated to advance and uplift the community in which he dwells, and does his whole duty as a citizen and voter, in the support of law and order and prosperity.

The father of our subject, Joseph Fritts, was born in 1802, and grew to manhood and spent his whole life in Clinton Township, this county. From a business point of view he was very successful, as he became the owner of large and valuable tracts of land and mills, in addition to managing his own farm with ability. In his political convictions he was a Democrat, and by his many friends and acquaintances was chosen to represent his district in the New Jersey state legislature in 1840. He held many local offices at one time or another, and was a very public-spirited man. For years he was one of the most valued members of the Reformed Church in his home neighborhood. His busy and useful life was brought to a close when he had attained his seventy-seventh year.

His father, Charles Fritts, likewise achieved success, rising from being a poor "bound" boy to a position of respect and influence in the community. Joseph Fritts married Annie, daughter of "Squire" Aller. She lived to the extreme age of ninety-one, dying in August, 1895. Of her nine children five are yet living, viz.: Mary, wife of David McCloughen; Joseph A., Stires, Emanuel and Oliver.

The birth of Stires Fritts occurred in Clinton in 1838. His boyhood was passed on a farm, and he continued to assist in the cultivation of the same until he was twenty-seven years of age. At that time he became interested in the manufacture of flax and husks, and operated a mill for that purpose during a period of twenty years. This mill, situated in this township, has a capacity of about one hundred and fifty tons of raw material per year. In 1885 Mr. Fritts sold out his interest in the mill property and embarked in his present enterprises, as dealer in coal, field seeds, fertilizer, peach baskets, etc. Unlike his father, he has never taken much active part in politics, and would never accept office, though he discharges his duty as a voter in accord with his convictions, the Democracy being the party of his preference.

In 1864 Mr. Fritts married Margaretta Probasco, daughter of Theodore Probasco, and they have a son and daughter. Lizzie is the wife of Emley H. Deats, whose sketch is to be found elsewhere in this work. Elmer R., the only son, is at home with his parents. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Fritts being a member of the congregation. They are held in the highest respect by all who know them, and are numbered among the substantial and reliable people of this locality.



**J** MITCHELL REESE, M. D., president of the board of education in Phillipsburg, is one of the representative citizens of Warren County, and stands high in social, professional

and business circles of this portion of the state. His influence and material aid are always given to the promotion of the welfare of his fellow-citizens, and that he is very popular with them is well manifested by the fact that though this is a Democratic locality, he has been kept for years in office as a member of the board of education, being elected on the Republican ticket. The subject of better school advantages for the rising generation is one in which all good citizens should be actively interested, as he believes, and in this direction lies the solving of many of the most serious questions that now confront us as a nation. For this reason, if no other, it is the duty of every patriot and lover of America to uphold the hands of those who are seeking to elevate the public-school system.

A native of Phillipsburg, born July 27, 1858, Dr. J. Mitchell Reese has always been thoroughly interested in and identified with the progress and upbuilding of the town. His father, Adam Reese, was a man of great genius and executive ability, and, had he been afforded the opportunities for an education that are now open to every child at this day, he would have made a grand success of his life in a financial way. However, in spite of unusual difficulties which he encountered, he was fairly prosperous, and was a man of undoubted influence. He established a plant in Phillipsburg for the manufacture of farm machinery and was a pioneer in this line. Among many other valuable inventions and improvements which he brought forth for the benefit of the world was the original self-raking harvesting machine, and the now rich and powerful McCormicks owed much to his genius, as they bought some of his most practical patents, and proceeded to manufacture the machines that have since wrought a complete revolution in the methods of agriculture. He was very liberal and enterprising and Phillipsburg owes much to him. An ardent Republican, he was enthusiastic for the success of his party, but would never accept official honors. One of the founders and most active members of the First Presbyterian Church of this place, he occupied many of the official

positions in its management and was a generous contributor to its work. His busy and useful life came to a close in June, 1897, and with deep regret and earnest sense of loss his fellow-townsmen mourn his absence from the place he filled so long and well among them. His father and two uncles were early settlers just across the Delaware River in Pennsylvania. The wife of Adam Reese, whose maiden name was Rachel Arnold, was a daughter of Thomas Arnold, of Easton, Pa. She died in 1884, and of their four children three survive: the doctor; Alice, wife of William Ashmore, agent for the New Jersey Central, in this place; and Adam Reese, train dispatcher for the same corporation.

Dr. J. Mitchell Reese, after completing his public-school education in Phillipsburg, was a student in Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. His inclinations seeming to lie in the direction of the practice of the healing art, he took up preliminary work under the guidance of Dr. J. F. Shepherd, of this place, and graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, in 1883. Since that time he has been actively engaged in practice here at his old home. He has been president of the Warren County Medical Society, and is still a member, and is connected with the Lehigh Valley Medical Association and the New Jersey Medical Society. Under the administration of President Harrison he served four years as a member of the board of pension examiners for the fourth congressional district. For many years he has been surgeon for the Pennsylvania and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western lines at Phillipsburg. During a period of several years he was a member of the county Republican committee and fourteen years has served as a member of the board of education, all but four years of this time having been its president. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is medical examiner for the same. A Knight of Pythias, he has been very prominent in that order, having passed all the chairs, and now being a member of the Uniform Rank. The doctor was the captain of Ortygia Division three years, at the end of which time he was elected colonel

of the Second Regiment, K. of P., of the state. In February, 1896, he was further honored by being elected brigadier-general of the New Jersey Brigade, U. R. His uniformly agreeable and courteous manners and his pleasing personality win for him scores of friends wherever he goes, and his true and sterling worth is a matter of general comment by those who know him.

The marriage of Dr. Reese and Miss Emma Scammell, daughter of John Scammell, of Trenton, N. J., was solemnized in April, 1895. Mrs. Reese comes of an old and honored family; one of her ancestors is mentioned in history as an aide to General Washington. To the doctor and his estimable wife has been born a daughter, Dorothy Arnold.



**W**ILLIAM KLINE, M. D., a well and favorably known physician of Phillipsburg, Warren County, is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most respected families of New Jersey. His ancestors were natives of Germany and settled in Somerset County, N. J., in 1720, since which time the Klines have been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits for the most part. The parents of Dr. Kline are William, Sr., and Elizabeth (Baker) Kline, the latter a daughter of Jacob Baker, of Northampton County, Pa. The father of our subject is a farmer of this county, and for fifteen years was collector of Lopatcong Township.

Dr. Kline is one of two children and was born in Harmony, Warren County, September 2, 1865. In his boyhood he was a pupil in the public schools, and in 1885 graduated from what is now known as Easton Academy, after which he entered Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., for a two years' course. In the fall of 1888 he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1891. He then remained at home

two years, while in the meantime he looked around for a suitable place to locate permanently as a practitioner. In the spring of 1893 he began his career as a member of the medical profession in Phillipsburg, and during 1894 and 1895 he was city physician. He has succeeded very well in building up a clientage and has won an enviable reputation for his ability in his chosen line of work. Formerly he was a member of the Red Men's order, and at present he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Order of Elks. In April, 1898, he was elected a member of the common council of the first ward as the candidate of the Democratic party.

June 20, 1894, Dr. Kline married Caroline F. Flumerfelt, granddaughter of Jesse Flumerfelt, a prominent official of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for many years. He was very well known in this section of the country, and was a man of superior business talents. The doctor and wife have one daughter, Frances E. They are very popular in the town, have a large circle of friends and enjoy entertaining them in their pretty and tasteful home.



**J**AMES BELFORD, a retired business man of Mauch Chunk, now residing in Belvidere, Warren County, has made his home here for about fourteen years, and enjoys the respect and high regard of all who know him. In 1894 and 1895 he served as a member of the town council, having been elected to that office by his Democratic friends. He has led a very busy and eventful life, and richly deserves the rest and quiet which he now enjoys, as the result of the judicious management of his affairs and investments.

The father of our subject was George Belford, of Scotch descent, and an extensive coal operator in Pennsylvania. He was a warm personal friend of Judge Packard, whom he appointed as his executor in his will. The history of Mr. Belford

is that of an essentially self-made man, one who started out in his youth without means and fought his early battles for a livelihood against odds that would have discouraged any man who had not possessed strong determination to succeed, and rare talent as a financier. Prosperity came at last to crown his efforts, and at his death his estate was valued at nearly \$500,000. To all worthy public enterprises and benevolent objects he was a liberal contributor, and though a Lutheran by preference, he held membership with the Presbyterian Church of Mauch Chunk. He died in 1873, and his wife survived him about seven years. She was Miss Hannah Rhine Smith before their marriage, her family having been numbered among the first settlers of Germantown, Pa. The children of Mr. Belford and wife were named as follows: Hiram, who resides in Allentown; James; Selinda, wife of Edward Shorts, a prominent lawyer of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Edward, of Belvidere; Harriet, wife of Clemson T. North, of Wilkesbarre; Nathan M., of Bergen Point, N. J.; Charles, of Philadelphia; and Annie, wife of A. W. Booth, of Bergen Point.

James Belford was born in Mauch Chunk, Pa., July 8, 1836, and after completing his preliminary education in the public schools attended Vandever's Academy, at Easton, Pa. In 1854 he entered the employ of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company in the engineering corps, assisting in the survey of the Lehigh Canal, and Catasauqua & Fogelsville Railroad. Subsequently he took charge of the company's coal office at Mauch Chunk for a year. He was next with the German Penna Coal Company, of Mauch Chunk and was in charge of their shipping department for seventeen years. In 1872 he assumed the management of his father's store at Ackley, Pa., remaining there for two years, at the expiration of which period he retired from business cares. He had located in Belvidere the previous year, and has since been a citizen of the place. While in Mauch Chunk he joined the Masonic order, but has not been active in the same for a number of years.

June 21, 1859, Mr. Belford married Ellen B.



Hutchinson, who died in 1881, and left two children: Dianna Sherlock, now the wife of Edmund H. Carhart, of Belvidere; and Richard, who is at home. The father of Mrs. Belford, Samuel Hutchinson, was for thirty years cashier of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. In June, 1883, Mr. Belford married Mrs. Julia B. Simpler. Her father, Joseph Mackey, a soldier of the late war, and still living, has reached the extreme age of ninety-six years. By her previous marriage, Mrs. Belford had one son, Claude A., a graduate of Girard College, and now holding a very responsible position in the land department of the Land, Title and Trust Company of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Belford attend the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Democrat of conservative tendencies.



**A**BRAM R. VAIL, one of the honored old residents of Hunterdon County, has been engaged in farming in the vicinity of Quakertown for the past forty-seven years. He is industrious and thrifty in his methods and has accumulated a goodly competence by his own efforts. About the time that the Civil war closed he turned his attention to the raising of fruit and has been very successful in this branch of agriculture, some of his time being also devoted to the nursery business, with good financial results.

Our subject comes of a good old New Jersey family, it having been represented here for several generations. The old records of the family give the following, among other dates and particulars in regard to them: The paternal grandfather of our subject, born July 3, 1744, bore the same Christian name as himself. This ancestor married Margaret Fitz Randolph, September 28, 1768, and died September 11, 1824. She was born September 7, 1746, and died October 2, 1812. Their ten children were as follows: James, born July 1, 1769; Daniel, January 3, 1771; James (second of the name), January 3, 1773; Mercy,

February 19, 1775; John A., February 9, 1777; Phoebe, May 16, 1779; Elizabeth, February 17, 1782; Ephraim M., April 4, 1784; Margaret, May 23, 1786, and Christian, July 11, 1788.

The birth of the father of our subject, John A. Vail, took place in Green Brook, N. J., in 1777, and later he located near the town of Newmarket, now known as Dunellen, N. J., and in that locality his remaining years were spent. He was a hatter by trade, and carried on a small farm with ability. In his religious belief he was a Friend, and was very active in all good works, whether in church or in public life. He died, lamented by all who had ever had the pleasure of his acquaintance, when he was about fifty-five years of age, June 28, 1832. He was twice married, his first wife having been Rachel Webster. She was born December 13, 1784, and died September 19, 1805, leaving one child, Hugh W., whose birth had occurred the preceding year, and who died in 1879.

The first marriage of John A. Vail took place June 3, 1803. His second wife, whom he married March 27, 1817, bore the maiden name of Deborah Harned. She died at the age of seventy-three years, December 6, 1861. She was a faithful member of the Friends' Church and was beloved and thoroughly respected by everyone who came beneath her sweet, womanly influence. Of her six children but two are yet living: A. R., of this sketch, and Jacob L., whose home is in Des Moines, Iowa. In order of birth the children were as follows: Jonathan H., born February 23, 1818; Gilbert, November 23, 1819; Rachel W., March 23, 1821; Abram R., February 16, 1823; John E., May 12, 1824; and Jacob L., March 10, 1831.

The early years of Abram R. Vail were passed quietly upon his father's farm where his birth had occurred. He was educated in the same locality (Newmarket) in the public schools, and later was privileged to attend one of a higher order in Dutchess County, N. Y. His father died when the lad was but nine years of age, and he continued to reside with his mother until 1851. At that time he struck out for himself, and, coming to Quakertown, he purchased the farm where

he still makes his home, and from that day to this has been occupied in the cultivation and improvement of the place. He adheres to the religious faith of his forefathers, and with his family attends the services of the Friends' Meeting-house. He has reared several children to lives of usefulness, has always done his full duty as a citizen and strives to advance the peace and righteousness of the community in which his lot has been cast.

In 1845 Mr. Vail married Jane D., daughter of Jonah Vail, of Green Brook. To this worthy couple the following children were born: Adelia, wife of Samuel L. Robinson; John A., of Trenton, N. J.; Fowler W., of Dunellen, N. J.; Franklin P., who died in 1861; Lizzie D., wife of Josiah A. Trimmer, of Phillipsburg, N. J.; Howard E., who is at home; Rebecca H. (1st), deceased; Rebecca H. (2d) wife of Elsworth Case, of Phillipsburg; Amy Clara, wife of William Gary; and Laura D., wife of John Trout, of Quakertown.



**E**LMER E. CARHART is one of the most popular young business men of Phillipsburg, Warren County. In all things relating to the cause of education, city government and public improvements and matters that affect the welfare of his fellow-citizens he is very actively interested, and is always to be found on the side of progress. For the past six years he has officiated as treasurer of the board of education, having been elected to that position in December, 1891. A little over ten years ago he embarked in the boot and shoe business, and in 1891 his brother, C. V., entered into partnership with him, under the firm name of E. E. Carhart & Bro. They have since conducted a thriving trade in this city.

The parents of our subject are Samuel and Sarah H. Carhart. The father, who was a native of Warren County, and was engaged in railroading

for many years, died in August, 1890. He was a practical business man and was considered one of the most efficient and trustworthy employes of the corporation with which he was connected. His wife, a daughter of Cornelius Vorhees, and a native of Middle Valley, Morris County, N. J., is now about sixty years of age, and is making her home with her son of whom we write. Two of her five children are deceased, and the three sons who survive are: Elmer E.; Cornelius V., to whom we have previously alluded; and W. L., a resident of Hoboken, N. J.

E. E. Carhart was born in the village of Beatystown, Warren County, July 14, 1861, and was a lad of twelve years when with the other members of the family he removed to this place. He attended the public schools of Phillipsburg from that time until he was sixteen, and gained a practical education. In 1877 he and his father opened a fruit, fish and oyster market and carried on the business three years. At the expiration of that period he became an employe of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company, being located in Hoboken and attached to the train service department. In December, 1882, he returned to Phillipsburg, and for the next five years was employed by the New Jersey Central Railroad, or until he was forced to resign his position owing to an injury to his hand. In September of that year (1887) he decided to embark in the boot and shoe business, in which venture he has been prosperous.

In his political convictions he stands by the principles of the Democracy. In 1889 he was elected and returned for five years as freeholder for the second ward of Phillipsburg, and for three years of this period was a director of the county almshouse. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and holds the honor of being assistant adjutant-general for the state, of the Uniform Rank of that order. He is also connected with the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, having been the treasurer of the last-named since 1885, and having been sent as the delegate of the same to three national conventions of the order.

June 11, 1890, Mr. Carhart married Anna B. Ewing, daughter of Joseph Ewing, of Phillipsburg. He stands high in railway circles, and is chief car-inspector for the New Jersey Central system. Mr. Carhart and wife are identified with the Presbyterian Church, the former being one of the trustees of the congregation.



**E**DGAR I. CREGAR is a worthy representative of a sterling and honored family of High Bridge, Hunterdon County. His grandfather, Andrew Cregar, was the owner of a large tract of land, on a portion of which this flourishing town is now situated. The father of our subject, Andrew, Jr., was, in turn, the owner of the property, and assisted in platting the town. Though much of the original ground has been sold off, there still remains to the gentleman of whom we write a valuable piece comprising seventy acres, this lying adjacent to the limits of High Bridge. He has sold considerable of this as town lots, and still meets the demand in this direction as it recurs. In addition to having entire management and watchful supervision of his valuable homestead, he is in the fruit commission business at No. 316 Washington street, New York City, having been thus occupied for the past three years.

The birth of Edgar Cregar took place October 15, 1849, he being a son of Andrew and Harriet T. (Lance) Cregar. He was reared under the influences of a good home and judicious and loving parents. When he reached a suitable age he began attending the local schools and after completing his rudimentary education, entered the Chester Classical Academy in Chester, N. J. He has taken great interest in the cause of education and is an earnest advocate of advancement in the courses of public instruction to the rising generation. He commenced the duties of agriculture while he was yet a mere lad, and has

always since given more or less attention to these pursuits. He has a model farm, everything about the place showing the constant care and good management of the owner. For a number of years, and, indeed, until recently, he operated the coal yards of High Bridge, but at present they are leased by the firm of Van Sickle & Apgar. In politics Mr. Cregar has taken an active part and has performed efficient service in the numerous official capacities hereabouts. Among others, he has been assessor and township committeeman, having been elected by his Republican friends, who are legion in this community.

September 3, 1868, and just after leaving school, Mr. Cregar married Margaret J. Bleekman, daughter of John and Sarah (Manley) Bleekman. Mr. Bleekman was a prominent business man and real-estate dealer in New Brunswick, N. J. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cregar has been blessed with three children, viz.: Raymond Dewitt, Harriet L. and Sarah E. In accordance with his principles, Mr. Cregar is giving his children good educational advantages. Raymond is a graduate of the Cleveland (Ohio) Commercial College; Harriet is a graduate of the high school of New Brunswick and the younger daughter is receiving private tutoring from Rev. A. Mershon, of Annandale, preparatory to entering the Knoxville Seminary. All three are bright and promising young people of whom any parent might be justly proud.



**S**ILAS GIBBS. For nearly a quarter of a century this representative citizen of Belvidere, Warren County, has been employed by the United States Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, the largest concern of the kind in this country. He has erected gas plants in all parts of the United States, and thoroughly understands every detail of the business. The great corporation with which he has been so long connected

was organized in the year 1882 by his brother, W. W. Gibbs, whose career has been truly remarkable. He started out to make his own way in the world a poor boy, literally empty-handed, and steadily worked his way upward until now, in middle life, he is a millionaire, with vast business interests and investments in various parts of the land. Among others, he is president of the Marsden Company, of Philadelphia, and he it was who took and filled the contract for the building of the fine bridge over the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie.

Silas Gibbs, born in Hope, Warren County, July 9, 1849, is one of the seven children of Levi B. and Ellen (Vannatta) Gibbs. The father, now in his eightieth year, has always been a strong Republican since the party was organized, and served as the postmaster of Hackettstown, N. J., under the administration of President Harrison. He was born near Hope and pursued the business of carriage making when in his active years. The Gibbs family is of German origin. Our subject had an uncle, the late Jacob Vannatta, who was a noted lawyer of Morristown, N. J. He is also first cousin to ex-Governor Werts. Mrs. Ellen V. Gibbs departed this life in 1895, leaving the following-named children: W. W., previously alluded to; Martha, wife of L. I. Cook, of Hackettstown; Silas; Mary, wife of Hugh McDonald; Whitfield, a resident of Deckerstown, N. J.; and Elizabeth V., Mrs. Augustus G. Winter, of Philadelphia.

Up to the time that he was fifteen years old, Silas Gibbs was a student in the public schools of Hope, after which he commenced learning the trade of his father, that of carriage making. He continued to work at that calling for a period extending over ten years, and then accepted an opening in the United States Gas Improvement Company, with which he has since been connected. He is a practical constructing engineer, and superintending the construction of the plant. In his political convictions he is a Republican, and religiously is a Methodist in belief.

September 8, 1875, Mr. Gibbs was united in marriage with Josephine Decker, with whom he

had grown up in the old home neighborhood. Her father was Isaac J. Decker, and two of her brothers were ministers of the Gospel. The eldest of them, I. Dayton, was a graduate of Yale and subsequently studied in Germany. The other, William, is a Presbyterian minister in Lewiston, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs have one child, Raymond S.



JOSEPH H. FIRTH, one of the most prominent and enterprising men of business in Phillipsburg, Warren County, has been the proprietor of the Madison Square Hotel here since the 6th of August, 1895. This popular and commodious hotel is conveniently located, is well equipped and managed and is a favorite stopping-place for the commercial traveler and all others who may be passing through this busy railroad city. The hotel is noted for its excellent cuisine, the brightness and cheerfulness of each and every apartment, and the general air of comfort and homelikeness that pervades the place.

Born February 22, 1859, Joseph H. Firth is a native of Phillipsburg, and with the exception of a few months spent elsewhere he has been identified with the upbuilding and development of this place during his whole life. The interest which he has always taken in all things having for their object the improvement of the town makes him considered one of our best and most valued citizens. In 1884 his ability and influence were fitly recognized by his being elected to the position of freeholder, and four years later he was chosen to serve as a member of the city council, with which honorable body he has officiated ever since. Four years of this period he acted as president of the council, and succeeded in forwarding numerous measures that have accrued to the benefit of our townspeople. He was formerly chief of the fire department here and secured the adoption of the Gamewell Fire Alarm system. Thus, in





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various ways, he has been an earnest worker and an interested supporter of local enterprises and improvements.

The education of Mr. Firth was wholly obtained in the public schools of Phillipsburg. At the age of eighteen he began learning the trade of a machinist, and after a time he concluded to try his fortunes in the west. Going to Omaha, Neb., he remained there for ten months, but, not feeling that he desired to make his permanent home in the west, he finally returned home, believing that there could be found no better state than that in which he had grown to maturity. Here he was employed at his trade five years, then being promoted to be foreman of the Warren Foundry. This responsible position he occupied until August, 1895, or for over two decades. He is now the agent for the firm of Firth & Ingham, and is settling up their estate. He is possessed of good financial ability and wise judgment in the management of business affairs, and merits the high place which he is given by his associates. In political matters he is a Democrat. In the fraternities he belongs to Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M., being past master of the same; is past high priest of Eagle Chapter No. 30, R. A. M., and is connected also with the Order of Red Men and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

On the 26th of July, 1880, Mr. Firth was united in marriage with Miss Margaret A. Lewis, of Portsmouth, Ohio. They have one child, Elizabeth A.



**L** EVI B. GIBBS, a retired business man residing in Hackettstown, has spent the greater part of his life in Warren County and is well known as one of its reliable and enterprising citizens. He was born in what is now Hope Township October 16, 1818, and is a son of Christopher and Susanna (Bunting) Gibbs, also natives of this county. Little is known concerning the remote family history or the date of

its first representation in America. However, it is supposed that our subject's grandfather, John Gibbs, was born in Rhode Island, whence he came to New Jersey and settled upon a farm. During much of his life he made his home in Warren County and here he died when advanced in years. By occupation a farmer, Christopher Gibbs devoted himself to the cultivation of the family estate in Hope Township, and here his death occurred when he was forty-five years of age. In politics he was a Whig and in religious belief a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his agricultural operations he was fairly successful and doubtless would have become well-to-do had his life been spared to old age. His wife was a member of the Quaker Church and a faithful adherent to its doctrines. She died at the age of about seventy.

The boyhood years of our subject's life were uneventfully passed on the home farm, where he was reared to habits of industry that proved of the greatest value to him in after days. At the age of sixteen, in March, 1836, he began an apprenticeship in a carriage shop, where he remained until October, 1839, meantime gaining a thorough knowledge of the trade, which he afterward followed, in the employ of others, for two years. In 1843 he purchased the carriage shop in Hope, which he continued to carry on successfully until 1873, during that long period becoming known as an honest and energetic business man, one who was true to every obligation and honorable in every transaction. On retiring from the business, he made his home in Newark for a number of years, but in 1879 came to Hackettstown, where he has since continued to reside.

March 9, 1842, Mr. Gibbs was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Vanatti, of Warren County, an estimable lady and one who retained throughout her life the friendship and warm regard of her associates. She passed away in 1895, leaving seven children, all but one of whom are now living. When the Republican party was organized Mr. Gibbs became one of its first supporters and from that day to this he has never wavered in his allegiance to party measures and principles.

Under the administration of President Harrison, he held the appointment of postmaster at Hackettstown, an office that he filled in such an able manner as to gain the commendation of all, irrespective of political beliefs.



**P**ROF. Y. C. PILGRIM, principal of the Phillipsburg high school, is one of the leading educators of Warren County, and indeed of the western part of New Jersey. His methods of teaching are largely original and are thoroughly practical and progressive. Pupils and public alike receive his plans and ideas in regard to educational matters with respect and commendation and give him their hearty co-operation in carrying them out. In September, 1896, he went into partnership with I. W. Schultz, under the firm name of Schultz & Pilgrim, and purchased the Warren *Democrat*, a paper that had been published weekly, and within a few months the new proprietors commenced issuing it daily. The journal is one of merit and general popularity with the reading public.

On the paternal side of the family Professor Pilgrim is of German descent, while on the maternal side he is of French origin. For several generations the Pilgrims have resided in Orange County, N. Y., and Frank Pilgrim, grandfather of our subject, was a prominent man there in his day. James W., father of the professor, was a native of Orange County and in early life was a teacher in the northern part of this state. He is still living in Orange County, N. Y., where he has filled county offices time and again, and is now about sixty years of age. His wife, Emeline, who died in 1877, was a daughter of Jacob Garrison, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Orange County. The only sister of our subject, Alice, is the wife of W. A. Onderdonk, and the only brother is C. L., both of whom make their homes in Orange County.

Born in Warwick, Orange County, N. Y., August 5, 1867, Y. C. Pilgrim is now in the prime of early manhood. Having completed a course of study at the Newton (N. J.) Collegiate Institute he entered Lafayette College, graduating therefrom in 1889 with the degree of bachelor of philosophy. Since then he has been made a master of sciences. In the fall of 1889 he began teaching in a private school in New York City, and in 1890 was called to occupy the position for which he has proven himself so well qualified, that of principal of the Phillipsburg high school. His classes in the languages have been especially worthy of approbation, as he instituted an entirely new method of work in this direction and the results are most satisfactory to all concerned. During his vacations and leisure moments he devotes considerable time to journalistic work and has been connected with the New York *World* and other leading papers. He is undoubtedly a young man of great talent, with a most promising future before him. February 8, 1890, Mr. Pilgrim married Abbie T. Lerch, a graduate of the Phillipsburg high school. They have no children, but lost one son. Mr. Pilgrim is past master of Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M., and is also an Odd Fellow. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, as is also his wife, and they hold membership with the First Church of this city.



**D**AVID R. EMERY. To some of the actors in the drama of life the stage of action is of small proportions, though the successive acts played thereon are none the less important, both to those who participate in the drama and to those who are indirectly influenced thereby. From the day of his birth up to the present time, over three-quarters of a century, the gentleman of whom we write this brief tribute has lived upon one farm situated in Readington Township, Hunterdon County. Here, where he is thoroughly



known, he is held in the deepest respect and esteem, for his career has been a useful one and in all activities whereby the public might be assisted he has taken the interest of a local citizen. Now, in the declining years of his life, he is retired from the "heat and burden" of daily toil, and is enjoying a season of peaceful content.

David R. Emery was born November 13, 1821, in his father's old family residence, and of five children he and one sister, Mary, are all who survive. His parents were Peter and Anna (Rockefeller) Emery, both natives of Hunterdon County. In boyhood he attended the district school and his time passed pleasantly in the varied occupations and amusements of the country lad. Before he had reached his majority he had become well grounded in habits of industry and perseverance and gave promise of the success that he later won. Following his father's example, he continued as a farmer, as he preferred the comparatively independent, free, out-door life of the tiller of the soil.

October 24, 1854, Mr. Emery married Elizabeth Lane, a native of his own township, and from his boyhood a friend and playmate. They had but one child, a son, Andrew L., who married Emma Van Dorne, of this vicinity, and their only child is Theodore V., a sixteen-year-old school boy. Mrs. Emery is a daughter of Andrew C. Lane, who was a prosperous farmer of this township, and spent his whole life within its limits. Our subject and his estimable wife have long been valued members of the Reformed Church, and Mr. Emery has served as an elder for many years.



**W**ILLIAM L. SCOTT. Numbered among the very best citizens of Hunterdon County, of which he is a native, the subject of this article deserves special mention. Not only has he always nobly done his duty as a private citizen of this great commonwealth, but in times

of peace and war alike, as well as when serving his fellows in public positions of responsibility and trust, he has kept his record above reproach. Since he settled down in his independent life he has been mainly occupied in farming upon his valuable and well-improved homestead situated in Franklin Township, and there he may be found to-day.

Born August 14, 1842, William L. Scott passed his first years upon the farm owned by his father, and was early taught the various affairs pertaining to the proper management of a homestead. His youthful enthusiasm and patriotism led him to enlist in the defense of his country when he was about twenty years of age in 1862. He became a member of Company D, Thirtieth Regiment of New Jersey Infantry, and during his ten months' service he participated in several hard-fought battles, including Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. When his term of enlistment had expired he returned home, remaining there until September 3, 1864, when he again offered his services to his struggling country, and was assigned to Company B, Thirty-eighth New Jersey Infantry, and was promoted to sergeant in the company. From that time until peace had been declared he was in the regiment commanded by Colonel Sewell, stationed at Bermuda Forks, Powhatan and City Point. He reached home once more upon the 4th of July, 1865, and a year later commenced farming upon his own account upon his present homestead, where he has dwelt ever since. In politics he is a Republican; was a freeholder for three years, was overseer of the poor for eight years, a member of the township committee for four years, and was re-elected to that office in 1896, to serve for another three years. He has always been quite active in public affairs, and was a candidate for the position of sheriff in 1890. He is identified with Lambert Boeman Post No. 48, G. A. R.; and Lackalong Lodge No. 114, I. O. O. F., in the latter having passed all the chairs.

The marriage of William L. Scott and Miss Hannah Willson, daughter of Samuel Willson (who, with his family, is a member of the Society

of Friends), was solemnized December 26, 1868. Samuel Willson was a son of Dr. Samuel Willson, and was one of the first settlers in Hunterdon County, N. J. The father of the subject of this article, John W. Scott, was a native of this county. He was a mason by trade and followed the calling very actively until he was about sixty years of age, in connection with farming. He died when seventy-six years old, loved and respected by all with whom it had ever been his lot to come into contact. He was a Republican, but was never very active in political affairs. His father, who bore the name of George W. Scott, was the founder of the Scott family in Franklin Township, and he also followed the mason's trade. The mother of William L. Scott bore the maiden name of Frances White, she being a daughter of John White. The union of John W. and Frances Scott was blessed with six children, viz.: George W.; Elizabeth, wife of George W. Lake; John, who was sergeant of Company D, Thirtieth Regiment New Jersey Infantry, and died in the service; Catherine, wife of Levi Hice; William L. and Charles B. The mother of this family was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and lived to attain the ripe age of eighty-six years.



**H** B. HOWELL occupies the very responsible position of superintendent of the public schools of Phillipsburg, Warren County, and that he is giving entire satisfaction to all concerned needs no other argument than the statement that he has been twice re-elected to the office. He makes it a point to know what is transpiring in every department of educational work, and is thoroughly posted and abreast of the times in methods and systems being tried in different portions of the country. While in a certain sense conservative, he is not averse to progressive measures, so-called, and has himself

instituted many changes for the better in our local methods since he assumed the duties of his position.

Professor Howell comes from one of the representative old Warren County families, having been born on a farm near this town February 2, 1862. His father, H. B. Howell, was one of the brave soldiers of the Civil war, one who wore the blue, and whose life was lost in the defense of his country. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and enlisted in a company that went to the conflict from that state. He died in 1862, the year in which our subject was born, from fever contracted during the exposure and privations of army life in the field. He was an enthusiastic patriot, and offered himself to his country while still very young and a student at Lafayette College. He had married Ellen, daughter of Lawrence Lom-masson, and she is still living, aged fifty-six years.

After graduating from the Phillipsburg high school, Mr. Howell entered Lafayette College, and completed his course there in 1886, and in 1889 received the degree of Master of Arts. He originally was a member of the class of 1881, but spent several years in Texas, teaching for a few terms and being variously occupied. Immediately after his graduation from Lafayette College he was appointed principal of the Phillipsburg high school, and as such he spent the next four years. In 1890 he was elected superintendent of our public schools. He is one of the county board of examiners and belongs to the State Teachers' Association, besides which he finds some time to devote to literary or journalistic work. Under his direct supervision there are forty teachers, and pupils to the number of fifteen hundred.

According to the admirable system now in use in our schools and introduced by Superintendent Howell, abstract theories are superseded as far as possible and the children are taught to observe the phenomena of every-day life, and to make practical applications of such knowledge. A lover of literature of the highest type, he endeavors to inculcate the same tastes in those

with whom his influence is maintained. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is connected with Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M. March 29, 1887, he married Anna F. Smith and they have two children, Anna C. and John E. The father of Mrs. Howell was the late Thomas Smith, of Belvidere, N. J., and one of her ancestors was Anne Halstead, a heroine of the Revolutionary war period.



**W**ILLIAM P. JOHNSON is one of the honored old residents of Hunterdon County, and the history of its representative business men and farmers, those who have been the bone and sinew of its greatness and prosperity, would be sadly lacking were his name omitted by any chance. Until within recent years he has been actively engaged in the management of his fine homestead in Readington Township, but is now enjoying a well-earned rest, though he is still living on the old home place.

The parents of the above-named gentleman were Dr. William and Elizabeth (Stockton) Johnson. The father was a noted physician of his day and was in every way a brilliant and influential man. He was of exceptional education and attainments, and, being well posted in the history of the leading families of Readington Township of his generation, he compiled a work giving such facts as he was conversant with. Both the doctor and his good wife were born and reared in Princeton, N. J. Of the eleven children born to them, seven are deceased. Those who remain are Thomas, William P., Richard C. and John V.

William P. Johnson was born in February, 1816, in the village of White House, Hunterdon County, and grew up in that place, receiving his education in the public schools. Arriving at an age when he desired to make his own living, he entered a general store, and for several successive

years he followed mercantile pursuits. He was variously located during this period in the towns of New Brunswick, Flemington and White House. In 1850 he purchased the farm which has been his place of residence ever since. He owns one hundred acres of valuable land, well improved with substantial buildings and with a peach orchard which has three thousand bearing fruit trees.

January 10, 1846, Mr. Johnson married Miss Mary A. Emery, of Clinton Township, daughter of John and Christiana Emery, natives of this county. Together they have journeyed along the pathway of life ever since, sharing each other's burdens and joys. They had two children: Louisa P., now Mrs. Charles W. Daggett, the mother of one child, Rosemary, and Harriet M., now Mrs. Henry Bishop, who is the mother of four children, Mary K., Alfred, Louisa J. and Olive F. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Reformed Church. Politically our subject has always used his right of franchise on behalf of the nominees of the Republican party.



**H**ON. HENRY SCHENCK HARRIS. As one of the members of the bar of Warren County, this gentleman occupies a prominent place. During a period extending over twenty-five years he has from time to time come frequently before the public as counsel in cases of more than local interest, and has won a reputation in the legal profession. In the realm of politics he has had some experience. He has been firm in his allegiance to the Democracy and has been active in the support of its principles. In 1880, after a very exciting contest, he was elected a member of congress from the fourth congressional district of this state, comprising the counties of Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex and Somerset. His opponent on this occasion was Gen. Judson Kilpatrick, a very popular man with his party

friends. Mr. Harris served for his two years' term in the house with distinction and ability, being a member of numerous important committees, such as the committee on naval affairs and one of the board of visitors to the United States Naval Academy, etc.

Born December 27, 1850, in Belvidere, Warren County, H. S. Harris is, and has been for many years, one of the representative citizens of the place. His father, Israel Harris, a native of Readington, Hunterdon County, N. J. (born June 8, 1820, died in November, 1891), was for a long period cashier of the Belvidere Bank, he having taken up his residence in this town in 1845. He was a leading Odd Fellow of the state, being grand master of New Jersey and for six years a representative to the grand lodge of the United States. He married Susan, daughter of John and Eliza Lawrence (Everett) Stnart. She died in August, 1894. Of their five children four survive. Carrie is the wife of E. M. Beesley, of Belvidere; Franklin V. is a lawyer of Atlantic City, N. J.; and Charles E. is a member of the bar of this county and is now occupying the position of county clerk, his home being in Belvidere. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Henry S. Harris, was for half a century a physician of Warren County, N. J. Through his paternal grandmother, Permelia (Stout) Harris, he is a direct descendant of John Hart, of New Jersey, one of the famous signers of the Declaration of Independence.

It was the privilege of Henry S. Harris, of this sketch, to obtain a classical education. After leaving the public schools of Belvidere he studied under the tutelage of Rev. Frederick Knighton and was graduated from Princeton College in 1870. Three years later he was admitted to the bar as an attorney, and in June, 1876, as a counsellor. Since then he has been very successfully engaged in practice in Belvidere. In March, 1877, his ability was recognized by his being appointed prosecutor of the pleas of Warren County by Governor Bedle. While serving in that capacity he was brought into special prominence through his connection with the famous Warren

County trials of 1878, wherein twelve high officials of the county were indicted, convicted and sent to the penitentiary for conspiracy, forgery and embezzlement. These cases are among the most noted in the annals of New Jersey and attracted widespread interest. Mr. Harris was counsel for the state in the trial of James J. Titus for the murder of Tillie Smith (September, 1886), and was retained for the defense in the case of Samuel C. Carpenter, who was indicted for the murder of Rachel Blackwell. This trial took place in July, 1896, and resulted in the acquittal of Carpenter. In the extensive litigation between the United States Pipe Line Company and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and the Pennsylvania Railway Companies, Mr. Harris was the counsel for the first-named corporation. He is employed as legal advisor of the same, also of the Lehigh & New England Railway Company in this county, and represents many other corporations in special cases. At present he is counsel for the board of freeholders of Warren County. He is a member of the New Jersey Society of the Cincinnati, representing Surgeon Jacob Harris, of the Third New Jersey Regiment of the Continental Line.

August 19, 1874, Mr. Harris married Martha, daughter of the late Anthony B. Robeson, of Belvidere. She died January 22, 1894, leaving one daughter, Roberta Robeson, who is still living. Another daughter, Susan E. S., died December 7, 1880, aged three years.



**B**ENJAMIN EGBERT, deceased, was one of the most successful fruit growers and general agriculturists of Hunterdon County, and was highly regarded as a business man, as a neighbor, friend and citizen in the community in which he dwelt. In 1840 he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Quakertown, and from that time until his death he was one of

the most valued workers in the same. The cause of Christianity was very dear to his heart and at all times he held church interests paramount to his own personal welfare. In word and deed he was a man of upright character, one who could be trusted to the uttermost, and one on whom everyone came to rely with confidence that he would be just and generous, honorable and true, no matter what the circumstance. He was summoned to his reward at the age of seventy-seven years, February 10, 1891. His loss has been felt to be a public one indeed, and he is sorely missed in the home, in the church, and in the community which he formerly brightened and uplifted by his mere presence.

Born near the town of Pattenburg, this county, November 19, 1813, the subject of this sketch was a son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Carkhuff) Egbert. The father was a tanner and currier by trade, and followed that calling in conjunction with that of agriculture. He was a very active and prosperous business man and was for some years judge of the county court. He died March 28, 1848. His eight children have all been called to the better land.

The boyhood of Benjamin Egbert, of whom we write, was passed quietly and happily upon his parents' old homestead near the pretty town of Pattenburg. His education was such as was to be had in the common schools of the day, supplemented with such knowledge as was to be obtained from experience and private reading and study. In 1840 he moved to a farm near Cherryville, and there resided until he settled in Quakertown, in 1890. Thus, half a century and more he devoted to rural pursuits, which he enjoyed thoroughly. In his political convictions he was a Democrat until Fisk became a candidate for the presidency, subsequent to which time he was connected with the Prohibition party. For years he had been very much interested in the cause of temperance, and ultimately came to believe that this issue was the chief one confronting the nation.

Benjamin Egbert was twice married, his first union having been with Miss Margaret Sine.

They were married in October, 1836, and became the parents of nine children, only three of whom are now living: Emeline, wife of Andrew Streetter; Rebecca, wife of John Tunison; and Mary, wife of John Schomp. March 24, 1883, Mr. Egbert married Martha A. Stevenson, daughter of Samuel C. Stevenson. She is still living in their pleasant home in Quakertown, and is an estimable lady, beloved by all who have the honor of her acquaintanceship.



**N**ATHANIEL BRITTON BOILEAU, M. D., is a prominent citizen of Hunterdon County, his home being in Jutland. He has always been intensely interested in everything affecting the public welfare, and has ever devoted himself to the elevation and prosperity of his fellow-men. He is a man of broad ideas, liberality of thought and nobility of purpose, and his influence has always been directed toward the strengthening of good and upright and just things.

The doctor is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having taken place in Bucks County, June 26, 1833. He is the youngest in a large family, his parents being Col. Daniel and Jane (Ruckman) Boileau. The father was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1785 and died in 1858. He was a farmer by occupation and was recognized by his cotemporaries as a man of unusual ability and talent. Though he had but a district-school education, he was a great student, a deep thinker, and in every sense was self-made. For years he was a justice of the peace and notary public, besides holding other minor offices, and was elected to the state legislature, where he remained for years, meeting the responsibilities of the position with dignity and fidelity. For a long period, and up to the time of his death, he was colonel of the militia company. His wife died in 1852, in her sixty-third year. Both were placed to rest in Red Hill Cemetery, in Bucks County.

For the last thirty-five years of his life he was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, and very active in religious affairs. A leader in his community, he had the utmost confidence placed in his judgment and business methods, as well as in his absolute integrity, and was often called upon to settle up estates and finances for his neighbors. The wife and mother was a woman of gentleness, unselfishness and most lovable qualities. The esteem and affection of all who knew her was her rightful tribute, and it was freely bestowed upon her by a large circle of sincere friends.

Of the children born to Colonel Boileau and wife six are still living. Mary A., deceased, was the wife of Justus K. Long, of Bucks County. Eliza is the widow of John Younken, of Mount Carmel, Ill., and is now residing in the east. James R., deceased, was a prosperous merchant of Bucks County, was county treasurer and was also a member of the legislature. William F., deceased, was an extensive lumber dealer of Easton. Caroline, who married L. F. Sassaman, of Bucks County, had a son, Horace D., a Presbyterian minister of Mount Pleasant, N. J.; and Edward, another son, is a merchant of Toledo, Ohio, doing business under the firm name of Shaw & Sassaman. Samuel, of Easton, is president of the Phillipsburg National Bank, has been very active in the field of commerce, and has occupied numerous public offices, and has served as a member of the legislature. John K. is a retired merchant of Milford, N. J. Jane is the widow of Dr. Asher Riley, of Frenchtown, in which place she still makes her home. Sarah is the widow of Lemuel Greer, who was a professor in Mountain Seminary, of Birmingham, Huntingdon County, Pa.

Dr. Boileau was named for an own cousin of his father, Nathaniel Britton Boileau, who was well known in the annals of Bucks County. From December 20, 1808, until December 16, 1817, he was secretary of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or as we would to-day term it, secretary of state, serving under Governor Snyder. He was also speaker of the house and adjutant-

general of the state. A man of rare ability and sterling uprightness of word and deed, he was remarkably free from the selfishness that characterizes too many of the statesmen of to-day unfortunately, and his incorruptibility was often shown forth by his public speeches and letters, as well as by his daily actions. He held that a patriot should not stand by his party if it did not nominate men of principle, that elections were reduced to a mere farce when candidates corrupt, despicable and capable of being bribed were to be supported, regardless of such demerits, merely as a mark of allegiance to a party. He was born in 1763 and died March 16, 1850. He was a graduate of Princeton and was a great scholar and literary man. His grandfather was one Jacob Boileau, who lived on Staten Island, N. Y. He or his father emigrated from France in consequence of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in the reign of Louis XIV. The wife of this Jacob Boileau was called Anne. Their son Isaac was born in Staten Island December 19, 1722, and departed this life December 22, 1803. He married Rachel, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth B. Britton. She was born October 2, 1724, was of English descent, and her life came to a close February 14, 1814. Their most distinguished son was the Nathaniel Britton Boileau to whom we have referred at length above.

The subject of this article, Dr. N. B. Boileau, is a member of the Hunterdon District Medical Society, has a number of times represented his county society in the state organization and has been sent as a delegate to the National Medical Association. In politics he uses his franchise in favor of the Democratic party. He has been very active in using his influence for his party, but, like the notable man for whom he was named, he believes in reserving his right of choice to a certain degree, and would not knowingly vote for a man utterly corrupt and unworthy of the confidence of the people. He frequently contributes articles of much merit to various literary journals, his subjects covering a variety of subjects, from political to scientific and medical. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, and





JOHN R. HAVER.



since 1880 he has held the position of elder. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Orion Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M., of Frenchtown.

March 17, 1863, the doctor married Miss Nancy, daughter of Dr. John and Cornelia Blane. To the doctor and wife three daughters were born, viz.: Mary B., Caroline S. and Eleanor. The youngest, Eleanor, is a pupil in the private schools of Easton, Pa.



**J**OHAN R. HAVER is one of the most highly respected citizens of Hunterdon County within whose boundaries his whole life has been spent. Since attaining manhood he has been occupied in agricultural pursuits, and has been very successful in making a livelihood for himself and family, and in affording them many advantages. His well-improved and neatly kept farm is situated in Readington Township, near the village of Potterstown, and comprises ninety-five acres of desirable land.

The parents of our subject were William E. and Margaret A. (Emory) Haver, both natives of this state. Their family numbered five children, but Emily K. and Peter are deceased, and the others are William, John R. and Elmira. The father was a tiller of the soil, as was also his father before him. The latter, Peter Haver, was born and reared in this county, and lived to a good old age. He was a man of considerable influence in his community, and for years he was a justice of the peace.

The birth of John R. Haver occurred in his father's homestead April 27, 1838. His boyhood was passed quietly in the pursuits common to farmer lads, and after he arrived at a proper age he commenced attending the district schools. From a long line of ancestors who had devoted themselves to farming he had inherited a genuine liking for the occupation, and before he reached

his majority he had determined to follow in their footsteps. In 1859 he commenced business upon his own account, and had just fairly started on the highway leading to success when the dark days of war came on. September 27, 1863, he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-first Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, to serve for nine months. He participated in many engagements in which his regiment was called to the front, among these being the celebrated battle of Chancellorsville. October 26, 1864, he was honorably discharged from the army at Flemington, N. J. Since then he has been occupied in managing his homestead and financial affairs.

In November, 1866, Mr. Haver married Margaret Conover, a native of Readington Township, and the daughter of John R. and Aunnie G. (Melick) Conover. Seven children were born to this union: one who died in infancy; William E., George A., Christopher B., James A., Stella B. and Ida M. Our subject and his estimable wife are members of the Reformed Church of Lebanon. In his political convictions he is a Republican.



**J**OHAN WATSON ALLEGER, who is engaged in the manufacture of peach baskets in Clinton, Hunterdon County, has been a resident of this place only eight years, but is a native of this county, and has always been interested in the development of this region. He is a zealous Republican, and in 1894 was elected a member of the town council, was re-elected in 1896 and again in 1897. He was instrumental in advancing public improvements, such as the water system now in vogue here and the electric light plant. In 1898 he was elected mayor of Clinton.

The great-grandfather of the above was a native of France and was an early settler in Hunterdon County, where some of his descendants have always resided since. His son Benjamin was a carpenter and builder, his work being chiefly ac-

complished in Readington Township. He married Elizabeth Smith, by whom he had four children, Ezra, Hiram, Shadrack and Mary. Ezra, the father of our subject, had no advantages to amount to anything in the way of an education, and when quite young he learned the shoemaker's trade. He never followed this calling, however, but gave his attention solely to agriculture. In political matters he was a Democrat, and religiously he was a Methodist. In 1828 he married Sarah, daughter of John H. Hummer, of this county. They had five children, of whom John Watson is the eldest. Alice became the wife of Baltus Pickell, of this county. Mary is the widow of Joseph P. Trimmer, and resides in Washington, N. J. E. Wesley is a contractor and builder in Washington, N. J.; and Hiram W., of the same town, is a manufacturer of organs, being one of the first in this line of enterprise in the state. The mother of these children died in October, 1838, and subsequently the father married Sarah Moore, who bore him six children, viz.: Ezra M., of Stanton; Sarah Ann, who wedded Thomas Coats, of Quakertown; Euphemia, wife of Maurice Brink, of Belvidere, N. J.; Samuel, of Belvidere; Lemuel, of Franklin Township; and Jane, Mrs. Judson Arnwine, of Franklin Township.

John Watson Alleger was born near Stanton, October 12, 1830. He has had to rely entirely upon his own efforts in the matter of an education, as his attendance at school was limited to about three months altogether. He has been quite a reader, however, and contact with the world and a natural power of observation have served him in good stead. He was a child of but eight years when death deprived him of a loving mother, and he then went to live with her parents. He stayed with them until he was fourteen, when he went to the home of an uncle and began learning the carpenter's trade. He then worked at this business for a contractor in Flemington, and was sent to all parts of the county. The following five years he was in Belvidere, a part of this period working for himself independently. After another three years at his trade in

Washington, N. J., he became an employe of the Fairbanks Scale Company, and remained with them for a quarter of a century, putting up their scales in various parts of this country and Canada. In 1890 he settled in Clinton, built the Music Hall, and soon started in his present industry, the manufacture of peach baskets, which have a great sale in this peach-growing state.

The pretty home of Mr. Alleger on West Main street was erected in 1833, and was in a sadly run-down condition when he purchased it. He has practically rebuilt it, added many modern improvements, and now has one of the best residences in the town. He is identified with the Masonic order, having joined it in 1861, and is now connected with Warren Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M., of Belvidere, and with Clinton Chapter No. 37, R. A. M. April 15, 1874, the marriage of Mr. Alleger and Maria Miller, of New York, was solemnized. She has in her possession a treasure indeed, a book of four hundred pages, which though in writing is as perfect a piece of work as though engraved. It was written by her father, Peter Miller, in 1822, and is entitled "Anecdotes Collected from Various Sources, by Peter Miller." He was a book-binder by trade, and himself bound this volume, which has not a blot on any of its pages and is in a good state of preservation. Mr. Alleger possesses some of the accoutrements worn by his grandfather in the War of 1812.



**G**EORGE W. BEATY a wealthy and prominent merchant of Califon, Hunterdon County, has been located here but ten years, but has succeeded in building up a very large and lucrative trade. He is a self-made man in the strictest sense, as he has always had to rely solely upon his own resources. The prosperity that he now enjoys he richly deserves, for it was accumulated by long years of honest, unremitting toil, and by the exercise of upright business methods.

The Beatys are of Scottish origin, our subject's ancestor having come to this county at a very early period in its history. His grandfather, James Beaty, was a farmer of Lebanon Township, in this county, in the latter part of last century. He married a Miss Sliker, by whom he had a family of three daughters and five sons, namely: Alexander, Ann, Mary, John, Jacob, Elizabeth, James and George. Ann married Frederick Lanse; Mary became the wife of Jacob Anthony, and Elizabeth the wife of John Waters.

Jacob, the father of our subject, was born in Lebanon Township, April 20, 1801. He early picked up the trade of a millwright and worked at this calling and as a carpenter to some extent, also carrying on a farm in Mansfield Township, Warren County, for years. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in political faith. In the Baptist Church with which he was identified he was a great worker, and he was ever ready to lend a hand to the needy and afflicted. About 1822 he married Eva, daughter of Philip Anthony, of Lebanon Township, and their children were as follows: Charles, deceased; Amos, a retired citizen of Mansfield Township, Warren County; Ann, widow of Reuben Marrel, of Vienna, Warren County; Tamson and Mary, both deceased; George W.; Whitfield, deceased; Jacob and Alexander, of Mansfield Township; and Henry, of Knowlton Township, Warren County. Mr. Beaty died in 1871 and was buried in the Baptist churchyard in Port Murray. Mrs. Beaty died in 1892.

George W. Beaty was born in Warren County, December 2, 1834. He attended school and aided his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty-two years of age, when he started out to "paddle his own canoe." He opened a store in the town of Anthony, and conducted it for twenty-seven years. At the beginning he was very careful, and did not expend a large amount of money in stock, but as the years passed he was enabled to branch out, and in time he had built up a paying business, his sales running as high as \$18,000 per annum. In 1888 he came to Califon, and went into partnership with John Beavers. This

connection existed about four years, Mr. Beaty then buying out the others interest and taking his son John into the firm. Three years later he also admitted his other son, Elston, and the firm name became as at present, George W. Beaty & Sons. The large store building occupied by them was principally erected by himself. The main part is 66x86, two stories and basement in height, with a hall overhead used for lodge purposes, etc. The firm carry a fine stock of general dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, furniture and hardware, and the sales have increased from about \$10,000 to \$23,000.

Though he has found his time very fully occupied, Mr. Beaty always does his duty as a voter. He is a strong Republican, and has never desired official distinction, but on two occasions yielded to the earnest wishes of his neighbors and was collector and committeeman. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and of the Order of Red Men.

December 12, 1855, Mr. Beaty married Margaret Jane Waters, daughter of John Waters, of Lebanon Township. They have three living children: Alice, who is the wife of Walter Ramsey, of Scranton, Pa.; John and Elston, previously mentioned. Mrs. Beaty is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and her husband, while not connected with the church, is a more generous contributor to its expenses, and likewise to the Methodist Church, than any one member of either. He is a true friend to those who are in need, and many such an one has called down blessings upon his head.



**C**ORNELIUS MESSLER owns a valuable farm situated about a mile south of the town of White House, Readington Township, Hunterdon County. He is of the sturdy, thrifty Holland-Dutch ancestry, that stock to which in great measure is due the prosperity and material

wealth of New York state and adjoining sections of country. The founder of this family in America was one Tennis de Metslear, who emigrated from Holland and settled in Albany, N. Y., in 1641. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Cornelius Messler, was a native of Hunterdon County, where he became an extensive land holder in time, and when the dark days of the colonial struggle for independence came on he responded to his patriotic impulses and fought for her liberty.

The father of our subject was Isaac Messler, who was an influential citizen and agriculturist of this county, and held numerous local offices. He was born and grew to manhood in this region, and subsequently was the fortunate possessor of large tracts of land. He married Henrietta Reger, of this county, and their two children were Cornelius and Sarah C.

Cornelius Messler was born in Readington Township, July 7, 1835, and from his boyhood was trained in the duties of farm management. He is considered an efficient and practical farmer, and has his fine homestead of eighty acres under good cultivation. In national elections he votes the Republican ticket, while in home affairs he believes in supporting suitable men, rather than party nominees.

February 19, 1858, Mr. Messler married Ellen J. Davis, who was born and brought up in this township, and five children were born of their union: Mary E., Susan A., Hattie, Isaac and H. Martin. Susan and Hattie were educated in the higher branches in Trenton, N. J., and later were successful teachers. Isaac is a graduate of a theological seminary and is now a minister in the Reformed Church in Sharon, N. Y. Hattie was the matron of the Seattle general hospital of Seattle, Wash., for one year, and is now attending a medical college in Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Messler is a member of the Reformed Church of White House, N. J.

Our subject and wife may well be proud of the high standing which they have in the neighborhood where their lives have been passed. They have reared noble sons and daughters to take

places of usefulness in the great world, giving them excellent educational advantages and every opportunity possible for self-improvement. No one is able to truly say that Mr. Messler has not done his duty in each respect toward his family, his neighbors and the general public, for his name is above reproach.



**E**MLEY H. DEATS is one of the most enterprising young business men of Pittstown, Hunterdon County, of which place he has been a resident since he was about six years of age. For several years he was interested in lumber transactions here, but for the past six or seven years he has given his attention to the milling business, of which he is making a success financially. He possesses those qualities of nature and training which rarely fail of being prospered in the world of commerce, and withal is so thoroughly honorable and upright in all his dealings with others that his fellow-citizens place the utmost confidence in his word.

The father of our subject, Emley O., son of Hiram Deats, was also a native of this county, and passed his whole life within its boundaries. He died when in the prime of manhood, being but thirty-five years of age. He was a member of the Baptist Church at Cherryville, and was a faithful Christian in his daily life. For some years prior to his death he was employed in the agricultural works at Pittstown. The mother of the subject of this article was Miss Lizzie Hoff in her girlhood. She was a daughter of Philip and Mary Hoff. She had but the one child, Emley H., and died when he was an infant.

The birth of Emley H. Deats occurred in 1867, in the vicinity of Baptistown, Hunterdon County, and in 1873 he came to live in Pittstown. His education was obtained in the excellent public schools of this place and in the South Jersey Institute, at Bridgeton, N. J. He embarked in

business here about 1888 and soon won for himself a high place among our merchants and citizens. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, being identified with Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton.

The marriage of Mr. Deats and Miss Lizzie P. Fritts was solemnized in 1889. She is a daughter of Stires Fritts (whose sketch is published in another part of this volume), and by her marriage has become the mother of two bright children, a son and a daughter, named respectively, Leland F. and Marguerite H. The parents are both members of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. In his political belief he is affiliated with the Republican party.



**J**OHAN A. LAUGER is numbered among the wide-awake, enterprising young business men of the pretty town of High Bridge, Hunterdon County. He is a native of this place, his birth having occurred here about a quarter of a century ago, upon the 8th of September, 1873. He is a son of Samuel G. and Margaret (Bogart) Lauger, who are respected citizens of Clinton, N. J.

The first nine years of the life of our subject were happily and quietly spent in this his native town, after which, with his parents, he removed to Philadelphia. His father was engaged in business in the Quaker city for a period of three years or more, at the expiration of that time locating in Clinton, where he has since made his home. Thus, his son, John A., was chiefly reared to manhood in the two towns of High Bridge and Clinton, and received his education principally in their public schools. From the time he was twelve years old he helped his father what he could in the senior's business, and thus learned the details of the same while still a mere lad. He continued to work with his father until the winter of 1896, when he went to New York City and

found employment with Alexander McCarty, a proprietor of a market at the corner of Fourth and Sixth avenues. There he stayed for several months, carefully husbanding his resources, and finally, in the spring of 1897, decided to embark in business on his own account.

Having looked around he came to the conclusion that there was no more promising town than that of High Bridge and here he accordingly settled. He has already won the confidence and patronage of many of the best families of the place, and is on the high tide of prosperity. He keeps a fine assortment of meats, etc., in his line, and strives to please his customers. He has thus far confined his efforts to the immediate trade of the townspeople, and finds that he is kept very busy in meeting their wants.

In political affairs Mr. Langer is a true-blue Republican, and is thoroughly patriotic. He is master of his trade and is a practical man of business. From his early youth he has been entirely dependent upon himself for a livelihood, and without capital or influential friends has accomplished whatever of success he now enjoys. February 22, 1896, Mr. Lauger married Miss Maude Leatherman, who was born in Pennsylvania and has lived for several years in High Bridge. The young couple have a pretty and comfortable home, and the best wishes of a host of sincere friends, both here and elsewhere, are theirs.



**C**HARLES W. LEIGH, of Clinton, Hunterdon County, is one of her most aggressive, wide-awake business men. He is actively interested in the commercial, political and social life of the town, and thoroughly endorses industries, improvements, etc., which tend toward the development of our local resources. In 1891 he helped to organize the creamery here, which was originally operated by a stock company, and in February, 1896, he and his partner, James

Wyckoff, became the sole proprietors of the enterprise. It is prospering and brings a good income to the owners.

Our subject comes of distinguished ancestry, and as his name indicates he is of fine old English stock. He is a descendant of Thomas, first Lord Leigh of Stanley, County Warwick, England. Five generations ago the first of the family settled in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County. He bore the Christian name of Joseph, and his son Ichabod, next in the line of descent, married Ann Stout, and their eldest son was Samuel. This Samuel was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and was granted a life pension of \$30 per annum for his services in the time of his country's need. He chose for his wife Amy Blackwell, and their ninth child was Samuel, the grandfather of our subject. He wedded Mary Taylor, and their eldest-born was John T., father of Charles W., of this sketch.

The birth of John T. Leigh occurred near Clinton, April 19, 1821. He had but limited advantages for obtaining an education, and was handicapped by poor health, and was not strong enough to stand farm work. When he was but twelve years of age he went to New Brunswick, and until he reached his majority was engaged as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. He thoroughly mastered the details of the business, and upon arriving at his majority he embarked in the commercial world on his own account, opening a store in Clinton. He conducted this business for about sixteen years, when he was obliged to give it up on account of failing health. For a few years he operated a farm just south of the bridge, near Clinton, he having purchased the same previously, and later he engaged in the manufacture of bricks there, and erected the substantial brick residence which stands on the place. During the war he was active in support of the Union cause, and in his political faith he was an ardent Democrat until about fifteen years before his death, when he espoused the cause of the Prohibition party as a matter of principle. In partnership with two of his brothers, under the style of Leigh Brothers, he was for some time

occupied in doing an extensive business in grain and wool, buying and selling. At one time they were the most extensive speculators of wool in this section; and they also dealt in live-stock.

John T. Leigh was a trustee and deacon in the Baptist Church, and was one of the prime movers in establishing the same, and contributed from \$7,000 to \$10,000 to the building. He was one of the founders of the Clinton National Bank, and continued as a director in that institution until his death. In short, he was foremost in all local enterprises, and was loved, admired and respected by all who knew him. Largely through his efforts the town of Clinton was incorporated, and its citizens honored him by choosing him to serve as the second mayor.

January 11, 1844, Mr. Leigh married Fannie, daughter of Aaron and Mary (Van Syckle) of Norton, N. J. Of the seven children born to them three still survive: Bennett V., cashier in the Clinton National Bank; Emily B., wife of A. L. Allen, an attorney in Chicago; and Charles W. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Leigh married her cousin, Mary Van Syckle, in 1865. Of the children who came to bless their union, seven are still living, viz.: Bessie, wife of Howard Eilenburg; Fannie V., wife of William Weaver, of New York City; Lida, wife of Harry F. Angle, a jeweler of Clinton; Walter V., who is learning the jeweler's trade; Frank V., now serving an apprenticeship to the druggist's business in New York; Robert E. and Harold. Mr. Leigh died July 9, 1892.

Charles W. Leigh was born near this town, February 11, 1857, and received his education in the public schools of Clinton and Lewisburg, Pa., later attending Bryant & Stratton's business college in Philadelphia, where he remained a year. As his father followed the policy of allowing his sons to choose their own occupation unbiased by him, young Leigh concluded to take charge of the dairy business on one of his senior's farms, and from that time until the death of his father he bought and sold live-stock. He was one of the first in this section to bring cattle here from the west. When he was about thirty he went

to Wisconsin, purchased a carload of milch cows, and, though it was a long trip for this kind of stock, he brought them here successfully. He has continued to buy cattle, ship them here, and fatten them for the markets, and in connection with this he runs his creamery; he also handles brewers' grain, selling a couple of carloads a week. Politically he is a staunch Democrat, and was a member of the town council in 1895 and 1896. He belongs to Capoolong Lodge No. 185, I. O. O. F., of Clinton, is past grand of the same and is also a charter member of Clinton Encampment No. 14, of which he is past chief patriarch.

October 29, 1878, Mr. Leigh married Carrie V. Terriberly. Her father, Frederick Terriberly, is now a citizen of Grinnell, Iowa. Mrs. Leigh is a native of New Jersey, but with her parents removed to Princeton, Ill., when she was a child of about five years. To our subject and wife one child has been born, Mabel, a bright young girl, loved by all who know her.



JOHN D. CREGAR is the proprietor of one of the finest and best-kept farms in Hunterdon County, it being situated in Clinton Township, within two miles of the town of Annandale. The numerous and well-filled buildings on the place give evidence of the fertility of the soil and the industry and judicious system of the owner in the management of his affairs. He is a practical agriculturist, and his pleasant and well-appointed home speaks in no uncertain tones of his good judgment and artistic taste.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Andrew Cregar, who was born on the farm formerly known as the River John Cregar place, but is now owned by William Yawger. It is located in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County. Andrew Cregar was a farmer during his entire life, as have been most of his descendants. The father of our subject was William Cregar, a sub-

stantial citizen of Union Township, this county, in his earlier manhood, and later of this locality, for he spent his last days on the homestead now in the possession of John D., of this sketch. To himself and wife, Elizabeth Dilts, four children were born: Charity C., wife of Edgar Lance, of High Bridge Township; John D.; Andrew C., a farmer of Lebanon Township; and Thomas B., a farmer of this township.

John D. Cregar was born March 4, 1836, near Norton, Union Township, Hunterdon County, and in his youth he acquired practical experience in the duties of a farm. He was educated in the neighborhood schools, at a time when such schools were supported by popular subscription. When he was about twenty years old his father removed to this township, buying the farm now owned by our subject, and which has since been his home. He remained with his father, giving his attention to the cultivation and improvement of the farm, and gradually assuming more and more of the manifold duties until his father's death, in 1867, when he bought the place from the other heirs. He owns one hundred and sixty-three acres here, another farm of one hundred and forty-eight acres adjoining, and sixty-eight acres in Lebanon Township and interests in other estates. For a quarter of a century he devoted much attention to dairying, shipping large quantities of milk to the cities, and he also has been interested in growing fruit and raising stock. He is not a politician, simply doing his duty as a voter, his ballot being given to the nominees of the Republican party. Religiously he is identified with the Baptist Church of Clinton, and for eighteen years has been a deacon in the same.

November 1, 1864, Mr. Cregar married Mary E. Bodine, daughter of Peter and Susan (LeFoy) Bodine. The father was born in Hunterdon County, and was a son of John Bodine, whose home was at Three Bridges. Peter Bodine was a farmer by occupation, and when Mrs. Cregar was born was living in Washington, Warren County, N. J., but soon returned here, settling in Union Township, where he bought a farm and spent the rest of his life. He



was a member of the Baptist Church for a number of years prior to his death and was esteemed by all who knew him. His children were as follows: Elizabeth L., wife of Holloway Van Sickle, of Holland Township; Daniel S., a business man of Stockton, N. J.; John T., deceased; Harriet C., who died in early womanhood; Hettie, who never married; Abraham L., deceased; Catherine, widow of Asa C. Hill, of Medina, N. Y.; Jane, widow of Ezra Dewitt, of Scranton, Pa.; and Mary E., Mrs. Cregar.

The only living son of our subject and wife is Peter Bodine, a graduate of the South Jersey Institute, of Bridgeton, N. J., where he completed the scientific course; then graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and is now taking a series of studies in the Philadelphia Medical College. Another son, William Westcott, a young man of great promise, died when in his nineteenth year.



**HENRY F. CRAIG.** Prominent among the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, is the worthy citizen of whom we write. He is one who strives to do his whole duty as a neighbor, patriot, friend, as a father, husband and son, and, as a direct result of his uprightness and integrity of character, his friends are legion. In all measures calculated to advance the best interests of the community in which he dwells he takes an active part, and for the past four years he has served as a member of the township committee, two years of this time having been the treasurer of the board. His right of franchise is used by him in favor of the platform and nominees of the Democracy.

Born September 8, 1850, Henry F. Craig is one of nine children, all but one of whom survive at this writing. The other brothers and sisters are named as follows: William, a resident of this

township; Richard F.; Sarah E., wife of Henry M. Kline, of Clinton; Mary, wife of William B. Dunham, of Somerville, N. J.; Maggie, wife of William Waldron, of New Germantown; Anna, wife of John Skillman, now living on the old homestead of the family; and Robert, also on the old farm. Gertrude, the sister who is deceased, was the wife of David Dunham, of Clinton. The parents of these children were Robert and Elizabeth (Fields) Craig, who came from old and respected county families. (See sketch of William Craig elsewhere in this volume for ancestral history.)

The boyhood days of our subject passed with small event, as is common among farmer lads, whose time is spent in the quiet routine work of the homestead when not attending school. He continued to reside under the old roof-tree until he was grown to maturity, becoming thoroughly familiar with all of the business of the farm. September 29, 1875, he married Mary E. Wyckoff, daughter of Christian and Letitia (Conover) Wyckoff. The young couple dwelt upon the old homestead of our subject's father during the next four years, he being busily engaged in managing the place in the meantime. In February, 1880, they removed to the home where they may be found to-day. It was formerly owned by Robert Craig, father of Henry F., and is a finely improved tract of land, comprising one hundred and eighty acres. Hereon are substantial buildings, fences, etc., all going to make up a model place. Mr. Craig has carried on general farming, raising grain and fruit, and dairying to some extent. He has a large peach orchard, and ships large quantities of the fruit to the city markets annually.

One of the main aims of Mr. Craig in life is to bring up his children to be good and useful citizens of the several communities in which it may be their lot to dwell. To this end he is giving them excellent advantages in the way of an education, and, aided by his good wife, the home influences surrounding them from the cradle have been of the best. They are named in order of birth: Edgar F., Charles W., Henry A. and Gertrude Dunham. Charles is now a student in







HON. GEORGE M. SHIPMAN.

Ryder's Business College in Trenton, and Henry is attending the Delaware Academy of Delhi, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are members of the Presbyterian Church in Lamington. Her father, Christian Wyckoff, was born in Middlebush, Somerset County, N. J., and removed from that locality to this county many years ago. He is still living, being eighty-four years of age, and is making his home with his son, Cornelius Wyckoff, of this township.



**HON. GEORGE MARSHALL SHIPMAN.**

As was his distinguished father before him, Judge Shipman is a leading member of the bar of Warren County, though his reputation is not confined to the limits of the same. More than twenty years have passed by since he was admitted to professional practice. He is a native of Belvidere and has spent most of his life in this pretty and enterprising town, in the upbuilding and improvement of which he takes a deep interest.

The birth of our subject occurred April 20, 1850. He is a son of Jehial and Mary Louisa (Morris) Shipman, whose history may be found elsewhere in this work. In his home life he lived in an atmosphere of literature and books. While he had the inspiration of his father's companionship and talents to quicken his ambition and his example to emulate, yet much of his subsequent success in life has been due to the mental and moral training imparted to him by his mother, who is a woman of superior mental gifts and character. Her father, William C. Morris, was for many years prosecuting attorney for the county of Warren, and her mother was the daughter of the late Gen. William Stryker, a distinguished Jerseyman.

Under the tutelage of Rev. Frederick Knighton, D. D., of Belvidere Classical Academy, the subject of this sketch was prepared for college.

In June, 1870, at the early age of twenty years, he graduated from Princeton, in the classical course. He then began the study of law under his father, and three years later was admitted to the bar. In June, 1876, he became a counselor. He was a partner of his father until the latter's death, and since then has practiced alone. In numerous civil and criminal cases in the county annals he has been actively engaged on one side or the other, and was connected with the noted murder trials of Patrick Ward, Titus, Bolak, Andrews and others. In the winter of 1898 Governor Griggs appointed him presiding judge for the county of Warren, in the court of common pleas. Since the death of his father he has taken his place as counsel for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the New York, Susquehanna & Western; the New Jersey Central and the Lehigh and Hudson Railroads. He is a director in the East Bangor Slate Company, and a director and attorney for the Belvidere National Bank, vice-president of the Belvidere Water Company, director of the Warren Woodworking Company and other large concerns. Socially he is a member of the Easton (Pa.) Pomfret Club. He is actively connected with the American Bar Association.

As a lawyer Mr. Shipman takes front rank among the leading members of the bar of New Jersey, and as a pleader in the higher courts of the state, United States, district and supreme courts, he has won distinction. His papers, which are prepared with great thoroughness, show broad knowledge and familiarity with the application of the principles of law. As an advocate before court or jury, he brings to bear a mind thoroughly trained and cultured. He is a clear, logical and eloquent speaker, always presenting his case with ability and skill. In political affiliations he is a staunch Republican and one of the leaders of his party in the state.

June 26, 1878, Judge Shipman married Anna Louisa Wilson, daughter of Richard D. and Margaret (Stewart) Wilson, of Belvidere. They have three children, Margaret, Jehial G. and George M. The family are identified with the First

Presbyterian Church, of which Judge Shipman has been a member since his boyhood; after the death of his father he was chosen to succeed him as a ruling elder.



**B**ALTIS PICKELL, a life-long resident of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, is one of her prosperous and thoroughly practical agriculturists. In everything that bears upon the good of the people of this locality he is active and interested, always doing his full share in matters of improvement or in the support of general measures for his neighbors' welfare. He is the owner of a desirable homestead of one hundred and thirty-two acres, well improved with substantial farm buildings, fences, etc. He aims to keep everything about the place in a thrifty manner, and is esteemed one of the best farmers of this region.

Our subject was born February 6, 1832, in Readington Township, and is a son of Abraham and Eliza (Vorhees) Pickell. They too were natives of Hunterdon County and were farmers by occupation. Their family numbered eight children, only two of whom are living at the present time, Frances A. and the gentleman of whom we write. The grandfather, Baltis Pickell, was likewise born and reared in this county, and here passed his mature life, his attention being given to rural enterprises. His ancestors were Holland-Dutch people, who came to America before the Revolutionary war and since then the family has been resident in New Jersey for the most part.

In the midst of country sights and occupations, Baltis Pickell's early days rapidly passed away, and before he had attained his majority he was well equipped as a practical farmer. Such education as he had gained was that afforded by the district schools of his home neighborhood, together with such a fund of general information as

he had picked up by reading and observation. From 1864 to 1876 he was engaged in the butcher business, but has also followed farming since his early manhood. In politics he is a Democrat.

January 6, 1861, Baltis Pickell married Alice A. Allegre, who is of French descent, though her ancestors settled in Hunterdon County more than a hundred years ago. Mrs. Pickell grew to womanhood in this county, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, viz.: John L., Fannie V. and Minnie. The family are all church members, Mr. Pickell being a Methodist and his wife a Baptist. They stand very high in the regard of their associates, and are sterling people in every sense.



**J**OHN FRANKS has made his home in Phillipsburg for about thirty years, and is now agent and train dispatcher for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, for this town and also for Easton, across the river. He is actively interested in several local enterprises, being a man who believes in fostering home industries, both in a narrow and in the wider or national signification of the term, for he is a Republican, and an eloquent exponent of the party principles. He is president of the Warren County Gas Light Company; is treasurer of the No. 4 Building and Loan Association of Phillipsburg; is a director of the People's Water Company of this place, and is the owner of a paying coal business. During the campaign preceding the election of President Garfield he organized a Garfield Republican Club, paying all of the expenses incident to the maintenance of the same for three months, and in many ways was of great assistance to the party. In the fraternities he is a Mason, belonging to Independent Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M.; Eagle Chapter No. 12, R. A. M., and DeMolay Commandery No. 6, the two last mentioned being of Washington, this county.

The birth of John Franks took place in the town of Changewater, Hunterdon County, N. J., June 4, 1840. His father, George Franks, was a native of England, and came to the United States in 1821, landing in the city of Baltimore, and lived in that neighborhood a few years. He built the Changewater mill and operated it in 1852. Later he removed to Newark, where he engaged in the manufacture of portable gas machines, and still later he ran a mill in Stanhope, Sussex County, N. J. In 1864, when superintendent of the Sussex Railroad, he was killed in a collision. His good wife, the mother of our subject, had died twenty years before, in 1844, leaving six children. Of these, Henry and Anna, wife of Lawrence McKinney, are residents of Newark, N. J.; Mary, who is unmarried, and Jennie, wife of John Clark, reside in Washington, D. C. A brother of George Franks is a retired officer of the British army, and was a participant in every battle of the Crimean war.

Leaving school when but ten years of age, John Franks had meager opportunities of obtaining an education, but by reading and study, as well as by keen observation of men and events that have come beneath his notice, he is to-day a well-informed man. He was forced to begin earning his own livelihood at a time when he should have been in school, and up to 1852 he worked in his father's mill. Afterwards he learned the trade of a locksmith at Newark, N. J., and remained there until 1856. From that date until the outbreak of the war he was his father's right hand man in the Stanhope mill. In 1861 he enlisted in Serrill's First New York Company of Engineers, and served all through the long and trying war period. He was one of the first of the white troops to enter Richmond April 3, 1865, on the day of the evacuation of the city by the Confederates. He was honorably discharged with the rank of captain in July, 1865.

On returning from years of struggle and hardship on southern battlefields, most men found it difficult in the extreme to collect their scattered business energies and to settle down to the humdrum ways of peace, and so it was in the case of

Mr. Franks. He was not long idle, however, but accepted the first employment that presented itself by which he might honestly earn his living. He became a laborer on the tracks of the Morris & Essex Division of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. In 1866 he was promoted to be foreman of a gang of workmen, and a little later he was made clerk in the freight office of the company at Hackettstown. Then he was given a position as an extra agent, and thus, from one place to another, he was gradually promoted, until in February, 1868, he was sent to take charge of the coal department at this point, which handled about two thousand cars of coal a day. In 1872 he was given the additional work of freight master, and in these two capacities he served for twenty years. In 1892 he was made agent and train dispatcher, and still occupies this responsible post. He was married April 9, 1864, to Isabel, daughter of Francis D. Lawrence, of Sussex County, N. J.



**H**ON. LAWRENCE HAGER TRIMMER. This well and favorably known citizen of Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, is one of her representative men, both in the business and political world. When he started out in life he was obliged to depend entirely upon his own resources, and has advanced step by step until he now holds a truly enviable place in the estimation of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. To his numerous financial enterprises we will refer later, mentioning here the active part he has always taken in promoting the welfare of the Democratic party, to whose platform and principles he is devoted. In acknowledgment of the debt that they owed him in this regard his many political friends have often brought forward his name as a candidate for positions of honor and responsibility, and, having been elected, he has ever shown the spirit

of unwavering fidelity to the duties thus imposed upon him, and has sought the good of the public rather than his own. Among the positions which he has creditably filled are those of township committeeman and member of the legislature. He represented this second congressional district in the assembly of the state in 1889, 1890 and 1891, or three terms.

The Trimmer family is one of the old and highly respected ones of New Jersey, it having been founded here in October, 1738, by one John Trimmer, whose first residence in America was in Philadelphia. At his death, in January, 1749, he left a valuable estate of three hundred acres situated in Amwell Township, this county. His eldest son, Matthias, had removed to German Valley some time prior to 1748, as the records show. He married Anna M. Neighbour, by whom he had ten children. His death took place in 1793. His third child, Jacob, first married A. Mary, daughter of Christopher Kern, and their four children were: Jacob, Christopher, George and Matthias. The last-mentioned, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1785 and died August 31, 1851. He married Elsie Bodine and had ten children, of whom Anthony, the sixth in order of birth, was the father of L. H. Trimmer.

The birth of Anthony Trimmer occurred February 16, 1822, in Lebanon Township. During his early years he helped with the farm work, attending school in the winters. When he was about twenty-one he bought a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in his native township, and carried on this place until 1853, when he sold out and invested the amount realized in a homestead situated in Middle Valley, it being known as the Aaron Howell farm. On this land, a tract of two hundred and forty acres, he resided until 1874, when he rented the farm, which in 1891 was purchased by our subject. In all local affairs Anthony Trimmer took deep interest, doing his full share towards the advancement of the people's welfare. For years he was a township committeeman and an enthusiastic Democrat. Up to the time of his death, which event occurred in February, 1896, and for some years previous,

he was an elder in the German Valley Presbyterian Church. He married Mary, youngest daughter of Andrew Weise, and their children were as follows: Matthias, a business man of New York; Andrew, of Hackettstown; L. H., of this sketch; Mary, wife of Jacob Hann, of Hackettstown; Alice, deceased wife of Dr. Levi Farrow; Morris, who when eleven years of age fell over a wheelbarrow while playing and broke his neck; William S., who died of typhoid fever in January, 1896; George B., who when about twelve years old fell on the ice while skating and burst a blood-vessel in his head, this causing his death two days afterwards; Annie, wife of Charles A. Baker, who is in business in Ledgewood; Nellie, Mrs. E. D. Naughtright; and Charles, who was a victim of an accident. When he was twenty years of age he was caught between the bumpers of some cars and his arm was crushed, and from the resulting shock he never recovered. Mrs. Trimmer is still living, being now in her seventy-fifth year. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Naughtright, and is in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Lawrence Hager Trimmer was born November 21, 1847, near his present residence. He may be truly said to be self educated, as his advantages were very meager when he was a boy, and it has been mainly through his own energy that he has become the well-informed man of the world that he is to-day. He worked on a farm until he reached his majority, when he turned his attention to milling, and has continued in this line of business activity. His mill property was bought by him in 1870 and has since been operated by him. It is run by water-power and is now chiefly used in the manufacture of peach baskets. The factory is one of the largest in the county, turning out four thousand baskets per day. It is the policy of the owner to run the plant at its fullest capacity the year round, in order to give employment to some thirty hands, who would otherwise have difficulty in making a livelihood, especially in winter. In 1875 he embarked in the lumber business, as he owned a portable mill, and, having purchased a tract of timber, would

proceed to cut it and convert it into lumber. He continued thus about ten years, and in 1887 bought some fine timberland near Thomasville, Ga., but sold this two years later to the Quitman Lumber Company.

Recently Mr. Trimmer became largely interested in the Middle Valley Trap Rock & Mining Company, which furnishes crushed stone, especially suitable for macadamized roads. The plant and quarry are situated about a mile and a-half from the town of Middle Valley. The rock found here is the hardest in the state, and the plant has a daily capacity of four hundred tons, it being run by an engine of one hundred and fifty horse power. The company was organized April 6, 1897, with L. H. Trimmer as president; John Wise, vice-president; Lemuel Neighbour, treasurer; Silas Weise, secretary; and Philip R. George, manager, but now the entire stock is held by our subject and Mr. Neighbour. The former gives his whole time to the management of the business, which has increased to such an extent that the New Jersey Central Railway found it expedient to run a branch track to the plant, though it is some distance from the main line. The railroad has also erected a station near the house of Mr. Trimmer, and he has had a switch put in there at his own expense. The name of the station is Crestmoor.

In short, Mr. Trimmer has led a very busy and useful life, bringing to bear upon all of the problems that have confronted him, whether in the commercial world or elsewhere, rare good judgment and superior executive ability. His many and varied personal interests have not consumed all of his time and attention, however, as he has taken a commendable share in public affairs and has strongly at heart the progress of the community in which he dwells. Socially he belongs to Lebanon Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M.; Mansfield Lodge No. 42, I. O. O. F.; Fidelity Lodge No. 123, K. of P., and the Knights of Honor.

February 26, 1869, Mr. Trimmer married Elizabeth, daughter of William Dufford, of Morris County, N. J. They have had fourteen children,

of whom six are deceased, viz.: Leila; Frank and Olive, twins; Grace, Annie and L. H., Jr. The eight who survive are: Edwin, who is studying dentistry in the Philadelphia Dental College; May and Millie D., twins, the former the wife of W. A. Hoffman; Leona; Lamont, who is attending school in Hackettstown; Anthony, Grover C. and Samuel K. Mrs. Trimmer is a member of the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church, to the support of which her husband renders substantial financial aid and in which he acts as one of the trustees.



**G**EORGE L. SHILLINGER is a very influential business man of Phillipsburg, and is equally prominent in political circles of this community. Few enterprises or industries which have added materially to the wealth and welfare of this place have not received his support during a long period of years, and he is always safely counted upon to do all in his power as a patriotic citizen in the promotion of worthy concerns or improvements.

The perusal of the history of a man who has risen by his own strength of character and true merit to a high place in any locality is always interesting, and is especially so in the case of Mr. Shillinger of this sketch. He was born in Northampton County, Pa., July 10, 1857, and attended the district school in the winters until he was fourteen, when he commenced clerking in Stewartsville, Warren County, N. J. At the end of a year he worked again on a farm for a time, then was a clerk in Phillipsburg, and subsequently was a canal boy on the Morris Canal one summer. The following winter he went to school again, and the next season returned to a former employer, James Gardner, working as a clerk, until, at the age of nineteen, he became a partner in the firm, and so continued three years. Then, buying the interest of the others, he carried on

the store for eleven years, since which time he has been a resident of Phillipsburg, and has owned a well-equipped store here ever since. Before leaving Stewartsville he served for three years as postmaster under a Democratic administration. At present he is a director in the Phillipsburg silk mill, is a member of the city board of trade, is a trustee and treasurer of the glass works here, a stockholder in the Phillipsburg Manufacturing Company (farm machinery) and the Furniture Manufacturing Company, of the latter concern having been one of the most active organizers; also stockholder in the horse shoe works and stockholder in the water works of Phillipsburg.

In 1894 Mr. Shillinger was elected to the position of surrogate of Warren County, the first Republican ever honored with the office in this county, and his victory was the more marked because his majority was sixteen hundred and forty votes. He is a power in the ranks of his party, and has proved a most efficient officer whenever he has been called upon to fill public positions, as he has frequently done. He was a school trustee in Stewartsville; was a freeholder here for four years, was a director of the Warren County almshouse for three years, and for four years was one of the committee (and chairman of the same) of the Morris Plains asylum. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, and belongs to the church at Stewartsville. He was elected as a delegate to the general synod of the denomination, which convened in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1890, this being an honor which is coveted by ministers as well as laymen in the church. In the fraternities he is connected with the Odd Fellows, being past grand master in the same, and is a member of the Red Men. In January, 1878, Mr. Shillinger married Mattie, daughter of Tunis Gardner. They have four children, Ada, Annie, Jennie and George L.

Jacob, father of George L. Shillinger, was born in Northampton County, Pa., July 27, 1833. His parents, George and Catherine (Eberlay) Shillinger, were both natives of Germany. The father settled on the Delaware River, in Northampton County, Pa., and there followed farming, though for a time he was in the employ of the

government in the manufacture of gun-stocks. He was a member of the Easton (Pa.) Lutheran Church. He died in the year 1867, aged seventy-six years, and his good wife survived him but five years. Of their five sons, only Jacob is now living. He was employed as a cooper for several years in his early manhood, but since 1861 has been interested in milling. In the fall of 1866 he, in company with his brother-in-law, Isaac Kichline, bought the old mill property in Phillipsburg, it being supplanted in 1876 by a new one. This burned down later, and another building was put up by the firm. After the death of his brother-in-law, in 1877, Mr. Shillinger bought out the interest of the heirs, and continued to run the mill until September, 1895, when he rented it to his two sons, Stewart A. and Samuel F., who are now managing the same. Stewart A. married Mabel Barber and Samuel F. married Sarah, daughter of John I. Bird. The marriage of Jacob Shillinger occurred August 10, 1856, the lady of his choice having been Louisa, daughter of Samuel Kichline. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and are most worthy citizens.



JACOB K. LEWIS, an honored old citizen of White House, Hunterdon County, is a native of Somerset County, N. J., his birth having taken place April 20, 1838. He is the only surviving child of a family of four whose parents were Samuel and Eleanor (Layton) Lewis, both natives of this state. Those who have died are Eveline, Isaac and Samuel. The grandfather of our subject, Isaac Lewis, was born and always resided in this state, but his father was a native of Holland. The family has long been numbered among the thrifty, industrious people of New Jersey, and have been noted for their patriotism and loyalty. Samuel Lewis was a prominent man in his neigh-



borhood, and held many local positions of responsibility and trust, such as assessor, collector of taxes, poor-master, etc.

From his early recollections Jacob K. Lewis lived on a farm, as his father conducted a good homestead, in addition to running a tannery. He remained in Somerset County until he came to White House. Here he is engaged in blacksmithing and is also an undertaker. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to White House Lodge No. 207, and in political affairs he is to be found on the side of the Prohibition party, to the principles of which he is deeply devoted. By a life of the utmost probity, integrity and straightforwardness of conduct he has won the esteem and goodwill of a large circle of friends and associates. In his business he has been prospered, and is now well-to-do.

November 2, 1878, Jacob K. Lewis and Catherine Neff were united in marriage. Mrs. Lewis was born and reared to womanhood in New Jersey. She is the fourth of seven brothers and sisters, the others being, David, John, Fannie, Abraham, Jacob and George. Their parents were Jacob and Elinor (Biggs) Neff, both of this state, and farmers by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and lend their influence toward the support of all worthy religious enterprises in this vicinity.



**R**OBERT FENWICK, M. D., a retired physician of Junction, Hunterdon County, is a native of England, having been born April 14, 1819, in the county of Durham, near Newcastle-on-Tyne. He came to America in 1842, and since the termination of the Civil war has made his home in this town. He received a good general education in his native land and there took up the study of medicine under the instruction of a preceptor. For a time after his arrival in this country he engaged in teaching, in the mean-

time keeping up his medical work, and at last he entered the New York University, graduating from the medical department with a degree in 1854.

The doctor began the practice of his profession in Amundale, but during the panic of 1857 he went to Mayville, N. Y., and established himself in business. While living there the war broke out, and he enlisted on the three months' call, in June, 1862, in the One Hundred and Fourth New York Regiment. Upon his return he found three doctors in his vacant place, and he concluded to re-enlist in the service. He was commissioned surgeon in the One Hundred and Forty-sixth New York Regiment, and remained throughout the war. He participated in the numerous engagements in which the Fifth Army Corps was concerned, including the battles of Appomattox, Gettysburg, Antietam, Bull Run, etc. He was not, like some of the army surgeons, safely keeping himself in the rear of danger, but was noted for the daring and bravery which he constantly manifested, and many a narrow escape did he have. In one instance he was in the forefront of a battle-line, attending to a wounded soldier, when his colonel ordered him back. He had intended to take part in a charge that was planned, but the colonel would not hear to it, and fortunately he obeyed, as the charge was disastrous in the extreme, and the poor colonel, among many others, was killed. At the battle of the Wilderness, as he was caring for a soldier in the thickest of the struggle, a shell exploded near him, and it would have appeared that his time had come. A young man who was assisting him was killed, but the piece of the shell which did the work grazed his coat, and another fragment tore across the back of his hand, severing all of the tendons, this being the extent of his injuries. The wound was very painful, and after three months had not healed, but he returned to his post of duty, nevertheless. His regiment was then in front of Petersburg and was greatly reduced in numbers, owing to the terrible struggle at Cold Harbor.

The doctor was next at Weldon Railroad, and then at Hatchies Run. At the last-mentioned

place a laughable incident occurred. Some rebels were partaking of their evening mess in a little hollow, when the members of a brass band, who were returning to the Union camp, lost their way and seeing the camp-fire drew near. They no sooner perceived that the party around the fire was of the enemy than the latter discovered them, and there was nothing for them to do but to make a charge. With a blast on their musical instruments the Union band dashed forward, commanding the rebels to surrender, which they did, as they had been taken by surprise and were unarmed. They were greatly chagrined when they found they had been captured by a brass band, but they made the best of the situation, and fraternized immediately after they had surrendered.

When the war clouds rolled away the doctor returned to his interrupted practice, and at once settled in Junction, where he had to begin at the beginning again and laboriously build up a reputation and clientage. He succeeded fairly well in his endeavor, but found that the best energy and endeavor of his life had been spent on the battlefield of his adopted country. He has been connected with the local Grand Army post for a number of years, but has not recently attended the same. He uses his franchise on behalf of the Republican party, and is loyal to its principles, which he believes are for the best interests of the people.

February 9, 1849, the doctor married Sarah B., daughter of George and Mary Henry, of Bethlehem, this county. Of their children those living are: Georgiana, born November 3, 1849, wife of Adam Rinehart, of Pennsylvania; Fannie, Mrs. Abraham Van Derveer, of Dover, N. J.; Howard, born March 7, 1853, and now a conductor on the New Jersey Central Railroad, his home being in Junction; Kate, born July 1, 1856, wife of William J. Hodge, of Kearney, N. J.; Sarah Helen, born October 23, 1862, wife of W. E. Smith, of Scranton, Pa., but she died March 25, 1898; Robert, Jr., born April 7, 1865, a conductor on the Central Railroad, with his home in Junction; and Barbara, born October 17, 1869, wife of Peter Hardy, of this place; George,

born April 20, 1867, was a conductor on the Central Railroad, and was killed at Manch Chunk, when in his twenty-seventh year. Mary Bertha, born September 6, 1871, died May 31, 1895.



REV. S. J. ROWLAND, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Hunterdon County, is in the prime of his life and usefulness, and during the period that he has ministered to the spiritual needs of this congregation he has been blessed. His influence for good is a power in this community beyond his own most sanguine expectations, and his many quiet acts of kindness and generosity towards the poor and needy and suffering makes his name associated with a prayer or blessing on the lips of many whom the world knows not of. In his daily life he puts into active practice the noble principles that he teaches, and this it is that raises him to an exalted place in the estimation of all who know him.

The parents of the above are James and Margaret (McNeily) Rowland, natives of Delaware County, N. Y., and Ireland, respectively. The father has been a life-long agriculturist, a good and patriotic citizen, a kind neighbor and friend, and a tender husband and father. His wife came to America with her parents when she was a child and was reared to womanhood in Delaware County, N. Y. The worthy couple, though now advanced in years, are still in the enjoyment of perfect health and the possession of all their faculties.

Rev. S. J. Rowland was born in West Kortright, Delaware County, N. Y., November 17, 1852, and obtained his primary school education in the public ones of that locality. Later it was his privilege to attend the Delaware Literary Institute in Franklin, and afterwards he was a student in Stanford. In 1873 he matriculated in Princeton College, graduating from that institution of learning four years subsequently. He then entered the theological seminary at Princeton, where he completed





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the required course of study in 1880. During the vacations and intervals in his collegiate career the young man engaged in teaching, meeting with success in that line of work. Having been admitted to the ministerial office he was placed in charge of a congregation in Dayton, N. J., and at the end of two years and a-half of earnest endeavor in that field he was transferred to Fayetteville, N. Y. In 1884 he came to his present pastorate, where he has been a very active and zealous worker in the Master's vineyard.

August 6, 1884, the marriage of Mr. Rowland and Miss Sadie B. Schneck, a charming and accomplished young lady of Dayton, N. J., was solemnized. She is a daughter of the well-known citizen of that place, George W. Schneck. A son and daughter blessed the union of our subject and wife, called respectively, Reginald and Nina.



**J**OHAN GRANDIN. The life of a good man has an influence that is very far-reaching, an influence that cannot be estimated, and truly, "their works do follow them." When the pilgrim is worn and wearied with the struggles of life's battlefield the gentle angel of death bids him rest from his labors and enter into his reward. Among the men whose upright, noble lives helped to uplift and better humanity in the community in which their lot was cast was numbered for years the worthy citizen whose name is placed at the beginning of this review. He was a native of Hunterdon County, his birth having taken place upon the old homestead where his father had settled in the latter part of the last century. His birthplace was the old farm house in Hamden that had been erected by his senior, and this building is still standing in a fair state of preservation.

The Grandin family originated in France, those of the name in this country being descendants of Daniel Grandin, who emigrated to America from

France about 1725 and located in Monmouth, N. J. His sons, John and Philip, later removed to Hunterdon County, where they purchased an estate of some one thousand acres. They followed agricultural pursuits and also built a milling property, where they manufactured cloth, the entire surrounding country being supplied from this source in early days. The water right of this mill was granted in 1752 and transferred to them in 1759. No family occupied so prominent a place in the early history of this section, and their influence was potential in shaping the early commercial, social and religious life of this community.

In his boyhood and youth John Grandin made the best of his opportunities, which were meager enough, at least in an educational way, for the schools of that day were of little account in the sparsely settled districts of the country. He early learned the practical duties of agriculture, and when he arrived at a suitable age he embarked in business for himself. As the years passed he took a place among the enterprising and successful farmers of the time, and gained for himself a reputation for fairness, justice and strict integrity of word and deed that was worth more than mere worldly possessions, and is a legacy of which his children were justly proud. He was quiet and unassuming, attending to his own affairs, and whenever the chance came in his way, was ready and glad to lend a helping hand to a neighbor or to the poor. Nature gifted him with a keen, quick intellect, and he frequently did notary work or other things which the ordinary man of his period felt himself incapable of attempting. His long and useful career was brought to a close January 13, 1884, and his memory is cherished by the hosts of friends whom he had endeared to himself by his noble qualities.

September 17, 1816, the marriage of Mr. Grandin and Elizabeth H. Reading was solemnized. Together they passed along the rugged journey of life, sharing each other's burdens and pleasures until the beloved wife and mother was summoned to the silent land, October 14, 1842. Thenceforth the bereaved husband pursued his

routine of work and effort alone for over forty years, but was ever cheered by the thought that in a little while, after all, they should be reunited, to part no more. Their union was blessed with five children, viz.: Daniel, Mary, Elizabeth, Dr. John F. and Jane E. Of the entire family only the youngest, Miss Jane, survives. She is a lady of most lovable characteristics, a sincere Christian, and a valued worker in the Presbyterian Church. Her home has been in the town of Clinton for a number of years, and in this locality she has numerous friends, who esteem her most highly.



**F**RANCIS ROBERT LEE. The life which this narrative sketches was spent in Hunterdon County, where it began in 1802 and closed in 1892. Spared to attain an age which few reach, Mr. Lee did not, with advancing years, lose his interest in his fellow-men, but retained to the last the progressive spirit that had characterized him when in his prime. The latter part of his life was quietly passed in Baptistown, where he and his family were surrounded by the comforts his industry had accumulated and rendered possible. The majority of his co-workers have passed away, but he is remembered by the present generation as a man of worth of character and unflinching honesty.

William Lee, father of our subject, was born in 1752 and throughout life followed the calling of a teacher, having charge of schools in different parts of Hunterdon County. In early years he identified himself with the Presbyterian Church, with which he remained connected until his death, at the age of eighty years. By his marriage to Mary McCollom, he had a family of ten children, but all of these are now deceased. Francis Robert was reared near Pattenburg and when quite young turned his attention to farming, which he made his lifework. In 1833 he purchased the

farm situated one mile from Baptistown and now owned by his children. There he made his home for thirty-five years, engaged in the cultivation of the place. Finally, however, he retired from active labor, and removed to the village of Baptistown, where he resided until his death, thirty years later.

When the Republican party was organized Mr. Lee became one of its adherents, being a supporter of the theory of protection of home industries. Later, however, realizing the injury wrought by the liquor traffic, he became a Prohibitionist, and ever after gave his allegiance to the party pledged to oppose the saloon. In the Baptist Church he served as a deacon for half a century and his conduct was always consistent with his profession as a Christian. To that church also belonged his wife, Esther, daughter of Joseph and Susan Dalrymple, and a woman of estimable character. She passed away at the age of seventy-five, some years before her husband's death. Of their eight children three are now living. Ann H., who resides in Baptistown; Mary, wife of Archibald Trout; and Elizabeth, Mrs. J. M. Pittinger. The deceased children were named William, Joseph, Samuel, Sarah and Charles M., the latter being a young man of superior ability, a graduate of Geneva (N. Y.) College and afterward a practicing physician at Ringoes, Hunterdon County, until his death at thirty-two. He married Caroline Waldron, of New York state, and they became the parents of a son, Charles M. W., who is now a medical student in Philadelphia.



**A**NDREW J. REEVES, who for over three decades has been numbered among the leading citizens of Junction, Hunterdon County, has taken great interest in everything pertaining to the upbuilding and development of the place. He was very prominently connected with the movement which resulted in the incor-

poration of Junction as a borough, which measure has been of undoubted benefit to this community, in that the taxes have been reduced and more local improvements inaugurated than ever before were feasible. Since then he has been a member of the council, and has been noted for his favoring of all things in the way of progress. He votes the Democratic ticket, and has officiated as a committeeman for a number of years.

The birth of A. J. Reeves took place in the township of Lebanon, in this county, February 14, 1835. His father, George Reeves, was a native of England, coming from his former home direct to Hunterdon County, and here spending the remainder of his days. He followed farming in Bethlehem Township for years prior to his death, which event occurred in 1858. He was a Democrat politically, and in religion was a Methodist, being a trustee in the church. For his wife he chose Margaret Henry, of this county, and of the five children born to them three are now living. Henry E. is a resident of Flemington and John C. makes his home in Clinton. William C., who lived to maturity, and Sylvester, who died while young, are the two who have been called to the silent land.

In his youth our subject had small advantages in an educational way, but made the best of such as he had, and in time became the well-informed man that he is to-day, mainly by reading and practical experience in the business world. When he was about eighteen years of age he left home and began learning the trade of a shoemaker. At this calling he was employed several years in different places prior to coming to Junction. After coming to this place he conducted a boot and shoe store, which he carried on for twenty-six years. He sold out his stock in 1896, since which time, in order not to be idle, he does repairing. He was careful of his means, making a practice of laying aside a portion of his earnings, and from time to time investing his funds judiciously. In this manner he gained a foothold financially, and for a number of years he was a director of the Clinton National Bank, and still holds considerable stock in that well-known insti-

tution. In 1867 he settled in Junction, where he owns some property and has built several houses. The cause of education finds in him a sincere champion, and he is ever to be found on the side of better facilities for the rising generation. His services, during the fourteen years that he has been a member of the board of education here, have had a beneficial effect upon our local school system in many respects. Since 1890 he has been treasurer of Minerva Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F., of Junction, and is also identified with Hero Encampment No. 42.

March 6, 1867, Mr. Reeves was united in marriage with Adeline Rinehart, whose father was the late Peter Rinehart, of Bethlehem Township. The only child of our subject and his estimable wife is Carrie, now the wife of Dr. W. J. Hardy, of Belmont, Allegany County, N. Y.



**A**UGUSTUS HINKEL is a worthy representative of the Fatherland, which country has contributed much toward the development and prosperity of New Jersey, through her vigorous, true-principled sons, who have made this their adopted country and home, and have given of their sturdy manhood to advance civilization. This gentleman of whom we write has been a resident of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, for the past twenty-two years, and during this period has lent his influence to the support of all enterprises calculated to accrue to the lasting benefit of the town.

A son of Frank and Mary Hinkel, our subject was born in the province of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 19, 1849, and was educated in the schools of his native land. He served an apprenticeship of three years as a blacksmith, and when but seventeen he, in company with two other youths of about the same age, left home and sailed for America, the land of promise. Going to Philadelphia, where he had some distant

relatives whom he had never seen, Augustus Hinkel thus made his start in the New World in the Quaker city. He had all of the disadvantages which confront the stranger in a strange land, the unknown language, the lack of friends and influence, and he was, moreover, almost without funds. He had a brave heart and willing hands, however, and it was not long ere he had gained a footing, from which time onward the way was easier. He followed his trade in Philadelphia for about a year, then going to New Germantown, Hunterdon County. There he worked as a journeyman several years, and in 1875 he embarked in business on his own account, by purchasing his employer's shop. He did general blacksmith work, painting and repairing vehicles and similar work.

In 1876 Mr. Hinkel sold out his business in New Germantown, and removing to Lebanon, bought out David Brown, rebuilding the shop, enlarging and increasing its capacity as his increasing trade demanded. He is a thorough mechanic, being master of his trade, and at present does some manufacturing in addition to job work. His wife's father, George N. Apgar, formerly carried on the same shop originally established by his father, Henry Apgar, and in addition to this ran an undertaking establishment. Five years ago Mr. Hinkel, in company with Peter S. Niper, opened an undertaking business, and is still interested in the same. In political matters he is a Democrat. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Stewart Lodge No. 34, of Clinton, and also is a member of Vesper Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F., of Lebanon.

While a resident of New Germantown Mr. Hinkel was first married, his wife being Ernestine Kern, who, like himself, was a native of Germany. They became the parents of two children: Ernestine, who died in infancy, and Mary, now the wife of Gustav Eleert, of Newark. The lady who now bears the name of our subject was formerly Alma Apgar, of this vicinity, and daughter of George N. Apgar. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkel are members of the Reformed Church of this place, he having held a number of official positions in

the congregation. He deserves great credit for the success he has attained, as it is the result of his years of honest, industrious toil and sturdy purpose to win in the way he had marked out for himself.



**T**HEODORE MILLER, M. D. For about a quarter of a century this successful physician has been established in a large and constantly growing practice in Califon, Hunterdon County. During the five years just elapsed he has made a specialty of gynecology or the diseases of women, and has been particularly fortunate in his dealings in this branch of medical science. From his early student days he has been unremitting in his researches, as he is of the class of progressive men who are not satisfied to stand still, but are ever pressing onward to greater success and wider knowledge in the chosen field of their efforts. Besides attending to the demands of his profession the doctor has owned and carried on a well-equipped drug store here, but of late his time has been so fully occupied that he has placed in charge of the store his nephew, Dr. John Miller, who is his right hand assistant in many ways.

The paternal grandparents of our subject are John and Mary L. (Lane) Miller. The former was a native of England, came to America when a young man and thenceforth dwelt in the neighborhood of Flemington, N. J. His wife was born in New York City and was a descendant of Anne Kajans, a well-known character in the history of New York state. The children of John and Mary (Lane) Miller were: Charles, of Flemington; John, Jr., and Phoebe, who became the wife of Acker Moore, of Sand Brook, Hunterdon County. John Miller, Sr., was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that calling in Morris County until late in life, when he removed to Califon, here passing his declining days. He died in 1882, being survived six years by his



faithful wife, and they lie side by side in Lower Valley Cemetery. In her girlhood Mrs. Miller was Mary L. Ribbons. Of their children the following survive: Ada, wife of John Apgar, of Califon; Theodore; Dr. Henry H., of Lebanon; Jacob N., a farmer of this locality; John B., a blacksmith in Powell, N. J.; Leonard F., of Califon; Morris, a resident of Stephenburg, N. J., and father of Dr. John Miller, previously mentioned; and Charles, a retired merchant of this place.

The birth of Dr. Theodore Miller took place August 16, 1853, in Middle Valley, and in his boyhood he helped his father dutifully at the forge and in many other ways. He was of a studious turn of mind and seemed gifted by nature with unusual ability. He early determined to have a first-class education, and after leaving the common schools he entered Stoutenburg Seminary, at Schoolish Mountain, N. J. Later he was a pupil in the Collegiate Institute in Matawan, and when he was but sixteen he obtained a school and for the next four years taught with very marked success. In the meantime he was himself a student, reading medical works under the tutelage of Dr. J. S. Lindabury, of Mountainville, for three years. After pursuing a course in the New York University he graduated therefrom in the spring of 1873. He immediately opened an office for practice in Califon, and has been here up to the present time. His reputation has become more than local and he ranks high in the estimation of his brother-physicians.

In the fraternities the doctor is identified with Fidelity Lodge No. 122, K. of P., of which he is a charter member; he is also a Mason, belonging to Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton. Politically he is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are connected with Lower Valley Presbyterian Church. His first marriage was with Emma G. Welsh, daughter of David Welsh, and to this union one child, Nellie, was born. Her mother died in October, 1878, since which time she has lived with her grandparents. October 5, 1882, the doctor married Carrie N. Leigh, whose parents were Gabriel and Hannah R. (Latowrette)

Leigh, of Potterstown, N. J. Three children were born to our subject and wife, Carrie; two died in early childhood and their sole surviving child is Clare. They have a pleasant home and take genuine delight in entertaining within its hospitable walls their hosts of friends.



**JAMES P. GARY.** The record of the Gary family shows that it was founded in America by four brothers who came from Scotland and settled, one in Maryland, another in South Carolina, the third in Georgia, and Peter (our subject's ancestor) near Croton, in New Jersey. Among the other pioneer settlers they were known for their integrity of character and energy of disposition. Peter Gary, Jr., a son of the original pioneer, spent his entire life in the neighborhood of Croton, where he was known as the rake maker. He died when about fourscore years of age. His son, Mahlon, who was born near Croton, learned the wheelwright's trade in youth, and this he followed until his death, at the age of forty-five. He chose as his wife Sarah, daughter of William and Rachel (Evans) Case; she was a life-long adherent of the Baptist faith and was a woman of much sweetness of heart and sincerity of character. Her life was prolonged beyond the usual span of existence, closing when she was ninety-one years of age. Of her eight children four are now living, namely: Mary, who is the widow of John Madison; Peter, who resides in Raritan, N. J.; James P.; and Ruth, wife of C. Philhour.

At the family homestead in Raritan, near Croton, the life here sketched began in 1826. Until sixteen years of age the boy remained on the home farm, but in 1842 he went to Washington, Warren County, and there learned the wheelwright's trade, which he followed for some time. For seven years he was an employe in a machine shop at Quakertown. In 1856, coming to Bap-

tistown, he bought his present homestead, a farm of fifty acres, situated in Kingwood Township, and in 1867 he increased his possessions by the purchase of the William Roberson farm of eighty-one acres. He has carried on farm pursuits and the wheelwright's trade since 1857, and has been quite successful financially.

Politically a Republican, Mr. Gary has been chosen on his party ticket to occupy a number of responsible local offices. For five years he was justice of the peace and from 1870 until 1874 he held the position of postmaster at Baptistown, both of which he filled in a manner satisfactory to all and indicative of his ability and intelligence. He and his family attend the Baptist Church, in the work of which he is interested and to which he is a contributor. In 1856 occurred his marriage to Miss Elizabeth L., daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Leonard) Dalrymple. Four children bless their union: William; Mary E., wife of John R. Sutton; Mahlon G.; and Frank L., who are engaged in the mercantile business at Reaville, Hunterdon County.



**H**ORATIO P. MILBERN is the proprietor of the Pattenburg Hotel, in Pattenburg, Hunterdon County, having had charge of it since the spring of 1890, when he became its purchaser. The house is a large, well-appointed structure, affording pleasant and ample accommodations to the traveling public. Since he assumed the management he has renovated and refurnished a large share of the rooms, making many improvements and greatly raising the standard of the establishment.

Few men have led a more eventful and busy life. For over a quarter of a century Mr. Milbern was occupied in railroad construction, and in the discharge of his manifold duties was employed in nearly every state and territory of the Union, the sole exceptions being New Hamp-

shire, Vermont, Florida and Washington. Among the railroads which he assisted in building is the Union Pacific and among the varied departments of labor in which he was employed are stationary engineer, foreman of steam-shovel gang, steam-pumps, etc. etc. In the early part of 1890 he determined to settle down, as he was about tired of the numerous moves which he was always having to make, owing to the nature of his employment, and, having seen all portions of this fair land and dwelt in scores of towns, he yet preferred to return to the county of his birth, to pass his remaining years among the familiar scenes of his youth.

The eldest of six children who survive of a family originally numbering eleven, H. P. Milbern was born March 10, 1840, in Reaville, Hunterdon County. His parents were Joseph and Catherine (Carkuff) Milbern, and his surviving brothers and sisters are: Nancy, wife of Mahlon Smith, of Nebraska; Sarah, wife of Bishop Smith, of Jersey City; Margaret, Mrs. John Hand, of Glen Gardner; Jonas, a machinist of New Durham; and Lycurgus, a railroad man of New Durham. The early advantages of our subject, especially in the way of an education, were extremely meager. He began to earn his own living when but nine years old by working for neighboring farmers and from the time that he was seventeen has been entirely dependent upon his own resources. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company H, Third New Jersey Infantry, and at the end of three months, the term of his enlistment, he returned to the service, becoming a private in Company G, Thirtieth New Jersey Regiment. During the following nine months he participated in the numerous and oftentimes disastrous battles in which his regiment was concerned, among these being that of the first Bull Run conflict. He was wounded in that memorable battle but remained in the ranks, doing gallant service in behalf of the stars and stripes he has ever held dear. Afterwards began his railroad experience, which extended up to eight years ago, when he justly felt that his arduous and active career should begin to flow in more

peaceful channels. The boys who wore the blue and fought under the same flag with himself have always maintained a warm place in his heart, and since locating here he has joined the Lambert Boeman Post No. 48, G. A. R., of Flemington. In his political faith he has always been a Democrat.

The first marriage of Mr. Milbern was celebrated March 9, 1863, when Miss Catherine Hoagland became his wife. They had two children, but both died and the mother followed them to the better land August 8, 1890. The present wife of our subject was formerly Rosie J. Lake, a daughter of John Lake, whose home is near Flemington. Mr. and Mrs. Milbern have one child, Lizzie. Mrs. Milbern is a member of the German Reformed Church.



**S**AMUEL J. CARHART, proprietor of a general store in Annandale, Hunterdon County, is a man who has risen from an humble position to a place where he commands the respect and admiration of all. By his own individual effort, by honest hard work and untiring perseverance at whatever he undertook he gradually made a place for himself, and is now numbered among the well-to-do and influential citizens of this county. Not only in the commercial field, but in the social circles of this town as well, he is welcomed and popular. He is an Odd Fellow, connected with Stuart Lodge No. 154, of Trenton, belongs to the German Valley Encampment and to the Knights of the Golden Eagle and is identified with Mutual Lodge No. 64, Knights of the Golden Chain, of Trenton.

S. J. Carhart was born December 5, 1852, in Springfield Farm, near Calvert, Cecil County, Md. His father, Larison J., was a native of Pennsylvania, but for a number of years has been a prosperous farmer of Maryland. Of the four children born to himself and wife, Demaris C.

Hambleton, only two are still living. Our subject was but thirteen years old when he lost his mother, and the home was broken up. He went to live with an uncle, Capt. Samuel Bonnell, near Clinton, remaining with that worthy man until he was in his twentieth year. His education was obtained in the common schools and Clinton Academy. Upon entering the business world he found employment as a traveling salesman for a Geneva nursery company of Geneva, N. Y., for two years, after which, about 1877, he located at Newtown, Pa., and was foreman of a nursery company there four years. His next employment was with William Dalton & Co., of Trenton, N. J. This great concern, dealing in wholesale groceries, do an annual business of about a \$1,000,000.

Young Carhart commenced with them in an inferior position at small wages, and gradually worked his way up until he occupied one of the most responsible posts in the management. This was due to the faithfulness he manifested and his steady application to business, but his health became somewhat impaired by this very means, and he at last resigned. He bought a stock of goods at Middle Valley soon afterwards, and conducted a store there successfully five and a-half years. In addition to carrying on this business he also ran a coal yard for a time with profit. In 1893 he sold out his former ventures and removed to Annandale, where he purchased the interest of his predecessor and put in a clean stock of goods. Here he has done remarkably well, and his trade is constantly on the increase. In the best sense of the term he is a natural financier and business man, far-seeing, methodical, punctual in meeting all obligations, obliging and courteous to one and all. One needs but to step inside of his well-appointed place of business to form a good idea of the volume of his custom, as a scene of bustling activity is always presented to the observer. In political matters he is a Republican.

October 14, 1875, Mr. Carhart married Lucinda Gano, daughter of John Gano, of Norton, Hunterdon County. He was a successful farmer, and

is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Carhart had four sons living, viz.: John B., Arthur I. and Oliver A., twins, and Leon. Another infant son was claimed by death, and also the only little girl, Mary D., who died when in her twelfth year. The parents are members of the Methodist Church of Lebanon, are active in Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor work and are liberal contributors to the general funds of these departments. Mr. Carhart is a member of the official board of the congregation, and has been president of the Endeavor Society.



**S**ANFORD R. TOMSON, numbered among the prosperous and practical agriculturists of Union Township, Hunterdon County, is the sterling citizen whose name stands at the beginning of this memoir. He has devoted his life to agriculture, and is a man of wide experience in everything pertaining to the management of a farm. From boyhood he has enjoyed the free outdoor life of the countryman, the independence that is the heritage of the tiller of the soil, in a much greater degree than of any other class.

A son of E. Tomson, proprietor of the Clinton Hotel, our subject was born in Warren County, N. J., January 27, 1859, and spent his boyhood and youth in his native state. He was given the advantages of a public-school education, becoming well informed on the more practical branches of knowledge. When he was eighteen he concluded that he would try his fortunes in the west, which held out flattering inducements to the young man starting out upon a business career. Going to Des Moines County, Iowa, he was there engaged in farming for a period of three years, after which he removed to Henry County. Buying eighty acres near the county-seat, Mount Pleasant, he devoted himself to the cultivation and improvement of the place until 1894, when he sold it and returned to his old

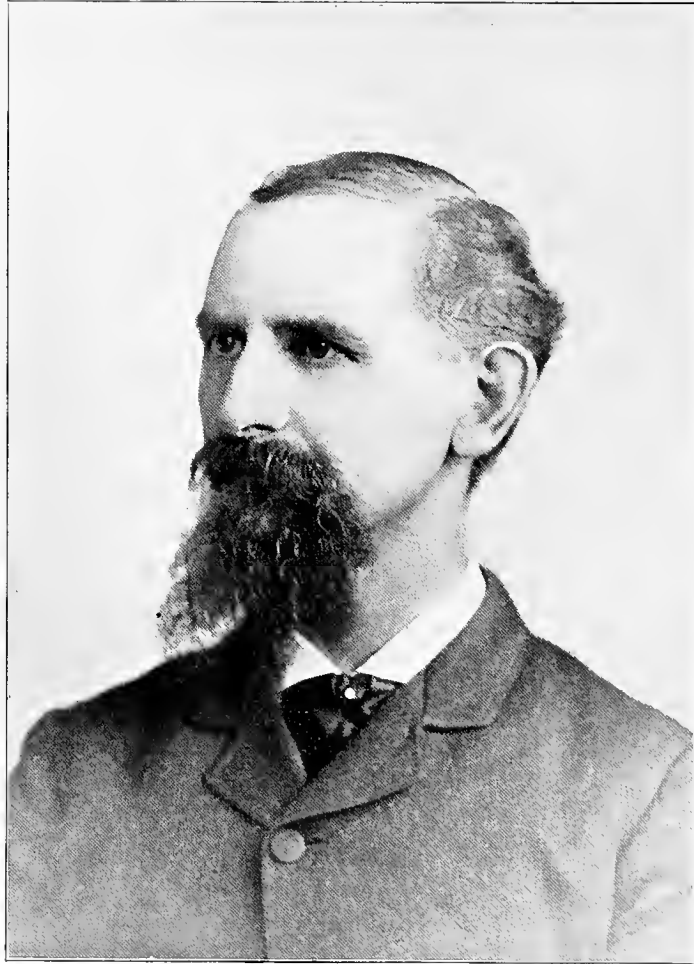
home. He became the owner of what was known as the Capt. Samuel Bonnell farm, a tract of two hundred and four acres, and has since given his attention to the raising of the crops commonly grown in this region. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Poland-China hogs, and keeps a large number. By industrious application and unwearying effort he has acquired a competence before reaching middle life, and is justly entitled to the high position of respect in which he is held by his associates and neighbors. He has never aspired to public office, and merely does his duty as a voter, giving his ballot to the nominees of the Republican party.

While making his home in Iowa Mr. Tomson met the lady whom he subsequently married, January 19, 1881. She was formerly Alveretta Stivers, daughter of John and Sarah (Vandermark) Stivers. A native of Illinois, she was born in Lawrence County, and lived there until she was about thirteen years of age, when she went to the home of her grandfather Vandermark, in Des Moines County, Iowa, there attaining maturity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tomson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Clinton, and for three years the former has been a trustee of the congregation. He is interested in whatever makes for the advancement and substantial progress of the community in which he dwells, and is a true patriot, giving his influence to righteousness. In the family of himself and wife there are five bright, promising children, viz.: Annie, Emanuel (named for his paternal grandfather), Ora Alice, Bessie and Lester.



**G**EORGE N. CLARK was born upon the old homestead in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, which he now owns and operates. He is thoroughly known in this neighborhood, and to his praise be it said, that no citizen of the community is more highly esteemed. He posses-





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ses the enthusiasm and energy of early manhood, and at the same time is practical and far-seeing to a marked degree. In the advancement of the best interests of this locality he ever strives to do his full share, and any measure worthy of the public support is certain to receive his influence and ballot.

The Clark family to which our subject belongs is an old and honored one in Connecticut. His grandfather, Samuel J., was born in that state and is still living, though well along in years, his home being in Germantown, Hunterdon County, N. J. The parents of George N. Clark are George and Annie (Lane) Clark, natives of New Jersey. (See their sketch, which appears elsewhere in this volume.)

As previously mentioned our subject is a native of this township, the date of his birth being May 22, 1871. After receiving an elementary education in the district schools of the neighborhood he finished his higher education in the classical school in Somerville, N. J., then pursuing a business course in Stewart's Commercial College, of Trenton, N. J. From boyhood he had been accustomed to aid in the manifold duties of farm management with his father. On completing his education he returned to agricultural pursuits, which he enjoyed much more than city or town life. He remained on the home farm until the spring of 1895, when he took possession of the Ramsey homestead formerly owned by his great-grandmother Ramsey. There are one hundred and ten acres in the place, which is finely adapted to general farming purposes. Mr. Clark makes a specialty of dairying, keeps about twenty-five cows, and makes a comfortable income from this source alone. A creamery, founded and conducted by his father, is situated near, in fact, being located upon a part of the farm. The matter of peach growing is a favorite hobby with him, for he owns a fine orchard of twenty-five acres of trees.

October 12, 1893, Mr. Clark married Susie, daughter of David C. and Anna (LaRue) Sharp, who died January 14, 1895. December 23, 1897, he married his second wife, Margaret, daughter

of Joseph and Susan (Johnson) Ramsey, of Hamden. They are members of the Reformed Church of Lebanon. For two years he has been the treasurer of the society of Christian Endeavor, and he is also identified in Sunday-school work. He is connected with the order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Vesper Lodge No. 239, of Lebanon, and in his political relations he is affiliated with the Democratic party. Gifted by nature and training with excellent business qualifications, Mr. Clark is steadily advancing along the highway leading to success; and, judging by what he has already accomplished, it is safe to predict for him a bright and promising future.



**L**UTHER HOFFMAN is the proprietor of the Lebanon Stock Farm, situated in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County. This place is the old family homestead, where he was born, reared to manhood and has spent his whole life. He has had a very active, successful career, replete with prosperous business ventures and investments. He has been particularly judicious, far-seeing and energetic in the management of his affairs and his public spirit has redounded to the benefit of the people of this neighborhood in large measure.

Grandfather Henry Hoffman was a Hollander by birth and was a settler in this county in the latter part of the eighteenth century. His son, William H., father of our subject, was born here in 1800, and in 1822 he married Anna Van Fleet. Soon afterwards he bought the property now owned by his son Luther. He started without means and by the help of his faithful wife accumulated a goodly estate. He was very industrious and ambitious, and when death put an end to his labors he was the owner of about five hundred acres of well-improved land. He was a member of the Reformed Church in his last years, and contributed liberally to benevolences. He died January

3, 1863, at the old home, where his wife continued to dwell until she, too, received the summons, October 4, 1884. A brother of his was the well-known Judge Jacob H. Hoffman, who for many years served as judge of the court of common pleas and was a prominent figure in the eyes of the public.

Luther Hoffman was born November 1, 1839, and is the only surviving son born to his parents, the others, Henry and John, being deceased. A sister, Elizabeth, is the widow of George P. Young, of Lebanon; Mary A. is the wife of Abraham B. Van Fleet, of Somerset County; Catherine is the widow of Ross J. Shurts; and Jane is the wife of John H. Krymer, of Plainfield, N. J. In his boyhood our subject received an ordinary education and with his father he learned the details of farming, in time succeeding to the management of the homestead.

December 11, 1861, Mr. Hoffman married Emma, daughter of William G. Alpaugh. She was born in the town of Clinton in 1841, and both her parents were likewise natives of this county. After their marriage the young couple settled down upon the farm here, and have since been interested in dairying, as well as in general agriculture. About 1875 Mr. Hoffman built a creamery and engaged in buying, selling and shipping milk in large quantities. He was among the first in this vicinity to recognize the merits of this line of enterprise, and in 1881 he, in company with George Clark (elsewhere spoken of in this work) organized a company and started a creamery in Middle Valley, N. J. The milk gathered in that locality was the first shipped over the High Bridge branch of the New Jersey Central Railroad. Mr. Clark is still in partnership with him in the sale of creamery products and brewers' grains, in which they do a profitable business.

Perhaps more than any other man in this neighborhood, Mr. Hoffman has advanced the grade of the stock raised. In 1890 he brought here a carload of Clydesdale horses, among them the famous prize-winner, Drumskeoch, No. 6696, registered. Years ago he started in the enterprise of raising road horses and always keeps a few fine animals

on his farm. Of late years he has devoted a large part of his time to the raising of Jersey stock and road horses, his enterprise in this direction easily placing him among the leaders in these industries in his section. About 1880 he also became interested in the breeding of Poland-China hogs, and now owns a number of recorded swine of this variety. In conjunction with his numerous other business ventures he raises fine peaches; has over three thousand trees, and all of the most select kinds.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are both active and valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lebanon. He joined the denomination when he was a young man of twenty years, and was one of the prime movers in the building of the Lebanon Church and is a charter member of the congregation. Since then he has been an officer in the church and for years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. In politics he is a Republican; has been an active worker for the cause, and with the exception of the few years that he held the position of committeeman he has never occupied any public place. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman was Jennie W., who was born October 23, 1873, and died September 24, 1887. She was of a very sweet and lovable disposition and her presence was like a ray of sunshine in her home.



**A**LPHÉUS C. YOUNG is a successful farmer of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, and though past threescore and ten years is still hale and hearty and active in mind and body. He has always resided in this county, and was born within its boundaries in the year 1826. His family have long been numbered among the leading people of this portion of New Jersey, and have been noted for characteristics of industry, uprightness and genuine worth.

The parents of our subject were natives of Hunterdon County and lived upon a farm. The



father, John R. Young, was a man of influence and was held in great respect in his own community, frequently being called upon to hold local offices. To himself and wife, Elizabeth (Hill) Young, there were born nine children, and but two of the number survive. Newton K., the only living brother of our subject, makes his home in Pennington, N. J.

A. C. Young is a man of good education and general attainments. He was a pupil in the district schools, and was not content with such learning as was to be gained under the old style system of training, but aided thereto by private study and reading. In 1849 he married Ellen A. Phillips, who was born in Somerset County, N. J., and the only child of this union was William H., now in Mexico. The mother died June 13, 1880, at the age of fifty-eight years.

In December, 1882, Mr. Young married Elizabeth V. Phillips, a sister of his first wife, but death claimed her December 16, 1885, when she was in her fifty-fifth year. December 4, 1886, our subject married the lady who now bears his name. She was formerly Margaret C. (Skull) Breece, is of English ancestry, and a native of Atlantic County, N. J. She is a member of the Reformed Church of White House Station, Hunterdon County.

From 1869 to 1876 Mr. Young was engaged in the commission business in New York City with fair success. Afterwards he devoted himself exclusively to farming for several years, and then became interested in dealing in fertilizers, in connection with his other enterprises. In his political relations he is a Democrat.



**S**YLVESTER VANSYCLE, M. D., has been actively engaged in practice in Clinton, Hunterdon County, for over forty-five years and long since took a place among the representative physicians of western New Jersey.

In every possible manner he has shown his interest in local progress, has aided by his means and influence worthy industries and institutions. Among other concerns in which he has money invested was the Clinton Bank, of which he was a director for some years.

A native of Union Township, this county, the doctor was born in 1826, his parents having been Aaron and Mary (Bird) Vansycle. They were both likewise of this county, and spent their lives here. Aaron Vansycle was a merchant and speculator in land, and was quite successful in his many ventures. He was affiliated with the Democratic party, and was never prevailed upon to occupy positions of public honor and trust. His father, whose Christian name was also Aaron, was the second sheriff of this county, his term extending from 1803 to 1806. The doctor's father, who was loved and respected by all who knew him, died January 4, 1852. His estimable wife departed this life in 1861.

Our subject received a good education in the neighborhood schools, later was enrolled as a pupil in the Easton (Pa.) schools and entered Princeton College in 1843. Having completed the full course by the time that he was at his majority, he began the study of medicine, and graduated from the medical department of the New York University. Then for three years he was a student under the celebrated Dr. Valentine Mott. Two years were next devoted by him to actual work in the Bellevue Hospital, after which he was employed in the quarantine hospital for a year. In July, 1851, he located in Clinton, where he soon built up an excellent practice. Like his father before him, he has always given his vote to the nominees of the Democratic party, and has not been an aspirant for official distinction. His life has been a very busy and useful one, and never has he neglected the suffering ones who appealed to him for assistance, no matter how poor and unable to render him compensation they might be.

The partner of the doctor's joys and sorrows was formerly Miss Mary Carhart, who was a daughter of John and Mary Carhart, the father a

native of the Old Dominion. The marriage of the doctor was celebrated March 24, 1853. Of the six children who blessed this union three are still living. John C. is a prominent merchant of Macon, Ga.; William is a resident of Clinton, and Lamar is engaged in merchandising in New York City. Our subject and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.



**G**EORGE W. SNYDER, a prominent and influential citizen of Quakertown, Hunterdon County, has been very active in his support of the Democratic party and is a recognized leader in its ranks in this section. Upon several occasions his name has been brought forward by his multitude of warm friends for public positions of trust and honor, and when elected in due course of time he has invariably given complete satisfaction to all concerned in the matter, and not alone to those of his own political opinions, but to those of the opposition as well. He was elected town clerk and served as such with ability for three years. Later he was assessor for a period of seven years, discharging his duties with promptness, fidelity and justice.

The birth of George W. Snyder occurred near Frenchtown, Hunterdon County, December 31, 1856, on the farm owned and carried on by his father, David Snyder, who was a much-respected citizen of that locality. The mother of our subject was a Miss Ruth Rittenhouse in her girlhood, and her ancestry is traced back to some of the founders of this county, with the history of which they have ever since been distinctively connected. The boyhood, youth and early manhood of George W. were spent upon farms in Franklin Township, in the vicinity of his birth-place. As the years rolled by he became convinced that agriculture was not his forte, or rather that he should not choose that means of making his livelihood altogether. In 1886, when he was

entering upon the third decade of his career, he left home and went to New York, where he soon found employment as a salesman for the firm of George Furman & Co., commission merchants. He has continued with this house ever since, and has won golden opinions from his superiors by his strict attention to their interests. He makes his home and headquarters in Quakertown. Socially he is a member of the Odd Fellows' order, belonging to Lopatcong Lodge No. 114, of Quakertown.

The marriage of Mr. Snyder and Miss Ella Hiner, daughter of William Q. Hiner, of Allentown, was solemnized July 1, 1886. They have one little daughter, Ethel, the sunlight of their pretty and hospitable home. Mrs. Snyder and Ethel attend the Methodist Church of this place.



**E**DWARD HARMER is a valued employe of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. Since 1862 he has been an engineer, his run being from Hackensack to Jersey City, and for the past thirty-seven years has followed engineering. A native of New Jersey, his birth occurred in New Brunswick, November 28, 1828. He stands well in the Masonic and Odd Fellows' fraternities, and is very popular among the railroad men. He gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, is a patriotic American, and is to be commended for the loyal manner in which he meets every duty imposed upon him as a citizen of this great commonwealth.

On the 5th of April, 1891, the marriage of Edward Harmer and Mrs. Clara M. Tetlow was solemnized. At the time she was the widow of John Tetlow, who was born in Philadelphia and departed this life in 1884, at the age of sixty years. He was a member of the Odd Fellows' order and always voted the Republican ticket. Religiously he was a Baptist and very active in church and benevolent work. In all his dealings with his

fellow-men he was above reproach, and merited the esteem of his associates, which was freely accorded him. To the marriage of John Tetlow and his wife, Clara, one child, a son, was born. He bears the name of William W. Tetlow, and is a bright, promising young man of nineteen. He makes his home with his mother and between them exists a bond of such love and perfect sympathy as is rarely seen but is none the less beautiful.

Mrs. Clara M. Harmer was born in Germany, July 22, 1848. She is a daughter of Julius and Florentine (Schmidt) Kline, both natives of the Fatherland. Of their nine children but two are now living, Julius and Clara. When she was a year old Mrs. Harmer was brought to America by her parents, who located in the city of New York. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade, and was an expert workman in his line. The education of his children was obtained largely in the public schools of Jersey City, and when she was twenty-four years old Mrs. Harmer married for the first time. She is a lady of excellent education and general attainments. She is a member of the Reformed Church, to which denomination her parents belonged.



**C**HARLES F. FELMLY, an enterprising young business man, is proprietor of a large livery stable and carriage repository in Flemington. In local politics, as well as in commercial circles, he is quite an important factor. In the spring of 1894, when living in Raritan Township, he was elected a freholder, and received a majority of about fifty votes, although he is a Republican, and the township usually goes one hundred Democratic. In the spring of 1897 he was elected to serve as one of the trustees of Flemington for a term of three years.

The grandparents of the above, Charles and Eliza (Fox) Felmly, were natives of Hunterdon County,

born near High Bridge. Moses Felmly, father of our subject, was born in this county in September, 1826, and from the time that he was fifteen years old has been engaged in the blacksmith's trade, though of late years he has also farmed to some extent. He was in business in one place for fifty-five years. In November, 1845, he married Amy A., daughter of Charles Fox, of High Bridge, N. J. Of the ten children born to them eight are living: Elizabeth, wife of W. B. Woodruff, of Phillipsburg, N. J.; Oliver H., of the firm of Flemer & Felmly, of Springfield, N. J.; Charlotte, widow of J. S. Lake, whose home is near Lake Hopatcong; Mary, wife of George A. Alpaugh, a farmer of Lebanon, N. J.; Charles F.; Ella, at home; Minnie, wife of George Lewis, of Roseville, N. J.; and John, who is employed by his eldest brother.

Charles F. Felmly was born in the town of Lebanon, N. J., January 13, 1858, and assisted on the old farm while attending the public schools of that neighborhood. His studies were completed in a private school, and in 1879 he commenced working for his brother, selling nursery stock. He was thus occupied during a period of eight years, but in 1882 he located in Asbury Park, and in the summer season conducted a livery business and also ran a milk route. In 1887 he went to Clinton and embarked in the livery business, and, January 7, 1891, he came to Flemington, where he has succeeded in building up a very large and remunerative trade. He has a fine stable, keeps a good line of carriage horses, and, on account of the demands of the business, in January, 1898, he built a two-story carriage repository, capable of accommodating one hundred vehicles. His sales for 1897 figured up about one hundred and fifty vehicles. This was the more remarkable as the bicycle craze seemed to paralyze the carriage business in most other cities and towns, where there is but little demand for anything running on more than two wheels.

Mr. Felmly is a member of Stewart Lodge No. 134, F. & A. M., and is also identified with the Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the Flemington volunteer fire department. His wife is a

member of the Presbyterian Church and to its support he is a liberal contributor. November 16, 1887, he married Minnie, daughter of Michael Banghart, of Glen Gardner. She is finely educated, and prior to her marriage was successfully engaged in teaching in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Felmly have two sons, Charles F., Jr., and Lloyd.



**R**OBERT H. KENNEDY was born and has always dwelt on his father's old homestead, which is situated near the boundary line between Warren and Hunterdon Counties, it being, however, within the limits of the first-mentioned county. He has always been noted for his liberality and public spirit, his earnest support of the educational cause, law and order and everything pertaining to good citizenship. He is a man of excellent business ability and settled his father's large estate in a manner which reflected great credit upon him. For several years he has been devoted to general agriculture, fruit-growing, etc., and is very practical and successful in his various undertakings.

The ancestral history of the above is of more than usual interest, as he comes from a very old and honored family of Scotland, later of Ireland, whither some of them fled on account of religious persecution, as they were of the Catholic faith. However they were early represented in the Reformed or Protestant Church, and in 1538 one Alexander Kennedy, of Ayr, a finely educated young man of eighteen years, was burned at the stake in Glasgow for having written a poetical satire against the Franciscan friars. Jane Kennedy and Mistress Curle were the two maids of honor who were permitted to attend the ill-fated Mary Queen of Scots to the scaffold, February 7, 1587. Previously Gilbert Kennedy, sixth earl of Cassilis, was one of the ambassadors sent to France to arrange for the marriage of Mary to the dauphin. James Kennedy, who lived in the

sixteenth century, was archbishop of St. Andrews. His mother was a descendant of King David II. of Scotland. The archbishop is said to have been one of the most powerful and influential statesmen in Scotland in his day, and through his intervention Henry of England after his misfortune was received and protected by Scotland.

William Kennedy, great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1695, was married there and in 1730, accompanied by his brother Robert, sailed for America. They located in Bucks County, Pa., and there Robert died, leaving no children to perpetuate his branch. Thus William was the founder of this line of the family in the United States. He owned large tracts of land which he leased out in small farms. His original home is owned by his great-granddaughter, Miss Emma Kennedy, of Brooklyn, N. Y. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Henderson. Their son Robert, the great-grandfather of our subject, married Elizabeth Henrie and removed to New Jersey, settling on Pohatcong Creek, in Greenwich Township, then Sussex, now Warren County. He became concerned in the erection of mills, buying sites, putting up mills and then leasing the same. At one time he controlled all the mills from Knowlton to Flemington. During the war of the Revolution he was a zealous patriot, furnishing flour and supplies to the continental troops. He was brigade wagon-master in charge of from eighteen to twenty-four teams. In the archives of the New Jersey Historical Society is the record of a military order directing Capt. Arthur Henrie to take a squad of men and convoy Kennedy's brigade of teams from the forks of the Delaware to the camp at Morristown. He was born near Tunicum, Bucks County, March 28, 1733, and died April 12, 1813, and buried in Greenwich Cemetery.

Robert H. Kennedy, grandfather of our subject, was born at Burnt Mills, Warren County, August 12, 1787. On arriving at man's estate he married Miriam, youngest daughter of John Key. He was the executor of his wealthy father's property and satisfactorily settled the same, it comprising over three thousand acres of land,

slate quarries, mills, etc. No man in his locality was more looked up to and admired than he, and besides filling every official position in his own neighborhood he was chosen to fill higher offices and was four terms in the state legislature. He was appointed an aide of Governor Pennington and was chosen as a delegate to the national convention of about 1835. He died January 29, 1859, and was interred in the Greenwich Cemetery.

The father of our subject was Henry Robert, born at the old homestead at Burnt Mills, June 10, 1815, and of a family of ten children he was the only one who lived to maturity. He finished his education in New Brunswick and proceeded to follow in the footsteps of his father, attending to his farms and mill property interests. At the time of his death, March 26, 1884, he was the owner of over one thousand acres of land. He was influential in many ways, lending his support to all worthy enterprises. He was one of the organizers of the Bloomsbury National Bank, was made its first president and acted as such till death put an end to his labors. He was also a manager of the State Asylum in Trenton, N. J., and was a member of the Historical Society of New Jersey. Politically he was a Democrat of the Jacksonian school, and was for three terms a member of the state legislature. He was an active and official member of the Presbyterian Church of Bloomsbury, being an elder in the same for a great many years. He was survived by his wife, who was formerly Elizabeth Frelinghuysen, daughter of Gen. John Frelinghuysen. She died on the 27th of January, 1891, and was placed to rest by the side of her husband in the Presbyterian Churchyard in Bloomsbury. Their children were: John Frelinghuysen, who is on the old homestead; Miriam K., deceased; Robert H.; Theodore F., who owns a portion of the family estate; Beulah E., deceased wife of Theodore Hance; and Louisa, who died unmarried.

The gentleman whose name stands at the beginning of this biography, Robert H. Kennedy, was named for his grandfather. He was born May 12, 1843, on the farm where he is still living. He has always given his attention to agricultural

pursuits, and for some years was occupied in winding up his father's estate. He lives quietly in his pleasant home, where he is surrounded with evidences of a refined taste. He is liberal in his political view, choosing to reserve the right to vote for whom he thinks most suitable for a given position without being tied to a party. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Greenwich. He and his father were among the organizers of Bethlehem Lodge No. 152, F. & A. M., of Bloomsbury, and were charter members of the same. The lodge was originally named Kennedy Lodge in honor of the father.

September 8, 1864, Mr. Kennedy married Arabella, daughter of Charles E. Williamson, of Hunterdon County, and to their union four children were born: Miriam Kay, wife of Lewis Fox, a stock-dealer of Asbury; Elizabeth La Grange, at home; Charles E. W., in business in New York City; and Henry R., who died in childhood. Mrs. Kennedy departed this life May 13, 1871. December 7, 1874, Mr. Kennedy married Rachel, daughter of Judge Abraham Warne, of Broadway, Warren County, well known in that county as an able and brilliant representative of the bench. The only child of this marriage is Frederick Frelinghuysen, who is now in his senior year in Lafayette College and intends to soon enter the law school in New York City.



**W**ILLIAM J. ILIFF is the owner and manager of the Junction Hotel, in Junction, Hunterdon County. This was formerly known as the National Hotel, and after Mr. Iliff had entered into negotiations for the property in 1890, and before he had actually taken possession of it, the old building was destroyed by fire. This was a severe loss to him, but he rallied manfully, put up a modern structure in place of the old one, and proceeded as though nothing had happened. He has succeeded even beyond his

expectations, and commands a large share of the patronage of the public who are traveling through this locality.

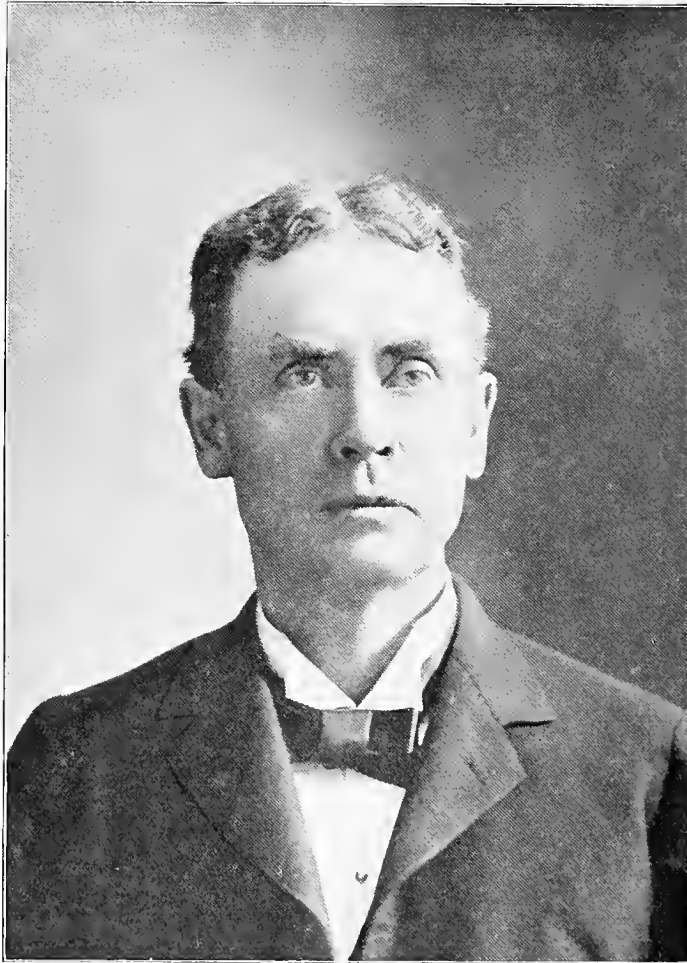
The grandfather of our subject was William Iliff, who was born in Nottingham, England, and came to America when the father of William J. was a lad of fifteen years. He was a tailor by trade, and at first located in Philadelphia, moving thence to Flemington. In 1824 William Iliff, Jr., married Elizabeth, daughter of David Kinney, of Readington Township, and, with the exception of a few years spent in Sussex County, the remainder of his life was passed in New Germantown. He was a justice of the peace for many years, and was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. To himself and wife were born the following children: David K., who lived in Aurora, Ill., served as justice of the peace and constable, and is now deceased; William J., of this sketch; Philip M., deceased; Charles F., a carriage manufacturer of Savannah, Mo., who was massacred by the Indians when on a business trip in the southern part of Nebraska on the Platte River; George, formerly of LaFayette, Ind., and who lost his life as the result of wounds received at the battle of Missionary Ridge, dying in the hospital in Chattanooga; Esther, wife of John Tiger, of New Germantown; and Daniel K., whose home is in the state of Washington. The second wife of William Iliff was Rachel Smith, of Andover Furnace. By their union there was one daughter, Mary E., who married Isaac Rowe, a farmer of the neighborhood of Chester, N. J. The father departed this life in 1877.

William J. Iliff was born October 8, 1828, in New Germantown, and received an ordinary school education. During his last year in school he took up surveying, which he afterwards completed. When he was eighteen he began serving an apprenticeship to the carriage-maker's trade in his native town, under the supervision of James Bunn, with whom he remained three years. He then followed this trade for several years in Hackettstown, Plainfield and other towns in the state. In 1860 he became a clerk in the store of

Phineas K. Apgar, of Cokesbury, this county, and was in his employ about two years. In the meanwhile he had surveyed at intervals, and when living in Cokesbury he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the legislature, and was re-elected the two succeeding terms, serving for three years. At the expiration of this period he was appointed deputy warden of the state penitentiary at Trenton, and acted as such for a year, after which he was for a like duration of time in the car works of that city. In 1870 he removed to High Bridge, and was engaged in business there eight years, and was in turn constable, justice of the peace and coroner.

In 1878 Mr. Iliff decided to try his fortunes in the west, and accordingly moved to Edwards County, Kas., where he took up a claim of land. After living upon it a year, he settled in McPherson, Kas., where he was to meet the great affliction of his life in the death of his beloved wife, she being called from his home December 9, 1881. He had married in July, 1862, Mary, daughter of Mahlon and Ann (Shurts) Johnson, and she had been a true friend, companion and helpmate. His children were married and he was left alone, so his thoughts turned backward to the friends and scenes of his youth and he decided to settle in his native state for his declining years. While he was in Kansas he was the first surveyor of Hodgman County. In 1889 he returned to New Germantown, thence went to Junction, and in 1890 bought the hotel which he has since carried on. He not only built a new structure complete, but all the furniture and fittings were also new a few years ago. Formerly he was very active in the Masonic order, but his frequent changes of residence have led to his dropping out of the ranks. He is past grand and chief patriarch of the encampment of Odd Fellows. In earlier years he was prominently connected with various social and fraternal associations, but now gives his whole time and attention to his business affairs. He has three daughters. Ida E. is the wife of Charles W. Dwelle, formerly of McPherson, Kas., but now living in Elizabeth, N. J., as he is postal clerk between





JOSIAH KETCHAM.



New York and Pittsburg; Alice K. is the wife of Henry Eichler, of Peoria, Ill.; and Bessie is the wife of William Osborne, an engineer living in Harvey, Ill.



**J**OSIAH KETCHAM, editor and publisher of the *Belvidere Apollo*, the leading Republican paper of the county of Warren, was born in Hope Township, this county, and is the son of the late Andrew and Jane (Vroom) Ketcham. Andrew Ketcham was a son of Josiah Ketcham, who descended from the Ketcham family that settled at Pennington, N. J., early in the last century, having come to New Jersey from Long Island. Three brothers came to Long Island from England, and having lived there for a time, one remained, a brother moved to Pennsylvania and another to New Jersey, whence the subject of this sketch descended. The members of this branch of the family displayed the sturdy and solid qualities which characterized their ancestors in England and Scotland. Mr. Ketcham's grandfather, whose name he bears, was a surveyor and literary man. Andrew Ketcham, the father, was a man who possessed to a remarkable degree the sterling qualities of his ancestors, and was for nearly forty years an elder in the Presbyterian Church. For generations the family have been connected with the Presbyterian Church, and their political affiliations have been with the old Whig and Republican parties.

Jane Vroom was a daughter of Samuel Vroom and Martha Peterson. The Vroom and Peterson families were prominent in the northern part of the state before the Revolution, and the grandfather of Martha Peterson was a member of the New Jersey legislature when the colony was subject to the mother county. Mrs. Ketcham was a woman of more than ordinary intellectual gifts. She had remarkable discernment, keen insight into human nature and rare literary appreciation.

Josiah Ketcham was primarily educated in the district schools. Later he took the regular classical course at Hackettstown, and subsequently carried on private studies under the preceptorship of Rev. Dr. Freeman. After having for a time engaged in teaching school, he took up literary work.

Coming to Belvidere in 1871, he purchased the *Belvidere Apollo*, of which he has since been the editor and publisher. This has always been a staunch and conservative Republican paper, ever abreast of the times, and a pioneer in all things that promise to promote the welfare of the town and the prosperity of the people. Ever since its organization the county has been overwhelmingly Democratic. It is thus at once evident that it required herculeanean efforts to build up and maintain, in the interests of the minority party, such a journal as the *Apollo* has been. The early history of the paper shows some of the struggles experienced in the effort to maintain it, in spite of the fact that it numbered among its editors and publishers some of the brightest minds of the state.

The paper was founded in 1824. Its founder and first editor was the late George G. Sickles, father of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, and a man of marked intellectual ability. Among the other editors of note was Alexander C. Wilson, who resigned his connection with this paper in order to accept the position of managing editor of the *New York Times*, on the founding of the latter paper. The present editor has occupied the position many years longer than any of his predecessors. As an editor he brings to his task a mind well equipped by years of study, wide reading and experience, which has enabled him to build up a paper wielding a potential influence among all classes in Warren County. He is an easy, graceful and forceful writer, and his editorials are always terse and interesting.

June 11, 1874, Mr. Ketcham married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of the late Joshua and Effie (Rooff) Hardin, of Sussex County, N. J. Four daughters were born to their union: Charlotte C., Eva H., Marie H. and Margaretta E., to whose

education the most careful attention has been paid. The family is identified with the First Presbyterian Church of Belvidere, in which Mr. Ketcham officiates as an elder. Twice he has represented the Newton presbytery in the Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States. He has for years been an active worker in the Sunday-school and interested in advancing its usefulness. Politically he has from youth been identified with the Republican party and a leader in this part of the state. In recognition of his services in behalf of the party he was, in April, 1898, appointed postmaster of Belvidere by President McKinley.



**G**EORGE B. SUTTON, an old and highly respected citizen of Fairmount, Hunterdon County, is living retired from the busy and arduous cares to which he devoted himself assiduously during his vigorous manhood, and is enjoying the rest which he richly deserves. He lives in a pretty and comfortable home, which he erected in 1883 in the village. The competence which he has laid aside for old age and the property which represents years of labor on his part have not been easily acquired, but have been earned by honest industry and perseverance, and he is entitled to great credit for the manly way in which he has met every duty, however taxing, during his whole long life.

Born March 15, 1818, George B. is a son of Richard and Mary (Bunn) Sutton, and grandson of John and Elizabeth Sutton. His birthplace was the old homestead near this town, now in the possession of James Apgar. Richard Sutton was born July 10, 1790, and the old store building which was afterwards occupied by his son and grandson, in turn, in the mercantile business, was erected by him in Fairmount in 1829 and is still standing. After it was completed he rented it for two years, and then took it himself and

thenceforth devoted himself to carrying on a general store. To himself and wife, Mary, nine children were born, as follows: John, June 17, 1810; David, October 10, 1811; Aaron, September 16, 1813; Andrew, October 11, 1815; George, March 15, 1818; Julia Ann, June 24, 1820; Mary, June 14, 1823; Martha, February 20, 1825; and Lemuel, February 10, 1829.

George B. Sutton followed agricultural pursuits until he was about forty years of age, and made a good living for himself and family by buying produce from farmers and others and selling it in the markets of Newark. About 1858 he entered into partnership with Conrad Apgar and together they carried on the store here for two years or more. From 1860 until 1888 Mr. Sutton was in the enterprise alone, then selling out to his son Howard, who is now the proprietor of the store. He owns two valuable farms of about one hundred and forty acres each, and in addition to this has some town property. He rents his farm and derives a good income from this source. He has never been a politician, and has held few offices, and those only when requested to do so. He was township collector once for a term of three years. He is not identified with any religious body, though he contributes liberally to the support of different churches.

April 2, 1840, Mr. Sutton married Lydia Ann Hoffman, who was born April 2, 1820. They are both remarkably well preserved, are seemingly quite vigorous in mind and body, and bid fair to live many years to come. Another fact quite unusual is that of their large family of twelve sons and daughters not one has yet been summoned from the circle by the angel of death, and thus their whole number, fourteen, is unbroken. Melissa, born May 11, 1841, is the wife of Jacob Lutes; Paul, born November 1, 1843, enlisted at the age of eighteen years in Company A, Thirty-first Regiment of New Jersey Infantry, and served until the expiration of his term; Silas W., born February 7, 1846, is a farmer in Missouri; Elmira, born February 24, 1848, is the wife of John Barkman, a veteran of the late war, and now a farmer of German Valley; Stephen D., born July

17, 1850, is cultivating the old Sutton homestead owned by the family for three generations; Mary E., born November 5, 1852, is the wife of Philip Eick, and lives near Fairmount; Ebenezer H. is in Newark, N. J.; Harmon Hoffman, named for his maternal grandfather, born March 3, 1857, owns the old Hoffinan farm, were his mother was brought up; Susan H., born December 13, 1859, is the wife of William J. Moore, of Pottersville; Howard is represented elsewhere in this volume; Ellis P., born February 2, 1864, is the proprietor of the Pottersville Hotel; Albert, born October 17, 1866, is in the livery business in Missouri.



**Q**UINTUS E. SNYDER, M. D., is one of the successful physicians now engaged in practice in Hunterdon County. He is a man of large experience in his chosen profession, and keeps thoroughly in touch with all the modern methods and treatments of disease. He possesses the esteem and high regard of his medical brethren and enjoys a remunerative practice in Quakertown and the surrounding country.

Born in Northampton County, Pa., in 1842, the doctor is a son of Daniel Snyder, who was also a native of that county, and therein spent his whole life. He was a farmer and a very successful business man, owning large tracts of land, which he kept under fine cultivation. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and active in religious enterprises. In his political faith he held to the principles of the Democracy. Death claimed him at the age laid down by the Psalmist as the usual time of man-kind—threescore and ten years. His father, John H., was born and lived in Northampton County, and was also a tiller of the soil. The Snyder family originated in Germany, but several generations have resided in this portion of the United States, and have been remarkable for traits of thrift, industry and honesty. The mother of our subject was a Miss

Anna Kachline in her girlhood, and by her marriage with Daniel Snyder she became the mother of eight children, only four of whom survive. Mary E., wife of George Noble; Stephen; Quintus E. and Susan C., wife of Charles D. Long. The faithful and devoted mother was summoned to her reward when she was in her seventieth year.

Dr. Q. E. Snyder lived at home with his parents on the old farm in the Keystone state until he was about seventeen years old. He had made the best of his opportunities in the matter of gaining an education, and spent a short time at the Phillipsburg Academy, where he perfected himself in some of the higher branches. His first venture into the world of business was when he took a position as a clerk in the mercantile house of Jacob Hay, in Easton, Pa. He next went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and found employment in the shipyards on gun-boats. In 1863 he commenced teaching near Easton, and successfully conducted a school for two winters, in the meantime devoting such spare hours as he could muster to medical studies, as he had determined to enter the profession. In 1865 he enlisted in Company H, Two Hundred and Fourteenth Pennsylvania Regiment, serving until the end of the war as assistant hospital steward, at Winchester and Washington. In 1866 he regularly began the study of medicine under the instruction of James Cavanaugh, M. D., of Easton, and ultimately graduated from the celebrated Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of New York City, in 1868.

Upon settling himself in practice the doctor concluded to try his fortunes at South Bethlehem, Pa., and was located there for about six years. In 1879 he went to Kansas, and remained in that state actively occupied in the discharge of the manifold duties of his healing art until six years more had elapsed. In 1881 he returned to the east, and settled in Everittstown, N. J., and in 1884 he came to Quakertown, where he has since made his home.

June 22, 1869, Dr. Snyder married Isabella, daughter of Peter Best, of Stockton, N. J., and four daughters have come to grace this union, viz. Ella May, Annie C., Valeria Jane and Min-

nie B. The doctor is a member of the Lutheran Church, in whose doctrines he was reared, but he is a regular attendant upon the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place at the present time. Fraternally he is a Mason, and is a member of Dallas Lodge No. 396, F. & A. M., of Easton.



**H**ON. WILLIAM H. BAKER. Prominent among the citizens who have made the town of Clinton, Hunterdon County, what it is to-day, one of the thriving, energetic business places of this section, is the gentleman whose name stands at the beginning of this review. For a long series of years he has been actively concerned in the advancement and upbuilding of this town and has ranked high in the commercial, social, religious and political affairs of this community. Under the present charter of Clinton he was the first town collector, serving as such for three years, was later elected clerk and acted in that capacity two terms, after which he was treasurer for a time. Subsequently he was again honored by being elected collector, serving in that capacity for four years, for years officiated on the board of health, at last being chosen its president. May 17, 1894, he was commissioned judge of the court of appeals by Governor Werts, his tenure of office to run until 1899, but owing to the abolishment of the position by the state law, he vacated the same in April, 1896.

The father of the judge, Rev. J. James Baker, was born in England, and came to America with his parents when young, settling in this county. He entered the Baptist ministry, and labored faithfully in the Lord's vineyard for more than forty years. His life, which was a benediction and blessing to humanity, terminated November 2, 1888. His loved wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth L. Nicholson, did not long survive him, as she died March 23, 1892. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary

December 11, 1882, and the occasion will never be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to be present. The touching and suitable words of the judge were impressive in the extreme, and his reverent tributes to the aged couple were echoed in the hearts of every auditor. Of the thirteen children born to the worthy pair, eight are yet living, and occupying good and useful places in the several communities in which they make their homes.

The birth of William H. Baker occurred in Paoli, Chester County, Pa., September 5, 1838, and his elementary education was such as was afforded by the public schools of the day. Before he reached his majority he came to Clinton, and entered the drug store of his brother, Dr. B. N. Baker, as a clerk. In 1865 he became the sole owner of the business, which he has conducted ever since, and thus it will be seen that he is one of our pioneer business men.

In 1865 Mr. Baker married Mary E. Brown, daughter of David and Orpha Brown, of Delhi, N. Y. Her death occurred in December, 1884. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker the eldest, Lillian, is the wife of A. L. Smith, of Clinton; and Grace and Elsie are at home with their father. A valued worker in the Presbyterian Church, the judge has served as president of the board of trustees, is treasurer of the church at present and for many years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. He belongs to Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., acted as worshipful master of the same from 1879 to 1882, and is a member of the grand lodge.



**W**ALTER BRINTON has been superintendent of the steel department of the Taylor Iron and Steel Company of High Bridge since 1895 and had already made a creditable record with this concern, and was promoted on his genuine merits. His superiors find that their

confidence has not been misplaced or over-estimated, for the young superintendent is thoroughly trustworthy and capable. He has been connected with iron-working and steel manufacture since his early years and is a practical man, understanding at a glance what must be done, and possessing that generalship and power of commanding men absolutely essential in order to meet the demands of such a responsible position as he holds. At the same time he is not only respected, but thoroughly liked by those who are under him, for he is one who is a general favorite wherever he goes.

The Brinton family to which our subject belongs has been well and favorably known in Pennsylvania since the sixteenth century. Born September 28, 1863, in Christiana, Lancaster County, Pa., Walter Brinton is one of the four children of Lewis and Mary (Bowk) Brinton. The father was born in the same vicinity as was his son Walter, but the mother was a native of Beaver, near Pittsburg. Their other children were: Rilla W., deceased; Charles E.; and Lydia S., wife of Thomas Jopson, of Germantown, Pa. The family were of the faith of the Society of Friends.

At the age of sixteen years Walter Brinton commenced serving an apprenticeship in the Christiana Machine Works, remaining with that corporation eight years. He then entered the employ of the Chester Rolling Mills, of Chester, Pa., and continued there until he removed to this place. In the meantime the plant was merged in that of the Wellman Iron and Steel Company. For two years Mr. Brinton was in the blast furnace department, after which he was employed in the Bessemer steel plant, and for some time prior to its closing down under the financial depression of 1893 he was in charge of that branch of the work. In 1894 he accepted a position as assistant superintendent of the steel manufacturing department of the Taylor Iron and Steel Works, and at the end of eighteen months was placed in full charge of the same.

While living in Chester, Pa., Mr. Brinton married Elizabeth Brown Ewing, December 18,

1890. Mrs. Brinton was born at Brandywine Hundred, Pa., her parents being John and Agnes (Brown) Ewing, both natives of Scotland. For years Mr. Ewing was connected with the textile mills of Bancroft, Pa., and later moved to Chester, where he was employed in the yards of John B. Roach, the pioneer shipbuilder of the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Brinton have three daughters, Rilla C. and Agnes E. (twins) and Helen Erskine. Mr. Brinton is a staunch Republican, taking an active interest in the success of the party principles and policy. The cause of education is one which appeals strongly to him, and since coming to High Bridge he has been director of the school board. When a resident of Chester he officiated three years as secretary of the board of education, carrying out effective plans. He is a member of Rialto Lodge No. 161, I. O. O. F., of High Bridge. He was reared in the Quaker faith, and has never identified himself with any religious body.



**G**EORGE W. RACE. Identified with the farming interests of Hunterdon County throughout almost his entire active life, Mr. Race has gained a large acquaintance among the residents of the county and is especially prominent in Franklin Township, where he owns and operates a farm. He is a son of Halloway H. and Charlotta (Seabold) Race, further mention of whom, as well as of the Race family, may be found in the sketch of Dr. Henry Race, presented elsewhere in this volume.

In Franklin Township, where he was born in 1836, the boyhood days of the subject of this sketch were passed, his time being given to school duties, farm work and the usual sports of boyhood. Trained to agriculture, he naturally chose this as his life occupation and his subsequent success shows that he did not err in his choice. In early manhood, with a desire to see

the west, he went to Ohio and Iowa, where he was employed on farms for a year. However, he did not consider those states as superior to New Jersey in farming facilities and opportunities, and he therefore returned to his native place, where he has since resided. During the late war he enlisted in Company D, Thirtieth New Jersey Infantry, in which he served for nine months and was then honorably discharged.

On returning from the war Mr. Race made his home with a brother for some time, meanwhile carrying on farm work. Forming a partnership with his brother, Jacob S., they purchased the farm where they have since resided, engaging in the raising of cereals and stock. Our subject's attention has been given closely to his chosen occupation, and he has had little desire to mingle in public affairs. However, he keeps himself posted concerning politics, and always votes the Democratic ticket. Fraternally he is connected with the local lodge of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all of the chairs and is past grand. His family are Methodists and he himself favors the doctrines of that denomination, to which he contributes generously. February 2, 1867, he was united in marriage with Susan Hibler, daughter of William and Ellen Hibler, and they are the parents of one child, a son, William H.



**E**BENEZER FRANCIS, foreman of the foundry of the steel department of the Taylor Iron and Steel Works of High Bridge, Hunterdon County, is a man of wide experience in his chosen field of business, and thoroughly understands it to the smallest detail. From his boyhood he has given his whole time and attention to a mastery of the trade, and being energetic and industrious he has risen by his own merits to a position of responsibility and trust. He enjoys an enviable reputation for fidelity to

duty, for punctuality, accuracy and in short, for all of the essential qualities of a first-class workman and superintendent of others' work.

The birth of our subject took place in Briton Ferry, Glamorganshire, Wales, April 21, 1858, his parents being Ebenezer and Mary Miriam (Tasker) Francis. The father was superintendent and a stockholder in an iron works in his native country, and later lived in Newport, Monmouthshire. There he followed the same occupation, and became financially concerned in the iron works there. When our subject was a lad of twelve years he accompanied his parents to America and settled at Harrisburg, Pa. The father was employed in a foundry there until shortly prior to his death, in February, 1893. Of his six living children, Edward returned to Wales, and is now superintendent of an iron foundry; Annie is the wife William Williams, chief engineer and draughtsman of the large works at Tredegar, Wales; Joseph and Francis, twins, are both in the same calling as is our subject, though one is in Chester, Pa., and the other in Plocenixville, Pa.; and William is a draughtsman in Point Breeze Oil Works, Philadelphia.

Ebenezer Francis, of this sketch, served an apprenticeship to the molder's trade in the Weimar Iron Works at Lebanon, and, at the end of a year, upon his father's resigning his position with the company and removing to Harrisburg, the lad followed his example and worked as formerly for another year as a molder. The father then sent the young man back to Wales, where he could have better opportunities of completing the trade, and there he dwelt for seven years, always steadily continuing in his favorite pursuit. He was now but little past his majority, and upon his arrival once more in the New World he found employment in the Southwark Foundry and Machine Company in Philadelphia as a molder. In a short time he went to Chester, and for four years was employed by Robert Wetherill & Co., engine makers. Thence he went to the Standard Steel Casting Company, of Thurlow, Pa., now known as the American Steel Casting Company,

and at intervals, when the foreman was absent, on account of illness or other causes, he supplied his place and won experience. He next accepted a position as foreman of the steel casting department of the Pacific Rolling Mills Company, of San Francisco, and under his supervision the hulls and machinery castings of the first steel vessels ever constructed on the Pacific slope were made. Among the boats for which these castings were furnished were the Charleston, San Francisco and Monterey.

When this work was completed Mr. Francis returned to the east, and the following September took charge of the steel casting department of the Wellman Iron and Steel Company. The post he held until four years had rolled by, when the firm suspended operations and he became the foreman of the steel foundry of the Midvale Steel Company of Philadelphia. Two years more passed by and he found that steady, confining work was beginning to tell seriously upon his health, and in consequence he took a long vacation. In August, 1897, he accepted the position which he is now occupying, but still has his home in Chester, Pa. He has under his direction about one hundred men.

In February, 1889, Mr. Francis married Amelia, granddaughter of the late Samuel Archibald, of the firm of Reney, Son & Archibald, ship-builders, and connected with the United States navy. She is a daughter of George and Agnes Archibald, and by her marriage has become the mother of one son, Charles W. Mr. Francis was brought up in the Methodist Episcopal faith, but is not connected with the denomination. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and politically is a Republican. In common with so many of his nationality Mr. Francis is a musician of no little talent and is, moreover, possessed of artistic tastes in another direction. As a recreation he has taken up photography, and in the midst of his busy life he has found time to make a study of it. He is abreast of the latest discoveries in this rapidly developing art, and produces many pictures that compare favorably with those of professionals.

CHARLES A. RINEHART is the owner of a very desirable farm in Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, and was born on this same homestead about forty-seven years ago. The farm comprises one hundred and forty acres of arable land, suited for the raising of grain and other crops common to this climate. The proprietor has been particularly successful in the growing of fruits of various kinds, and has a fine orchard containing ten thousand peach trees. He gives some attention to dairying, and is thoroughly practical and a good financier. He has had no time for politics beyond doing his duty as a citizen and voter, and his preference is for the platform and nominees of the Democracy.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Martin Rineliart, who was a farmer of Morris County, and was identified with the Presbyterian Church in Fairmount. He married Mary Alpaugh, and their son, John, was born in Morris County, near the town of Fox Hill (now called Parker) March 5, 1807. In those early days he had but small opportunity to acquire an education, and was chiefly his own teacher. November 4, 1830, he married Jane Moore, who was born April 2, 1810, and was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Moore of this township. Ten sons and daughters were born to them, named as follows: Martin, a farmer of Somerset County; Catherine, wife of H. C. Hoffman, whose farm is near that of our subject's; Mary Ann, wife of James G. Fisher, a retired farmer of Pottersville; George Moore, a farmer near Cokesbury; John and Joseph E., owning farms in the vicinity of Pottersville; David, a farmer near Lebanon; William, of New Germantown; Emma, wife of Peter Lane, residing near New Germantown; and Charles A. The father carried on the paternal homestead for a number of years after his marriage, and about 1850 bought the farm now owned by our subject. Here he continued to dwell until the death summons came to him, July 11, 1893. He built the house on this place in 1851 and was quite successful in his varied business undertakings. Politically he was a Demo-



crat, and religiously a Lutheran. He was very active in the work of the church in New Germantown, and occupied many of the official positions in the congregation.

Charles A. Rinehart was born November 28, 1851, and as he was the child of his father's old age, he was of great use to his senior as a youth, aiding him in the general farm work, and relieving him of many of the burdens which were beginning to weigh upon him. He continued to live with him until long after his marriage, and it was not until 1888 that he left the old roof-tree. At that time he bought a farm lying between New Germantown and Lamington, and carried this place on for about five years. When his father died in 1893 he sold his other property and purchased the old home where he was born and where the most of his life had been passed. January 26, 1876, he married Mary Angeline, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Lindaberry) Apgar, the former a farmer of High Bridge Township, his home being near Cokesbury. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart five children have been born, viz.: John Emmett, who assists his father in the work of the farm; Jennie M., now attending school in Trenton; Florence, Ada and Blanche.



**E**DWARD HUMPHREY is the genial "mine host" of the Glen Gardner (Hunterdon County) Hotel, one of the best conducted and most comfortable and inviting hotels in the county. He is quite a prominent figure in local politics, has occupied various public positions of responsibility and honor with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. In 1888 he was elected collector or treasurer of Hunterdon County, and served acceptably in that capacity for four years, after which, in 1896, he was re-elected for a term of three years, and is still discharging the duties of this important office.

Edward Humphrey is a native of this county, his birth having occurred in Union Township, January 15, 1840. He is one of the six sons of Lewis and Elizabeth (Apgar) Humphrey, the others being: William, deceased, formerly a wholesale merchant in Philadelphia; Lambert, proprietor of the Union House in Flemington, N. J.; Randolph, deceased; Samuel, in the wholesale business in the Quaker city; and John D., deceased. The father was born in 1809 in this county, and here also occurred the birth of his wife, the date of the event being 1806. They lived for the most part near the town of Norton, where Mr. Humphrey owned and carried on two farms. He also operated a sawmill, ran a distillery for some years, and accumulated quite a comfortable fortune.

During the boyhood of our subject, Edward Humphrey, he assisted his father in his various pursuits, and was a pupil in the district school. When he was twenty-four years of age he established a mercantile business in Norton, and at the close of two years he sold out and embarked in a new venture. He bought and sold woodland property and cut timber, which he disposed of to the railroad company. April 1, 1868, he came to this town, and bought the Clarksville Hotel, as it was then called. He changed the title of the house, at once inaugurated many desirable improvements and changes and proceeded to build up the reputation of the place. The hotel is a modern, four-story building, the rooms being light, pleasant and well furnished. Hot and cold water is in every part of the building and many other conveniences are afforded the traveler, not usually to be found outside the larger towns and cities. With the exception of one year, 1881, when E. Tompson, now of Clinton, ran the hotel, our subject has personally supervised the business for thirty years, during which period he has won a multitude of friends, owing to his honorable methods and his cheerful, kindly manner.

Until 1880 Mr. Humphrey voted the Republican ticket, but since that time he has given his support to the Democracy. He has been very







SAMUEL STOCKTON.

active and energetic in political matters, and in 1881 was nominated on the Democratic ticket for the place of collector of the township, and was also endorsed by the Republicans. His election was, therefore, practically unanimous, there being only a few scattering votes of opposition. Then, as previously related, he has efficiently served as county treasurer several years, having been twice elected. Over a score of years has he been connected with the National Bank of Clinton as a director, and in 1870, when the Clarksville Building and Loan Association was organized, he was chosen its treasurer and thenceforth acted as such as long as the company was in existence, it being successfully brought to a close in 1880. Fraternaly he is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Lebanon Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M., of Glen Gardner.

June 1, 1865, Mr. Humphrey was united in marriage at the home of the bride, with Mercy M. Brittian, daughter of Henry V. Brittian, of Asbury.



**S**AMUEL STOCKTON, a well-known citizen and business man of Lambertville, Hunterdon County, is a native of this place, he having been born March 28, 1844. He is a Republican, and voted first for Lincoln in 1864. He was made a notary public in 1889 by Governor Greene, and has served as trustee of schools. May 10, 1897, he was reappointed morgue keeper for the term of three years, and this is the third term that he has served consecutively, his first appointment being in 1891.

The parents of our subject were Lieut. Samuel S. and Eliza A. (White) Stockton. The father was born in New Hope, Bucks County, Pa., June 22, 1822, and the mother was a native of Ithaca, N. Y., born about 1811. In 1844 the lieutenant started in the undertaking business in Lambertville, and followed it until the war broke out, when he left his brother Edward C. in charge

of his affairs and went forth to fight the battles of his country. He enlisted for three years in Company H, Sixth New Jersey Infantry, being made first lieutenant. Poor health compelled him to resign his position at the end of about a year and a-half, and he died February 14, 1869. He took part in many battles and engagements, and the hardships that he endured undoubtedly hastened his death. In politics a Democrat, he served in the council in Lambertville, and he was connected with the Odd Fellows' society and encampment and also was identified with the Masons. A prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he held various offices, such as class-leader, etc., and possessed the love and confidence of all who knew him.

Samuel Stockton was a pupil in the public schools of this city. In early youth he learned the cabinet-maker's business under his father and afterwards conducted his father's business until his death. During the progress of the war he was a member of the Pennsylvania emergency army and was on duty about two months.

He is the eldest of three children, his sister being Adeline C., who married John O. Hull, now deceased, and has two sons and a daughter. Thomas died and left two children, George and John. In 1864 Mr. Stockton married Emma A. Barber, of this city, daughter of Cornelius H. and Cornelia M. (Britton) Barber.

After his father's death Samuel Stockton succeeded him in the undertaking business. He has had charge of about three thousand funerals, and made the first interment in River View Cemetery, September 25, 1878. He has had more experience in his particular line than any other man in this section of the state, and perhaps in the whole of New Jersey. He is the inventor of several appliances valuable to those of his profession, and is thoroughly practical. He was the first president of the Undertakers' Association of Hunterdon and Warren Counties, and was sent by them as their delegate to the national convention held in Baltimore, March 7, 1888. He is the chaplain of Maj. C. A. Angel Post No. 20, G. A. R.; is past sachem of Tuscorora Tribe No. 11, Improved

Order of Red Men; is noble chief of Delaware Castle No. 196, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of New Hope, Pa.; is past sir knight commander of Evening Star Castle No. 15, Ancient Order Knights of Mystic Chain; past captain of Adjutant J. S. Studdiford Camp No. 34, Sons of Veterans; is division chaplain of the Sons of Veterans of New Jersey, and is a member of Delaware League No. 10, Improved Order of Red Men.



**J**OHAN D. HOFFMAN is one of the youngest business men of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, but has already made a place for himself in its commercial circles, and is recognized as an energetic, live citizen, who is certain of success in a financial way and of winning an influential and desirable place in the busy world of action. Even before he was of age he had embarked in the coal, grain and feed business, which he is still carrying on with ability. He seems to have inherited from some of his ancestors that keenness of judgment, systematic method of transacting business, absolute uprightness of dealing with others that merits and usually insures success.

The Hoffmans are numbered among the pioneers of this section of New Jersey, and have been prominent in various of its fields of business activity. They have been land-holders and law-abiding citizens, noted for integrity and soundness of principle, and many of the representatives of the name are spoken of in the pages of this volume. Their sons and daughters have intermarried with the best and most influential families of these western counties and their worthy characteristics have been handed down to the present generation. John Hoffman, of German descent, removed from Schoharie County, N. Y., to this vicinity in 1764, and took up his abode on a tract of land situated about a mile east of Lebanon village. This property was kept in the fam-

ily until recently, and was owned in the present generation by Nathan Hoffman. Henry, a son of the founder of the family in these parts, was the great-grandfather of our subject. He married Rebecca Dilts, of one of the old Hunterdon County families, and they had several sons, whose names are among the best known in this locality, viz.: John H., Peter, William H., Henry, Joseph, Jacob, George H., Ralph and two daughters who died in early womanhood.

Grandfather Jacob Hoffman married Mary Porter, who was born three miles south of Lebanon, being a daughter of Timothy L. Porter, an honored old resident of that section. The oldest son of Jacob and Mary Hoffman was named in honor of his grandfather, Timothy Porter, and their other children were Oliver H., Martin, Seward and William H. Timothy Porter Hoffman, the father of John D., of this sketch, was well known in the vicinity of Lebanon, and was extensively engaged for many years in buying, selling and shipping to the city markets livestock, which he mainly procured in the western states. With the exception of a few years, when he was in the far west, his whole life was passed in Lebanon Township, where he was respected and held quite an influential place among his neighbors. He had no time for politics beyond doing his duty as a voter, and was a loyal citizen, upholding the laws and standing by good government. He was born August 12, 1832, and departed this life March 14, 1892, then being placed in the quiet cemetery of the Reformed Church of Lebanon. He married Catherine E. Rockefeller and their only child is John D.

The birth of J. D. Hoffman took place November 12, 1875, on the parental homestead near Lebanon, and there he dwelt until the death of his loved father, since which time he has resided with his maternal grandfather. He inherited the valuable farm formerly the property of his father, and owns other real estate, much of which is leased to responsible tenants. He obtains a good income from these sources, and, as previously stated, has been engaged in the coal and grain business for several years with gratifying

results. He is a young man of commendable principle and praiseworthy habits, and enjoys the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. Socially he is a member of Vesper Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F., of Lebanon, and in politics is affiliated with the Democracy. Religiously he adheres to the ancient faith of his fathers, being a member of the Reformed Church of Lebanon.



**L**EWIS S. PERRY, an enterprising young business man of High Bridge, Hunterdon County, is one of the energetic and public-spirited citizens of this place, always fully awake to whatever promises to be beneficial to our people. He cast in his lot with the residents of this community some six years ago, since 1892 having conducted a restaurant and news depot. He has built up a large and paying custom and merits the success with which he is blessed, for it is the result of his earnest efforts to meet the needs of the public.

Born in the town of Peapack, Somerset County, September 26, 1871, our subject is the son of Augustus and Addie (Klotz) Perry, who were natives of Sussex and Morris Counties, respectively. They removed to Hunterdon County in 1871, when Lewis was an infant, and the family has since dwelt in High Bridge. The grandfather of our subject, Daniel Perry, was a native of Sussex County, as was also the great-grandfather, James. The great-great-grandfather, Daniel Perry, was a near relative of the famous Commodore Perry of the United States navy, and, as is supposed, was a native of Scotland.

Lewis S. Perry was educated in the common schools of High Bridge, and when he was but fourteen years of age he commenced his business life as a news agent on the Central New Jersey Railroad, running between High Bridge and Lake Hopatcong for seven seasons. He had but just reached his majority when he opened his restau-

rant here, in connection with a news stand, where all of the leading journals and periodicals of the day are to be found. He is making a thorough success of his enterprises, and is popular among the citizens and traveling public.

June 14, 1893, Lewis S. Perry married Addie Apgar, daughter of David L. and Elizabeth (Seals) Apgar. Mrs. Perry is one of the native daughters of High Bridge, and by her marriage has become the mother of two bright little ones, Lelah R. and Olive E. Mr. Perry is one of four brothers, the others being Abram K., of Brooklyn, employed in the elevated railroad; Theodore, also a resident of Brooklyn, and a painter by trade; and Clarence, who is at home with his parents. The father is a painter by trade, and has been very active in local public affairs here. He was one of the board of registration under the Australian system, has frequently acted as a delegate to conventions of the Democratic party, and was foremost in getting the town of High Bridge incorporated. Lewis S. Perry is affiliated with the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, belonging to Peerless Council No. 218, of High Bridge, and held the office of treasurer with the same. A Patriotic Son of America, he is identified with Camp No. 40, of Glen Gardner.



**J**OHN W. BEAVERS has been engaged in general merchandising in the town of Califon, Hunterdon County, for several years, and has made a reputation for fair dealing, uprightness and correct business methods well worthy of emulation. He makes a point of doing a strictly cash business, and thus obtains the better and more desirable class of patronage. In every reasonable manner he seeks to promote the well-being of his fellow-citizens, and is always in the front of every measure calculated to advance the prosperity of this town. As a patriot and

good citizen he upholds law and order, and votes in accordance with the dictates of his conscience.

Grandfather Joseph Beavers was a native of this county, was a farmer by occupation, and owned the old homestead where the birth of the subject of this article afterward took place. He met with fair success in life, and left a valuable estate at his death. He held quite a prominent position in the community in which he dwelt, and was a justice of the peace and a freeholder, besides occupying minor offices. His daughter Elizabeth married Henry Bruner, who was a carpenter by trade, and whose home was in Middle Valley, N. J. George B., the younger son, was a miller, and resided in different parts of this county up to the last quarter of a century prior to his death, when he dwelt in Glen Gardner.

William C. Beavers, father of our subject, was the elder son of his parents, and his whole life was passed upon the homestead where he first saw the light. From time to time he was called upon by his neighbors to serve in local positions of trust, and among these he was a freeholder and collector. Death put an end to his labors ere he had commenced the down-grade of his life journey, as he died in 1860, when our subject was but five years old. He had married Mary A. Banghart and four children were born of their union: George, who died while in the Federal army, in the south; Abigail; Andrew, now a resident of Flanders, N. J.; and John W.

The birth of John W. Beavers occurred December 9, 1855, not far from Califon, and his early days were quietly spent upon the old farm. His elementary education was such as was afforded by the district schools, and later he entered the state normal school at Trenton, finishing with a course in the New York College of Pharmacy that consumed two years. As he was needed at home he returned and took charge of affairs there until the death of his mother, in November, 1885. The property was then disposed of, and the young man embarked in the business world in Califon, and has been here ever since. He was alone as a general merchant for three years, and in 1888 entered into partnership with George W.

Beatty. This connection, under the firm name of Beatty & Beavers, flourished during a period of five years, at the expiration of which time Mr. Beatty, desiring to take his son into partnership, bought out the interest of our subject. The latter was not in business during the succeeding few months, but was making his plans, which he subsequently carried out, of again entering the commercial world, this time alone as at first. He carries a full line of general dry goods and notions and commands a fair share of the local trade.

On account of his strong feeling on the subject of temperance Mr. Beavers is an advocate of the platform of the Prohibition party, and is treasurer of the township committee of the same. He holds membership with the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church. April 22, 1881, he married Ella, daughter of Edward C. and Lydia Latimer, of High Bridge. To their marriage three children were born, but of these only one survives, Joyce, born December 25, 1897.



**H**ON. BARTLETT C. FROST, now serving his third term as mayor of Phillipsburg, Warren County, was first elected to this responsible position on the Republican ticket in the spring of 1896. His personal popularity was largely accountable for his victory, as this town usually polls a fair Democratic majority. He was re-elected in 1897 and 1898. Undoubtedly a strong reason for his being proposed as mayor is the fact that he has always been a power in the promotion of every enterprise that has been started here for years, and his fellow-citizens realized that they could trust the town's interest to no better hands.

The birth of our subject occurred in Leeds, Androscoggin County, Me., March 17, 1833. His parents, Oliver P. and Esther (Jennings) Frost, were natives of the same locality. The

father, who was of English descent, was a farmer in a small way, and was a blacksmith by trade. He died in 1863, having survived his wife twenty-one years. Four of their six children are living, viz.: Orintha, widow of D. Jennings, of Lowell, Mass.; Deborah, widow of W. W. Wilson, of the same city; Esther, wife of Jeremiah Buxton, of Yarmouth, Me., and the subject of this sketch.

After receiving a liberal education in the public schools of his native state, B. C. Frost attended the Wesleyan Seminary of Maine for a period of three years. In 1852 he took charge of a school as teacher, and in the fall of 1854 he came to New Jersey and taught for one winter in the schools of Clarksville, Hunterdon County. Then for another year he was similarly occupied in Springtown, Warren County, and during all this time that he was employed in educational work in this state he was quietly pursuing the study of law. One year he was a pupil in the Albany law school; then he taught again for a year at the "Forge" Warren County, and in due course of time was admitted to the bar in 1858 by the supreme court.

It was in 1860 that Mr. Frost cast in his lot with the inhabitants of Phillipsburg, and two years later he was admitted as a counsellor-at-law. Just after the war, in 1865, he became connected with the Phillipsburg Mutual Building and Loan Association, and in 1867 with the Building and Loan Association of Phillipsburg, and continued secretary of both associations until they matured and were successfully wound up. These companies were very useful in the growth and upbuilding of this town, and when their affairs were closed a few years ago, everything was in good order, and no one had any cause for dissatisfaction with the manner in which the enterprise had been conducted. Since the People's Water Company of Phillipsburg was organized in 1886 he has been one of the directors in the company, and space forbids further enumeration of the many industries, etc., with which he has been concerned here. For two terms he served as corporation attorney for the city and five years was attorney for Lopatcong Township. With the

exception of one vote cast for Greeley, Mr. Frost has been faithful in his adherence to the Republican party since casting his first ballot for Fremont in 1856. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M., and to Eagle Chapter No. 30, R. A. M. He is a Knight Templar, being a member of DeMolay Commandery No. 6, at Washington, N. J.

In Easton, Pa., March 17, 1874, Mr. Frost and Mary L., daughter of Jacob B. Balliet, were united in marriage. Four children were born to them and were named as follows: Bartlett C., Jr., deceased; Evander, a law student in his father's office; Orville, deceased; and Margery, at home. Mr. Frost is recognized as one of the leading lawyers of Phillipsburg, and is the oldest practitioner here.



**M**ORRIS R. ALBRIGHT, a well-known business man of Junction, Hunterdon County, has been a worker in the ranks of the Republican party, in whose principles he earnestly believes, and has been a member of the election board ever since he came to this place, about nine years ago. The high position in which he stands in the confidence of the people was manifested in March, 1895, when they elected him to serve as collector of the borough of Junction for a term of three years. He has made a thoroughly satisfactory officer, promptly and systematically discharging every duty of the position.

The Albright family originated in Germany many generations ago, and have been represented in the state of Pennsylvania for a long period. Samuel L. Albright, father of our subject, was born in Northampton County, Pa., and is now living retired from active business life. In his early manhood he followed the carpenter's trade, subsequently turned his attention to agricultural

pursuits, and later engaged in merchandising. He has voted the Republican ticket since the organization of the party, but has never been an aspirant to political honors. For many years he has been a valued worker in the Presbyterian Church, having been a trustee, elder and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He married Mary Ann, daughter of John Able, of this county, and to them were born six sons and two daughters. John Calvin is a druggist and physician in South Amboy, N. J.; George Peter is a school teacher in Oxford, N. J.; Morris R. is the next in order of birth; Anna Margaret is the wife of George La Rue, of Kingstown, N. J.; William Herbert is a student in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia; Whitfield K. is a druggist, clerking with his eldest brother in South Amboy; Josiah Coleman is at home; and Catherine Rachel is a graduate of the state normal and is now engaged in teaching.

Morris R. Albright is a native of the village of Martin's Creek, Northampton County, Pa., born June 29, 1861. He acquired a good education in the public schools, and when he had attained his majority he was placed in charge of a school. He had prepared himself for the position by diligent study, and met with success in his pedagogic work, during the seven years which he devoted to the business. For the last three years of this period he spent all of his spare time in the study of pharmacy, and subsequently he was a clerk in a drug store in McKeypport, N. J., for a year, in order to gain necessary experience. In 1889 he came to Junction and bought out the druggist here, since which time he has conducted the business. In 1897 he erected his present building, a structure 24x40 feet in dimensions, the second story being occupied as a barber shop. Mr. Albright is a practical watch and clock repairer, and at intervals in his other business devotes some time to this line. He is a member of Shabekong Tribe No. 46, Improved Order of Red Men, of Junction, and also belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Hunterdon Council No. 94. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, holding membership with the local congregation,

and is interested in the work of the Sunday-school, being a teacher in the same, and also the secretary.

October 22, 1892, Mr. Albright married Margaret, daughter of our respected citizen, Ezra Nason, the late mayor of Junction. The young couple have one promising little son, William Harvey.



**R**OBERT Q. BOWERS. This successful business man of Hackettstown, who is the senior member of the firm of Bowers & Son, was born in this place March 26, 1831. He is of German descent, being a grandson of Jacob Bowers, who came to America from Germany and settled on a farm near Belvidere, Warren County, continuing to reside there until his death when in middle life. The father, Michael Bowers, a native of this county, was orphaned at an early age and being without means was bound out as an apprentice. In spite of lack of advantages, he worked his way from poverty to independence, and became well-to-do. The greater part of his life was spent in Washington, Warren County, where he was proprietor of a foundry. In political belief he was a Democrat and in religious belief held membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred when he was about seventy-eight years of age. Two sons, Robert Q. and John (who is a resident of Delaware) were born of his union with Hannah Quick, a native of Warren County, but deceased at the age of thirty years.

During his boyhood days our subject assisted his father on the home farm and in the foundry. On attaining his majority he formed a partnership with his father in the management of the foundry at Washington, where he remained for six years. About 1858 he came to Hackettstown and purchased the foundry of which he has since been the proprietor and manager. The great



issues before the people of the present age receive his thoughtful attention. Believing the liquor traffic to be the greatest curse of our nation, he gives his support to Prohibition doctrines and endeavors, by precept and example, to weaken the power of the "whiskey ring." He and his family are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been a steward and trustee for many years.

The marriage of Mr. Bowers took place July 1, 1852, and united him with Miss Elizabeth P. Kenneman, of Washington, Warren County. They became the parents of six children, all but one of whom are now living. Margaret, the eldest of the family, is the wife of James H. Stitzer, of Philadelphia; Sarah married John Seward Lampson, of Dover, N. J.; Michael B., who was born in Washington, this county, has spent almost his entire life, however, in Hackettstown, and since 1878 has been the junior partner in the foundry business; Robert Q., Jr., is now employed in the foundry business at Washington; William, the youngest son, died when twenty-one years of age; and Laura, the youngest of the family, is the wife of F. H. Gulick, of Philadelphia.



**E**RASMUS L. REIGLE, M. D. Though his residence in the town of Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County, extends over less than a decade, the enterprising young physician whose name commences this sketch has built up a large and lucrative practice, having about all that he can attend to satisfactorily. He is a member of the local board of health and has been township physician since 1893, and besides is the official examiner for two of the old-established life insurance companies here. He stands well in the estimation of everyone, no less than in that of the members of his own profession. He is a student, keeping fully posted on all new discoveries in the realm of science and medicine, and is

not burdened with a multitude of the old, worn-out theories of the former generations of those who practiced the healing art.

The family of which the doctor is a sterling representative originated in Germany, as the name implies. John Reigle, his grandfather, came to America about 1790, and located in Bucks County, Pa. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, and followed that business in the vicinity of the town of Erwinna. He was a master in his line, and perseveringly worked at it during his active life, making a good livelihood for his family. He was a Lutheran in religious faith, and was very active in the promotion of the interests of his denomination. He married Rosanna Moser. Of their five children Joseph M., the doctor's father, was next to the eldest.

Born in Bucks County, Pa., Joseph M. Reigle first saw the light of day in 1818. He was educated in the common schools of the vicinity of his parental home, later being privileged to attend one in Philadelphia for a time. Early in his career he decided to become an agriculturist, and his whole life was devoted to that pursuit in his native county. He was a Democrat in politics, and religiously was a Lutheran. He married Catherine, daughter of George Maust, a neighboring farmer. Thirteen children came to bless their home and eight of the number are yet living, the others having died in infancy. Sylvester resides in Holland Township, Hunterdon County; Joseph H. lives in Bucks County, Pa.; Ella married Levi Lanning, of this county; Elkanah is in Bucks County; Erasmus is the next in order of birth; Lorenzo D. is in this county; Lucretia is the wife of Hugh Shuman, and lives on the old Reigle homestead in Bucks County; and Estella is making her home with our subject and attends to his comfort in various ways, being his devoted friend and companion.

Dr. E. L. Reigle was born at Erwinna, Bucks County, Pa., April 1, 1863. He learned the elementary branches of knowledge in the public schools of his native place, later was a student in the Frenchtown Academy and for a period at

tended Rutgers College in New Brunswick. Then, for eighteen months he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Philadelphia, later spending three years as a traveling salesman for the firm of Garrettson & Co., of the Quaker city. In the meantime he devoted considerable time to hard study, his preceptor being Dr. Q. E. Snyder, of Quakertown, this county. Subsequently he graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1889, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He at once located in Bloomsbury, arriving here in May, 1889. He has been particularly successful in the treatment of diseases of children. The first year after he came here there was an epidemic of influenza, and he was remarkably fortunate in meeting this enemy, so that his reputation was assured. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Red Men, is an Odd Fellow and belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He holds membership with the Methodist Church, and is always to be counted upon to use his influence and means for whatever will prove of benefit to his fellow-citizens. Like his father before him he uses his franchise in favor of the principles and nominees of the Democracy.



**M**AHLON HULSIZER is one of the honored old residents of Hunterdon County, as were his parents before him. Both of his grandfathers were patriots who offered their services or lives, if the need came, to this country in her struggle for independence during the Revolution, and from them our subject doubtless inherited his love for liberty, regard for the rights of his fellow-men and many of the sterling and hardy virtues for which he has always been noted. Born and reared in this county, he has always been interested in its upbuilding and growth, and has done all that was in his power to promote its best and most lasting institutions and laws.

David Hulsizer, father of our subject, was a

prominent man in his time in this county, and served his fellow-citizens in many capacities, such as justice of the peace, judge of the county court, etc. His chief life occupation was that of agriculture, and prosperity crowned his efforts. He died in 1862 and had been preceded to the grave by his wife some ten years. She bore the maiden name of Mary Chamberlain, and was reared to womanhood in this, her native county.

The birth of Mahlon Hulsizer took place in 1815, and his education was obtained in the public schools of his locality, which were excellent and under good teachers. When a mere child he was initiated into the mysteries of agriculture, and from that day to the present he has been thoroughly identified with the business. He owns one hundred and sixty-five acres of finely improved land, a part of which is situated along the Lehigh Valley Railroad, thus making it especially valuable. The buildings upon the place are neat and substantial, and everything about the farm is kept in a thrifty manner, reflecting great credit upon the proprietor. For more than twenty years he was a member of the county committee, and he has also been a judge of elections, though he has never desired office, merely accepting such places to accommodate his neighbors. No man stands higher in the regard of his associates than he, and his whole life is like an open book, that "he who runs may read," for it is the record of deeds of goodness quietly and unostentatiously performed, of innumerable acts of kindness and charity toward those less fortunate than himself, of patience, gentleness and unflinching courtesy towards all.

The sharer of Mr. Hulsizer's joys and sorrows along his journey of life is still with him, cheering and assisting him in all his hours of sadness. They were married in 1839, and were blessed with seven children. Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Augustus K. Smith; Emily Caroline is the wife of Thomas J. Stires; Ellen C. married A. B. Demott; Annie is Mrs. Joseph Stires, of Somerville; Jacob S. resides in Allendale; and David S. and Christopher complete the number. The mother of these children was Mary Sharp before





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her marriage, and is a daughter of David Sharp, a respected citizen of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hulsizer are members of the old-school Baptist Church and have always supported by their means and influence all worthy enterprises.



**J**OSEPH M. ROSEBERRY. Nearly twenty years have passed since this highly respected citizen of Belvidere, Warren County, was admitted to the bar, and during this period he has built up for himself a reputation that is indeed enviable. His ability as a lawyer, though great and well recognized in this portion of the country, is, however, not secondary to his talent for business, and his mind, life and character are well rounded, commanding the esteem of all who know him. His services to the Republican party, with which great political body he is enrolled, have been and are most valuable. For several years he was chairman of the Warren County Republican committee, and has succeeded very materially in organizing the forces and making it a power in this locality, having reduced the Democratic majority over fifteen hundred.

On the paternal side Mr. Roseberry is descended from one of the early settlers of this county. His great-grandfather, John Roseberry, was a man of considerable wealth when he came to America. He made a permanent home in Phillipsburg in 1750, and owned about fifteen hundred acres, embracing nearly the whole site of the present city. He married Margaret, daughter of William Phillips, the founder of Phillipsburg, in whose honor it was named. A brother-in-law, Gen. John Phillips, served in the Revolutionary war.

From Michael, a son of John Roseberry, is descended Joseph M. Roseberry, Sr., born in October, 1804, who was a farmer by occupation, but did not confine himself to that one line of enterprise. He was remarkably good as a financier,

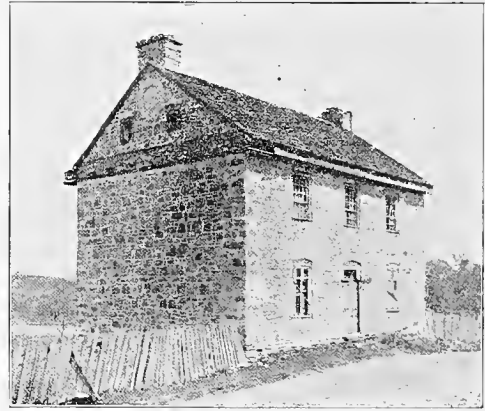
and through the exercise of judicious care and correct methods became very well off, as at his death his estate, with what he had previously given to his children, was estimated to be about \$150,000 in value. In the work of the Presbyterian Church, with which denomination he was connected, he was very active, contributing liberally to religious and charitable enterprises. Had he so desired he might have held various positions of responsibility and honor, but he was not ambitious of public recognition. For his wife he chose Sally A., daughter of Abraham and granddaughter of Benjamin DePue. The latter was a commissary in the war of the Revolution and married Catherine, daughter of Col. Abraham Van Campen, who commanded a regiment of New Jersey troops in the French and Indian wars, and was the first judge of old Sussex County. The original DuPue (spelled in French Dupuis or Dupuy) ancestor in America was a Huguenot whose Christian name was Nicholas; from him are descended Chauncey M. Depew and other men of national repute. He emigrated from Artois, France, in October, 1662, and bought land in New York City—the site of the present Produce Exchange building and was classed as one of its wealthiest citizens. Our subject's father departed this life August 5, 1887. Nine of his children survive him, and two of the number and a brother-in-law are lawyers.

J. M. Roseberry, of this sketch, was born in Oxford Township, Warren County, December 3, 1852. After finishing his preliminary studies in the schools of Belvidere and Blirstown Academy he entered Princeton College, in 1873. He graduated four years later, in the meantime having spent one year in opening an iron mine in Scott Mountain near here. His alma mater bestowed upon him the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Arts, and he still belongs to a fellowship class of 1877 and contributes to two endowment funds. Determining to enter the legal profession, he took up the study of law under the direction of J. G. Shipman & Son, and at the expiration of three years was admitted to the bar as an attorney. He became a counsellor-

at-law in 1887 and has a large legal business. He is one of the counsel of the United States Pipe Line Company in its struggle in the courts with the Standard Oil Company, and the railroads in laying its line of pipes through New Jersey. His name has been prominently before the public owing to his connection with various important cases, railway suits, murder trials, etc. At one time he had control of the Osmun iron mine, and from time to time he has made profitable investments in real estate, farms and owns considerable mining property, etc. He holds membership with the First Presbyterian Church, and is very liberal in his contributions to its expenses.

August 15, 1891, Mr. Roseberry married Mary Winter White, and their only child, Joseph White, was born April 29, 1897. Mrs. Roseberry is a daughter of Thomas White, and is a direct descendant of one Alexander White, who settled in Greenwich, N. J., long prior to the Revolutionary war. His three sons were William, Alexander and Samuel. William, the eldest, resided in the fine old family mansion, Whitehall, which was built of stone, and though constructed over a century ago, is still standing and in a fair state of preservation. Lieut. William White was the first man from Sussex County (then comprising the territory of the present Sussex and Warren Counties) to join the army of Washington, at Boston, Mass. After having had his papers properly certified to by the freeholders of his home county, he proceeded with his younger brother, Samuel (a lad under age) to give his services to the cause of freedom and independence. The brother lost his life in the ensuing war, while he, William, shipwrecked all of his goodly estates and property for the same great object; and the old homestead, including the stately residence, Whitehall, passed into the hands of his other brother, Col. Alexander White, who had also been a soldier in the same war. President William Henry Harrison stopped at the old homestead on one occasion. The property has continued in the family up to the date of this writing and is now owned by William B. White, a direct descendant of Col. Alexander

White, who at the time of his death had sixteen hundred acres of land. About 1760 Alexander White, Sr., donated the land known as the White burying-ground, in Oxford Township, to the community, and it is a tradition that one of the White family built a church of bricks imported from England.



"WHITEHALL," NEAR BELVIDERE, N. J., WAS ERECTED BEFORE THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAS THE HOME OF LIEUT. WILLIAM WHITE, FIRST SOLDIER OF SUSSEX (NOW WARREN) COUNTY, WHO JOINED WITH HIS BROTHER THE ARMY OF WASHINGTON AT BOSTON, MASS., IN 1775. LATER WHITEHALL WAS THE RESIDENCE OF COL. ALEXANDER WHITE.



JOHN TODD, a wealthy and influential citizen of Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, owns a pleasant home here, where he and his family pass a portion of each year. He has been engaged in business enterprises in New York City for nearly half a century and has justly earned the title of self-made, for he commenced his financial life at the bottom rounds of the ladder, and by his own efforts worked his way to the top. He overcame the difficulties of being a

stranger in a strange land, of being without money or influential friends, and by his own merits commanded the respect of all with whom he came into contact before many years had rolled away.

The birth of John Todd occurred in County Down, Ireland, May 29, 1829, his father being Thomas Todd, a strict Protestant in religious belief. When he had reached his majority, or within a few months thereafter, our subject concluded to seek a home and fortune on the shores of the New World. Bidding farewell to all his old friends and associates, he sailed to the United States, landing in New York City in 1851. He soon found employment in a box manufactory in the metropolis, and, having learned the details of the business, he decided that he would stick to it as a means of obtaining his livelihood in the future. That very Scotch-Irish trait of perseverance is undoubtedly one of the chief secrets of his success in life, and it seems to the biographer, whose duty it is to trace the histories of men, that it would be very profitable to many of them were they to emulate Mr. Todd's example in this respect, as obviously thousands of comparative failures in life are due to restless and unreasonable changes from one occupation to another and from one location to another. His practical sense and genuine ability soon obtained promotion for our subject, and for several years he was the foreman of the factory. The plant is situated at Nos. 150 and 152 Baxter street, and since 1862 has been the property of Mr. Todd, he having purchased it at that time. In 1875 he bought the farm in this township, and has since devoted considerable time to its management. He is a lover of fine stock, and owns some thoroughbred Alderney cattle. The place comprises ninety-two acres and is well improved, affording a delightful summer home to the family, whose city residence is on Eighty-seventh street. In 1897 Mr. Todd retired from business and intends to pass his declining years on his home farm. He is a member and has served as an elder in the Phillips Presbyterian Church in New York and when here is a faith-

ful attendant upon the services of the Clinton Presbyterian Church. He votes the Republican ticket.

In 1858 he married Mary, daughter of John Macklin, formerly of Clinton. The children that blessed the union of our subject and wife are: Andrew Thomas, who is in business in the metropolis; Alexander M., a lumber merchant of the same city; Ada E., Mary L., William H. and Alice A. Mrs. Todd comes from an honored old family of this county, her father having been prominent in local affairs, and her uncle, Rev. Alexander Macklin, having been the first Presbyterian minister in Clinton. The elder sons of Mr. Todd are active young business men, giving promise of inherited ability. The second son is the senior member in the firm of A. M. Todd & Co., which owns a lumber yard at the foot of Third street on the East River. His brother, William H., is a bookkeeper for this firm, and our subject is also financially interested in the business.



**H**ON. IRWIN W. SCHULTZ, ex-mayor of Phillipsburg, Warren County, occupies an enviable position in the regard of his fellow-citizens, and is justly esteemed one of our best and most representative men. With the exception of the railroad corporations here, there are few enterprises of any magnitude or general usefulness to this community with which he is not now or has been connected. No one could be more patriotic or more thoroughly in sympathy with every movement calculated to benefit the people of his own neighborhood than he is and has been in the past. In fact the mere enumeration of the various concerns which have received his material aid and influential support would exceed the limits of this article, and therefore only a few will be mentioned.

I. W. Schultz was born in Phillipsburg, De-

ember 6, 1855. Having completed his public-school education he graduated from Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., at the close of a classical course in 1879. He next took up the study of law with William M. Davis, of Phillipsburg, and was admitted to the bar as an attorney in November, 1881, and as counsellor in 1885. Immediately opening an office, he embarked in the practice of his chosen profession, and from the first his success was assured, for his abilities were well recognized by a large circle of acquaintances while he was a mere youth. In 1883 he was elected city auditor and served one year. In 1884 he was elected mayor of Phillipsburg and served one year, then refused re-election.

From the time that the large and prosperous industry of the Phillipsburg silk mills was organized he was interested in the two plants and was president of the Phillipsburg Silk Mill Company for two years, which gives employment to a large number of persons. In 1889 he was appointed law or resident judge of the court of common pleas of Warren County and continued in that responsible position until 1892, when he resigned in order to attend to the administration of an estate. In September, 1896, he and W. C. Pilgrim, under the firm name of Schultz & Pilgrim, bought the Warren *Democrat* and in the following December began issuing the Warren *Daily News-Democrat*. Our subject takes an active part in the management of this journal, which is one of the best papers of the kind published in this part of the state of New Jersey.

Among the fraternities Mr. Schultz stands deservedly high. He belongs to Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M.; Montana Lodge No. 2, K. of P., and was district deputy of the same; is an Odd Fellow and is identified with the Patriotic Order Sons of America. June 3, 1886, Mr. Schultz married Jessie B., daughter of Dr. Samuel Glenn, of Washington, N. J.

The parents of Mr. Schultz are Alexander and Selinda (Smith) Schultz, who were married in June, 1854. The father was born in Prussia, Germany, April 8, 1828, and came to America in 1853. He resided in New York City until the

year 1864, when he removed to Phillipsburg. In politics he is independent, and for three years he was a member of the city council. Religiously he is a Lutheran. His wife was a daughter of Michael Smith, and some of her ancestors were patriots of the wars of the Revolution and 1812. Five children were born to Alexander Schultz and wife, but only two are living: I. W. and Louis G., the latter a lawyer at Fort Worth, Tex.



**G**EORGE J. BUCKLEY is an industrious, reliable farmer of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, his home having been for the past ten years on the well-improved homestead where he may be found to-day. He is a native of Germany, and came to America a poor boy, to seek an honest manner of earning his livelihood and to found a home when it should appear best. He has been a life-long agriculturist, and from a very early age was thoroughly familiar with farming in all its practical details. Commencing his career in New Jersey without friends or influence, a stranger in a strange land, he persevered through all difficulties, mastered the English language in time, and acquired a competence.

In a family numbering six children whose parents were Matthias and Catharine (Stores) Buckley, our subject is the fourth in order of birth. His brothers and sisters are named as follows: Catherine, Pauline, Louis, Maria and Matthias. The parents were natives of Germany and were well-to-do farmers. George J. was born November 25, 1838, on the parental homestead, where he remained until he was fifteen years of age, receiving an education in the neighboring schools. In 1854 he decided to come to America with his brother Matthias. He came direct to this state and worked on a farm for many years—in fact



he was in the employ of Susan A. Regar, a widow, for a long period of thirty-one years, or until May, 1887.

Having laid aside a goodly competence, Mr. Buckley felt himself amply justified in buying a farm for himself and establishing a home in 1887. He was married on the 25th of May, that year, to Sarah C. Messler, a native of this township, and together they at once started housekeeping on their new farm, which comprises eighty-one acres. Mr. and Mrs. Buckley are much respected in this locality, and are members of the Presbyterian Church. In his political belief he is affiliated with the Republican party.



**A**BEL BRINTON HARING, cashier of the Union National Bank of Frenchtown, Hunterdon County, has occupied this responsible and trustworthy position for nearly twenty years and has given complete satisfaction to the general public as well as to his superior officers in this well-known financial institution, where he has been employed for twenty-seven years. He may be said to be a self-made man, in the best sense of the word, as he has relied upon his own resources from his early youth, and has literally been the "architect of his own fortunes." From a long line of sterling upright ancestors he inherited traits of the strictest integrity and justice, and sound patriotism and love of country.

The gentleman of whom this is a sketch comes of German stock, with a slight intermixture of French blood. His paternal grandfather came from Germany to the United States when in young manhood and took up his abode in Bucks County, Pa., whither his two brothers had preceded him. Both of these brothers were active participants in the colonial struggle for independence, and one of them was commissioned by the general assembly to collect arms and ammunition for the continental army, which office he filled

with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. On the maternal side, the great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany, though his wife was from France. Grandfather Haring removed from Bucks County to Milton, Pa., then a frontier town, where he resided many years.

There David Haring, the father of A. B. Haring, was born and reared. When he was a mere youth he decided to become a potter, and to carry out his plans he located in Nockamixon Township, Bucks County, where there was a very fine quality of clay suitable for his work. Many large potteries had already been established in that vicinity and he found plenty of employment. He there met and married Annie Bigley, and of the eight children who blessed their union the two oldest, a son and the only daughter, died while young, and another son died in a southern prison during the late war. The others are all still living and are respected citizens of the several communities in which they make their homes.

The birth of Abel B. Haring occurred in Nockamixon Township, Bucks County, Pa., April 2, 1847. He remained under the parental roof-tree until he was about seventeen years of age, assisting his father in his extensive potteries, and obtaining a general education in the public schools of the neighborhood, which were open for pupils' instruction about five months of the year. Young Haring was a bright and ambitious student, very quick to learn, and, though it may readily be seen that his advantages were not of the best, he made rapid progress, and when about eighteen passed an examination and was placed in charge of a school as a teacher. He had, however, especially prepared himself for the work by a fourteen weeks' course in a normal school, and for two years he was very successfully occupied in pedagogic endeavor. He next concluded that he should have commercial training, and accordingly he entered the general store of the late H. E. Warford, of Frenchtown, as a bookkeeper and salesman. He continued with the firm for some four years, at the end of which period he

was elected to the position of teller in the Union National Bank of this place. He commenced his new duties March 1, and continued to faithfully discharge them as teller until 1879, when he was promoted to the post of cashier, and as such has since served. He uses his franchise in favor of the nominees of the Democratic party, and is a loyal upholder of law and good government. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at Frenchtown. Mr. Haring has been twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Jennie Vorhis. She was a native of this county and at her death left one daughter, Beulah Edna, now fourteen years of age. October 5, 1892, Mr. Haring married Miss Johanna Krewson, who was born and reared in Warminster Township, Bucks County, Pa. and is the daughter of Garrett Krewson.

Fraternally Mr. Haring is a Mason, belonging to Orion Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M.; Wilson Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., and St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., and is past master of the blue lodge. He is a member of Magnolia Lodge No. 571, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs. In Lily Encampment No. 20, I. O. O. F., he is a past chief patriarch; in Home Lodge No. 95, K. of P., he is a past officer, and in Manhattan Tribe No. 29, I. O. R. M., he is a past sachem. He is enthusiastic on the subject of secret orders, believing that from them great benefits may be derived, both intellectual and material.



**UDLOW P. WOODEN**, who is deceased, was a highly respected citizen of White House Station, Hunterdon County, where he conducted a well-equipped hotel for several years with ability and to the general satisfaction of the public. He was a man of undoubted talent and upright reliable business methods, which commended themselves to all with whom he had dealings. His death, which occurred November

15, 1895, was deplored as a great and lasting calamity to the community, for the loss of a good and enterprising citizen is always one which closely affects the prosperity of a locality. His life was a busy and useful one, and was replete with a thousand acts of generosity and kindness to his fellows, the memory of which enshrines him in many a heart. At the same time he was retiring and unostentatious and his right hand rarely knew of the good works which his left hand accomplished. But it was chiefly in the happy home circle that his virtues most strongly shone forth, and as a husband and father he was all that is most noble in a man.

L. P. Wooden was born in Plainfield, N. J., May 3, 1840, being a son of Ezra and Ann D. (Kendall) Wooden, who were both natives of New Jersey. Their family originally numbered eight children, but only four now survive, viz.: Sarah, Maggie, William and Martin. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Gideon Wooden, who was born and always resided in this state.

In his youth L. P. Wooden learned the carpenter's trade and in 1862 he went to California, returning in about three years. Afterward he was engaged in carrying on a bakery business at Morristown and Plainfield. It was in 1875 that he came to White House Station and for twenty years he was identified with the welfare of this vicinity.

Mr. Wooden was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was also connected with the Improved Order of Red Men. In his political preferences he sided with the principles of the Democracy. Death claimed him when he was but fifty-five years of age, and then in a position to begin to take life more easily, as he had acquired a competence. His estate, which was willed to his wife, amounted to about \$15,000.

His marriage took place May 30, 1871, the lady of his choice being Annie E. Pell, who was born and grew to womanhood in New Jersey, and possesses most lovable womanly qualities which endear her to all. Two children were born to this union, L. Edward and Nellie D.

Mrs. Wooden is a daughter of William J. and Frances P. (Lockwood) Pell, natives of New York. She is next to the youngest of five surviving children, the others being Mariam Frances, Charles and Mary E.; four of her brothers and sisters have departed this life.



**S**AMUEL H. WILSON. The personal popularity of this sterling citizen of Annandale, Hunterdon County, was amply shown when, in March, 1895, he was elected on the Republican ticket to the responsible position of freeholder. This, in a county which is strongly Democratic in tendency, indicates the high standing in which a candidate of the opposition must be held in order to score a victory. He has always been loyal to the interests of the Republican party and is an earnest worker in the ranks.

Mr. Wilson is a son of Peter and Emma (Shepherd) Wilson, and was born October 2, 1849, in Pittstown, Hunterdon County. His father was a shoemaker by trade, and in his last years occupied himself in agricultural pursuits. For about a quarter of a century he was the postmaster at Rowlands' Mills, in this county, and in 1892 removed to Clinton Township, where he now resides. His father, Joseph Wilson, lived for a great many years in Franklin Township, near the new stone church, and died on the farm that is now owned by his son William. Mrs. Emma Wilson was one of eight children coming from one of the representative old families of this county. Her brothers and sisters were as follows: Samuel, now baggage-master on the Pennsylvania Railroad, his run being from Flemington to Lambertville, while his home is in the first-named place; William, station agent at Neslanock, for the New Jersey Central; John, a machinist in Pottersville, Hunterdon County; Joseph T., deceased, formerly a practicing physician of Phillipsburg; Robert A., deceased, formerly a

dentist in Newton; Ann, the wife of George L. Boss, a farmer of Union Township; and Margaret and Catherine, unmarried, and living in Flemington.

The subject of this article is an only child, and was afforded excellent advantages in the way of an education. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty years of age, when he began serving an apprenticeship to the painter's trade with William C. Ayers, of Plainfield, in whose employ he continued four years. Since that time he has made this business his chief occupation, and has been kept very busy in meeting the demands upon him in this neighborhood and in the towns of Clinton and Annandale. He has frequently been nominated for local positions, and has won the esteem of all who know him.

April 19, 1872, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Elizabeth Shaffer, whose parents are Samuel and Jane (Apgar) Shaffer. The father was formerly in business in Allentown, N. J., and died in 1894. In the family of our subject there are five children: Emma, wife of Jacob P. Smith, a farmer in the vicinity of Hamden; William, who is a telegraph operator at Flax Mill, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad; Raymond, Carl and Stacy.



**J**OHN EILENBERG is a well-known citizen of Phillipsburg. He was a member of the city council for three terms or three years and was president of the board for eight successive years. In political affairs he is greatly interested in the Democratic party's prosperity, and does all in his power to promote its success.

Thirty years have passed away since our subject became a resident of Phillipsburg for the first time, and he has made this place his home during the period mentioned, having settled here in 1868. In June, 1882, he organized the No. 5 Building and Loan Association of Phillipsburg,

and has since officiated as secretary of the company. It has been prospered to a remarkable degree, and possesses the entire confidence of the public at large as a safe and reliable concern, owing to the fact that only thoroughly practical, trustworthy men are in charge of the investments. Mr. Eilenberg is also treasurer of the Phillipsburg Light, Heat and Power Company. In May, 1881, he opened a wholesale wine and liquor store and still conducts the same.

John Eilenberg is one of five children whose parents were Henry and Margaret (Keen) Eilenberg. The father was of German descent, his ancestor having been one of two brothers who left their native city, Heidelberg, to found a home in the New World, and settled in Pennsylvania. John, father of Henry, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Henry Eilenberg was a miller by trade, and also a millwright. He was a very honorable, upright man and was very kind and good to those less fortunate than himself. For years he was a justice of the peace. His death occurred in 1854 and his widow survived him thirty-three years, dying in 1887. Her father, George Keen, of Sussex County, N. J., was a well-to-do man, and was influential in his own community. The brother and sisters of our subject are: Catherine, wife of Samuel Parsons, of Bangor, Pa.; James, of Newark, N. J.; Sarah, wife of George W. Hunt, of Newark; and Hannah M., also of that city.

The birth of Mr. Eilenberg took place in Sussex County, N. J., December 5, 1840. He received good school advantages, and when about seventeen commenced learning the trade of a miller. Then, for three years he ran his grandfather's mill in his native village, but this business was not entirely to his taste, and he decided to try other enterprises. Having passed the required examination, he was awarded a school, and for the next two years taught in the towns of Five Points and Middleville, Sussex County, N. J., and in Butzville, Warren County. Not wishing to always remain a teacher, he learned telegraphy and was an operator at the station at Bridgeville, Warren County, for a time, also run-

ning a country store. In April, 1868, he came to Phillipsburg and was employed in railroading; later becoming a salesman in a clothing store in Easton, across the river.

Our subject belongs to a number of the leading lodges and fraternal organizations here. When the local lodge of the Independent Order of Elks was started he became one of the charter members, and was elected exalted ruler. He is treasurer of Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M., and is a Knight Templar. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank, and is a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association.

March 7, 1867, Mr. Eilenberg married Barbara E. Lommasson, daughter of Lawrence Lommasson, of this county. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is beloved and esteemed by all who know her. They are the parents of three sons: Samuel D., of Camden, N. J.; Henry M., a machinist; and John M., a student at the high school.



JUDGE OCTAVIUS P. CHAMBERLAIN, of Flemington, was born in Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, N. J., in the year 1832. His father, A. B. Chamberlain, who was one of nine brothers, was of New England stock, coming originally from the state of Vermont. He was a man of prominence in the community, holding the office of sheriff of the county in 1840, so that the traditions of the family may safely be said to have led the son in the direction of an interest in public and political affairs.

Judge Chamberlain enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education, which was received at the University of Lewisburg, Pa. He then took up the study of law, reading with George A. Allen, Esq., and in due time was admitted to practice at the bar. For ten years he held the office of prosecutor of the pleas. In 1891 he was appointed





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by the governor of New Jersey law judge of the court of common pleas, an office which he still holds.

In politics his affiliations are with the Democratic party. In addition to the interest which he takes in political and legal affairs he has also found time to bestow upon educational matters, and under the old system for three years held the responsible position of superintendent of the schools of the town. Of more importance, however, than these offices is the reputation which he enjoys among his fellow-citizens for honor and straightforwardness.

Mr. Chamberlain has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Fisher, daughter of Joseph Fisher.



**J**OHN F. GRANDIN, M. D., for many years a prominent physician and surgeon of Hunterdon County, was born on the old homestead in Hamden, January 27, 1828, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Reading) Grandin. He is of French ancestry, being descended from Daniel Grandin, who emigrated from France about 1725, and settled in Monmouth, N. J. His sons, John and Philip, later removed to Hunterdon County, where they purchased an estate of one thousand acres of land on the south branch of the Raritan, subsequently building a mill property at Hamden. The water right was originally granted in 1752 and transferred to them in 1759. John married Abigail Lippincott, but died without issue. Philip, who was a fuller, dyer and miller, married Eleanor Forman. To them were born two sons and five daughters: John Forman Grandin, M. D., Philip, Mary, Jane, Abigail, Eleanor and Rachel. John Forman Grandin married Mary Newell, who was a first cousin of that gallant hero, Captain Lawrence, U. S. N., whose last words have been handed down to posterity through school books of recent years, "Don't

give up the ship." Of this union six children were born. John, the father of our subject, was the fifth born, and married Elizabeth H., daughter of Daniel Reading, of Flemington, where for many years he resided on a farm, now known as the Fair Grounds. The family of Readings were descendants of Hon. John Reading, once temporary governor of New Jersey, and, always prominent in the early history of the state.

Our subject, John Forman Grandin, received his early education in the public schools of his native place, and was later prepared for college by the late Rev. John Van Deveer, of Easton, Pa. Subsequently he entered Lafayette College, where he remained during the freshman and sophomore years and completed the junior and senior years at Union College, from which he was graduated in 1849. On completion of his collegiate course he embraced the study of medicine under Hon. John Manners, M. D., of Clinton, N. J., and received the degree of M. D., from the University of Pennsylvania in 1852. In Hamden he entered upon the practice of his profession, which he continued until his death, in 1889. During the thirty years in which he practiced, his name became well known throughout the state, and he attained to a high position among the leading members of his profession. He was prominent in the community, where for four generations his family had resided, and although his large practice precluded his taking an active part in political affairs, his opinions and influence were ever sought by leading men in political life. He was an aggressive and progressive American, every ready to assist with his time and means any enterprise tending to improve the commercial prosperity of the county, and during his lifetime was influential in the growth and development of the commercial, social and religious life of his section of New Jersey.

In 1880 he married Mrs. Julia F. Todd, widow of Dr. John R. Todd, a former successful practitioner of Lebanon, N. J., and who served for three years as surgeon in the Civil war. Mrs. Grandin is a daughter of William and Phoebe (Matthews) Johnson, and granddaughter of John Matthews, during his life the owner of a fine estate in

Westchester County, N. Y., which later became the residence of Horace Greeley. Mrs. Grandin was born in New York City and removed with her parents when nine years of age to Round Valley, Hunterdon County. Her father was for many years engaged in mercantile business in the metropolis, but retired and passed his declining years in Round Valley. One child, a daughter Sarah, was born of her marriage with Dr. Todd, and she lives with her mother, having completed her education, which was acquired principally in the model school of Trenton, N. J. Of her marriage with Dr. Grandin, one child was born, also a daughter, Elizabeth, who is at present attending Mrs. Dana's Female Seminary at Morristown, N. J.

Since the death of Dr. Grandin many improvements have been made on the estate by his widow. The residence has been entirely remodeled and extensive grounds laid out, which have added greatly to the natural beauty of the site. Few possess a more delightful home, surrounded on all sides by exquisite glimpses of mountain scenery. Mrs. Grandin is prominently identified with social and religious affairs, while her charities are many and varied.



**P**ETER W. MELICK has been for over half a century one of the most influential citizens of Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, and lives upon the identical homestead where his father, grandfather and great-grandfather before him made their abode. This property has been in the possession of the family since 1740 or a few years later. The gentleman of whom we write has always done his share towards the support of religion, education and the public good in general, and it would be hard, indeed, to worthily fill the place he has made for himself in the community and in the hearts of those who have known and loved him a life-time.

One Tunis Melick emigrated from a district on the Rhine, in Germany, about 1740, being accompanied by his sister. On their voyage to America one of their companions was Henry Miller, of the Fatherland, and to this man the sister was afterwards married and thus arose the Miller branch of the family in this county. Tunis Melick settled on land now owned by our subject, and engaged in its cultivation. He was a millwright by trade, and soon put up a mill on his land, and later erected mills in various localities. For a number of years he resided on this place, but finally sold it to Dr. Barnett and removed to what is now known as the Welch farm. After a time he bought the place where our subject was born, and there passed the remainder of his days. The old mill which he had built on his original farm has been in constant operation since, and in 1894 our subject put in a complete roller process, and all modern appliances, thus making it as good a one as is to be found anywhere. Tunis Melick married a Miss Van Horn, and their eldest child was Peter (grandfather of our subject) born December 4, 1758. A daughter Margaret married Dennis Wyckoff; Catherine became the wife of Menard Farley; Ann married Isaac Farley; Ellen married first Abraham Fleet and another daughter married a Mr. Fleet also.

Peter Melick, the grandfather, spent the latter part of his life upon the old farm which came into his hands at the death of his father. He was a very successful business man and was frequently called upon to occupy public positions in his own neighborhood. He was an influential member of the Lutheran Church at New Germantown, which his father, Tunis, had been very instrumental in organizing. Peter Melick married Susanna, daughter of Nicholas and Mary Egbert, February 27, 1783. She was born March 3, 1763, and by her marriage became the mother of the following children: Tunis, born March 15, 1784; Mary, April 11, 1786; Nicholas, E., August 18, 1788; Peter, January 2, 1791; Abram, April 7, 1793; James, March 21, 1795; John, February 7, 1797; Eleanor, September 1, 1799 (married Andrew Van Sickel); Elizabeth,



November 20, 1801 (married Charles Williams); Susanna, December 28, 1803 (married Cornelius Minfort); and Catherine, October 22, 1807, died at the age of two years.

The father of our subject was Tunis Melick, the eldest-born in the family just enumerated. His birthplace was on the farm adjoining the one where our subject was born. He was an acknowledged factor in local affairs when in his prime, and accumulated a valuable property. This land he bequeathed to his sons, leaving a large and well-improved farm to each, while to his daughter he willed \$13,000. She was Susanna, wife of Jacob D. Trimmer, the son of David Trimmer, an old and respected citizen of this county. The sons who received the landed estate were Peter W. and Andrew V. The father was not an actual member of the Lutheran Church, but lent substantial support to the maintenance of the same. His wife was Sarah, eldest daughter of Andrew and Magdalen (Lane) Van Sickel.

The birth of Peter W. Melick of this sketch occurred on a farm near the village of New Germantown, September 21, 1823. He took charge of the home farm upon coming of age, and carried it on until 1862 as a tenant. Upon the death of his father, October 15, 1862, the property became his in fact. However, it has been substantially under his control since 1844. This place comprises one hundred and eighty-seven acres, in addition to which he owns the farm adjoining, one hundred and twenty-eight acres, the old homestead of two hundred acres and the Hill farm of one hundred and thirty acres, a total of nearly five hundred and fifty acres. He has been engaged in general farming, fruit culture and dairying, and for twenty-seven years has operated the old mill on his farm, doing the local work in this line. In 1862 he was one of the most aggressive promoters of the building of the new Methodist Episcopal Church in New Germantown, and drew the first stone upon the ground which he had purchased for the edifice. In company with two others he contributed \$6,000 of the \$9,000 which the church building

cost, nor did his work end there, for he has gone on, giving most liberally of his means to religious enterprises. He has been an active member of the church for forty years, most of this time officiating as trustee, steward or in some other capacity. When he had reached his threescore and ten years he resigned in favor of younger and more ambitious members, believing, and truly, that he had done his share of active work in the congregation. He was for years surveyor of his township, committeeman, etc., and was once connected with the state militia. Originally he was a Henry Clay Whig, and since the formation of the Republican party has been an enthusiastic supporter of the same. During the stormy days of the war he was thoroughly in sympathy with the Union, and was once threatened by a mob for his freely expressed sentiments. He has administered numerous estates, his fidelity and business ability being beyond question. At times he has invested large amounts in western land, in Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska, and also owns property in Elizabeth, N. J.



**G**EORGE M. COUCH, of Phillipsburg, has a record that has rarely been equaled, as for nearly forty years he has been an engineer, and ever since his eighteenth year he has been in continuous employment with one railroad corporation—the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. In all the relations of life he has been very conscientious and faithful, whether as a citizen, an employe, or as a husband and father. Politically he is strongly in favor of the principles of the Republican party, but has never been induced to accept any public office.

George M. Couch is a native of Sandburg, Sullivan County, N. Y., his birth having occurred near the town of Sandburg, June 11, 1839. His father, William Couch, was from Connecticut, and was a successful agriculturist. He belonged

to the Society of Friends, and for sixteen years was a justice of the peace. He departed this life in 1856. His good wife, Nancy, was a daughter of Samuel Adams, also of Connecticut. She died in 1887, at the ripe age of eighty-nine years. Of their five children only two are now living. Harriet is the wife of Judson Boyce, of Phillipsport, N. Y.

As was common in the days of his youth, George M. Couch, as a farmer's boy, received such education as he could obtain in the district schools during the winter terms. He had no special liking for rural pursuits, and when eighteen he left home, soon securing a place as a brakeman on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. At this time he was running on a passenger train between Phillipsburg and Great Bend, on the Scranton Division. At the expiration of ten months' work as a brakeman he became a fireman on a locomotive, and a year and ten months later he was promoted to be engineer. He has been quite fortunate, never having been discharged from the service even temporarily (as is often done) and never having had any serious accident laid to his charge in the almost two-score years that he has been an engineer.

For the past eleven years Mr. Couch has been a director in the Phillipsburg Building and Loan Association No. 4. He owns considerable property in this town and is well-to-do. He belongs to Division No. 30, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, being the treasurer of the same, and also secretary of the insurance department of the order. In January, 1866, Mr. Couch married Miss Cornelia Apgar, a daughter of Jonathan Apgar, of Scranton. She is a lady of excellent education and attainments, and at the time of her marriage was a teacher in the Phillipsburg high school, as she had been for several years with marked success. Mr. and Mrs. Couch have one child, Howard N., a bright lad of eleven years.

The Couch family is descended from a long line of English ancestry, some of whom settled in New England long prior to the Revolutionary war. About twelve years ago Mr. Couch erect-

ed his comfortable and handsome residence on the hill on Washington street. It commands a magnificent view, overlooking the Delaware and Lehigh rivers and the adjoining city of Easton.



HON. ISAAC WILDRICK, late of Warren County, was for many years one of the most influential citizens of this portion of the state. He was born in Marksboro, N. J., March 3, 1803, and was a son of George and Katherine (Ervey) Wildrick, also natives of Warren County. On both sides of the family the ancestry was of German origin. Many years prior to the Revolution the Wildricks emigrated from the province of Bavaria to New Jersey, where they became agriculturists; and, a hardy and industrious race, they contributed to the development of the resources of the state, where they were noted for their sterling qualities. Michael, a brother of George, was a soldier in the continental army during the war with England.

The twin brother of our subject was Hon. Abram Wildrick, a member of the assembly of New Jersey in 1843-45 and a state senator in 1867-69. By his second wife, Charity Larrison, he had two daughters and one son who attained years of maturity. The older daughter, Isabella, is the wife of Hon. George B. Swain, present state treasurer of New Jersey and a distinguished Republican; the younger daughter, Emma, married John Van Dorn, late of Washington, now deceased, and she now makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Swain.

In the district schools the subject of this review obtained his education. At an early age he started out in life for himself, and in time became a large farmer and land owner, also extensively engaged in business as a drover and buyer and seller of live stock, and in connection with his twin brother, Abram, and James Blair and Israel Swayze (long before the days of railroads)

did a large business in handling and driving cattle from Indiana and Ohio to the New York, eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey markets. In that business he laid the foundation of his wealth. His political history would fill a volume. It is said that he filled every elective office in the state except that of governor. He began as a constable in 1827 and held successfully the offices of deputy sheriff, sheriff, justice of the peace, chosen freeholder, director of the almshouse, assemblyman and member of the United States house of representatives. After having served as deputy, in 1839 he was elected sheriff on the Democratic ticket, and filled the office for one term, after which he returned to his farm. However, being what might be termed a natural politician, he soon gravitated back into public life. In 1848 he was nominated and elected to congress, and was again elected in 1850, serving for two terms. He voted for the compromise measure of 1850 and heard the great debates in the senate, in which those intellectual giants, Clay, Webster and Calhoun, were participants. He became a staunch supporter of Stephen A. Douglas and the latter's well-known plan of popular sovereignty. On the culmination of the war he supported the Union cause and was indefatigable in his efforts to raise volunteers to supply the New Jersey quota, doing all within his power to uphold the government and Mr. Lincoln in the great contest for the life of the nation. Afterward for many years his attention was devoted to his landed and other private interests, but when he had reached the advanced age of eighty years he was called by his friends and neighbors from his retirement to serve them as a member of the assembly of New Jersey, at a critical time in the legislative annals of the state. After having faithfully performed his duties he again retired to private life. He died at his home in Warren County, March 22, 1892, leaving behind him, to be cherished by his posterity, the memory of an illustrious career that not only brought him personal success, but also promoted the prosperity of his fellow-citizens.

In 1832 Mr. Wildrick married Miss Nancy,

daughter of John and Mary (Fisher) Cummins, an estimable lady, who passed from earth early in the '50s. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters, of whom three daughters and one son survive. The eldest daughter, Henrietta L., is the wife of Rev. David K. Freeman, a Presbyterian minister of Huntingdon, Pa.; Anna A., who is unmarried, makes her home with her younger sister; and Huldah is the wife of Maj. Carl Lentz, a prominent lawyer and leading Republican of Newark, N. J.

While Mr. Wildrick was a member of congress, his son, Abram C., was appointed a cadet at West Point. This gentleman was born in Blairstown, N. J., August 5, 1836, and graduated from the United States military academy in 1857. He served in Johnston's Utah campaign against the Mormons in 1858 and the following year crossed to the Pacific coast from Utah Territory with the second expedition that ever crossed there. When twenty-two years of age he served in the San Juan trouble between Great Britain and the United States and was in command of a light battery. When the war of 1861 broke out he was sent to Fort Vancouver to take charge of the arsenal there and all depots. While there the governor of New Jersey telegraphed, offering him the colonelcy of the First New Jersey Volunteers. General Wright, then in command on the Pacific, protested against his leaving the Pacific coast when secession sentiments were rampant. In fact, many of the prominent newspapers were out with flaring headlines demanding the formation of a separate Pacific republic. The following year he accepted the colonelcy of the Fifteenth United States Volunteers. He made strenuous efforts to go to the front, but was again refused permission by General Wright. General McPherson applied for him to serve as aide-de-camp on his staff, but again came disappointment. Then he was offered the colonelcy of the Thirtieth New Jersey and finally he was allowed to go. He led his regiment in the first successful assault on Fort Mahone in front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, and in leading the forlorn hope was the first man over the works in that bloody

charge. He received the brevet of brigadier-general for his gallantry on that day. April 3-9, 1865, he served in the pursuit of the Confederate army under General Lee and was at the capitulation at Appomattox Court House, April 9. General Meade, "the hero of Gettysburg," thought highly of Colonel Wildrick and after the war made him aide-de-camp on his staff. From captain of artillery, United States Regulars, in 1867, he rose through the successive grades to lieutenant-colonel. He was a soldier of the old school, a model commanding officer wherever he went, and the enlisted men and officers serving under him honored and loved him. He participated in many hard-fought engagements during the war, in all of which his valor was unquestioned. After the war he commanded at Fort Independence, Boston Harbor, and subsequently was at Forts Schuyler and Wadsworth, New York harbor. By his marriage to Marion White, of Boston, he had four sons, all now living. The oldest son is engaged in business in Chicago, two are being educated at Blair Hall, Blairstown, and one is at Hartford, Conn. Colonel Wildrick died November 16, 1894, and was buried at West Point, his regiment (the Thirty-ninth New Jersey) erecting a beautiful monument to his memory. In 1896 his wife died and was buried beside him.

Another son of our subject. Col. John A. Wildrick, was educated at Blair Hall. When the Civil war broke out he was in mercantile business at Newton, N. J. He at once raised a company and was commissioned first lieutenant of the Sussex Rifles by Governor Olden, May 3, 1861. May 27, 1861, he was mustered into the United States service with the rank of first lieutenant of Company B, Second Regiment New Jersey Volunteers. Going to the front, he took part in the first battle of Bull Run. On the reorganization of the army under McClellan, the second regiment became a part of General Kearney's First New Jersey Brigade. Colonel Wildrick bore an honorable part in all the campaigns in which the brigade participated and for meritorious service was made captain, then lieutenant-colonel. He

was placed in command of the Twenty-eighth New Jersey Regiment before the battle of Chancellorsville, in which he commanded his regiment. In this engagement he was taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison, but was regularly exchanged after thirty-two days and again assumed command of his regiment. After his term of service expired he was mustered out with his regiment. Returning to Newton he engaged again in business. About 1872 he returned to the old homestead in Warren County, having previously spent several years in Arkansas. In 1890 he was elected county clerk of the courts of Warren County, as the candidate of the Democratic party, and served his term of five years. He has never married.



**W**ILLIAM W. WOODEN is the genial and popular proprietor of the Union Hotel of Califon, Hunterdon County. In 1892 he bought this property, which at that time was unprofitable. He did not spare money in remodeling and refurnishing it, and has won the patronage of an excellent class of the traveling public. His wife is his able assistant, as she supervises the care of all portions of the hotel, giving her personal attention to the dining room and kitchen. In fact, the good taste she exercises in having food properly cooked and served goes far toward making the hotel as popular as it is today, for many of its patrons are regular customers, who will go out of their way in order to stay a short time in this well-kept hostelry.

The family of which our subject is a worthy representative have been inhabitants of New Jersey for a number of generations, and originated in England. His great-great-grandfather, Gideon, was born in Plainfield, N. J., in 1725, and both he and his son Gideon, Jr., were farmers on the same homestead. Gideon, of the third generation, and grandfather of our subject, was a

minister in the Seventh-day Baptist Church, and was also occupied in agricultural pursuits. He had the following children: Phoebe, Rachel, Jane, Susan, Maria and Martin Ezra. The last-mentioned, born December 26, 1808, on the old homestead near Plainfield which had been handed down from one generation to the next, followed in the footsteps of his ancestors in the choice of an occupation. His father bought him a farm, which he proceeded to cultivate for some twelve years. He then removed to Plainfield, and there engaged in the lumber business during the remainder of his life. January 9, 1830, he married Ann D. Kendall, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Elizabeth, deceased wife of Cornelius Vermuele, a baker in Newark; Sarah, widow of Hugh R. Townsend; William W.; Maria, deceased wife of B. D. Beanon; Ludlow P., deceased, formerly in the hotel business in White House, N. J.; Susan A., deceased; Martin E., of Brooklyn; and Margaret C., who married Isaac Bradley, of Newark.

W. W. Wooden is a native of Somerset County, his birth having occurred February 28, 1836. When he was but twelve years of age he commenced learning the baker's trade in Plainfield, and followed that calling until he was eighteen. He was then such a victim of the prevailing gold craze that he embarked on the good ship Flying Cloud, and took a voyage around Cape Horn, being six months and six days on the trip. He prospected and worked in the mines of California for about fourteen years, in the meantime making two trips home, once by the Panama route and once by the Nicaragua canal. His experiences during this portion of his history are replete with interest, but would fill a book by itself. He was sometimes fortunate, and, perhaps more often unfortunate in his ventures, and he had to endure a great many hardships and trials of which he had little dreamed when in his comfortable home in the east. He came to the final conclusion that Lady Fortune was a most fickle goddess and that she was more easily wooed and quite as surely in a more civilized country. In 1866 he returned to Plainfield and went into the bakery

business, devoting himself to this line for over a quarter of a century. For the past six years, as stated at the beginning of this sketch, he has been in the hotel business in Califon.

In his political preferences Mr. Wooden is a Democrat, as was his father before him. He belongs to Enterprise Lodge No. 1019, Knights of Honor of Newark, and when in Columbia, Cal., was identified with Tuolumne Lodge No. 21, I. O. O. F. He is not a member of a church, but is a contributor to the support of the Methodist Church of Califon. April 22, 1875, Mr. Wooden married Louisa, daughter of Jacob Van Winkle, of New York City. Four children blessed their union, but only one of the number survives, viz., William H., who is engaged with his father.



**J**OHAN C. BERGNER. The history of this well-known and highly respected citizen of Clinton, Hunterdon County, is a story of struggle and victory, of repeated discouragements and battles won, of brave, persevering endeavor which should succeed and has in this case. Not often does it fall to the lot of a genius, a man of undoubted talent, in this day, to be obliged to endure such hardships, privations and lowly toil as came to his share in his early manhood, in this, then strange land, to him. Yet, after all, similar to his narrative, in general, has been the fate of numerous of the great ones of earth—their youth and prime too, perhaps, being given up to labor of a most distasteful sort, when the wonderful genius burning within them was tortured for want of expression.

Born on his father's farm in Saxe-Coburg, Germany, February 20, 1820, John C. Bergner there was reared to maturity, receiving practical instruction in everything pertaining to agriculture. His father, Nicholas, was enough of a musician to early recognize the fact that his son John possessed unusual talent, and when the boy was but

eleven years of age the wise parent put him under able teachers. The lad studied music with five of the best instructors that could be found in the vicinity of their home, and mastered a great variety of musical instruments. He became a member of a band when quite young and at twenty-four began a four years' service in the military band. Then up to 1854 he taught and played at entertainments, his reputation constantly growing, and his talents gradually developing.

A step was now taken by him which seemed for some years to have been of a very disastrous nature; he left home and friends, yielding to the glowing pictures of a friend in his delineation of the advantages to the New World, and sail from Bremen for New York in the United States steamer *Hermann*, Captain Higgins. He landed at his destination September 29, 1854, and burdened by the great disadvantage of foreign speech, had difficulty in obtaining a footing in a musical way. After several more or less unsuccessful attempts, he and a friend answered an advertisement for wood-choppers in Asbury, Hunterdon County, as their funds were getting so low that they would necessarily have to be replenished. After working four days at this laborious enterprise our hero became discouraged and returned to New York to make another desperate attempt to earn his livelihood in the manner that he had been accustomed to, but the result was the same as before. Knowing of no alternative, he went back to wood-chopping and bravely fought his battle all winter. He was to receive from four shillings and sixpence to five shillings per cord; and when the fifty-odd cords were measured, he was given the munificent amount of forty-eight dollars and four shillings. He, of course had been given his board, such as it was, in the meantime. He next hired out as a teamster, hauling the wood to Bloomsbury for shipment, and during the year that he was thus employed saved \$105. He changed employers then, and the following year had about the same sum saved from his earnings. With the little capital he possessed he bought the horses and wagon, going

in debt \$100, for the price asked was \$300. All this time his relatives and friends in the Fatherland had been constantly urging him to return, but his pride was roused and he would not acknowledge his defeat, so remained, bravely making the best of circumstances. At the end of three years spent in teaming he sold his outfit for \$250, and, in company with a friend, bought an eight-acre tract of woodland. They cut down the timber, selling it to the railroad company.

All this time our friend's musical talent had been "buried in a napkin," for he had kept the fact carefully to himself, and only solaced some of his lonely hours at night with a simple flute or like instrument. At last, however, some story of his skill came to the ears of Dr. John Blaine, major-general of the United States army, who lived at Perryville, and he sought out our humble hero, insisting that he should give his two daughters and a niece lessons. Mr. Bergner spoke English brokenly, his hands were rough and hard with toil, and his heart misgave him. At first he refused the doctor's request, but at last yielded to his persistence, and one day set forth to win new laurels for himself. The struggle with his pride and ambition, his hopes and fears, was a dreadful one, and once he almost turned back, but "the tide that taken at the flood leads on to fortune" was drifting him onward, and this day proved the turning-point in his life. Success was soon his, pupils came unmasked, and he had all that he could well do to meet with the demands upon his time. A little later he began to give concerts and entertainments, and thus his public career opened out before him. He had assistant teachers when he had more pupils than he could personally teach, and in 1864 he organized the Clinton Band, remaining at its head five years, when he resigned on account of the pressure of other duties.

February 16, 1865, Mr. Bergner married Gertrude Corson, who was born in Belvidere, Warren County, N. J., October 30, 1832. Her parents were Jacob and Anna (Hoffman) Corson. Mr. and Mrs. Bergner had two children, Elizabeth, who died in 1867; and Edgar J. The last-





J. G. SHIPMAN.



mentioned is the proprietor of the Imperial Bazaar in Clinton and is a young man of good business ability. He was given a liberal education, and inherited no small degree of musical ability. His commercial career was begun as a clerk in the Jersey City terminal office of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He married Ella, daughter of J. Edgar Kline, of Clinton, and has a pretty home. Mr. Bergner owed two very comfortable and attractive residences here, his home being on Leigh street. He was a Democrat in politics, and religiously was a Lutheran, but attended the local Presbyterian Church. His wife departed this life June 1, 1895, and was interred in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Clinton. He survived her a few years and passed away April 29, 1898.



**J**EHIAL G. SHIPMAN. This is a name that has been known throughout the state of New Jersey and, indeed, in many other parts of the country during much of the century now drawing to a close. It is a name intimately associated with the annals of the legal profession in Warren, his native county, a name that recalls to the memory of dozens of progressive lawyers in various regions of America the kind and skillful guidance that its possessor gave to them when they were young and aspiring, but doubting and often discouraged students of the great principles of law. For two generations the young man who had determined to enter the ranks of this profession, were he a resident of this community, felt himself truly fortunate could he obtain permission to study under the direction of Mr. Shipman, and in later years would point to this fact with pride.

The Shipmans are of Norman descent, and the founder of the family was knighted by Henry III. of England, in 1258. Edward Shipman, from whom the American branch is descended,

was a refugee from religious persecution, and, casting in his lot with the colonists in Maybrook, Conn., he settled there in 1635. The grandfather of our subject was one of the original settlers of Morristown, N. J., and two of his sons served with credit in the war of the Revolution.

On the farm owned by his father, David Shipman, a leading citizen of Warren County, the subject of this sketch was born October 3, 1818. He passed his childhood years on the homestead near the town of Hope. For a time he was a student in Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., then under the presidency of Dr. George Junkin. In 1842 he graduated from Union College, New York, at the time when Dr. Eliphalet Nott was president of the institution, and among his classmates were Clarkson A. Potter and W. A. Beach. Before leaving college he began the study of law and subsequently entered the office of William C. Morris, of Belvidere. Having been admitted to the bar in 1844, he rapidly rose to a place of prominence in his profession, and gained an assured patronage.

The first case in which he appeared was the trial of Carter and Parks, who were under an indictment for murder. Great interest was felt in the case throughout this and adjoining states, and, as he was retained as counsel for the state, and it fell to his lot to make the opening argument for the prosecution and he met the opportunity with a most powerful speech, his fame as an advocate was at once an assured fact. He was engaged in many very important cases. In the New Jersey Law and Equity Reports his name appears again and again as counsel in most of the notable cases of this order for a long period of years. His practice in the criminal courts was nearly or quite as extensive and varied.

In 1860 Mr. Shipman and the late Judge Bradley (afterward member of the supreme court of the United States) were engaged in the defense of the Rev. J. S. Hardin, a Methodist minister, who was convicted and hanged for the murder of his wife. He was also interested in the famous trials of the Warren County officials, which created much interest and consternation in some circles

a few years ago, as the defendants were found guilty and sent to the penitentiary for fraud and embezzlement. Many important corporations retained him as their counsel, among these the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the New York, Susquehanna & Western, and the Lehigh & Hudson River Railroad. When the Warren branch of the first-named company was organized he was very active in it, and was a life-long director of the enterprise. For years he was a director of the Belvidere National Bank and a trustee of Lafayette College. In 1878 he was appointed one of the advisory masters of the court of chancery of New Jersey, by Chancellor Runyon, and numerous important cases were heard by him while sitting in the place of the gentleman mentioned.

Though an earnest and forcible champion of the principles of the Republican party, both in private conversation and on the platform as well, he would never allow his name to appear as a candidate for public honors, notwithstanding the fact that he was often urged to withdraw his objections, and was even spoken of as candidate for governor of the state. From 1853 until the close of his busy and useful life he was a consistent member of the First Presbyterian Church of Belvidere, and for some years was a ruling elder in the congregation. In 1847 he married Mary Louisa, daughter of William C. Morris. His death took place in Belvidere December 10, 1892. He is survived by his widow and three children: a son George M., whose sketch may be found in this volume; and two daughters, Anna M., wife of Joseph H. Wilson, attorney-at-law; and Mary, who married William C. Albertson, all of Belvidere.



**J**AHILE T. HILDEBRANT, who is now serving his second term as a justice of the peace in Hackettstown, Warren County, is one of the representative citizens of this county. Formerly he was one of the most aggressive and

enterprising of our business men and at all times he has been thoroughly identified with the welfare and development of this region. By unflinching industry and strict attention to his business in every detail, he acquired a competence sufficient for his declining years and is now entitled to rest and comfort after the toil and burden which he uncomplainingly bore in manhood's prime.

As the surname of our subject implies, he is of German ancestry on the paternal side. Family tradition states that three brothers of Germany came to America at a remote date, taking up their abode in New Jersey. Grandfather Conrad Hildebrant was born in Hunterdon County, as is believed, and certainly lived there on a farm for years in the beginning of this century. The father of our subject, John C., was born in Hunterdon County, and spent the best years of his life on a farm of his own in Hope Township, Warren County. There he died when but fifty-four years of age. In his political standing he was a Whig. His wife, who was Mary C. Swayze in her girlhood, which was passed in this county, the county of her birth, survived him several years, dying when about seventy-five. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and enjoyed the respect and love of all who knew them. Of their large family they reared ten children to be useful citizens in their several communities. William S., the eldest, died when sixty-seven years of age; Conrad S. died at forty-three years; Catherine is the wife of James Brans, a farmer of this county; John A. is a farmer of Luzerne County, Pa.; Freeman B. is engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county; Stewart B. died at the age of sixty years; Daniel I. is a farmer of Hope Township, Warren County; as is also James F., twin brother of our subject; and Isaiah B. is also a farmer of this county.

Jahile T. Hildebrant was born May 26, 1837, in Hope Township, Warren County, and remained at home giving his assistance to his mother in the management of the old homestead until he was twenty-six years old. He then married and started out upon his own independent career.

Renting a farm in his home district for a period, he then purchased a good tract of land in Hope Township, and cultivated and improved the place during his ten years' occupancy of the same. In 1873 he came to Hackettstown, and for some three years was engaged in buying and selling live-stock, after which he opened a store which he carried on successfully for ten years in connection with the stock business. Then selling out his interest in the business, he has since devoted his time to looking after his farm and other investments, and has time at last for reading and self-improvement. Following in the political principles of his father, he was formerly a Whig, and after the organization of the Republican party, became identified with that great body. He has never sought public office, but has sometimes been induced to accept minor positions for the welfare of his fellow-citizens, such as that of freeholder, which place he occupied two years.

The sharer of his joys and sorrows was, in her maidenhood, Miss Elizabeth A. Gibbs. She was born in Hope Township and their marriage was solemnized December 27, 1862. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hildebrant was very influential in the building of the new church structure here and has been a steward, trustee, etc., in the congregation.



**H**ON. PETER VOORHEES. Numbered among the most prominent citizens of Hunterdon County is the worthy subject of this article. He has served his neighbors, friends and associates in many public positions of trust and responsibility, at all times having discharged every duty devolving upon him with the utmost fidelity. In 1865 and 1866 he was a freeholder of Readington Township. In the fall of 1869 he was elected to the New Jersey legislature on the Democratic ticket and acted in that capacity for two years. In 1877 he was again chosen to be a

freeholder of this township, and in 1882 was once more elected a freeholder. In 1883 he was elected clerk of Hunterdon County, and as such served for five years to the satisfaction of all concerned.

A native of this county, Mr. Voorhees was born March 23, 1832. He is a son of Abram L. and Catherine (Rockefeller) Voorhees, who were both likewise natives of this county. On both sides of the family his grandparents were past eighty years old at the time of death. Abram Voorhees was a farmer in early life and for twenty years was station agent at White House for the Central Railroad of New Jersey. He died in 1878. He was a son of Lucas Voorhees, also a native of this county and of Holland descent. Of the children born to Abram and Catherine Voorhees Lucas A. is a resident of Potterstown, N. J.; Henry is in Cass County, Iowa; Jacob is in Oklahoma; Ann is the wife of E. W. Dufford, of Atlantic, Iowa; Sarah C. is the wife of Dr. Rood, of San Diego, Cal.; Rebecca married Charles F. Skillman, of White House, N. J.

Peter Voorhees was reared to manhood in Hunterdon County, being educated in her public schools. During much of each year, however, he worked with his father on the farm and was also employed in a store in the vicinity. His first experience was about 1844, when he became a clerk for Peter Davis, of White House, and with him he continued for some eight years. Here he learned all of the details pertaining to the management of a store, and when he reached his majority he embarked in business for himself. During the next thirteen years he successfully conducted his store at White House, thus completing twenty-one years of enterprise in the commercial field of activity. Of late years he has dealt extensively in real estate and other investments. He has been largely instrumental in the upbuilding of White House Station, and owing to the great interest he has always maintained in the improvement of the place, is entitled to be called one of its foremost founders.

In 1854 Mr. Voorhees married Hannah E. Huffman, daughter of David T. Huffman, of

Lebanon, N. J. To their union eight children were born: David T.; Luella, wife of James E. Bruce, an attorney of Cass County, Iowa; John C., of the same county, and occupied in running a hardware store and interested in a banking business; Kate, wife of Joseph Clark; Dumont, Charles, Peter and Edna.



**J**OHAN C. PERDOE was appointed superintendent of the Phillipsburg Cemetery in 1891 and has since served in that capacity. He is an example of what may be accomplished by a poor boy in America, one who is early obliged to earn his own livelihood. He was born in Greensbridge, Warren County, N. J., August 5, 1848, and was but fifteen years old when he was employed on a canal boat operated by his brother. He has often remarked that his main chance for an education was the perusal of a book or newspaper as he drove the mules that drew the canal-boat. He was employed in that capacity about three years.

The Perdoe family to which our subject belongs is of French origin. His father, William, was a native of America, though the latter's parents were born in France. He was reared in Hunterdon County, N. J., where the family had settled after their arrival in this country. His occupation in life was that of farming, and success attended his efforts in a fair measure. He was a man of uprightness and integrity of character and his name was above reproach among his neighbors. He died in 1880, and was survived but nine years by his devoted wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Hartzell. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this article was the youngest.

In 1867 Mr. Perdoe was employed by the New Jersey Central Railroad. He remained with that corporation for a quarter of a century, always faithful to his duties and thoroughly reliable.

For some time prior to his leaving this company he had been one of their conductors. He has long been a very strong Republican partisan and is a popular man in this community. In 1883 he was elected freeholder of this county, and was later re-elected, serving for five years as such. In 1894 he was elected mayor of Phillipsburg, and in the year following was nominated by his Republican friends for the same office, and was endorsed by all other parties, and, in fact, no other candidate appeared in opposition to him. This is the more remarkable when it is known that this is a stronghold of the Democratic party, and this gives proof of the high regard in which he is held by all. In the fall of 1897 he was a candidate for the state legislature, but was defeated by the Democratic nominee. He is a member of the board of health of this city.

November 8, 1877, Mr. Perdoe married Carrie, daughter of I. B. Condit, who was a justice of the peace in Morristown, N. J., for thirty years. The one daughter and two sons of our subject and his estimable wife are named in the order of their births, V. Rae, William and Clarence. The children were educated in the public schools. Mr. Perdoe and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Phillipsburg.



**J**ACOB J. ALLER, a well-known citizen of Franklin Township, Hunterdon County, is a native of this locality, his birth having occurred in 1846. He is of good old Holland-Dutch stock, and has inherited the traits of honesty, sobriety and general uprightness for which they, as a people, are noted. However, his ancestors have been identified for several generations with the history of this state, and have been numbered among its most reliable citizens.

Cornelius Aller, father of the gentleman whose name heads this article, has been a life-long

agriculturist and owns the place known as the Aller farm, on the banks of the Raritan River. He was born and reared and has passed his whole life in this county and is held in very high esteem by all who know him. Though seventy-six years of age he still enjoys good health, while his mind is as clear and active as it was when he was in the prime of his manhood. Formerly he took quite an active part in local affairs, and was always to be found actively upon the side of progress and improvement. He is an adherent of the Democratic party, and has acted in the capacity of committeeman, and in other minor positions. His father, Henry, was born in this county, and passed all of his days within its boundaries. He, in turn, was a son of Peter <sup>v</sup>Aller, who was the founder of the family in New Jersey. He was a native of Holland, and settled in this county in the early days of its history. The wife of Cornelius Aller bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Johnson, she being a daughter of Jacob M. Johnson. By her marriage with Mr. Aller she became the mother of three children, of whom Jacob J. is the eldest. Mary E. is the wife of Oliver Cramer. Henry E. is a resident of the town of Clinton. The mother died when fifty-six years of age, and afterward Mr. Aller married Harriet (Smith) Snyder.

Jacob J. Aller was reared to maturity upon the old family homestead, and was early initiated into the duties of an agriculturist. He became a practical farmer and general business man, and for several years after reaching his majority he carried on the farm belonging to his father. In 1892 he went to Trenton, and for the succeeding three years was employed as a conductor on the railroad, but with this exception he has devoted his energies solely to farming operations. Following his father's example, he holds to the doctrines of the Democratic party and has officiated in several local positions of trust and honor. In a social way he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as a member, and his family are all identified with the Presbyterian Church. In 1869 he was united in marriage with Susan W. Gulick, a daughter of George Gulick.

She died in 1892, leaving three children, two sons and a daughter, viz.: Cornelius A., a druggist of Morristown, N. J.; George G., of Trenton, N. J., and Alice A.



**W**ILLIAM D. EVERSOLE, who for four years was the efficient and popular clerk of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, is an honored citizen of that locality, where he has spent his whole life. He owns and cultivates a valuable farm of one hundred and thirty-nine acres, and by industry, energy and the exercise of all executive talents with which nature liberally endowed him he has become quite well-off in this world's goods.

Born December 23, 1827, W. D. Eversole is a son of John and Mary B. (Bogart) Eversole, both of whom were natives of Hunterdon County. John was a son of John, Sr., and grandson of Charles Eversole, who was a native of Holland, and was the first of the family to locate in America. The old farm on which he took up his residence in this county over one hundred years ago is the one now owned and carried on by the subject of this article, and this property has never left the direct heirs. It came into the possession of William D. in 1874 by purchase.

When he was a youth of sixteen, W. D. Eversole began serving a three years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and, having mastered the details of the business, he devoted himself to that occupation for many years. Besides working as a journeyman he took contracts and executed the same, in the meantime giving his spare time to agricultural pursuits. His education had been necessarily limited, as the schools of his boyhood were conducted poorly and but a small period in each year. By reading and observation and in the rough school of experience he has since become well informed on general and business subjects. For about a quarter of a century

he has devoted himself solely to farming, and has made a success of the enterprise. In his political affiliations he is a Republican. In 1892 he was elected clerk of Readington Township, and acted in that position for a term of four years.

March 4, 1850, Mr. Eversole married Miss Mary Henry, who was born May 22, 1827, in Lebanon, N. J. She is a daughter of Peter and Eve (Lindeberry) Henry, of whose family but two besides Mrs. Eversole survive, viz.: Peter T., of Lebanon, N. J.; and Oliver, of Warren County. On the maternal side, Mrs. Eversole is of Holland-Dutch ancestry. To our subject and wife four children have been born, viz.: John C., of Warren County, N. J.; Eveline, wife of Robert Gamble; of New Brunswick, N. J.; Mary E., wife of I. D. Savacool, of this county; and Charles W., who is still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Eversole are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of White House, the former having held the offices of trustee, steward and treasurer in the congregation.



**A**SA CASE, an honored resident of Cherryville, Hunterdon County, is now living retired from active life, as he has richly earned a season of rest and quiet. He has been a very industrious, thrifty farmer for the greater portion of his career, and has acquired a competence for his declining years by the exercise of prudence and good business management of his affairs. In all his dealings with his fellow-men he has been noted for his unvarying integrity of word and deed, and those who know him best are the ones who accord him the highest praise.

The father of the above, William Case, was, like himself, a native of this county and was a life-long resident within its borders. He was a carpenter by trade and united the calling with that of farming until he was pretty well along in years. Then for a period he engaged in the cooperative business with his eldest son, Jonathan. His

life was a very useful and active one and at all times he strove nobly to do his whole duty toward God and man. In his political convictions he was a Democrat. His labors finished, he was summoned to his reward at the good old age of seventy-nine years. He was a son of Adam Case, who as far as known was a native of this county also and whose occupation was that of a gunsmith. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Rachel Evans. Of her fifteen children she reared all but three, and of this large family but three are now living. Annie, the widow of Mr. Green, is now about eighty-eight years old; while Matilda, widow of Jacob Gray, is eighty-one. The revered mother, who was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, also attained a ripe age, dying when in her eighty-fifth year.

Asa Case was born on the old farm in Raritan Township, this county, April 14, 1827. In common with the other children of his day his education was such as the public schools afforded, and like other farmer lads, he was early initiated into the duties of farm management. He remained at home until he was past his majority and was so judicious in the matter of expenditure of such funds as he earned that he was enabled to buy a farm for himself when he was about twenty-seven years of age. This place was situated in the same township in which he had been reared, and to its cultivation and improvement he devoted the next twenty years of his life. A desirable opportunity then offering itself he sold out, and in lieu thereof bought the homestead known as the Lawsie farm, it being located in Franklin Township. Here he lived until 1881, when he came to reside in Cherryville, but a year later he went back to the farm. In 1887 he became a permanent citizen of Cherryville, having purchased a pretty home in the town and decided to pass his remaining years here in quiet and content.

In 1847 Mr. Case married Elizabeth Ann Rodebock, a native of Hunterdon County and a daughter of John D. Rodebock. She has been a faithful helpmate, sharing her husband's joys and sorrows and helping him in every possible manner.

They have three children: Mary E., widow of Henry S. Brown; Rachel Anna, who is unmarried; and John D., a progressive business man of this county. July 24, 1897, Mr. and Mrs. Case celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. For the past forty-eight years Mr. Case has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church and has always done his share towards the support of the same. His family are also identified with the church and are valued workers in the denomination. Politically he is a Republican.



**P**ETER F. HOFFMAN. Among the substantial agriculturists of Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, is this sterling citizen who is the owner of a valuable and very desirable homestead. In 1852 he built a commodious house, which has since been the dwelling-place of his family, and under its hospitable roof many a traveler, friend and neighbor has received generous hospitality. Of late years the proprietor has given much attention to the raising of fruit, and from this source alone derives a goodly income. He enjoys the honor of being the pioneer peach grower of this section, and on his farm may be found one of the largest and finest orchards of the kind in the state.

Grandfather Henry Hoffman was a native of the Empire state, and there married Rebecca Dilts. Afterwards he removed to this county and became an extensive land owner, his home being upon the farm now in the possession of Mr. Feck. All of his eight sons and three daughters have been summoned to the silent land. John H., father of our subject, was the second in his father's family, and was reared on the paternal homestead in this county. Subsequent to his marriage he settled in Somerset County, but after an absence of not more than six years he returned and bought a farm here. In his declining years he made his home in the town of Annandale. He

was an old-line Whig, and held many official positions of importance in his community, such as collector, freeholder, etc., and was, moreover, a member of the state assembly for a time.

Of the four children born to John H. and Sarah (Fisher) Hoffman, our subject is the eldest, and the only survivor. The date of his birth is May 6, 1819, and the place was in Somerset County. January 12, 1842, he was united in marriage with Catherine Runkle, who was also a native of Somerset County, born December 26, 1821, a daughter of John E. Runkle. After their marriage the young couple located on the farm of the bride's father, staying there eight years. He then purchased the farm which he has ever since cultivated and in 1849 he became the owner of the old homestead of his wife's father, which place adjoined this one. Thus, altogether his property comprises two hundred and thirty-seven acres. He has constantly improved and developed the farm and surroundings, taking genuine pride in having everything about the place neat and thrifty. He has been very active and aggressive from a business point of view, has raised a general line of crops, has managed quite a dairy, shipping his products to New York City, and fifteen or twenty years ago began raising fruit in great quantities. He now has about sixty-five acres of peach trees, of many varieties, and finds a ready market in the great metropolis. In 1852, when the New Jersey Central Railroad was built, he opened a lumber yard in Annandale, and carried on the same for thirty years, at the same time buying timber in Pennsylvania, erecting saw-mills, and transacting a business of over \$100,000 per year. While located in Annandale he also handled grain and seeds, etc. Thus, from the foregoing facts it may easily be seen that few men in this county have been more energetic and progressive in the management of business undertakings.

Since the time when, as a young man, Mr. Hoffman rode four miles in a drenching rain to pay his poll-tax in order that he might be entitled to vote for the first time, he has been loyal in the discharge of his duty as a citizen. In early days



he was a Whig, and later became a Republican. His neighbors have often called upon him to represent them in official capacities, and he has ever been faithful to the public welfare. Three years he was a freeholder; for years was judge of elections, and was often a delegate to county and state conventions. Twoscore years have passed since he became identified with the Masonic order. He held all of the positions in the home lodge and at his own expense built the hall used by it in Annandale, prior to the removal of the lodge to Clinton. He is now a member of Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton.

To Peter and Catherine Hoffman the following children were born: William E., now the freight dispatcher for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in Jersey City, his home, however, being in Annandale; Almira, wife of Benjamin Bird, a retired farmer, represented elsewhere in this volume; John R., a farmer near Annandale; Theodore R., engaged in milling near Bridgeport, Conn.; Addison A., a farmer in the neighborhood of Annandale; Delmar, a resident of Annandale; and Sarah E., who married William B. Cummins. He departed this life in March, 1885, and his widow is now living with her aged parents, caring for them as only a daughter can. She has one little girl, Emma J., who is a great favorite in the household. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are members of the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, and are consistent Christians in their daily life, putting into practical use the faith which they profess.



**JAMES VAN SICKLE.** Chief among the agriculturists of Hunterdon County is this sterling citizen of Clinton Township. That he is prosperous and successful in his business undertakings is testified to by his well-filled barns and graneries, the thrifty condition of everything about his homestead, and the high place which he

holds in the esteem of all who know him or have ever had any dealings with him. For several years he has been a director in the First National Bank of Clinton and for eleven years he has held an official position as surveyor for the Farmers' Fire Insurance Company (all risks being subject to his inspection and approval) of Readington, N. J., of which his father was one of the founders. He has lent his support to the Democratic party.

The birthplace of the above was the old family homestead owned by his father and grandfather before him. His father was Col. Andrew Van Sickle, a well-known citizen of this county. Our subject was born February 8, 1844, and received a fair education in the public schools and in the Clinton Academy, which latter he attended two years. When he started out upon his independent career it was as an agriculturist on the old Reading farm, on which the Lehigh Valley Railroad Station at Flemington is now situated. Two years later he removed to his present home, which has since been his care and pride. There are over two hundred acres in the place, and most of this land is kept under cultivation. The owner has from forty to fifty milch cows, and has very profitably engaged in dairying. November 27, 1868, he shipped the first can of milk ever sent out from Flemington, and the first month received \$75.60 for twelve hundred and sixty quarts of milk which he forwarded to the city market. In 1870 and thereabout his annual sales were from three to four thousand dollars. He has also dealt quite extensively in live stock, buying in the west for his own and neighbors' needs. In 1867 he, in company with Nathan Hoffman, operated the property then known as the Hoffman mill, but now called the Alpaugh mill. It is located near High Bridge. On his farm about forty acres are planted in peach trees, the products of which he ships to the cities adjacent, reaping from this source alone a goodly income.

January 8, 1868, Mr. Van Sickle married Cornelia Kline, daughter of Miller Kline, of Flemington. She was born in Raritan Township. Her father was quite a leader in his locality, was







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a justice of the peace in Flemington for fifteen years, did considerable conveyancing and similiar business and for a number of years was a clerk of the Hunterdon County Bank, which he assisted in founding, and was also connected with the First National Bank of Flemington. Our subject has four children and three grandchildren. His son Howard assists in carrying on the home farm, and has been quite a student. He attended the public schools, later entered a private academy kept by Rev. John McNair, of Far Hills, and has also gone to the commercial college in Newark. Mary L., the eldest daughter, is the wife of Walter Melick, of New Germantown; Maggie is the wife of John Sloan, who lives on the home place and is active in its management; and Anna F. is also living at home. The family are all identified with the Reformed Church of Lebanon, our subject having been a member of this body for the past thirty years. He has occupied various official positions in the church, and has been very active, both as regards his influence and the use of his means in the upbuilding of the work.



**A**RTHUR ALLEN, one of the most popular and well-known hotel men of western New Jersey, is a native of England, having been born in Derbyshire, December 9, 1859. His parents were Samuel and Cathrine (Deaville) Allen; his father for many years was the owner of a large dyeing establishment.

The early education of our subject was acquired in the public schools of his native place and when attaining the age of nineteen he emigrated to the United States, locating in Philadelphia. His first employment was in the hotel business, where at first he acted in a minor capacity. Some nine years were spent by him in mastering the many details necessary to a thorough knowledge of this important calling, and subsequently he was placed in charge of the Railway House at

Rahway, N. J. His success while in the management of this property led to an offer of a similar position in the Union Hotel at Flemington, which he accepted. He served as manager of this well-known house for about four years, winning the praise of its patrons by his careful attention to their wants and by his many agreeable traits of character. In 1893 he severed his connection with this latter house to purchase the American Hotel at High Bridge, Hunterdon County.

Since becoming the owner of this property he has made extensive changes in its interior arrangements. After thoroughly renovating the premises he refurnished it with modern fittings, bringing it to an up-to-date standard. In making a tour of the hotel, one is pleased by the neatness and brightness which everywhere prevail, showing the carefulness of the thrifty house-keeper. The parlor is located on the second floor and is one of the most attractive rooms in the house. It is richly and tastefully furnished and contains a fine piano. The dining room is nicely arranged and the kitchen is a model one. Special attention is given to the cuisine of the house and the guest can feel assured of finding the table supplied with all the delicacies of the season. Another pleasant feature is the reading room, supplied with an assortment of the current daily and weekly papers and journals. The halls and bed rooms are well ventilated and lighted and the furnishings of the latter suggest grateful rest to the weary traveler.

Since assuming the management of this house Mr. Allen has been successful in building up a large and constantly increasing business and his close attention to the needs of his guests, as well as his kind and courteous manner, has won for him a host of friends throughout this section of the state. In the hotel is located the station of the long distance and local telephones, the only station aside from that in the office of the iron works. Politically he is independent, preferring to vote for the best man, irrespective of his politics. He is a member of Wickcheoche Tribe No. 24, Order of Red Men, of Flemington.

In August, 1889, Mr. Allen married Rose, daughter of John and Eliza (Emmett) Foran, of Dublin. Mrs. Allen's father was for many years in the employ of the famous Guinness Brewery at Dublin, where he acted in an important capacity. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have one child, a daughter, Ethel E.



**P**ROF. FREDERICK W. KLUPPELBERG, of Hackettstown, is the proprietor of a music and stationery store here, but gives his attention principally to the tuning of pianos and instruction on the pianoforte, organ and violin. He possesses the talent and love for music that is a characteristic of so many of the Teutonic race and from early childhood has evinced a taste for this art. He is a native of Germany, born near Cologne August 15, 1827, and received his education in the Royal Seminary on the Rhine, from which institution he graduated in 1848. He was granted a diploma for proficiency on the organ, piano and violin, after an examination before the royal committee, and afterward taught public school and music in his native land, at the same time by private instruction preparing boys for college.

After having engaged in professional work in Germany for twenty-two years, Professor Kluppelberg came to America, landing in New York in November, 1866, and proceeding direct to Hackettstown, where he was at once installed as organist and choir leader in the Presbyterian Church, a position that he filled with the greatest efficiency for twelve years. In 1868 he opened a music and notion store, beginning the business on a very small scale, but enlarging it from time to time. Together with and in addition to its management, he continued to teach music and take charge of the tuning of pianos.

The first wife of Professor Kluppelberg, Louisa Burhans, died after a short married life; he was

afterward united with her sister, Emilie, who passed away November 25, 1893, leaving two children: Louisa, who has charge of her father's home; and William, who manages the business owned by his father. Though he started out for himself without means, our subject has met with a gratifying degree of success in his chosen calling and has established a reputation for thorough knowledge of musical instruments. He has never been active in politics, but always casts a straight Democratic ticket and gives his allegiance to the principles of this party. Prior to leaving Germany he was made a Mason, and is now connected with Independence Lodge, F. & A. M., of this place. Reared in the Lutheran faith, he was a member of that denomination while in his native land, but after coming to the United States became identified with the Presbyterian Church, to which he has since belonged.



**A**LLEN DODD, numbered among the best citizens of Phillipsburg, resides in a beautiful home which commands the finest view in the city. He takes an active interest in everything that concerns the prosperity of this community. Since April, 1867, he has been employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad as an engineer. His run is from Phillipsburg to Hoboken, N. J., and during the long years of his service he has been so fortunate as never to have had an accident that could be laid to his neglect or carelessness. For some time he has been chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of this division.

March 3, 1844, the birth of our subject occurred in the town of Orange, N. J. His father, George A. Dodd, was a descendant of an old and very highly respected family which originated in England, members of it settling in Stamford, Conn., in 1616. Later some of the family located in Newark and Orange, N. J., being among the

pioneers of those towns. Daniel, the uncle of our subject, was the clerk of the first legislative assembly that convened in this state. For several generations the Dodds have been very prominent in Essex County and throughout this section of the country. George A. Dodd, who was one of the pioneers in the manufacture of hats in New Jersey, died in 1855. He was a man of high standing in business circles, in the ranks of the Masonic order, and in all the relations of life. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Jephtha Condit, of Orange. She comes from fine old Revolutionary stock and though eighty-two years of age is still living in the enjoyment of fair health and contentment.

Allen Dodd was partially educated in the common schools of Orange, N. J., and completed his studies at Blairstown. He left school to tender his services to the Union forces, enlisting May 9, 1861. He was assigned to the United States navy department, being placed on the Harriet Lane on blockade duty, and at the battle of Galveston, Tex., January 1, 1863, he was captured by the enemy. In August, 1864, he was paroled and an honorable discharge was granted him February 15, 1865. In December, 1865, he entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, as a fireman, and in a little over a year was promoted to be engineer. He has strenuously kept out of politics, simply doing his duty as a voter, and giving his chief attention to the proper discharge of his duties as a railroad man.

December 19, 1871, Mr. Dodd married Miss Belle, daughter of John G. Tolmie. He was of Scotch descent, was a fine mechanic and was the man who forged the first tires for the first engine ever constructed in the United States, also cast the first locomotive cylinder that was cast in America. Thirteen children were born to our subject and wife, and all but three of the number survive. Joseph, the eldest son, is a fireman for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad; Henry C., the next son, is a resident of Wilmington, Del.; Elizabeth is the wife of James T. Harle, of Easton. The others, George A., Rüssel, Frank, Emily, Colin, Charles K. and John G.,

are all at home. Mr. Dodd is a kind husband and father, and it is mainly in the family circle that his finest qualities shine forth unobstructed. At the same time he is a great favorite among his associates, and is liked by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.



**R**OBERT B. BROWNE, M. D. For the past fifteen years this honored citizen of Phillipsburg has been living retired from active professional cares, passing his days in his beautiful home, surrounded by evidences of a refined and superior taste. His home is one of the finest in this place or indeed in that of Easton, which city it overlooks, as it is situated on a height of land, and also commands an excellent view of the Delaware River, which flows between. The doctor is well preserved and very active in mind and body for a man of his years and past arduous labors. In 1848 he was united in marriage with Miss Susan, daughter of Rev. John Gray, D. D., pastor of the Easton Presbyterian Church for the extremely long period of half a century. Mrs. Browne died in 1887, and their only child, Elizabeth R., devotes her life to her father, as he has done for her.

At a very early day, during the first settlement of Pennsylvania, our subject's ancestors located in the state, and were associated with the celebrated William Penn or his coteuporaries. They came from England to found a new home for themselves and their children in a land of freedom and religious tolerance. Browne street, in Philadelphia, was named for the doctor's grandfather, Peter Browne, who at one time owned a large ship-yard at Kensington, now a part of the city. A tree in his garden behind his house in that town was the one under which Penn and the Indians signed the treaty of peace. Some of the Browne family still have in their possession parts of the historic tree made into furniture. Peter

was a well-to-do man for his day, was a prominent citizen and was extensively engaged in ship building.

William J., father of our subject, was born in the Quaker city, and in his early manhood was interested in the wholesale hardware business there. Later he went in the iron industry in Trenton, N. J., and about 1822 removed to Easton, where he died a few years afterwards. He was very zealous in the building of the Episcopal Church of Easton, and in his enthusiasm himself cut the first timber that went into its construction. He married Frances I., daughter of Robert Bethell, who was a ship captain and owner of a line of vessels plying between Philadelphia and China. General Irvine, a relative of Mrs. Frances Browne, was noted for his bravery in the Revolutionary war, and was wounded at the battle of Germantown. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Browne, the doctor, who was the youngest, alone survives. The mother died in 1855.

In his youth he attended the schools of Easton and the Vanderveer Seminary, then well known among educational institutions, and later he was a student in Lafayette College. After having given some time to preparation under the guidance of Dr. Edward Swift of Easton, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating therefrom in 1846. For a short time he was then engaged in practice in Easton, his next location being in Asbury, Warren County, N. J. The war was in progress at this time and he was appointed by the governor surgeon of the Thirty-first New Jersey Infantry in 1862. About a year later he became a medical officer in Washington, D. C., and July 5, 1864, was commissioned assistant surgeon of the United States Volunteers. March 13 following he was brevetted major for faithful and meritorious service, and October 25, 1866, he was further honored by being brevetted lieutenant-colonel in acknowledgment of his fidelity and unremitting labors during the dread epidemic of cholera which prevailed at Galveston, Tex. He was surgeon in charge of the post hospital, health

officer of the city and post-surgeon, and for a short time acting medical director of the department of Texas. He was honorably discharged at his own request, November 1, 1866, being one of the nineteen surgeons of the United States Volunteers in service at that time. At the fall of Richmond he was surgeon-in-chief of the artillery brigade of the Twenty-fifth Corps. On the eventful morning of April 3, 1865, he was invited by General Weitzell to accompany his staff into the city, but, being late, went alone, save for his orderly. His account of his adventures that day are very interesting, and he collected many things which are now of great value and significance, such as a copy of the last newspaper printed under the confederacy in its stronghold—the Richmond *Daily Dispatch* of April 2, 1865—and souvenirs of Jefferson Davis, secured from his home and the state house.

Upon his return north, Dr. Browne received an appointment in the spring of 1867 as physician in charge of the Spring Mountain Coal Company's collieries, near Hazelton, Pa., and this position he continued to fill until he retired from practice in 1883. In politics he has always been a Republican. He is very entertaining as a conversationalist, and is a thoroughly posted and well-read man. His friends are numbered by the hundred, for his true and acknowledged worth and sterling character have won the highest regard of all with whom his lot has been cast. His alma mater, Lafayette College, conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts in 1865.



**A**DAM MARTIN, the leading grocer of Philipsburg, Warren County, is a native of the adjoining county of Northampton, Pa., his birth having taken place therein January 1, 1855. Coming here nineteen years ago, he embarked in the enterprise of carrying on a staple and fancy grocery at his present location, and during the

intervening years has been very successful. In addition to this he is interested in contracting for stone work, curbing for streets, etc. In the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks he stands high, and is now serving in the capacity of its treasurer. Whether in business, social or church circles, he is held in great esteem, and his cheerful ways and optimistic spirit make him a general favorite wherever he goes.

The Martin family to which our subject belongs had its origin in Germany. His father, Michael, came to America in 1820, landing on these hospitable shores after a tedious voyage of ninety-six days. One of his brothers was a minister, another a doctor, while he was a distiller—one of the first in the business in Northampton County, Pa. He settled permanently in Martin's Creek, and spent a portion of his time in farming. He was much liked in his neighborhood, was a quiet, industrious citizen, and attended strictly to his own affairs. He died in October, 1888, at the ripe old age of ninety. His devoted companion and helpmate, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Jumper, preceded him to the silent land by about six years. Her father was Jacob Jumper, whose life was passed in Pennsylvania.

Adam Martin is one of a family numbering thirteen children, of whom the following are yet living: John, Michael, Isaac, Joseph, Uriah, Jacob, Charles, Rebecca and Adam. With the exception of himself they are all residing in Pennsylvania, Michael in Mauch Chunk, and several of the others in Easton. The sister lives in the last-named place and is the wife of Ed Erie. Until he was fourteen years of age our subject attended the common schools in the vicinity of the old homestead, and his next step was to begin learning the trade of a blacksmith. He served an apprenticeship of three years at this calling, after which he was employed in the Cedarville (Pa.) iron mines for a similar period. The following twelve months he worked for his brothers in the wholesale liquor business in Mauch Chunk; then for a year and a-half he was agent for the Port Allen Iron Works of Whitesport, Pa. For four years he resided in Easton, being with

the Easton Car Company during that time, and later he was with the Andover Furnace Company for a twelvemonth. Nearly two decades have elapsed since he came to live permanently in Phillipsburg, and he has long been thoroughly identified with her best interests. In politics he is to be found espousing the Democratic party platform. Religiously he is a Lutheran.

April 23, 1879, Mr. Martin married Martha, daughter of John Mutchelor, and six children graced their union. Two of the number are deceased, and the others are, Emma, Harlem, Neva and Fred.



JOHN C. CRAMER is an honored old citizen of Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, having been a resident of this locality all of his life. He is the owner of a valuable farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres, and about thirty-three years ago he planted a peach orchard, being one of the first to do so in this county. At this time he has thirty-five acres of trees, which bring to him each year an abundant income in return for the care and attention bestowed upon them. For a quarter of a century he has been also interested in dairying, and shipped the first milk that went from Amundale over the New Jersey Central Railroad. He has made all of the improvements upon his farm, built the house and barns, fences, etc., and thus increased its value three-fold.

The great-great-grandfather of our subject on the Cramer side of the family came to America from Germany, his native place. The records show that the grandfather of John C. was born September 22, 1775, and, after passing a useful life in this vicinity, died February 18, 1835. He married, January 16, 1794, Christiana Sharp, who was born April 20, 1776, and died August 14, 1868. For years the grandfather served as a constable and in other local offices here and was esteemed by all who knew him. From him a

scrip dollar has been handed down to our subject. It is very curious, being made in the form of a coupon, issued in 1778, and comprises four bills of forty, thirty, seven and five dollars respectively, redeemable in Spanish milled dollars or gold or silver to the amount thereof.

Of the five daughters and three sons of Matthias and Christiana Cramer, our subject's father, John S., was the eldest son. He was born July 29, 1798, and lived with his parents until he arrived at mature years. September 29, 1821, he bought land in Clinton Township and here engaged in the tilling of the soil until death closed his labors, May 7, 1893. He married Catherine Creger, who died May 10, 1882. He was a Whig, and later affiliated with the Democratic party. In all his transactions he was remarkable for his uprightness and justice, and it was said of him, and, not without reason, that he would rather give five dollars than take five cents from any one. He had three children, Matthias, John C. and David C.

The birth of John C. Cramer occurred January 19, 1827, in what was then the township of Lebanon, but is now called Clinton. He gained a district-school education, and, upon arriving at man's estate, he chose for his future companion along the rugged journey of life Sarah S., daughter of Henry R. Rockefeller. Soon after this event the young couple settled upon a portion of their present farm, he having bought eighty acres, to which he has since added sixty-seven acres. Following the example of his father, he was first a Whig and then a Democrat. In 1866 he was elected a freeholder, and upon the expiration of his term was re-elected to this responsible position. In 1890 he was elected a committeeman, was treasurer three years, and during this period the payments on the county poor farm were made. In 1893 he was once more honored by being elected freeholder, and has since occupied this office to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lebanon. Ever since it was organized he has been the treasurer of the church and was also a

trustee and steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has one child, a daughter, who is the wife of Joseph A. Haynes, of Plainfield, N. J., for many years connected with the New Jersey Central Railroad.



GEORGE PALMER CURTIS has been the editor of the *Warren Republican* for over ten years, and under his judicious and skillful management the paper has advanced greatly in standing, until it now ranks with the best local weekly journals published in the state of New Jersey. This well-known paper, established in 1872, occupies a warm place in the hearts of the people in the vicinity of Hackettstown, Warren County, for it is sincerely devoted to their interests, and aims to give them an interesting resumé of the current events and affairs taking place in the busy world, as well as to chronicle the matters of local importance. Mr. Curtis, who is a young man in the prime of life, is full of energy and enthusiasm for the work he has in charge, and spares himself no pains to make the paper bright and newsy, entertaining and useful to its readers.

The birth of G. P. Curtis occurred November 10, 1854, in Hackettstown. He is the eldest son of Joshua H. and Margaret Curtis, old and respected citizens of this place and natives of Hunterdon and Warren Counties, respectively. The boyhood of our subject passed quietly in this town, where he received excellent educational advantages. The public school at that time was presided over by Isaiah Trufant, an able instructor who prepared a class of young men and ladies for college. Latin, Greek and the higher sciences were taught in the high school at that time and the pupils obtained a thorough education which fitted them for any college in the county. In the fall of 1873 Mr. Curtis entered the freshman class of Lafayette College, in Eas-



ton, Pa., in the classical department, and, after taking the required course of studies, graduated with honor in June, 1877. Subsequently he engaged in teaching in Morris County, N. J., for a period of five years, meeting with deserved success, for he was devoted to his work and was justly popular with his pupils.

In the autumn of 1881 Mr. Curtis accepted a more lucrative position as bookkeeper in a large wholesale and retail boot and shoe establishment in Scranton, Pa. After a time he resigned this place and engaged in the insurance business, and later turned his attention to the management of a grocery. He then returned to Hackettstown and in September, 1888, he purchased an interest in the *Warren Republican*, of which he has since been editor. In addition to publishing the paper the Curtis Brothers, who constitute the firm, do a general printing business, book, catalogue and job work, and in this department are usually very busy.

In a social way Mr. Curtis is very much liked by his fellow-townsmen, and is always gladly welcomed wherever he goes. He is a patriotic citizen, thoroughly identified with the best interests of this place and ever ready to lend his influence to the support of new industries or improvements which he believes will accrue to the lasting benefit of Hackettstown. In his political belief he is an ardent Republican, but has never had any desire to hold public office.



**A**BLAIR KELSEY, who for thirteen years has been cashier of the Belvidere National Bank, is a representative citizen of Warren County. In the world of business, society and politics he is equally at home and equally respected, and we take great pleasure in presenting to our readers a brief history of his life and a well-deserved tribute to his sterling worth. Everything which affects the public welfare is a

matter of deep concern to him, and in the promotion of all laudable enterprises he can be assuredly counted upon. Summing up the leading characteristics of his life, it is safe to say that few men in this community have a better record for strict integrity, honor, energy in business, patriotism and general good citizenship than he.

The father of our subject, Aaron H. Kelsey, was a son of Henry Cooper and a grandson of John Kelsey, the latter a native of Newton, N. J. Aaron H. Kelsey was born in Sparta, Sussex County, N. J., and died at his birthplace in October, 1855. At an early age his talent for a commercial career became manifest, while he was an employe of John I. Blair, of Blairstown (then known as Gravel Hill), N. J. Later he rose to be a partner in the firm, and some time after his marriage to the younger sister of John I. Blair he removed to Sparta, where the remainder of his busy and useful life was passed. His wife, Elizabeth, survived him several years, dying in 1864. He was very influential in the organization of the old Sussex National Bank at Newton, and was a director in the same. In politics he was an ardent Whig, and was three times elected to represent his district in the New Jersey senate, his term of service beginning in 1846. Henry C. Kelsey, a cousin of our subject, was for twenty-five years secretary of the state of New Jersey, having recently retired from office. W. S., the only brother of A. Blair Kelsey, is a resident of St. Joseph, Mich.

The birth of A. Blair Kelsey took place in Sparta, N. J., in 1848. His education was such as was to be obtained in the local schools and at Blair's Hall, Newton, N. J. When he was about eighteen years of age he embarked in general merchandising in Johnsonburg, Warren County, where he remained for ten years, at the end of which period he came to Belvidere. He was elected cashier of the bank here in 1885. The institution is one of the oldest in the state, as it was organized in 1830. The capital has been reduced from \$500,000 to \$100,000 and pays ten per cent annually. The president of the bank is John I. Blair, previously alluded to in this

sketch, and D. C. Blair is the vice-president. Mr. Kelsey has often been sent as a delegate to political conventions of his party, and took a very active part in the late campaign. He was a delegate to the convention that nominated McKinley, organized the "gold standard" men of this county, and was on the committee that notified Mr. McKinley of the high honor which had been bestowed upon him by his countrymen. During the administration of President Arthur, Mr. Kelsey was appointed postmaster of Belvidere, and officiated as such until the change of administration. A lover of fine horses, he has owned several very valuable ones, among them being Ella Morris, standard-bred and registered and the winner of blue ribbons whenever exhibited all through Indiana and Kentucky. Fraternally Mr. Kelsey is identified with the Masonic order.

September 30, 1874, occurred the marriage of our subject and Rachel, daughter of John H. Blair, of Knowlton, Warren County, N. J. They have one child, Laura Blair.



**C**HARLES STEWART HOYT, who is a successful farmer residing in Franklin Township, Hunterdon County, on the Landsdown estate, is the youngest child and only son of Capt. Moses and Sarah C. (Wilson) Hoyt. Though his own history has been uneventful, as he has always resided in this locality and followed farming pursuits, the life of his father was just the reverse, and his numerous experiences and adventures on the high seas and in foreign lands made him a man of large practical information and an interesting talker.

Captain Hoyt was a native of Calais, Me., and was a son of Eiectus Hoyt, a shipping merchant who owned vessels plying between the United States and other lands. The spirit of adventure and enterprise early awoke in the mind of the

youthful seeker after change and excitement. When but twelve years of age he ran away from home. He boarded one of his father's ships bound for a southern port and never returned to his old home until he became a man. The ocean had irresistible charms for one of his fearless nature, and he soon became master of his profession. While visiting in New Jersey he became acquainted with Miss Sarah Cotnam Wilson, daughter of John and Mary Wilson, and a member of an old family in that state. After their marriage he began life as a landsman, and followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years at Landsdown, the inherited property of his wife, and now owned by his son, a beautiful old homestead around which clusters the sentiment and associations of many generations, embowered in shade and standing where the south branch of the Raritan makes one of its most graceful curves.

In 1849 Captain Hoyt visited California and was engaged in various business enterprises there for some years; afterward, and during the latter part of his life, he was employed by the marine insurance companies of New York to protect their large interests in the waters of the Bahamas. He died in their employ in 1862, highly respected by those he faithfully served, and though many years have elapsed since his death, he is still remembered by a host of old friends and associates.

At a meeting of the Board of Underwriters held November 19, 1862, a resolution was presented and unanimously adopted, expressing the sympathy of all the members of the Board with Mrs. Hoyt in her bereavement; their high appreciation of the excellent qualities of mind and heart possessed by Captain Hoyt, and their unlimited confidence during the many years in their service in his integrity and faithfulness to all the trusts confided to him.

Captain and Mrs. Hoyt were the parents of two daughters and one son. Helen, the eldest, died in 1879. Margaret E., living at Landsdown with her brother Charles, still survives. Mrs. Hoyt passed away in 1882, at the age of eighty-one years. She was a most cultured lady, and





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attracted to her friendship the educated and refined of her day and generation. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. Their only son, the subject of this sketch, was born on the Landsdown farm, where he still resides, in 1845. This place (the Wilson homestead) was originally the property of Col. Charles Stewart, who won his title in the Revolutionary war. The farm when owned by him was a square mile in dimensions. A deed for this tract was given by Colonel Stewart to his daughter Mary, the maternal grandmother of our subject, in 1795.

Charles Hoyt is engaged in general farming, and gives special attention to the raising of stock. In politics he votes the Republican ticket. In 1867 he married Mary Ann Sharp, of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, a daughter of Asa Sharp. In religious faith they are Presbyterians. They are the parents of two children, Charles F. and Florence C. Hoyt.

sional brethren was manifested by his being appointed to act as health inspector of the township of High Bridge.

William A. Halsted, father of the doctor, is a retired banker of Morristown, N. J., and has been very prominent and influential in that place for the greater portion of his career. He is a native of New York City, and remained in the metropolis until he was in his twenty-ninth year. He was a member of the Big Six Fire Company there, one of the best-drilled and equipped of the volunteer forces. For thirty-five years he was connected with the National Iron Bank of Morristown and was actively interested in political affairs, having served as an alderman and in other positions of a public character. His wife, formerly Mary A. Freeman, a native of Morristown, died February 23, 1892, and their only child was the doctor.

The father of William A. was Oliver Halsted, whose birth took place in New York City, and among whose relatives have been numerous citizens who have become distinguished in some of the professions and more than ordinarily successful in business. His brother, David C., now deceased, was the first assistant appraiser under the collector in the port of New York. Jacob N., another brother, is a retired capitalist of the metropolis, and for many years was connected with the Consolidated Gas Company of New York. George F., a younger brother, who died recently, was with Dun's Commercial Agency for years, and was a prominent politician of Elizabeth, N. J.

Dr. C. F. Halsted was born in Morristown, March 31, 1868. After completing his preliminary education he entered the medical department of Columbia College of New York, graduating from there June 12, 1890. In order to more fully equip himself for his life work he pursued special studies in the medical department of the University of New York, graduating with honor March 14, 1891. In the autumn of 1890 he had opened an office at No. 265 One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh street, New York, and continued in practice there about two years. Then



**C**HARLES F. HALSTED, M. D., is a successful young physician of High Bridge, Hunterdon County. Though he has been located here but three years he has already built up an enviable reputation for skill, and seems particularly fortunate in his dealings with surgical cases. He is the accredited surgeon of the large Taylor Iron and Steel Works here, and, in such concerns, there are frequently recurring accidents of a more or less serious nature. He thus finds plenty of opportunity for the exercise of his wisdom and experience in this manner, and in addition, has built up a large general practice in the town and vicinity. He is examining physician for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York City and for the Independent Order of Foresters. March 1, 1897, his high standing in the estimation of his fellow-citizens and profes-

for the succeeding four years he was located in Morristown, his old home, and from there went to the west, with the intention of settling in the town of Anaconda, Mont. He did not like the strange surroundings or people, however, and, after prospecting somewhat in other localities in the west he returned to his native state, determined to make it his permanent home. He soon concluded to try his lot in High Bridge, and this choice was undoubtedly a wise one on his part.

In his political faith the doctor is independent, and in accordance with his convictions, votes on principle and not for party machines. Socially he is identified with the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Peerless Council No. 218, of High Bridge, and is connected with Taylor Lodge No. 728, Independent Order of Foresters, of this town, and with Morristown Lodge No. 121, K. of P. The city of Morristown is justly proud of her fire department, especially of Resolute Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, which has the honor of being deemed the finest organization of the kind in the state and the doctor is connected with the company, and on occasion can do most effective service. He is also of a military turn of mind, having been second lieutenant of Company G, Eighth New York State National Guard. He holds membership with the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown.



**H**ON. HENRY P. CULLEN, a life-long and representative citizen of Hunterdon County, is one of her sons who has risen to distinction from the humble walks of life by his inherent manly characteristics. In 1881 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and served most creditably as such for two terms of five years each. During this period, in 1884, he was appointed judge of the court of common pleas by Governor Abbott, and was again similarly hon-

ored in 1889 by Governor Green. In 1894 he received the appointment of notary public from Governor Werts, and in 1895 he was once more elected justice of the peace. In these several positions he won the praises of his superiors and the people in general on account of his fidelity to the least as well as to the greatest of his duties.

H. P. Cullen was born in Franklin Township, Hunterdon County, August 7, 1824. He is one of nine children, of whom but four now survive, whose parents were James and Agnes (Lee) Cullen. The father was a native of Trenton, N. J., but came to this county when a child, being reared in the home of an uncle. In youth he learned the carpenter's trade, and this calling he followed during the active years of his life. He died upon the seventy-fourth anniversary of his birth. The father of Agnes (Lee) Cullen was William Lee, who came to America from Dublin, Ireland, prior to the Revolutionary war, and settled in Hunterdon County, where he brought up his family of seven children. He was a highly educated man and followed teaching as a profession.

Until he was eleven years of age Judge Cullen remained with his parents, but at that early period in his history he felt that he must go forth and thenceforth earn his own livelihood, as his people were greatly handicapped by the number of mouths to feed, and were having a struggle with poverty. The youth possessed a brave heart and was more than willing to do all in his power to make his parents' burden lighter. He worked for a farmer at \$2.50 a month at first and was similarly occupied up to the time he arrived at his majority. Then for a year he was engaged in teaming and farming in the neighborhood of Lambertville, being employed much of the time by a lumber firm.

In 1852 he married Theodosia Reading, and removed to a farm in Kingwood Township. He purchased the homestead and continued to cultivate and improve the place for nine years, then coming to Stockton, where he has since dwelt. To himself and wife five children were born, but three of the number have been summoned to the silent land. A son, Theodore L., is married and

has two children. He is managing the old home farm and is a practical business man. Susan R. is at home with her father. Some time subsequent to the death of his first wife, Mr. Cullen married Mrs. Sally E. Cherry, daughter of Hiram Nixon, of Kingwood Township. The date of this marriage is March 5, 1886. The judge is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is very active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



**H**ENRY M. BIGELOW is the postmaster of Junction, Hunterdon County, and for the past eight years has been engaged in a mercantile business in this place. He carries a well-selected stock of goods, and has built up so large a trade that he now keeps four clerks to attend to the needs of his customers. He possesses the requisite ability, foresight and systematic methods to insure success, and he owes his increasing prosperity solely to his excellent business policy.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Bigelow was born in Mechanicsville June 12, 1857, being the eldest of the five children of Daniel D. and Ellen (Swackhamer) Bigelow. The others are John, a farmer of Warren County; Annie, a resident of Phillipsburg; Charles, who was an engineer on the Central Railroad and was accidentally killed thereon; and William, who died in infancy. The father was born near Lebanon, N. J., July 1, 1821, and railroading was his chief occupation in life. He was for years a foreman on railroad contracting work. He was twice married, his first wife having been Sarah Ann Mix, by whom he had one son, Burton D., supervisor of the Metropolitan Traction Company of New York City. His marriage to Miss Swackhamer took place April 9, 1856, and his death occurred more than forty years afterward, November 2, 1896.

The subject of this article is self educated in a true sense, as he had but limited advantages and

was obliged to start out to make his own way in the world when but twelve years of age. He found work with a construction gang on the Long Island Railroad, and after a time he became a news agent on the train and later a brakeman. His career in the railroading line was abruptly terminated by an accident that very nearly cost him his life, and forever removed the desire to stay in the service. He was on a train when a collision occurred, the car which he was in being literally smashed into kindling wood. The majority of the people in this car were killed or injured and his escape was little short of miraculous. His clothing was riddled with splinters, and by reaching out his hand he could put it into the fire-box of the demolished engine. The only injury he sustained was a cut on the little finger, but the shock to his system and nerves was a great one, and for the next few years his health continually deteriorated. He took a position as a clerk in a store in Lawrence, then known as Rockaway, L. I., and at the end of three years when he was wasted to a mere skeleton, medicine and doctors being of no avail, he was persuaded to try a change of air and climate. He located in Springtown, N. J., started a store there and ran the same until after his marriage.

April 1, 1882, Mr. Bigelow wedded Lizzie R. Zeller, whose father was George W. Zeller, a farmer of that vicinity. The young couple have four children, Mary, Russell, Beatrice and Walter, all at home. Soon after he was married our subject removed to Asbury, where he opened a large store in partnership with his father. During the following eight years he had different partners, the last being H. M. Riddle. In 1890 they decided to open a branch store in Junction as well, operating both in partnership. At the end of five years such a fine business had been built up here that Mr. Bigelow bought out the interest of Mr. Riddle and has since conducted it alone. He has enlarged the capacity and accommodations of the store, it now being 60x62 feet in dimensions.

For some time Mr. Bigelow has given thought to the subject of peach-growing, and in the spring

of 1897 set out three thousand trees on a fine little farm of fifty acres, which he owns and intends to devote to fruit culture. He was the originator of the idea of having Junction incorporated as a borough, and the tax is now \$4.50 less than that of Lebanon Township and \$2.50 less than that of Bethlehem Township, while at the same time it has better roads, sidewalks and other improvements. He was asked to fill some office in the new borough, but steadfastly declined the honor, as his object in seeing the measure go through was not of a selfish nature, but was for the good of the people, and he desired to be free from any imputation to the contrary. He is an ardent Republican, and was appointed postmaster of this town June 19, 1897. He is a member of Minerva Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F., of Junction, and for the past seven years has been a steward and trustee in the Methodist Church of this place.



**J**OSEPH H. EXTON. The old estate which was the birthplace of this worthy citizen and on a portion of which he still dwells is one of the historic points in western New Jersey, and one of the most celebrated in Hunterdon County. It is situated in Union Township, and was purchased by Hugh Exton, grandfather of the above, in 1811. It comprised one thousand acres, originally owned by Allen & Turner.

Tracing the history of this property briefly from the old records of the state and historical society it is found that this land was part of a tract granted by King Charles II. to the Duke of York under date of March 24, 1664, and to Lord John Berkley, baron of Stratton, and Sir George Casteret, of Devonshire, both of the king's privy council. Lord Berkley disposed of his share in the land for one thousand pounds sterling to John Fenwick and Edward Byllinge, and the division line between this state and Pennsylvania was drawn in July, 1776, by William Penn and his

associates. Over fifty thousand acres of land came into the possession of Allen & Turner, who established on the Union tract, a portion of which has been referred to as belonging to the subject of this article, the first iron works in the state, or, indeed, in the United States. They were called the Union Iron Works, were founded as early as 1700, and were spoken of by one of the early historians as being very complete, having two furnaces and two forges, each with two stacks, also a trip-hammer and "flattering" hammer, etc. On Mr. Exton's place may still be seen the remains of the old stack and walls of the iron works and he has some shell and grape-shot that were undoubtedly cast here.

The summer residence of Mr. Allen, who was of Philadelphia, was on this farm, and though it has been remodelled and modified, is now the home of our subject. Mr. Allen was a distinguished citizen of the time in which he moved. He was chief-justice of Pennsylvania from 1751 to 1774, and Allentown, Pa., was named in his honor. He was extensively interested in the iron industry in that state and in New Jersey, yet his personal and financial risks did not deter him from being true to his principles, for he was a strong Tory, and when the colonies declared for independence he remained loyal to the king and returned to England. The property therefore fell into other hands, being held under lease or purchase by numerous parties, but ultimately reverted to the original owners, until Hugh Exton bought it in 1811. One of these lessees or temporary owners was Col. Charles Stewart, a member of Washington's staff, being commissary-general from 1776 to the close of the war. His residence during that period was in this old house now occupied by Mr. Exton. The premises were raided by a band of Tories who sought to capture the officer, but he had received warning and escaped with a large sum of the public moneys, for which he was responsible. However, the house was ransacked, \$4,000 in current money was taken, together with a large amount of valuable gold and silver plate, linen, clothing, three watches, a pair of silver mounted pistols given the colonel by



Baron Steuben, etc. In one of the county archives is mentioned a visit paid by Mrs. Wilson, daughter of Colonel Stewart, to the old Union farm. She said, "We were escorted by Major Washington and ten dragoons." She remained a day and night at the house and "spoke much with his daughter concerning housekeeping and other domestic affairs." In the possession of Mr. Exton is an old account-book and memorandum-books giving quaintly worded data of work done in the iron works, telling the quantity of metal ore consumed, etc.

The father of Joseph H. Exton was Joseph Exton, who was born in Leicestershire, England, August 12, 1793, a son of Hugh and Mary (Caperhurst) Exton. The family set sail for America in July, 1796, in the ship *George Washington*, and after a voyage of seventy days landed in Philadelphia. Those who were numbered among his household were his wife and children, Ann, John, Mary, Hugh, Joseph and Dolly, and three servants who were bound to him for five years, viz.: Michael Worthington, Elizabeth Green and Joe Lovett. Mr. Exton purchased the Grove farm near Pittstown; later he purchased the one thousand acres aforesaid, and settled down to an agricultural life, here passing his remaining years. Joseph Exton married Julia A., daughter of Philip and Mary (Erwin) Howell, natives of Pennsylvania, though Mrs. Exton was born in Trenton, N. J. They had two children, Joseph H. and Catherine, wife of Charles P. Fraleigh, of Bound Brook.

Joseph H. Exton was born on the old homestead November 7, 1847. He was reared to maturity here and received a good education. May 20, 1869, he married Fannie, daughter of Ellis and Henrietta (Willins) Potter, a lineal descendant of Roger Williams. She was born and grew to womanhood in Brooklyn. To our subject and his estimable wife five children have been born, viz.: Alfred H., Julia Erwin, Joseph P., Ellis P. and Fannie Isabel. Mr. Exton is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, and has been an officer in the same. He is a liberal Democrat in political matters, and has taken an active part

in local affairs. For nineteen years he was a member of the township committee and for five years was a justice of the peace.



**O**HIO WHITNEY ADAMS is the veteran engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, both in point of years and in years of actual service with the corporation. His career has been a most remarkable one, in that in these long years of steady employment as an engineer he has been so fortunate as never to have a passenger killed on his run. An article which was published in the *Industrial News*, of Scranton, Pa., entitled "Railroading of Old," refers to him in the following paragraph:

"The locomotives used were the handsomest in the world, named the Colonel Scranton and the Southport. He, Adams, was the engineer of the latter, and has been running it continuously ever since. He is regarded as one of the best engineers that ever pulled a throttle. He now pulls a vestibule train on the Southern Division Nos. 3 and 6. His service is probably without a parallel, as in all his forty-four years runs he has never had a passenger killed on his train."

Born in Ashburnham, Mass., January 9, 1833, O. W. Adams is one of the five sons of James Adams. When he was a youth he learned the machinist's trade in the Putnam machine shops in Fitchburg, Mass. From there he went into the Susquehanna shops of the Erie Railroad. In 1854 two large engines, those referred to above, were constructed for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and he was sent to deliver them. These engines were very handsome, being almost completely covered with brass work. Mr. Adams was placed in charge of the Southport, and his next engine was the William E. Dodge; then for thirteen years he ran the Moses Taylor; then No. 158 for nine years, and finally he was given No. 243, which he is still managing. This engine

draws the No. 3 passenger train up and No. 6 passenger train back, between Junction and Scranton, Pa. Mr. Adams was the first engineer on this engine, and no one else, with the exception of his son Charles, has been privileged to manage her. Mr. Adams worked up from the bottom, as he was first employed by this railroad in September, 1854, as an engineer on a construction train, when the southern division of the road was being built. January 7, 1888, he met with an accident which would have put an end to the life of a man less vigorous, temperate and constitutionally strong. He was caught between a loaded car and the door of the machine-shop in Scranton; his collar-bone, breast-bone and five ribs were broken. In politics he is a staunch Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and belongs to Union Lodge No. 339, F. & A. M., of Scranton.

In 1861 Mr. Adams married Laura A., daughter of Capt. Smith Harding, of Binghamton, N. Y. Mr. Harding formerly ran a packet from Binghamton to Albany on the Binghamton Canal. He was sent to Junction at the time of the construction of the southern division of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and took charge of a large boarding-house for the accommodation of the numerous employes of the road. This house was known as the Barracks and was finally destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have but one child, Charles F., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Adams is a member of the Presbyterian Church.



**J**EWTON VAN DERBEEK. In a handsome residence situated on an eminence and commanding a fine view of the surrounding country dwells the gentleman whose name stands at the beginning of this article. This is the homestead where his birth took place September

13, 1833, and here he has happily passed the intervening years. The property is located in Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, and is considered one of the best farms in this section. In the year 1885 the owner completely remodeled his house, adding a wing, altering the height of the upper story, changing the plan of the structure materially, and otherwise improving it, until it bears little resemblance to the former building. He had steam heat placed in the house and other modern improvements, making it equal in convenience to a city home of the better class.

Mr. Van Derbeek is a practical business man, who has made a distinct success in life by his own inherent ability and genius. In his boyhood his educational advantages were of a very meager description, but by private study and observation he has become so well informed that he might readily be taken for a college graduate. He worked with his father on this home farm until he reached his majority, when he and his brother assumed the whole charge of the place. When his brother was married our subject became the proprietor of the farm, which comprises two hundred and eighty-five acres, and is well adapted for the raising of peaches and grain. He has given considerable attention to stock-raising, and buys cattle in Chicago and Buffalo to fatten during the winter season. Most of such stock he finds a market for near home, a portion of stock going to the Morris Plains Asylum.

For about fifteen years he has been a director in the First National Bank of Somerville, which is one of the leading financial institutions of the state and pays a handsome dividend. He gives about two days of each week to the bank interests, looking carefully into its transactions, in his customary methodical way. Whatever he enters into he never neglects and is noted for his faithful discharge of duty. He is a thorough-going Republican, and has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense. He has a genuine dislike for the modern spoils-seeker, and believes that it is the duty of every citizen and patriot to do all that lies in his power to promote purity of party. In accordance with his principles, he has never

been inducted to accept any public position. For several years he has served as a trustee in the Lamington Presbyterian Church.

October 10, 1866, the marriage of Mr. Van Derbeek and Gertrude, daughter of Rev. Dr. W. W. Blauvelt, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lamington, was solemnized. To them a daughter and two sons have been born, viz.: Laura, William Warren and Frank Holmes, the last-mentioned being in the office of the clerk of chancery in Trenton.

The founder of the Van Derbeek family in the United States was Paulus Van Derbeek, born in 1605. It is supposed that he arrived in America about 1646, as, at any rate, he owned a lot in the town of New Amsterdam (now New York City) as early as that year. This lot was located midway between the North and East River, in what is now the down-town portion. Andrew Van Derbeek, grandfather of our subject, was born May 9, 1760, and settled on the old family homestead in Tewksbury Township about 1799, here being occupied in its cultivation during the remainder of his life. He married Althea Barcalow, who was born in 1762, and six boys and five girls were the result of their union. For many years prior to his death Andrew was an elder in the Lamington Presbyterian Church.

John B. Van Derbeek, father of our subject, was born October 11, 1797, and in his youth learned the carpenter's trade, which he carried on in connection with his farm work. After his marriage he conducted the old homestead where his father had located when he was two years old. He was an old-line Whig, and an ardent admirer of Henry Clay. When the latter was defeated for the presidency he was almost overcome with despondency for a time, so bitterly did he regret the overthrow of the great statesman. Later he gave his allegiance to the Republican party, and though he was an earnest worker in its interests, would never hold office, as his friends often desired him to do. He lent substantial aid to the Lamington Presbyterian Church, and was a trustee in the same for a number of years. He always responded generously to any call for

financial help or sympathy, and was revered and looked up to by all who knew him as a man of exemplary life and practical Christianity. February 18, 1825, he married Catherine, daughter of Aaron and Magdalena (Beckman) Longstreet. She lived just across the river from his home, on the Somerset County side. Five children came to grace their union, viz.: Elizabeth, who married Col. Arthur S. Ten Eyck, of North Branch, and is now deceased; Horace A., whose home is on a portion of the old family estate, on the Somerset County side of the river; J. Newton; Emily L., wife of William S. Potter, a merchant of Somerville; and Anna Maria, wife of Hon. Alvah A. Clark, of Somerville. The father departed this life April 7, 1879, and was placed to rest in the cemetery near New Germantown.



**P**ROF. DAVID ROCKAFELLAR is a musical genius, a fact cheerfully agreed to by all who know him or are aware of his varied attainments in this direction. He has frequently been noticed in the journals of Hunterdon and other New Jersey Counties as possessing talent of no low order, and the most flattering articles have been written of him and some of the musical entertainments for which he is responsible. He is now in business in the town of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, being local agent for the celebrated Mason & Hamlin organs, the Sohmer, Knabe, Hazleton and other pianos, and also carries a full line of stringed and band instruments.

The professor was born on the old homestead which has always been his place of abode, and which he purchased of his aged father in 1896, the date of his birth having been August 9, 1851. His parents were John H. and Sarah (Davis) Rockafellar. The father was born on the old family estate of which this farm is a portion, October 14, 1815. He has been very active as a business man and has taken his full share of

the responsibilities devolving upon the average citizen. For a great many years he was a director in the Clinton National Bank, and in addition to this he has held numerous local positions of trust and honor. In his political faith he is a Democrat. At the advanced age of eighty-one years he united with the Reformed Church of Lebanon, of which his loved wife had been a member throughout her mature life. She was born November 23, 1823, and was summoned to the silent land May 8, 1897. They had but two children, Catherine, who married Timothy P. Hoffman, and with him has passed to the better land, and David, of this sketch. He is making his home with his son, who does all in his power to brighten the declining years of the senior's life.

The boyhood of David Rockafellar was quietly passed with his parents on the farm. When a mere child he gave undoubted evidence of marked musical talent and began his education in this line with local teachers. He has had to rely chiefly upon his own resources, however, in the acquisition of necessary musical knowledge. In time he himself became a teacher, and during his career has instructed over five hundred pupils on the piano, organ, violin and horns. He has been the director of choirs in various towns: in Clover Hill, three years; in Readington, five years and in Lebanon ten years. He has been very successful in giving choral concerts, and as a church organist has scored a distinct victory. As an instructor he is noted for his thoroughness and the great care he takes to direct the learner in the right way, and his pupils are not confined to those who may live in this immediate vicinity, but come from a distance in many cases.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Professor Rockafellar is an adherent of the Democratic party, but has been in no sense a politician, as he has had no time for that business. Since 1877 he has been connected with the Reformed Church, five years of the intervening time being a member of the congregation at Clover Hill, the remainder of the period being identified with the church in Lebanon.

December 18, 1878, the marriage of the pro-

fessor and Anna R. Cook was solemnized. She was born in Stanton, N. J., August 6, 1856, being a daughter of George W. and Sarah (Fonner) Cook, the former a prominent merchant in Stanton for a great many years. To our subject and wife has been born one child, a daughter, Bertha.



JOHN R. HARDON is the editor and proprietor of the *Hunterdon Independent*, which is published in Frenchtown, and is numbered among the leading and influential journals of this section. As its name implies it maintains an independent attitude on political affairs, criticizing freely and without restrictions of party ties whatever things appear to be in need of such criticism in public matters controlled by party machines. The gentleman whose name heads this article is a well-known and esteemed citizen of Frenchtown, where he has made his home for over thirty years. For almost two decades he has been with the newspaper he now edits, and with the exception of about a year of this period he has been the sole owner and manager of the enterprise. It was in January, 1879, that he, in company with Ross Slack, purchased the *Independent*, which has since been materially built up and its circulation increased through his earnest and persistent efforts. It gives a concise account of the current events of the world and pays particular attention to local matters of interest to its subscribers.

The parents of J. R. Hardon were Silas A. and Sarah (Dilts) Hardon, natives of Hunterdon County. They had a family of eight children, of whom John R. is the eldest. He was born September 18, 1831, in Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, and was brought up as a farmer's boy, receiving practical training in the various details pertaining to the management of a farm. From the wise and careful instruction gained from his parents he developed into a well-





JONATHAN HIGGINS.

rounded character, having right principles of action and a due regard for the rights of his fellow-men.

September 5, 1864, he enlisted in the Thirty-eighth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers and served until the close of the Rebellion. He was always at his post of duty and was well liked by those above him in rank and those of his own. In April, 1867, he came to Frenchtown and was employed at carpentering until January, 1879, when he purchased the newspaper he has since been interested in. He keeps entirely out of politics, as he has never been an aspirant for public positions, and has no desire to mingle in state affairs.

The marriage of Mr. Hardon and Anna C. Vanhorn was solemnized March 27, 1867. They commenced housekeeping in Frenchtown, which has always since been their home.



**J**ONATHAN HIGGINS, president of the Hunterdon County National Bank and one of the most prominent citizens of Flemington, was born January 18, 1828, upon the farm in Hunterdon County where had occurred the birth of his father, Judiah, in 1798. This property, situated two miles from Flemington, in Raritan Township, was originally purchased by his grandfather, a native of New Jersey, and for many years a resident of this place, where were born Judiah and Jonathan Higgins, and the three children of the latter.

The entire life of Judiah Higgins was passed in the locality where he was born and reared. He became a man of prominence in his community and was recognized as one of the most progressive citizens of Flemington. At the age of eighty-nine years he was elected president of the Hunterdon County National Bank and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death, in September, 1890. By his marriage to Charity Fisher

seven children were born, and of these four are still living, namely: Jonathan, of this sketch; Ellen, Mrs. Parks, of Flemington; Mary, Mrs. Fulper, also of Flemington; and Julia, Mrs. Young, of Elizabeth, N. J.

The education of our subject was obtained in the public schools of Hunterdon County. Like his father, he has been content to pass his entire life amid the scenes familiar to him from earliest youth. In the fall of 1893 he was elected president of the Hunterdon County National Bank and has since remained at the head of this institution. Among his real-estate holdings are property in Flemington and the old family homestead near the town.

The marriage of Mr. Higgins united him with Miss Lydia Jerolaman, daughter of James and Christinia Jerolaman, of Somerset County, N. J. Of their union three children were born, named as follows: Lizzie, wife of Rev. T. E. Vassar, of Port Murray, Warren County, N. J.; Judiah, who assists his father in the bank; and William F., who is with the Flemington Milling Company, of which his father is one of the largest stockholders. The father of Mrs. Higgins is still living and has reached the advanced age of ninety-two years.



**A**LVIN A. VAN HORN. Numbered among the most enterprising business men of Hope, Warren County, is the gentleman whose name heads this review. He was born in Frelinghuysen Township, in this county, in February, 1849, and lived with his parents until he reached his majority. At that time he came to this region and was interested in conducting a farm for two years. In 1872 he removed to this town and was employed as a clerk by Edmund Turner during some three years. He learned the details of finance, and the foundation principles of business then which he has since put into practice. For

a short time he carried on a store of his own in Bridgeville, but, preferring this place for many reasons, and believing that it had a more promising future before it, he returned and opened a new building, stocking it with a complete line of fresh and desirable wares, and his prosperity was assured from the start. He has, indeed, succeeded even beyond his expectations, and has built up a reputation for honesty and fairness in all his transactions that any one might well envy.

December 24, 1873, Mr. Van Horn married Phoebe M. Gibbs, daughter of Israel S. Gibbs, of this place. Three children graced this union, Edwin T., Nettie P. and Clarence G. Edwin, the eldest, is successfully engaged in the grocery business in East Orange, N. J. He married Frances Linabery, of Blairstown. The younger children of our subject are attending school and live at home.

In politics Mr. Van Horn is a Democrat. In 1880 he was elected collector of Hope Township, and served as such for three years. In 1885 he was elected to the position of assessor, and acted in that capacity six years, at the end of that period being re-elected for another three years. Again, in 1893, he was chosen by the people to fill this post, and in all, has occupied the office about fourteen years. While a resident of Bridgeville he was the postmaster of the village, and under Cleveland's last administration he was the postmaster of Hope. In these differing public positions he gave satisfaction to his political opponents as well as to those of his own political faith. He owns three good farms in this county, these being at present rented to responsible tenants. In the fraternal orders he is associated with the Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Red Men, of Hope; in the last-named having held all the offices, and for one term served as district deputy. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church here, in which he was for a time a trustee.

Abram Van Horn, father of Alvin A., was a native of the same township as was our subject. He followed agricultural pursuits there for many years, and afterward came to the neighborhood

of Hope. After a residence hereabouts of twenty years, he retired from active toil, settling down to pass his remaining years in the village of Marksboro. Formerly he carried on quite an extensive milling business in that place. He has been an enthusiastic Democrat, and for a number of years he was a constable. In his young manhood he married Miranda E. Cummings, daughter of Jacob Cummings. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn, Sr., was blessed by nine children, viz.: Jacob C., of Blairstown; Mary L., wife of Norman L. Perry; Alvin A.; Austin, deceased; Andrew N.; Johnson C.; Garrett A.; Rose M., wife of Amos Albert; and George M. The mother died in March, 1898, aged seventy-three years.



**EVI V. ABEL**, deceased, was a native of Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County, was reared to manhood here, and though absent for a number of years when in the prime of his life, he returned to the scenes and friends of his youth to pass his last years. It was in April, 1886, that he purchased the hotel here that is now efficiently conducted by his widow. He repaired the building, put in steam heat and made many other material improvements, thus placing it on a basis of substantial merit. He was a genial host and a great favorite with the traveling public, and many a salesman went out of his way when he could in order to stay over Sunday, perhaps, in this pleasant hostelry, where he was sure of obtaining the best of fare, and of being royally welcomed.

John Abel, father of the above, was born in this county, also, and when quite a lad went to Easton, where he learned the tailor's trade. He followed that occupation there for some time, later removing to Bloomsbury, where he continued to dwell during his declining days. He was a Republican in his political views and attended the Methodist Church, of which his wife was a member. He



married Elizabeth, daughter of John and Catherine Lott, old residents of this place. Of the eight children born to John Abel and wife, Mary Ann, who married Joseph Kitchen and resided in Easton, is now deceased; William, a veteran of the late war, was an employe of the Philadelphia mint, and died in 1898; Jacob lives in Richmond, Ind.; Andrew was killed on the railroad; Edward is a farmer of Warren County; Thomas, formerly of Frenchtown, is deceased, and the others are Miller, deceased, and Levi V.

The birth of L. V. Abel took place June 24, 1847, and as soon as he was of a suitable age he commenced attending public schools here. He learned the barber's trade, which he followed much of the time for a quarter of a century. In this period he was located variously in Frenchtown, Flemington, Little York, Annandale and Lebanon. Much of the same time he was interested in running small hotels, and thus gained valuable experience in the business. Since his death, August 2, 1893, his widow has managed the hotel in Bloomsbury which he had owned, and as she gives her personal supervision to the culinary department, and indeed to every detail of the management, the house has acquired an excellent reputation. Mr. Abel was very fond of athletic sports, and the day before his demise took part in a base-ball game. He was especially interested in this so-called national game, and would often make a journey of miles to witness a good one. He was an earnest member of the Methodist Church and was always prompt in his support of worthy charities and other good works. He is most kindly remembered by all who knew him, for he possessed qualities that endeared him to a host of friends.

December 9, 1866, Mr. Abel married Catherine, daughter of Peter H. and Sophia (Hahn) Rowland, of Spruce Run, in High Bridge Township, this county. Mr. Rowland was a miller by trade and operated a flour and feed mill, together with a sawmill on the Spruce River. He was an ardent Democrat, and did much to advance his party's interests in his own community. About 1875 he removed to Scranton, Pa., where he died

a few years later. He was identified with the Masonic order. To Mr. and Mrs. Abel were born four children, of whom the eldest, William, died when young; Edward Forrest married Maggie, daughter of James Smith, of Phillipsburg, N. J., and the two youngest, Ellen and Phoebe, were twins. Ellen died in infancy and Phoebe became the wife of Dr. H. Gutman, a veterinary surgeon in Bloomsbury. Edward F. Abel lends his services to his mother in the management of the hotel property and is a promising young business man.



**R** WATSON BURDETTE is a representative citizen of Hunterdon County, his home being in Readington Township. He is a native of Bergen County, N. J., born January 4, 1845. His parents were Henry and Rachel (Scott) Burdette, who were likewise natives of Bergen County. The Burdette (or as the name was formerly spelled, Bourdette) family originally came from France, but have been numbered among the leading inhabitants of New Jersey for several generations, and have usually been occupied in agricultural pursuits. The founder of the family in Bergen County came to this country prior to the war of the Revolution, taking up his abode where Fort Lee now stands. The family of Henry and Rachel Burdette comprised five children, of whom our subject is the youngest. The others are: Mary E., Peter, John H. and Benjamin R. The father was a merchant and was the postmaster of Fort Lee for some time.

R. W. Burdette was reared and educated on the old homestead in Bergen County. He has followed various pursuits, farming, carpentering and carrying on a grocery, and in most of his enterprises has met with at least a fair share of success. He is the proprietor of two well-improved farms and has become well-to-do by the

exercise of his native talents of perseverance and industry. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' society and is affiliated with the Republican party.

October 1, 1879, our subject married Helen M. Engle, who was born and grew to womanhood in Bergen County, N. J. They have two children, Ross W. and Arthur. Mrs. Burdette is a daughter of Andrew and Eliza (Outwater) Engle, both of this state, and farmers by calling. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burdette had ancestors who took part in the war of the Revolution and were commissioned officers.



**T**HEODORE PROBASCO. The history of the representative citizens of Hunterdon County would be sadly incomplete should the sketch of the life of this worthy and venerable gentleman be omitted for any reason. He was one of the founders of Franklin Township and sent the petition to the legislature for the grant of the same, himself requesting that it be named in honor of our great American statesman and philosopher. This was done, and he was appointed the first clerk of the new township, serving as such for ten years, and during that period was also the township treasurer. Later he acted in the capacity of judge of elections, township committeeman and commissioner of deeds. In 1868, 1869 and 1870, he was a member of the New Jersey legislature, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. For years he was very aggressively connected with the working of that great political body and was an influential factor in local affairs.

Though he attained the extreme age of ninety-one years, his birth having occurred January 11, 1807, Theodore Probasco was remarkably well preserved, both in mind and body, until shortly before his death. He read without the aid of glasses, and his memory and other powers of the

mind were as bright and keen as when he was in the prime of manhood. He was a native of Pittstown, Hunterdon County, and a son of William and Rachel (Scott) Probasco. The former was born in Warren County, N. J., where he was reared on a farm, and in early manhood removed to Pittstown, where he was employed in the milling business about sixteen years. Then, coming to Quakertown, he went into partnership with his brother in a cabinet-making shop. A stalwart Democrat, he was a justice of the peace for twenty years and judge of the court of common pleas five years, making a most creditable record. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, as was also his devoted wife. They both lived to a good old age, he dying when eighty-two and she when eighty-six years old. The wife was born near Trenton, N. J., her father having been Israel Scott, who was a hero of the Revolutionary war. She was a first cousin of Gen. Winfield Scott.

During the progress of the War of 1812 Theodore Probasco was brought by his parents to Quakertown, and he remained with them until he was fifteen, when he began clerking in a store in Ringoes, this county. Thus he was employed three years, after which he came back to Quakertown, going into the business in which his father was then occupied. Several years passed, and the younger man then assumed the entire charge of the business. During the following years he was quite successful, both in the manufacture and the sale of furniture and as an undertaker. For the unusually long period of sixty years he was engaged in business in this town, and in this time he buried over a thousand persons, as there is scarcely a house in this district from which from one to eight people were not buried by him. He was called to settle up a great many estates, and his advice was always sought by a large percentage of the population hereabout.

September 14, 1833, Mr. Probasco married Elizabeth C. Hoff, who was born September 28, 1815, in what is now Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County. Their eldest child, Mary E., was born March 29, 1835, married James L. Huffman and died December 4, 1876. Rachel

Ann, born November 21, 1836, married George T. Young, and died when about forty years old. Lucinda, born October 11, 1839, is the widow of Isaac Mengel, of Bedford, Pa. Cornelius B., born November 10, 1843, died in infancy. Margaretta, born February 7, 1845, married Stires Fritts, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Sarah L., born September 4, 1849, died April 15, 1851. Theodore Scott, born November 26, 1851, died April 30, 1876. He was a photographer, and was a well-educated, ambitious and most promising young man. Of the seven children comprising the family, only two survive, Mrs. Fritts and Mrs. Mengel.

The entire married life of Mr. and Mrs. Probasco was passed in the home where they commenced housekeeping. On the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage the occasion was appropriately celebrated and their hosts of friends united in wishing for them many more days of happiness. After they had been married sixty-two years and six months, the devoted wife sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, March 20, 1896. Her death was a crushing blow to her husband. His loneliness during the seven months that he survived his loved wife was heart-breaking to his children, but he had become so strongly attached to the old place during the long years of his residence there that he could not be prevailed upon to leave. His last days were therefore spent in the home where he and his wife commenced housekeeping in 1834, a spot dearer to both of them than all the world besides. They united with the Kingwood Presbyterian Church in 1844 and lived consistent Christian lives until they passed from the shores of time to the great haven of eternity. The aged wife, when her earth life was ended, was laid to rest in the family burial plot in Bethlehem Cemetery, and seven months later the husband passed away, October 30, 1896; his body was interred beside that of his wife. He had given his daughter, Mrs. Fritts, instructions as to the spot where he wished to be buried in the family plot and the kind of monument he desired; and his requests were faithfully carried out by his daughter. In the garden at the old

home was a white rose bush that had stood in one place and bloomed each year for sixty-four years; and this she transplanted and placed between the graves of her father and mother, over whose mortal remains it blooms as sweetly as when, in days gone by, they had together gazed upon its roses blooming in the old home garden.



**C**OLONEL ANDREW VAN SICKLE, ex-postmaster of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, won his title during the late war, when the governor of this state appointed him colonel of militia. He served from that time until the close of the war as recruiting officer. In 1857 he was honored by being elected to the state legislature on the Democratic ticket, and served for two years. During the long period of thirty-five years he was a director of the Hunterdon County Bank, assisting first in its organization, and he was also one of the incorporators of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Association of Readington Township, a director in the same, and for the past quarter of a century vice-president of the company.

The colonel was born near Newton, Sussex County, N. J., March 20, 1820, and being left an orphan when he was twelve years of age, lived with his elder brother, George, for two or more years. He was of rather delicate constitution in his youth, it seemed, and though he was employed seven years in a store in Lafayette, N. J., he finally concluded to henceforth live an outdoor life. At twenty-one he received a portion of the old family estate, near Lebanon, this land having been handed down from one generation to the next for four generations. It is now in the possession of the fifth from the original holder, as our subject gave it to his son, James, in 1892.

In conjunction with his other agricultural employments the colonel has made a business of buying live stock, going as far west as Ohio, and selling the same in eastern markets. He also

was interested for a time in buying timber land in Pennsylvania, and shipping lumber to this vicinity. He has always been strictly honorable and straightforward in all his dealings and has the respect of all who know him. In August, 1893, he was appointed postmaster of Lebanon, and served several months past his term. In 1879 he was a candidate for state senator, but becoming thoroughly disgusted with the corrupt methods employed by politicians he withdrew his name and has since devoted himself solely to business affairs. He has always been loyal in his allegiance to the principles of the Democratic party. At the time of his election to the legislature he was the youngest member of either body of the same.

February 16, 1843, Mr. Van Sickle married Lydia S., daughter of Garrett Conover and wife, Mary Stiger Conover. After a happy companionship of almost fifty-four years (lacking but four days) Mrs. Van Sickle was summoned to her reward, February 12, 1897. She was a most lovable woman, and a multitude of those whom she had endeared to herself mourn her loss. By a strange coincidence, a telegram was received the day of her death containing news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Caroline Ramsey, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Gibb, of Somerville, N. J. She had departed this life but a few hours earlier than Mrs. Van Sickle. Six children were born to the colonel and wife: James, previously mentioned as owning the old home place; Conover, who is a farmer on a homestead about a mile and a-half west of Lebanon; John S., a merchant of High Bridge, N. J.; Anna A., deceased, formerly wife of Elmer Runyan; Cora J., wife of Richard Correll, a hardware merchant of Penn Argyle, Pa.; and Mary C., wife of William H. Emory, of Arkansas Pass, Tex. For over forty-five years the colonel has been a faithful member of the Dutch Reformed Church of Lebanon.

The founder of the Van Sickle family in America was a man whose name was spelled Ferdinandus Van Sicklin. He was born in the Netherlands about 1635, and emigrated to America in

1652. He settled in Flatlands, Kings County, L. I., later removing to Gravesend, where he died about 1712. He had married about 1660 Eva Antonis Jansen, daughter of Antony Jansen. The great-grandfather of the colonel was Jacobus Van Sickle, a son of John and Lena Van Sickle. He was born in Hunterdon County about 1733, and he and his wife, Sarah, had the following-named children: Abraham; Andrew; Rachel, who married Joseph Ramsey; and Casper, who died unmarried. Andrew, the grandfather of our subject, was born in this county, April 8, 1761. He was a farmer by occupation, and died March 4, 1822. His wife bore the maiden name of Magdalen Lane. Their son, James, father of our subject, was born in this county, February 19, 1790. He removed to Sussex County, where he engaged in farming until his death, in 1832. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and was a captain and adjutant of the Uniformed Company of Sussex County. He chose for his wife Catherine Backer, and to them seven children were born.



CHARLES F. CREVELING, M. D., has been the city physician of Phillipsburg since May, 1896, and previously served in the same capacity here during the years of 1887 and 1888. He is a young man of undoubted ability and skill, and brings to the duties of his profession genuine love for the healing art and an earnest desire to help suffering humanity. There surely can be no nobler field of effort, as it is now a well-recognized fact that the mental and moral qualities are wonderfully dependent upon the state of the bodily health, and the phrase "a sound mind in a sound body" has utmost significance. The medical practitioner of this period must be wide-awake and a constant student in order to keep abreast of the great discoveries and new methods, and in this regard the gentlemen of whom we write stands above criticism.

His father, Jacob Creveling, came from a family that were identified with the annals of Asbury, N. J., and vicinity for several generations. He grew to manhood there, and having learned the miller's trade, carried on a mill there for years. In 1866 he removed to Phillipsburg, and from that time until his career was cut short by death he was the proprietor of a flour and feed store here. For over twenty years he was actively interested in the promotion of all measures which he believed to be for the good of this community. In politics he stood high in the local Democracy, and was frequently called upon by his fellow-citizens to occupy positions of trust and honor, such as coroner, assessor and overseer of the poor, school commissioner, etc. In his public and private life alike, he was upright and straightforward; true to all his duties, kind and charitable and a worthy example of the Christian gentleman. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he was anxious for its prosperity, and to that end he contributed liberally of his influence and means. At the close of a long and useful life, he was summoned to his reward, January 27, 1897. His wife, who was Miss Charity Lunger in her girlhood, was a daughter of George Lunger, who at one time was sheriff of Hunterdon County, N. J. She died before her husband, April 8, 1891, leaving three children: William E., of Jersey City; George L., of Phillipsburg; and our subject.

The birth of Dr. C. F. Creveling took place in Asbury, N. J., September 10, 1862, and when he had arrived at a suitable age he began attending the common schools. Having graduated from the high school in 1882, in the classical course, he took up the study of medicine with Dr. J. F. Sheppard, of this place. March 14, 1887, he graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York City, and returning to Phillipsburg, embarked in his professional work. In 1889 he went to Reaville, Hunterdon County, and during the ensuing six years was so busily occupied and was so unsparing of himself that his health broke down to a certain extent. For a few months he gave up his work and recuperated. Since May, 1896, he has been a resident of Phil-

lipsburg and has resumed his practice. During 1887 and 1888 he was examiner for several fraternal associations. Politically he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Order of Red Men, and to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, having held various chairs in each. September 7, 1887, he married Julia E. Wagner, whose father is Henry Wagner, of New York.



**B**ENJAMIN EGBERT YOUNG, president of the First National Bank of Clinton, Hunterdon County, has been connected with this substantial institution ever since the early days of its history. It was established in June, 1875, and for about twenty years he was a director, finally, in June, 1895, being elected its president. His financial ability is unquestioned, his experience in the commercial world has been extensive, and he is undoubtedly just the man for this trust-worthy position.

The parents of the above-named gentleman were William R. and Elizabeth (Egbert) Young, both natives of this county. In his youth the father learned the carpenter's trade, and in that line of occupation he spent the greater part of his life. His home was chiefly in the town of Pattemburg, but in 1853 he came to live with his son Benjamin, and died in the village of Bound Brook, in January, 1861. He was a son of Peter Young, who was probably also a native of this state. Mrs. Elizabeth Young, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Benjamin Egbert. She departed this life in 1858. The founder of the Egbert family in America was one Govert Egbert, who crossed the ocean in the ship Spotted Cow, in the year 1660. His descendants for the most part settled in Staten Island, N. Y. Of these, Abraham Egbert married Elizabeth Garrison, and one of his children was Benjamin, born August 25, 1768. He lived with his parents until he was about fifteen, when he came to this county to

learn the trade of tanning, currying and shoemaking under the guidance of an uncle, Nicholas Egbert. He married Rebecca Carkhuff, and locating in Bethlehem Township, pursued his trades in conjunction with farming until he was well along in years. He died March 28, 1848, and was survived by his widow twelve years. At the time of her death, October 14, 1860, she was over eighty-eight years of age. Benjamin Egbert was for many years a judge of the Hunterdon County court, and at the same time was a justice of the peace. His judgments were notable for fairness and his decisions were seldom appealed from, and more rarely was the appeal sustained. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion an Episcopalian.

Benjamin Egbert Young was born in the neighborhood of Pattenburg, this county, in 1819, and in the days of his boyhood, as schools did not then amount to much, as conducted in the country, he received rather meagre training in knowledge. With his father he became familiar with all the details of carpenter's work, and in 1844 located in Little York, N. J., where he industriously pursued his trade for three years. From 1847 to 1860 he continued carpentering in Bound Brook, after which he was engaged in the lumber business there eleven years. During one year of this period, however, he was more especially interested in the management of a lumber yard in New Brunswick. In 1871 he purchased a coal, sash, door and lumber business in the town of Clinton Station, now called Annandale. Remaining in that place until April, 1887, he removed to Clinton, and has since made his home here. The firm of which he was a member in Bound Brook was styled L. D. Cook & Co. and it is still in existence. In politics he is a Democrat.

In 1843 Mr. Young married Catherine, daughter of Peter Creveling, a worthy citizen of this county. Mrs. Young died in April, 1886. Both of the children born to our subject and his estimable wife are also deceased, and he is thus left alone. Elizabeth, the elder daughter, died in June, 1868; and Angeline died in March, 1885.

Mr. Young is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and is now acting as an elder in the same.

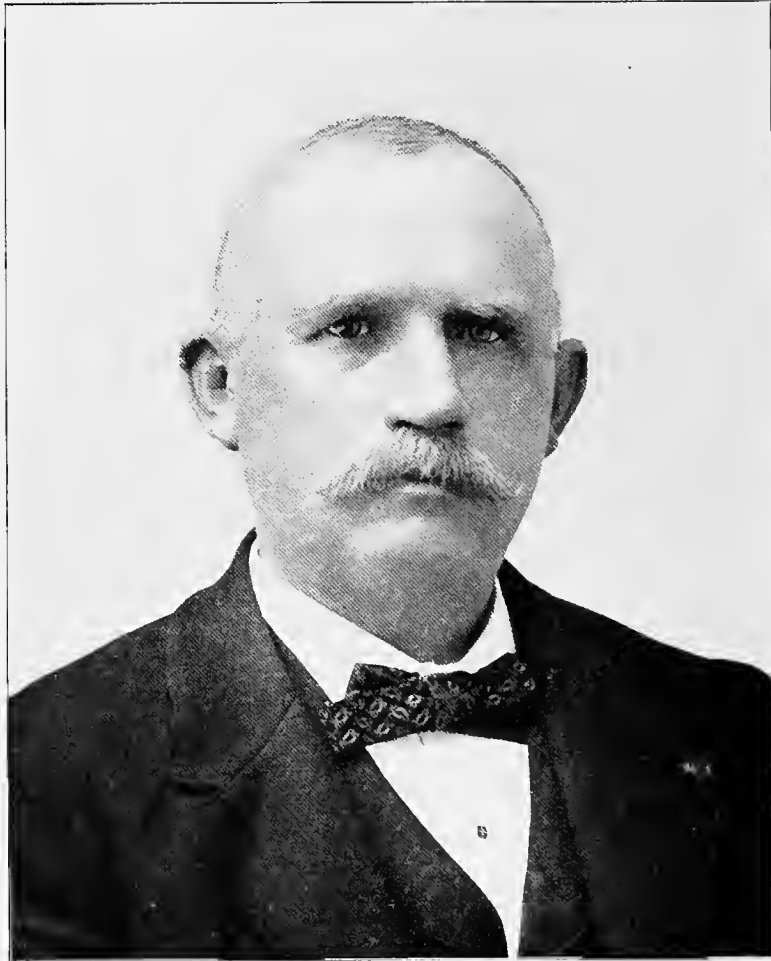


JOSEPH R. SHIMER, a very successful business man of Phillipsburg, is directly or indirectly connected with many of the leading enterprises and industries of this community, and is worthy of a high position in the annals of the sterling citizens of Warren County. The cause of education finds in him a sincere friend, and for the past ten years he has served the people of Phillipsburg in the capacity of school commissioner, and still has two more years in this office. He is a director in the national bank of this place, owns stock and is a director in the city water works, and has materially assisted other local concerns which have been of benefit to this vicinity.

The Shimer family originated in Germany many generations ago, but since the early part of the eighteenth century they have resided in America, first settling in the state of Pennsylvania. One of the family, Isaac Shimer, was a soldier in the Continental army. Abraham Shimer, our subject's father, was one of the most successful farmers of his locality, and was especially prominent in the work of the Lutheran Church. He died in October, 1897, regretted by all who had known him. His widow survives him, and is now in her seventy-eighth year. Both of her other sons, J. Calvin and William, are residents of Martin's Creek. She bore the maiden name of Sallie Ann Rosenberry, and was born at Martin's Creek, Pa., which was also the birthplace of her husband.

Joseph R. Shimer was born at Martin's Creek, Northampton County, Pa., April 10, 1847, and received the rudiments of his education in the public schools. In 1869 he became a student in Lafayette College, Easton, where he took a





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scientific course, graduating in 1873. He then spent one year as a post-graduate, studying mining engineering, after which for four years he was a tutor in Lafayette. In 1877 he came to Phillipsburg and later engaged in the pork-packing business at Easton with his father-in-law, D. W. Howell. In January, 1881, he opened a pork-packing establishment at Phillipsburg on his own account, and has since conducted the business with increasing success. He has built up an extensive trade in pork and provisions and has frequently been obliged to enlarge his establishment. In addition to this enterprise he is interested in the H. G. Tomblor Grocery Company, of Easton, in which he is a director.

In his political convictions our subject is a Republican, and fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. In the Lutheran Church he is a trustee and deacon. December 24, 1874, he married Sally W., daughter of David W. Howell, of Martin's Creek, Pa. To their union two daughters were born: Florence C., a student in Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., and Helen H., who is at home. Mrs. Shimer died December 20, 1891, and in September, 1894, Mr. Shimer married Miss Annie Gangewer, of Phillipsburg.



**W**ILLIAM R. LAIRE, agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Belvidere, Warren County, N. J., is a very popular official and deserves the high respect in which he is held by the corporation in whose employ he has been for years and the regard of his fellow-townsmen, which is his in large measure. He is very active in the ranks of the Republican party, served for one term in the Belvidere town council, has been chairman of the county Republican committee and is now serving his second term on the board of freeholders. He has been on the county board of elections for five years, or ever since the law concerning the same went into effect.

The parents of our subject were William P. and Emily C. (Anderson) Laire, both of very old and respected families. The father, who died in 1876, was a native of the vicinity of Lansdown, Hunterdon County. He was an elder in the Reformed Church, and was a man of most worthy characteristics. His wife was a daughter of Joseph Anderson, of Hunterdon County. She is still living, being now in her eighty-fifth year.

William R. Laire was born November 3, 1846, in Hamden, Hunterdon County, and is one of three children. He attended the public schools of his home neighborhood until he was about sixteen years of age, when he became an apprentice to the printer's trade. He was connected with the Clinton (N. J.) *Times* for two years, after which he worked in the office of the *Belvidere Apollo* for three years. Later he was in the office of the county clerk and still later was employed by the Adams Express Company. In 1874 he was appointed agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and has been connected with the same for the intervening period, nearly a quarter of a century. He is also agent of the Lehigh & Hudson Railroad, as well as the Adams Express Company. He is a member of the Methodist Church, belonging to the official board of the congregation. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, as a member of Warren Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M., of which he is past master.



**G**EORGE W. HOFFMAN, dealer in hard wood lumber, has been engaged in this line of business in High Bridge, Hunterdon County, for sixteen years. In the fall of 1893 he erected a handsome modern residence here, it being fitted with steam heat and many other improvements of the times. This beautiful home is one of the best in town, and its owners always take great pleasure in throwing wide its hospita-

ble doors and making their numerous friends welcome in a generous, open-hearted manner peculiar to themselves.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Frederick Hoffman, a native of New Jersey, though his father was of German birth, as were the ancestors of the other branches of the Hoffman family in this state. Of the twelve children born to our subject's parents, George and Lydia (Conover) Hoffman, nine are still living, viz.: Harmon, of High Bridge; Amos C., a contractor and builder of Newark, N. J.; Garrett C., a farmer and lumber dealer of High Bridge; Jacob A., a carpenter and builder of this place; Matthias S., a carpenter and builder of Annandale, Hunterdon County; George W., of this sketch; Mary E., wife of James P. Mitchell, of this town; Frances E., wife of William Hardy, of High Bridge; and Lydia C., Mrs. John T. Miller, of this place.

The birth of George W. Hoffman occurred near the town of Cokesbury, Hunterdon County, April 26, 1847. He received a good general education, amply qualifying him for the practical duties of life. His first employment was along the lines that he has ever since followed, that of filling contracts for posts and lumber. In 1881 he came to High Bridge and for eight years was in partnership with his brother G. C. Hoffman, but for the past eight years has conducted his business alone. He buys a tract of timberland and proceeds to cut lumber and cordwood, which he disposes of advantageously. He also deals extensively in telephone and telegraph poles, white oak, cedar, etc.

In the pursuit of his business enterprise he has lived in various parts of the state and county, was in Morris County two years, thence removed to a place near his old home in the vicinity of Cokesbury; from there he went to White Hall, remaining for one year, then returned to Cokesbury for another year, and finally settled permanently in High Bridge in 1881. Here he has been very actively interested in advancing the public welfare, and the concern which every patriot should feel in the cause of education has

been amply manifested by him during the nine long years of his membership of the school board. In the matter of politics he is a staunch Republican, and socially he is a member of Rialto Lodge No. 161, I. O. O. F., of High Bridge, and also is identified with Lahlatang Tribe No. 164, Improved Order of Red Men. He was married Centennial year to Matilda Anderson, daughter of William J. and Sarah (Hibler) Anderson. They have a son and daughter, Rutherford B. and Bertha.



**H**IRAM DEATS, JR., is the owner and manager of one of the oldest manufacturing concerns in Hunterdon County. The plant is located in Pittstown, Franklin Township, and is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Deats. Here are manufactured the celebrated Deats' plows, threshers, corn-shellers and various kinds of agricultural machinery, which for half a century or more have found ready sale in this section of the United States. The manager is a live, progressive business man, thoroughly conversant with the demands of the trade and possessing superior judgment and executive ability.

Mr. Deats was born in Kline's Grove, Northumberland County, Pa., September 10, 1853, and is the younger of the two sons of Gilbert and Anna M. (Oberdorf) Deats. His older brother, Peter C., is the owner of the old homestead in Pennsylvania, where he is engaged in farming. Gilbert Deats was born near Flemington, Hunterdon County, and was reared to manhood upon a farm. When he was about thirty years of age he went to the adjoining state, Pennsylvania, and there was occupied in running a sawmill and in managing a farm until his death. By trade a wheelwright, he became a successful business man. He never engaged actively in political or public affairs, though he was a staunch Republican. Religiously he was a Baptist. At the time of his

death, which occurred when he was in his sixty-third year, he was serving as a deacon. His wife was born in Kline's Grove, Pa. She was a member of the Lutheran Church and was sixty-six years of age at the time of her death.

In his boyhood Hiram Deats received a good education, completing his studies in an academy, where he was a pupil for three years. When he was about nineteen he started out on his own account, by taking charge of a small plow factory in Stockton, Hunterdon County, purchasing the same from his uncle Hiram, for whom he had been named. Nine years passed, during which time he had become familiar with the business and his uncle had him take charge of the larger concern at Pittstown. This event occurred in November, 1879, our subject purchasing a one-third interest in the establishment. In 1884 the uncle withdrew from the firm and the younger man took charge of the entire business.

In politics Mr. Deats is an ardent Republican and does his whole duty as a citizen and voter. Under President Harrison's administration he was postmaster of Pittstown, and gave everyone complete satisfaction. He is a member of the Baptist Church at Cherryville, and is now a trustee and treasurer of the same. June 3, 1882, he married Melissa Mason, of Stockton, Hunterdon County. They have had three children, viz.: Gilbert M., Walter and Julia, who died when but nine years of age.



**J**OHAN H. NUNN, who enjoys a large and flourishing practice as an attorney and counsellor-at-law, is also the present postmaster of the town of Glen Gardner, Hunterdon County. He formerly gave such excellent satisfaction while acting in the capacity of postmaster during the administrations of Presidents Garfield and Harrison, that the public was much gratified when President McKinley reappointed him to the

post. He is thoroughly trustworthy, faithful to even the least of his duties, and by his friendly, accommodating manner has won the good-will of his fellow-citizens.

The parents of our subject were Elijah W. and Mary J. (Schomp) Nunn, and his grandfather Jacob Nunn. The latter was a grandson of one John Nunn, who was one of the pioneers of Schooley's Mountain, Morris County, his will being the first record made on the books of that county. The father and grandfather of the subject of this article were both natives of Morris County. The father, Elijah W., was a resident of Warren and later Hunterdon County during his manhood, and, in addition to carrying on a farm dealt to a considerable extent in cattle. He was accidentally killed in Flemington in November, 1868, when but forty-eight years of age. His widow is still living, her home being in Jersey City. They had five children, two of the number dying in childhood. Rachel, the only survivor save our subject, is unmarried and is with her mother in Jersey City, taking care of her loved relative in her declining years.

John H. Nunn was born November 15, 1849, near Rockport, Warren County, and he was but a mere child when his parents removed to this county. Having mastered the preliminary branches of general education he entered upon the study of law in the office of A. V. Van Fleet, of Flemington. That gentleman was afterwards vice-chancellor of the state of New Jersey. After four years of arduous effort the young man was admitted to the bar as an attorney, by the special favor of the authorities being granted a license for his twenty-first birthday anniversary. He continued in the office of his preceptor until January 1, 1871, when he went into that of George A. Allen, of Flemington, for four months. In the summer of 1871 he located in Glen Gardner, opening an office here and embarking upon an independent career. He was licensed as a counsellor-at-law during the November term of the supreme court, in 1873, and was made master and examiner in chancery in 1872. February 16, 1887, he was appointed notary public by Govern-

nor Green, and this office he still holds. July 1, 1890, he was appointed a member of the county board of electors of Hunterdon County, by Governor Leon Abbett. This position he has occupied ever since, the first three years as secretary and from that time until the present as chairman of the board. In politics he is a Republican; he was nominated on his party ticket to the assembly, but was defeated in the ensuing election. Since the year 1894 he has been clerk of the school board, taking interest in educational affairs. Fraternally he is member of the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Mosconetcong Lodge No. 98, of Junction. Twenty years have rolled away since he became identified with the lodge, which he assisted in organizing.

January 29, 1880, Mr. Nunn married Nora W. Bogart, at the home of her father, James M. Bogart, near Wyckoff, Bergen County, N. J., Rev. Ephraim Deyo, a Lutheran clergyman of Ramseys, N. J., officiating. The mother of Mrs. Nunn bore the maiden name of Nancy Ward. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Schomp, whose father, Henry, was generally known as "Mayor" Schomp, and was of great influence in his day and generation in Readington Township. The family is a very old and honored one there, the founder of it having been one George Schomp, a native of Holland. He took up a large tract of land then called "Brookie," but now Pleasant Run, and much of this property is still in the possession of his descendants.



**A**LVAH L. RAMSEY is one of the most successful agriculturists of Hunterdon County, his fine and well-cultivated homestead being known as the Boss farm. It is situated in Clinton Township, only a mile from the village of Lebanon, thus being convenient to the stores, markets and other necessities. Mr. Ramsey is a thorough and practical business man, understand-

ing every detail of the proper management of a farm, and in his outside financial dealings he has won much experience. He does not confine his attention strictly to the comparatively narrow routine of farm labor, but does a flourishing business in live stock, fruit and dairying.

The paternal grandfather of the above-named gentleman was James Ramsey, who owned and carried on a farm in this community. His son, James X., father of our subject, was likewise a tiller of the soil, and followed the business of dealing in live-stock in connection with his other enterprises. To himself and wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Van Sichel, the following-named children were born: Anna E., who married Nathan Terreberry, of High Bridge; Alvah H.; Lydia V., Mrs. Enoch Hoyt, of Lebanon; Catherine M., deceased wife of Freeman Kline; Eudoro, deceased wife of George Slicken, of Pleasant Grove; Emma, who lives with her widowed mother on the old homestead; Katurah, Mrs. Dr. Wiley, of Paterson, N. J.; Marilda, wife of Lucas Voorhees, of Paterson, N. J.; Helen, who died in early womanhood; and Joseph N., of Lebanon.

Alvah L. Ramsey was born January 7, 1851, in this township, and in his boyhood studied the elementary branches of learning in the district schools, later going for one term to Wilkesbarre, Pa. He stayed at home giving his dutiful assistance to his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty-four years old. He was married November 24, 1874, to Marilda Cramer, daughter of David C. Cramer, of Annandale. The young couple settled down on the old homestead of our subject's father, and there spent the next six years. Afterwards they removed to the farm owned by David C. Cramer, near Annandale, and here they abode fifteen years, during which time Mr. Ramsey became extensively engaged in stock speculations. At three different times he has gone as far west as Nebraska for horses, disposing of them in the local or city markets of this portion of the country. In the fall of 1885 he bought the fertile and valuable farm whereon he has since dwelt, it being located on a slight ele-

vation, called Boss's Hill. He has made substantial improvements upon the place, expending large sums of money to bring it into a proper condition, and it is now certainly one of the best and most thrifty appearing places in this section. Mr. Ramsey has been in partnership in his stock dealings with R. R. Mackey, of Delaware County, N. Y., and both have been very fortunate in their undertakings. In politics Mr. Ramsey is a Democrat, but has never sought or desired public recognition, as he finds his time fully occupied with his own business concerns. He and his wife and son, John S., a bright lad of thirteen years, are regular in attendance upon the services of the Reformed Church, of Lebanon, and are liberal in their donations to religious and charitable undertakings.



**H**ON. JOHN CARPENTER, of Clinton, was born in Oswego, N. Y., August 27, 1840. He is a son of John Carpenter (founder of the *Oswego Palladium*) and Sarah L., daughter of Dr. Andrew Ferrill, of Herkimer, N. Y. In 1856 he graduated from Oswego high school, and two years later graduated from the State Normal College of Albany, N. Y. For several years he was local editor of the *Oswego Daily Palladium*, and employed in the office of the *New York Daily Tribune*. In 1868 he started the Clinton (New Jersey) *Democrat*, and has since been continuously its editor and proprietor.

In 1867 Mr. Carpenter married Miss Sarah D. Stewart, daughter of the late Henry J. Stewart, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. They are the parents of two daughters and one son, all living.

In 1871 Mr. Carpenter was elected mayor of the borough of Clinton, and the following year was chosen to represent the second district of Hunterdon County in the New Jersey Assembly, to which position he was re-elected in 1873. He was elected justice of the peace in 1877 and at the expiration of his time, five years, was again

elected, in 1882. During the same year he was chosen state senator for Hunterdon County for a term of three years. In 1884 he was delegate from the fourth congressional district of New Jersey to the Democratic national convention in Chicago. He was secretary of the state senate of New Jersey in 1889, 1891 and 1892, and president of the Democratic congressional conventions in 1888, 1890 and 1892.



**J**OSEPH VAN SYCKEL, one of the most prominent and honored citizens of Hunterdon County, has always resided upon the old family estate in Union Township, this property having been purchased by his grandfather, Aaron Van Syckel, in 1800. Eighty years have rolled away since the birth of our subject, June 18, 1818, and in the intervening period he has been a witness of vast changes in this region, in its development and increasing civilization, and has himself been no unimportant factor in the grand result. Soon after the organization of the Clinton Bank in 1856 he became one of the stockholders and directors, continuing among the officials of the institution until the present time; in 1866 this bank was changed to a national bank. For the past twenty years he has been president of the bank, and has devoted much time and thought to the successful management of the same. He is a man of much more than ordinary financial ability, and though the bank, in common with all others, has passed through crises and panics, when this condition of affairs prevailed throughout the country, he has been fortunate in steering it safely through the breakers to a secure haven.

The records of the family to which the subject of this memoir belongs are very complete and interesting, and can be but briefly touched upon in this work. They originated in Germany, and the old Van Syckel home, "La Grande Sanzelle,"

in Ghent, standing in 1338, is in a fair state of preservation and is now owned by M. LeCompte Theurry De Linburg Stirun, ex-member of the Belgium parliament. The forefather of our subject was one Victor Van Syckel, who left his home in Ghent in 1566, on account of religious persecution, as he was a Protestant, and came to America, where he and his posterity might be "free to worship God" according to the dictates of their conscience. He settled in Flushing L. I.

As previously stated, the farm now in the possession of Joseph Van Syckel was purchased by his grandfather, the former owner having been Robert Taylor. The place comprises one hundred and thirteen acres, well adapted for general farming and stock raising. An old building which stands on the place was erected by one David Reynolds in 1753 and on the corner-stone is the date, August 3, 1753. It was used as a hotel by the grandfather and by the father of our subject and was one of the landmarks of former days. It was remodelled slightly by grandfather Van Syckel, and is about as it was during his time. It is in a very good condition, notwithstanding the century and a-half that have elapsed since its construction, and is now occupied by tenants.

The boyhood of Joseph Van Syckel passed quietly upon this homestead, his education being obtained in the district school two and a-half miles distant. At the age of fifteen he entered his father's store (which building had been put up by his grandfather about the date of his location here, in 1800) and together they managed the business until 1853, when the younger man purchased the senior's interest and conducted the enterprise alone five years longer. Since then he has had charge of the old farm, giving his personal supervision to every department of its work. In former years he was very active and aggressive in the promotion of the interests of the Democracy, but was never an office-seeker, as he preferred that his friends should be in power, rather than himself. For half a century he has been a valued pillar in the Clinton Presbyterian Church.

The first marriage of Mr. Van Syckel was

solemnized June 16, 1842, with Catherine Innes Smith, daughter of John Smith, a farmer of Warren County, of which both he and Mrs. Van Syckel were natives. Two children were born to this union: John S., who lived to be thirty-five years of age, and Helen, whose death occurred at the age of fourteen months. Mrs. Van Syckel departed this life June 13, 1855. February 9, 1858, our subject married Cyrena, daughter of Judge John and Cyrena (Darwin) Martin, of Columbiana, County, N. Y. The judge was very influential and prominent, was justice of the peace for twenty-five years, was an associate judge for ten years and was one of three commissioners appointed by the courts to settle the value of disputed lands crossed by the Hudson River Railroad, at the time of its construction from Albany to New York City. He was a captain of a volunteer company and saw active service in the War of 1812, in Long Island. The children of Mr. Van Syckel and his wife, Cyrena, were: Frank, born March 14, 1859, and Kate, August 11, 1860. The son died January 20, 1864, and the daughter is the wife of Robert S. Martin, secretary and treasurer of the Real Estate and Investment Company of Philadelphia. Mrs. Van Syckel is a devoted member of the church that her husband is connected with and was one of the founders of the Society of Colonial Dames of New Jersey. The society has its headquarters in Trenton, and Mrs. Bedle, wife of the ex-governor, is president of the organization.



**F**RANK M. COOK, M. D., is one of the leading and wide-awake business men of Hackettstown, Warren County, of which place he is a native son. For several years he has been very successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business here, and is on the high road to prosperity and fortune. In social circles he and his good wife are deservedly popular, and

their pleasant home is frequently the scene of happy, cheerful gatherings of the best townspeople.

The doctor was born December 31, 1858, being a son of Dr. Joseph S. Cook, who was likewise a native of Hackettstown. The latter received a superior education and graduated from Union College of New York City, taking the honors of his class and having the gold medal bestowed upon him. Later he graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and was appointed honorary physician of St. Joseph's Hospital of Philadelphia. After occupying that position about a year he located in Hackettstown. At the end of another year or so he removed to Washington, N. J., where he was very successfully engaged in practice for a number of years. He married Miss Mary Caroline Hunt, of Schooley's Mountain, Morris County, N. J., and she is still living. Her father, Rev. H. W. Hunt, was professor of Latin and Greek in Princeton College at one time and later was a minister in the Presbyterian Church. Of the five children born to Dr. J. S. Cook and wife our subject is the eldest; Laura W. is the widow of Augustus Hann, and is a graduate of the Baltimore Medical College; Fannie H. is the wife of William S. Rittenhouse, cashier of a bank in Washington, N. J.; Whitfield died when young; and Lizzie died at the age of sixteen years.

The boyhood of Frank M. Cook passed very happily in Washington, N. J., where he was a student in the public schools. Later he attended the Collegiate Seminary of this place, and finally matriculated in the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons. There he pursued the four years' course, and after his graduation located in Washington, where he was engaged in practice some nine years. In 1893 he removed with his family to his old home in Hackettstown, and has since been engaged in the real-estate and brokerage business in connection with fire insurance. He is a commissioner of deeds, and negotiates loans, collects a great many mortgages, and is doing a thriving business.

February 25, 1885, Dr. Cook married Miss

Rose W. Stryker, of German Valley, N. J., and they have one child, a bright, manly little fellow of eleven years, Claude Earl by name. He is president of the Yellow Ribbon Society, organized for the improvement of the appearance of the streets of Hackettstown; each member to take especial pains to keep the streets free from scraps of paper and other litter and to try to induce others to assist in this good work, and the secondary object being the financial aid of the needy. Over one hundred and twenty-five members signed the constitution and by-laws of this society, which was organized and sent forth on its mission of good to this community, at the home of Dr. F. M. Cook, December 25, 1897. On that occasion one hundred and four little ones, between the ages of two and twelve years, responded to the kindly invitation to partake of the Christmas cheer and festivities provided for them by the good doctor and wife and some of their friends who were in sympathy with the work. Dr. Cook was unanimously voted to be "the very best man in the town" by the appreciative children, and all present thoroughly enjoyed their evident pleasure.

For the benefit of those of our readers who are unfamiliar with the plan of work of the Yellow Ribbon Society of Hackettstown we present its constitution and by-laws:

#### PREAMBLE.

For our mutual interests in the improvement of the appearance of our streets, by each member keeping the streets clean of paper and small articles that litter them, and by trying to induce others to assist us in our work, and for the financial aid of the needy, the undersigned do form themselves into this society.

#### ARTICLE I.

##### TITLE.

The name of this society shall be "The Yellow Ribbon Society."

#### ARTICLE II.

##### OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

and Board of Directors of seven members. Board of Directors elected for life; officers for one year.

### ARTICLE III.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President shall be under sixteen years of age, and be present at all meetings.

The Vice President shall preside at all meetings, but in event of his absence, the Treasurer shall act in his stead.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting, and be prepared to read them at notice.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and keep all accounts, and be prepared to submit his accounts to the Board of Directors at any time.

The Board of Directors shall act with the officers when matters of importance are to be decided, such as election of new members, new directors, etc.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### COMMITTEES.

The President shall appoint three standing committees: The Executive Committee; the Finance Committee; the Entertainment Committee.

### ARTICLE V.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is not restricted by nationality, religious beliefs, political, social or financial standing.

Sec. 1. Little Worker membership: Any child from two to sixteen years of age who is in need of financial assistance, by appointment by the Board of Directors and by registering.

Sec. 2. Active membership: Any person above two years of age may become a member by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. Life membership: Any person of good repute, on the introduction of a member of the Board of Directors and payment of one dollar annually.

### ARTICLE VI.

#### ORDER.

The proceedings shall be governed by the rules of order governing such societies.

### ARTICLE VII.

#### EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

For sufficient reason any member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VIII.

#### TIME OF MEETINGS.

Whenever called by five or more members of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IX.

#### AMENDMENTS.

The constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE X.

#### EMBLEM

Shall consist of a white button with pin and yellow ribbon, with "Yellow Ribbon Society, Hackettstown, N. J.," on face of same.

#### BY-LAWS.

RULE 1. All members shall remove all paper and other rubbish from the streets.

RULE 2. All papers and other articles removed shall be burned in the stove at the home of the member or buried.

RULE 3. Little Workers shall attend all feasts and Christmas-tree entertainments.

RULE 4. All moneys collectable when presented to the Treasurer or any member of the Board of Directors. All funds to be at the disposal of the Entertainment Committee for the benefit of the Little Workers or needy families in the vicinity.

RULE 5. Order of business:

Call to order.

Music.

Roll call.

Reading of minutes.

Correspondence.

Report of officers.

Report of committees.

Election of members.

New business.



Recitations.  
 Orations.  
 Criticisms.  
 Honorable mention.  
 Feast.  
 Music.  
 Adjournment.

Signed by:

Claude E. Cook,	Leroy Brant,
Mrs. F. M. Cook,	G. P. Curtis,
Dr. F. M. Cook,	Adra Fitts,
H. C. C. Osmun,	Emma Fitts,
H. D. Fitts,	Egbert Rittenhouse,
W. H. Godwin,	Frank Smith,
Mrs. W. H. Godwin,	Frank Reese,
Mrs. H. D. Fitts,	Louis Cooke,
Miss Tobin,	William McClellan,
James Brant,	George Van Duzer,
Mrs. James Brant,	Augustus Schenck,
Miss C. Bentley,	Edward Osmun,

And one hundred and four others.



**J**OHAN H. GRIFFITH, M. D., ex-mayor of Phillipsburg, Warren County, N. J., is one of the prominent citizens of this great commonwealth, and is entitled to a place in her history. He is much thought of in this town, where he has dwelt since 1870, and here the most useful and active years of his manhood have been spent. In every local enterprise and every proposed new industry calculated to benefit the community he takes great interest and endeavors to foster in material ways by his means and influence. The old saying "Live not to thyself alone," has certainly been exemplified in his career, and though his large practice makes great demands upon his time, he has always devoted much thought and work to outside matters that he deemed worthy. In 1880 he was one of a committee who wrote the history of the medical men of Warren County,

past and present, the object of which valuable work was to rescue from public oblivion the memory of many of the pioneers of the profession in this section of the state.

As the name implies to the student of nomenclature, the Griffiths originated in Wales. An ancestor of our subject, Dr. John Griffith, was one of the incorporators of the Medical Society of New Jersey, the oldest society of the kind in the United States. In tracing the annals of the family it is a matter of note that such a large proportion of its members have adorned the legal and medical professions. Another fact to which our subject may point with just pride is the fact that one of his forefathers was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His father, James V., was a native of Monmouth County, N. J., and followed agricultural pursuits. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah P. Woolley. She is living, aged seventy-eight years, and eight of her ten children survive, the eldest being the gentleman of whom we write. The father died in 1883. Martha and Sarah, the two eldest sisters, are unmarried; Jacob is a resident of Rochester, N. Y.; Hattie is the wife of Charles Atwood, of Albany, N. Y.; Clara is Mrs. Bruce Gordon, of Monmouth County, N. J.; William A. lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and James Percival is a citizen of Phillipsburg. On the maternal side they are of English-Dutch descent.

Dr. J. H. Griffith was born in Monmouth County, N. J., July 3, 1842, and during his youth gave much of his time to assisting his father in the management of the old homestead. His higher education was gained in the New Jersey Classical and Scientific Institute of Hightstown, N. J., and Pennington Seminary, of New Jersey. Having taught school successfully for seven years he concluded to enter the medical profession, and began his studies along this line with Dr. Charles Bartolette, of Milford, N. J., in 1865, and later was under the supervision of Dr. George T. Ribble, of said place. During the winters of 1866, 1867 and 1868 he attended lectures in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of New York City, and graduated from

Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., March 12, 1870. Soon after this event he settled in Phillipsburg, and was soon enjoying an excellent patronage. Succeeding Dr. Johnson as reporter in the District Medical Society of Warren County, he has also served as a delegate to the State Medical Society and has kept in touch with the leading minds of the profession in all practicable ways. In 1871 he was city physician here, in 1882 and 1883 was mayor, and from 1887 to 1894 was a school commissioner. In the subject of local history he has been very greatly interested, and for years he has been an official member of the New Jersey Historical Society. He is, perhaps, as much of an authority on the subject of our state history as any other man to-day, and has in his private library the records of sixteen of the twenty-one counties in the state, besides much other local and national material. Some of the patriotic spirits of this vicinity have been striving to secure sufficient funds to erect a monument to the brave soldiers of the late war, in Phillipsburg, and the doctor is secretary of the committee appointed for this purpose. He is one of the three trustees of the Standard Silk Mills, which large plant employs nine hundred persons.

Fraternally the doctor is past grand master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Jersey, and is chairman of the judiciary committee of the grand lodge, having been elected in 1897. He is also past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Uniform Rank. In addition to those already mentioned, he belongs to the Royal Arcanum and is past regent and medical examiner. In 1896 the doctor was appointed one of the board of pension examiners for the four counties comprising the Fourth Congressional district. The marriage of Dr. Griffith and Ella K. Knowles was celebrated August 28, 1869. She is a daughter of William and Susanna (Knight) Knowles of Pennsylvania, a Quaker by faith, and on her mother's side a descendant of a man by the name of Knight, who came to America with William Penn. Mrs. Griffith is president of the Phillipsburg Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and is very active in church and

religious work. The doctor is president of the board of trustees of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and his wife is also a member of that church.



**C**ONOVER VAN SICKLE, who has led a very busy and active life in the commercial world, has been quietly making his home for the past few years upon a farm which he purchased, it being situated midway between Lebanon and Annandale, in Hunterdon County. He is making a specialty of fruit growing, as he has about four thousand peach trees upon the place, and in the season of 1897 he shipped about five thousand baskets of the luscious fruit to the city markets.

Our subject comes from the old and highly respected Van Sickle family, whose name (variously spelled by its different members) appears so frequently on the pages of this volume, as being foremost in the early history of Hunterdon County, and ever since then equally prominent. A son of Col. Andrew Van Sickle, who formerly owned the farm now in the possession of Mrs. Ramsey, in this township, Conover Van Sickle was born February 1, 1847. His boyhood days were happily spent on the old home place, and in his youth he was a pupil in the schools of the neighborhood. Later he attended the Presbyterian Seminary of Blairstown, N. J., and the Kingston (Pa.) Commercial College, where he completed the business course, and received the degree of Master of Accounts, March 19, 1867. Previous to this, however, from 1860 to 1865, he and his father were in business together, driving stock from western points and selling the same in eastern markets. They made about two trips a year, sometimes going by the northern route, by way of Mansfield, in central Ohio, to Cleveland, and then to Buffalo by lake, and sometimes going by the southern route, through Wheeling, W. Va.

At the time of the battle of Gettysburg, they came near being captured while crossing the Three Brothers Mountains.

Mr. Van Sickle continued more or less in the stock business up to 1873, when he embarked in general merchandising in High Bridge, in company with his brother John and John Apgar, under the style of Van Suckles & Apgar. This concern is still carried on by the other two parties to it, though our subject withdrew in 1876. Returning to his old pursuit, he was, as formerly, engaged in the buying and selling of cattle until 1881. He then commenced traveling in the interests of E. Runyon's Nursery Company, of Hempstead, Tex., staying with that firm about a year, after which he went to Nebraska and started a ranch and cattle business. He was also concerned in grain speculation, in partnership with his brother-in-law, William H. Emery, and D. M. McClellan. They owned an elevator in Wahoo, Neb., the county seat of Sanders County, and were prospered in these several ventures. Mr. Van Sickle, however, did not like the west on many accounts, and though during his last year there they were obliged to increase the capacity of the elevator, he disposed of his share. He returned to Texas and his former employer, Mr. Runyon, for a period, traveling in Texas and Old Mexico, and selling nursery stock until the following May, when he came back east. The next two years he was employed in selling lumber in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for the house of Van Sickle & Kinch, of which his father was the senior member. His next position was with Sleight, Field & Co., manufacturers of office equipments, their factory and main office being in Rochester, N. Y.

In company with C. K. Judson of their firm, Mr. Van Sickle sold goods in Florida, Georgia, Virginia and at last had entire charge of the southern states. He was away from his home, which he had established in Washington, D. C., as long as a year sometimes. At length he was stricken with sciatic rheumatism while in Birmingham, Ala., and for ten weeks was in a helpless condition. He gave up his position with the

company, and though they have repeatedly urged him to re-enter their employ, he has steadily refused the liberal inducements which they have held out. He purchased the farm upon which he is to be found to-day, and has settled down into a country gentleman, as were many of his ancestors before him. He gives his ballot to the nominees of the Democracy. October 30, 1875, he married Fannie L. Everett, daughter of David L. and Ellen L. (Apgar) Everett, of this county. They had two children, but both died in infancy. They are members of the Reformed Church of Lebanon, and are respected and highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.



ISAAC BARBER, the present representative of Warren County in the senate of New Jersey, was born at Forty Fort, Luzerne County, Pa., September 4, 1854, and is a physician by profession. His father, a native of Warren County, removed to Pennsylvania in 1858. The senator received his early education in the public schools, entered Blair Presbyterial Academy to prepare for college in 1869, entered Lafayette in 1872 and graduated in 1876. He studied medicine under the preceptorship of Professor Traill Green, of Easton, Pa., and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1879. For one year he served as a medical referee in New York City for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

In July, 1880, he located at Phillipsburg, and has since continued in active practice. He has served as city physician and as a member of the board of health for two years. He was appointed pension examining surgeon under the Cleveland administration July 18, 1893, and resigned June 1, 1897, to take up the duties of senator. He is of English extraction, a lineal descendant of John Barber, Esq., who settled in Warren County as early as 1735. He is a member of the various

medical and fraternal societies, notably of Phillipsburg Lodge No. 395, B. P. O. E.; Montun Lodge No. 23, K. of P.; and Ortygia Company No. 10, U. R. K. of P., in which organization he fills the position of brigade surgeon.



**J**OHN T. COX, ex-sheriff of Hunterdon County, has been prominently connected with the political, social and agricultural history of this section for many years and is justly accounted one of our progressive citizens. He has always taken considerable interest in all measures affecting the general public welfare and strives to the full extent of his ability to do his duty as a patriotic son of this great commonwealth. In 1882 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the responsible position of collector of Readington Township, his home district, and for six continuous years was re-elected, and only resigned in 1887, owing to the fact that he was elected to the position of sheriff. This office he acceptably filled for one term, giving general satisfaction to the opposition as well as to his own constituents.

The father of the above-named citizen of Readington Township was Tunis V. M. Cox, a native of Somerset County, N. J., in which section of the state his ancestors had settled in the early history of the county. About 1845 Mr. Cox removed to Readington Township, and here was actively occupied in farming and carpentering until old age crept on. Originally a Whig, he joined the Republican party upon its organization and thenceforth was loyal in his fidelity to its principles. He lived to a ripe age, dying in 1890. To himself and wife, formerly Phoebe Brokaw, also a native of Somerset County, seven children were born, of whom the following survive: Elizabeth, wife of Thomas B. Bush, of this township; John T.; Sarah M., Mrs. W. H. Opie, of this vicinity; Phoebe, a resident of New York City;

Meta F., wife of Henry Van Fleet, of Somerville, N. J.; and Grettà M., Mrs. H. W. Leach, of Westminster, Vt.

The birth of John T. Cox occurred in this township, March 3, 1847, and his early days were passed upon the fine farm of one hundred acres where he now dwells. After completing his public-school education here he entered and later graduated from the People's Business College, in Reading, Pa. Since then, 1867, he has been actively occupied in the management of the old homestead which came into his possession about that time. Among the fraternities he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to the Adelphi Encampment of this order, at Flemington. He is a member of Readington Lodge No. 56, Patrons of Husbandry, and was at one time master of the same. At present he is officiating as master of the New Jersey State Grange, of the same society.

June 8, 1867, Mr. Cox married Rachel E. Bush, a native of Hunterdon County, and daughter of Ephraim A. Bush, then a well and favorably known resident of this township, but since deceased. The marriage of our subject and wife has been blessed with seven children, viz.: John B.; Jennie S., wife of Jacob H. Melick; Lydia H., wife of George W. Hall; Grettà M., Bertha F., Tunis V. M. and Bessie. The family have long been identified with the Reformed Church of Readington and are liberal contributors to the work of the congregation.



**H**ARRY C. C. OSMUN is a wide-awake, progressive and popular young business man of Hackettstown, Warren County. He is always welcomed in the best society of this place, and by his unflinching courtesy, kindness and cheery manner has won for himself a host of sincere friends. It was in 1888 that he started in his present undertaking, the management of a coal

and fuel yard, and the sale of grain and feed in connection with the other. In this venture he has been quite successful and is constantly adding to his list of regular customers.

In tracing the ancestry of the above it appears that his great-grandfather, Ziba Osmun, settled on the old homestead, now known as the Funace farm, in Mansfield Township, near Hackettstown, over a century ago. He was a farmer throughout life and was quite successful, as he left a large and valuable tract of land to his heirs at his death. It is supposed, though not positively known, that he was a native of England. The grandfather of our subject, William, was born on the old farm, and during his eighty-four years made his dwelling-place there. For a great many years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and active in every good work.

Joseph, father of H. C. C. Osmun, was born at the ancestral home, and in early manhood was in the produce business in Hackettstown. Later he was successfully occupied in the management of a wholesale grocery in Newark, N. J., for several years. The last years of his commercial career he was in the produce business once more. He died when about sixty-six years of age. In politics he was a staunch Republican. For years an active member of the Presbyterian Church, he held the office of elder in the same for about twenty years. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary S. Coleman. She was a native of Morris County, N. J., and lived to be sixty-eight years of age. She was greatly interested in the progress of religious work and was actively concerned in missionary endeavors. Of the ten children born of the marriage of our subject's parents, he alone survives. With the exception of one brother, Frank, who died at about twenty years of age, all of the brothers and sisters died in infancy or early childhood.

The birth of Harry C. C. Osmun occurred in his present place of residence in this town September 24, 1863. His public-school education was supplemented by a course in the Newark (N. J.) Business College, after leaving which institution he was employed as a clerk for a year in

a dry-goods house of this place. Desiring then to embark in financial enterprise upon his own account he entered into partnership with Charles Weber, being a silent member of the firm of Osmun & Weber for the succeeding four years. At the expiration of that period he withdrew, selling out his interest in the business (jewelry and stationery) and invested his available funds in his present enterprise. The summer of 1895 he traveled through Europe on his bicycle and had a most enjoyable trip. In local politics he has been quite active and in national affairs gives his stalwart support to the Republican party.



**H**ENRY A. ALLER, the present efficient postmaster of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, has also been interested in educational work in this immediate section for a quarter of a century, and is thoroughly posted on the subject. He has met with gratifying success in his chosen field of effort, than which there is no worthier, and is esteemed and looked up to by a multitude of his past pupils, many of whom have become noted in the various professions and commercial undertakings of this county and other places. In 1894 he built his comfortable and pretty home in this town, and here he and his estimable wife are always happy to entertain their numerous friends.

Henry A. Aller was named for his paternal grandfather, who was a sterling representative of an old and respected family of this county. The father of our subject was Rev. Nathan Aller, born on the old Aller homestead in Hunterdon County. When he was a young man he removed to Montgomery County, Pa., where he met and married Hannah Owen, a daughter of Thomas Owen, a well-known farmer of that county. After preaching three years in Jeffersonville, Pa., Rev. Mr. Aller located in Pleasantville, Bucks County, where his son, Henry A., of this sketch,

was born January 10, 1851. He continued to dwell in that town twenty-one years, and thence returned to this, his native county, settling in Mount Pleasant, where he occupied a pulpit for eight years longer. He then retired from ministerial work, his home being in Frenchtown, this county, until he was called to his reward, July 4, 1885. He was placed to rest in Newstone (now Bethlehem) Cemetery, near Clinton. His wife, Hannah, died April 11, 1852, and subsequently he wedded Anna M. Shaw, the ceremony which united their destinies being performed April 30, 1855. She is still living, her home being in Bethlehem, Pa. She is the mother of four daughters, viz.: Sallie, wife of J. K. Gebhardt, of Brooklyn; Ida C.; Lillie; and Clara E., now Mrs. Elmer Weaver, of Allentown. Her only son is Rev. Nathan S., a Congregational minister of Richfield Springs, N. Y. The marriage of Rev. Nathan Aller, Sr., and Hannah Owen was blessed with three children, viz.: Henry A., Thomas O. and Hannah E., who were named for their respective grandparents. The latter is the wife of Edward H. Bellis, of Philadelphia.

The boyhood of Henry A. Aller was spent at home, under the judicious and gentle teaching and training of his father. His education was liberal, being partly acquired in the public schools and partly in private institutions of learning. He was but nineteen when he entered upon what was to be his life occupation, and for this he seemed peculiarly fitted from the start. For a few years he was employed in the district schools, and at the end of one year spent in Pennsylvania in pedagogic work he removed to this county, where he has since remained. He has taught many different schools, and for thirteen consecutive years was situated in Round Valley. Since 1881 he has made his dwelling place in Lebanon, and has taught here two years. An independent thinker, Mr. Aller departed from the traditions of his forefathers, and believing that the principles of the Republican party more fully coincided with his views of the measures best suited for our government's prosperity, he has advocated its platform and nominees. He has occupied numerous

local positions of responsibility and honor, always meeting the duties imposed upon him with credit. During his residence here he has been clerk of this township, for three years was a member of the board of registry and was a census enumerator in 1890 for this locality.

December 27, 1881, Mr. Aller married Matilda Y., daughter of Peter and Jerusha (Yawger) Rockafellar, of old county families. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Aller are Edith R. and Clarence E. For a number of years the family has been identified with the Lebanon Reformed Church.



**H**IRAM RITTENHOUSE has been identified with the history of Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, during the latter half of the nineteenth century. Since 1877 he has made his home on the James Ashcroft farm near Barbertown, which he purchased in that year and on which he has since resided, engaging in general farm pursuits and dairying. As a citizen he is progressive, earnestly championing all measures that will advance the prosperity of the township. During his nineteen years of service as overseer of roads he opened and improved public highways, and kept all the roads in his district in first-class condition. Politically he favors Democratic principles.

The father of our subject, Garner Rittenhouse, was born in 1808 upon the farm where S. M. Rittenhouse now resides. He spent his entire life in Kingwood Township and was one of the largest and most prosperous farmers of his day. Though not active in politics, he was a staunch Democrat and always voted that ticket. In religious connections he was identified with the Presbyterian Church, in which faith he passed from earth in 1863, at the age of fifty-five years. His father, Nathaniel Rittenhouse, was one of the best-known farmers in Kingwood Township, where he died at the age of eighty.

By the marriage of Garner Rittenhouse to Mary Ann Hoff, daughter of Cornelius Hoff, nine children were born, named as follows: Hannah; Anne E.; Lucinda, wife of John Lair; Mary Jane, who married Richard Ashcroft; Isabel, wife of Peter Taylor; Cornelius, Hiram, Whitfield and John D. The early years in the life of our subject were spent on the old Rittenhouse homestead, now owned by Richard Ashcroft. His education was obtained in the common schools of the neighborhood, which he attended when not needed upon the farm. In 1876, leaving home and embarking independently for himself, he bought the place where he now resides. Politically he has adopted for his own the principles of the party favored by his father and grandfather, and, like them in religion, he adheres to Presbyterian doctrines.

The marriage of Mr. Rittenhouse took place in this township December 1, 1876, and united him with Miss Sallie Anne Ashcroft, daughter of James Ashcroft, Sr. Two children were born of their union, of whom one is living, Clarence J., who is at home and assists his father in the cultivation of the farm. Harry L. died May 27, 1896.



JOSEPH RAMSEY is one of the citizens of Hunterdon County who has been literally the architect of his own fortunes. In his early manhood he started without any financial backing to make a place for himself, and well has he succeeded. The secret of his success is the only true secret of success in any undertaking whatever—"work, and plenty of it"—for prosperity almost never crowns a lazy man, and in this country, with few exceptions, the man who works perseveringly and industriously is the man who wins.

The birth of our subject occurred on Christmas day, 1831, in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, he being a son of Joseph and Anna (Jones) Ramsey. The father was likewise a na-

tive of that vicinity and followed the occupation of a farmer during his whole life-time. He had two other children, James and Elizabeth, Mrs. Elijah Hoffman. Our subject was reared upon his father's farm and was a pupil in the public schools until he had mastered the elementary branches of knowledge.

October 5, 1854, Joseph Ramsey was united in marriage with Susan C. Johnson, who was born in this county, and was the daughter of T. T. Johnson, a prosperous farmer. Their union has been blessed with eleven children and all but one of the number are still living. James is a farmer of this community; Mahlon resides in Clinton Township; Cora J. married John Hummer, who was station agent in Flemington and later was in the lumber business there until his death, August 9, 1894; Mary is at home; John is operating a sawmill and lumber business near Goldsborough, Pa.; Sarah C. is the wife of Richard Fisher, agent for the New Jersey Central Railroad in Fanwood, N. J.; Margaret is the wife of George N. Clark, of Clinton Township; Joseph is his father's assistant on the farm; Ella C. is at home; and Sanford R. is a student at Lebanon.

At the time of his marriage Joseph Ramsey rented a farm and continued so to do some nine years, after which he bought the place where he has since made his abode. At first he purchased but eighty-eight acres, later adding to it until he now owns one hundred and twenty-three acres. For a quarter of a century he has bought and shipped milk, and in 1880 built a creamery, which has proved a profitable investment. For the past few years he has given some time to the raising of standard-bred Poland-China hogs, and he has a fine drove of them now on his farm. He owns the celebrated road mare Lucy, bred by himself, of Kentucky and Arabian running stock. She is a magnificent specimen of horse-flesh, and though many a man has been very desirous to purchase her Mr. Ramsey has resisted even very high prices which have been offered him.

During a period of twenty years Mr. Ramsey has been connected with the Reformed Church as a member, and for eight years of this time he has

been an elder in the congregation. He uses his right of franchise in favor of the platform and candidates of the Democracy, but is liberal in his political standing, preferring to support the candidate who in his estimation is best fitted for the office, irrespective of his political tendencies.



JOHN H. VESCELIUS is the proprietor of one of the largest and most finely equipped dry-goods stores in Hackettstown, and has been numbered among the enterprising business men of this place for many years. He possesses those qualities of untiring energy, persevering attention to business in every detail, clear judgment and correct principles of action that rarely fail to bring success. The unfailing interest that he maintains in regard to all local concerns and improvements is another of the characteristics of our subject that endear him to the people, and not infrequently has he sacrificed his own personal wishes and plans in order that they might be benefited.

Our subject's great-grandfather (who spelled his name Viesselius) was a native of Germany and emigrated to this country as early as 1749. He was a physician by profession and settled in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, N. J. In 1760 he took out naturalization papers and in 1767 he passed away. He left two children, Hendrick and Andrus. The latter married Lena Van Sickle, and their one child, George Andrew, born in March, 1783, married October 12, 1806, Gertrude (Charity) Heldebrant, who died in 1850. They were the parents of seven children, namely: John, who married Catherine Field and had a family of seven children; Helen, born September 28, 1808, unmarried; Isaac, who married Ellen Vandervoort and resided at Middle Valley and Paterson, N. J.; Andrew, a resident of Newark, N. J.; Hiram, born January 15, 1815, who married Mary Miller, of Penwell, Warren County,

N. J.; Oliver, our subject's father; and Aaron, of Forest Hill, Newark, N. J., who married Mary Ann Miller.

Oliver Vescelius was born in Hunterdon County November 18, 1816. November 2, 1843, he married Margaret C. Swackhamer, by whom he had one child, Margaret S., born May 9, 1845. His first wife died May 11, 1845. He was again married, his wife being Angeline H. Sharpe, who was born in German Valley, Morris County, N. J., and by whom he had five children: Isaac S., born July 7, 1848, and married to Elizabeth A. Apgar, September 23, 1873; Amelia M., born August 25, 1850, and married to J. W. Opdyke September 16, 1875; John H., born in Fairmount, Hunterdon County, March 23, 1854, and married to Ella A. Carr October 19, 1882; Dennis S., born July 22, 1855, died March 28, 1856; and Edna M., born January 19, 1857, and married to Austin Sutton January 6, 1881.

The whole life of Oliver Vescelius was spent in Fairmount and vicinity, in early manhood he being financially occupied in a mercantile undertaking, and later owner of a large tannery. He voted for the candidates of the Republican party and religiously was a Presbyterian. His death occurred August 4, 1889, at the ripe age of seventy-two years ten months and sixteen days. For several years he was a trustee in the church to which he belonged, but aside from that never held any position of greater or less importance, as he did not desire to do so. His faithful helpmate, friend and companion along life's journey did not long survive him, as she died five months later, aged sixty-four years. She was also a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. The father of Oliver Vescelius was also a native of Fairmount, and carried on a tannery there for many years. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

The elementary education of our subject was that of the district schools, in which he was an apt pupil. When he was fourteen he began to attend the select school in German Valley, and continued there for about two years. Subsequently he came to Hackettstown, and here







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obtained his initial experience in the business world as a clerk in a general store. The first year he received his board and \$50 in money. After working for the firm of Shields & Karr about six years, during which period he had proved his fidelity to every duty imposed upon his youthful shoulders, he left them and traveled to some extent during the next five months, while he was making up his mind where he should permanently settle. Eventually he returned, and was employed as a clerk for a period of four years. May 6, 1882, he opened the store which he has since conducted with increasing success. In 1895 he added largely to his stock of goods, enlarged his store and made various other improvements according to the modern ideas. He is an adherent of the Republican party and is a member of Independent Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M., of this place. Religiously he is a Presbyterian, and is one of the members and trustees of the church here.

Mr. Vescelius married Miss Ella Amelia Carr, born October 20, 1857, a daughter of John R. and Eliza (Fleming) Carr, whose sketch will be found in another part of this volume. Two sons and one daughter have blessed the union of our subject and wife: Alden R., born October 4, 1883; Clarence H., September 13, 1885; and Anna E., February 21, 1892.



**W**ILLIAM H. VAIL, M. D. The gentleman whose name stands at the head of this article is one of Blirstown's most esteemed and respected citizens. For the past twelve years he has been the trusted private secretary of John I. Blair, the railway magnate, he having succeeded his brother, Charles E. Vail, in this responsible position. For nearly two decades previously he was engaged actively in the practice of his profession at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.

In tracing the history of Dr. Vail, we find that his birth took place in Stroudsburg, Pa., in 1845. His father, Dr. William Penn Vail, was a native of Morris County, N. J., and for many years practiced medicine in Johnsonburg, N. J. In 1836 he removed to Stroudsburg, where for a period of ten years he enjoyed a very large and paying practice. Returning then to his former home in Johnsonburg he continued actively in practice until 1872, when failing health caused his retirement from such arduous labors. His last years were quietly and happily passed in the home of his son-in-law, Theodore F. Johnson, in Orange, N. J. He departed this life February 12, 1889, at the ripe age of eighty-five years. His active work in his chosen field of aiding the sick and suffering extended over forty-five years. Before he took up this branch of activity he worked as a machinist in his brother's shop at Speedwell, N. J., and was employed in the manufacture of the boilers that were placed in the celebrated Savannah, the first steamship that crossed the Atlantic Ocean. For sixty years he was a valued member of the Presbyterian Church. When he lived in Stroudsburg he was an officer in the church there and upon his return to Johnsonburg he was made an elder in the old Yellow Frame Church there. Frequently he was sent as a delegate to the Newton presbytery and to the general assembly of the denomination. A fervent believer in the cause of Christianity and temperance, he also held it to be the duty of every man to discharge his duties as a citizen by using his franchise in behalf of the right, the true, the good; and he ever sought to support only those who, in his estimation, were entirely worthy of public trust.

December 28, 1830, occurred the marriage of William Penn Vail and Sarah Locke, a sister of the late Mrs. John I. Blair. To the union of Dr. and Mrs. Vail seven children were born. Horace and Charles each died when about fifty years of age; Annie E. is the wife of Theodore F. Johnson; Emma E. died in 1896; Sarah L. is the wife of Dr. T. Y. Sutphen, of Newark, N. J.; John D. is the postmaster at Blirstown; and

William H. completes the number. Charles E. was the private secretary of John I. Blair for over thirty years. Mrs. Sarah Locke Vail died in 1873.

At the time the family removed to Johnsonburg the subject of this article was but a small child. He prepared for college in Blair Academy, and in 1865 graduated from Princeton, after which he took up the study of medicine. In 1869 he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and received the degree of M. D. He located for practice at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, where he remained for seventeen years, until he was offered the position made vacant by the death of his brother. Since that time he has been the confidential adviser and secretary of John I. Blair. He is a director in the Belvidere National Bank and in the New Jersey Industrial School for colored youths at Bordentown, N. J. He is also secretary and treasurer of the board of directors of the Blair Presbyterian Academy.

Those familiar with the advance that has been made in educational matters in the northern portion of New Jersey during the past sixty years know how much of this progress is due to the efforts of this branch of the Vail family, beginning with William Penn Vail. As a remembrancer of this fact, as well as of another, that Dr. William Penn Vail was always the friend of the down-trodden everywhere, and consequently of the colored race, William H. Vail has erected during the past year (in his native state) at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania a Vail memorial library. This edifice, costing \$20,000, is fireproof throughout and will accommodate fifty thousand volumes, besides containing a commodious reading room and affording ample room in the basement for bowling alleys and light gymnastic apparatus.

For twenty years Dr. Vail has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a part of this time before he came to Blirstown, while his home was at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson. Politically he is a staunch Republican. In 1872 he married Caroline, daughter of Dr. Cyrus Haulin, president of Robert College, Constantinople. Mrs. Vail died

in 1887, leaving four children, and one, Marion Locke, had died a year before. The others are Henrietta L., Cyrus H., Charles E. and Arthur W. The doctor afterward married Mrs. Uhle, widow of Charles Uhle, M. D., by whom she had two sons, J. Horton and Charles R.



**A**RCHIBALD STEWARD TAYLOR, captain in the United States Marine Corps, now retired from the service, is quietly spending his time with his family in his home known as the old King Farm, in Union Township, Hunterdon County. His career has been a very active and eventful one, comprising, as it has done, life in the army and navy, travel to distant lands while on board ship, and numerous adventures and narrow escapes from disease, death and peril in various forms. He is an entertaining conversationalist, and a brief history of his life will prove of interest to many of his friends and acquaintances.

The captain was born in Warren County, N. J., in 1840, being a son of George W. Taylor, to whom we will refer at length later in this article. The early life of the lad was passed in the vicinity of Clinton, this county, to which locality his parents removed when he was a few years old. After leaving the public schools he entered the University at Norwich, Vt., and in 1856 graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science from that institution of learning. In 1860 he went to California, chiefly for the pleasure of the journey and for the sake of seeing something of the country, but he finally remained there until the breaking out of the Civil war. Returning home he was commissioned first lieutenant in Company E, First Regiment of New Jersey Infantry, and for some time served upon his father's staff and took part in numerous engagements in which the brigade was concerned. He resigned January 21, 1863, and returned to his

home, and early in the following year he was ordered to appear before the examining board in Washington for examination as to his fitness for the position of second lieutenant in the marine corps.

The result was satisfactory to the higher powers, for he was duly appointed to the office July 2, 1864, and, after being stationed at Washington for six months, was sent to the navy yard on Mare Island, California, where he remained until 1868. He was then ordered to the sloop-of-war *Tuscorora*, South Pacific squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Thomas Turner, and remained in the Pacific waters about a year and a-half. The ship was then ordered to join the North Atlantic squadron at Key West, for operations off Cuba. At the end of three years the captain was detached and ordered to the coast of California the second time, remaining there until 1874, when he was detached and ordered to duty in the navy yard in Philadelphia. In the early part of the ensuing summer he was ordered on board the United States training ship *Minnesota*, as instructor of naval apprentices. On the 3d of September, 1878, he was detached from the *Minnesota*, and was ordered to the *Quinnebaug*, N. H. Farquhar commander, European squadron, where he remained three years. June 13, 1881, he was ordered to duty at League Island, Philadelphia, and remained there until September 9, 1882, when he was detached and ordered to Pensacola, Fla., remaining on duty there for two years. During a yellow fever epidemic he lost a large number of his command. His next service was on the *Lancaster*, flag ship European squadron. At the end of eight months he was ordered to the coast of Brazil and South Africa, cruising there for over two years, during which time the ship sailed along the eastern and western shores of the dark continent. In 1890 he was detached from the *Lancaster*, and ordered again to duty at League Island, Philadelphia, where he continued until June 17, 1890, and then retired from active service.

In 1882 Captain Taylor married Miss Mary J. Holcombe, daughter of Isaac M. Holcombe. He

has one son, Carleton, now attending school at Plainfield, N. J. He takes no active part in political affairs, being independent of party ties. His wife is identified with the Episcopal Church.

Gen. George W. Taylor, father of the subject of this article, entered the United States Navy service during Jackson's administration, as midshipman, and made his last cruise on board of the sloop-of-war *Fairfield*, in the Mediterranean squadron. After resigning from the navy he was occupied in business affairs in Clinton, N. J., until the war with Mexico was declared. He volunteered his services and was commissioned lieutenant in the Tenth United States Infantry, and took part in the operations of General Taylor, along the Rio Grande. Later he was raised to the rank of captain for gallantry and daring, and served as such until the close of the war, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Temple. Then he went to California in the interests of the New Jersey Transportation and Mining Company, of which he was made the president, and stayed on the Pacific slope for about three years. He was a son of Archibald Steward Taylor, who was the owner of the High Bridge Iron Works, having inherited the same from his father, Robert Taylor. The latter was a native of north Ireland, and came to America about 1758, and became the superintendent and later proprietor of the iron works before mentioned. George W. Taylor and his brother Lewis managed this property for several years, or until the Civil war came on. He married Mary King, whose father was at one time the owner of more land in Hunterdon County than any other resident, and who also established the linseed-oil works at Kingston. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor became the parents of eight children, two of whom are now deceased. Caroline is the wife of Rev. J. A. Blauvelt; and Elizabeth is the wife of Clifford White. The three brothers of our subject are William K., Edward and George W. The mother died when about seventy years of age.

Being well qualified by his previous experience in the Mexican war, George W. Taylor was commissioned colonel of the Third Regiment of New

Jersey Infantry, soon after he reported for duty in the late war. He served in the brigade of Gen. Philip Kearney, First Brigade, Sixth Army Corps, and was encamped at Fairfax Seminary during the winter of 1861. He then took part in the general operations against Yorktown, and with his forces then embarked on transports which conveyed them to West Point, where they engaged the division commanded by General Whiting. Next he went with the advance guard of the army under command of General Stoneman and later took part in the battles of Mechanicsville and Fair Oaks, and the seven-days' campaign after the evacuation of Yorktown. He was commissioned brigadier-general and assigned to the command of the First Brigade of Slocum's Division, Sixth Army Corps. June 27, 1862, this division was ordered to support Fitz John Porter at Gaines' Mill. There the second battle of the seven-days' fight was fought, where, out of twenty-two hundred men belonging to the First Brigade, eleven hundred and twenty-one men were killed and wounded in less than one hour. After the battle of Malvern Hill the brigade retreated to the James River and was subsequently ordered to Alexandria, Va. August 27, 1862, they were sent to Manassas Junction, but on the way were confronted with Stonewall Jackson's corps, and after a sharp contest were left with but three hundred of the original fifteen hundred men. General Taylor received wounds from the effects of which he died a few days later. He was buried in the Presbyterian church yard in Clinton, N. J., where a plain granite shaft marks his grave.



**J**OHN A. BACHMAN. No citizen in Phillipsburg more fully enjoys the respect and high regard of the people than does the subject of this article. He has made his home in this place since 1874, and has been officially connected

with the Phillipsburg National Bank for nearly a quarter of a century. In every new enterprise or plan for the improvement of the town he is among the first to accord it his support, materially and by his influence, for he is thoroughly in touch with the progressive spirit of the age.

The ancestors of J. A. Bachman dwelt in Switzerland several generations ago, and, as philosophers have often pointed out they, being mountaineers, breathed the high, pure air of liberty, rejoiced in the freedom of their inaccessible solitudes, and thus were strong to meet the tide of religious and political persecution which swept through their beloved country in the middle ages. The founder of the family in America left home to seek a new one in the western world, whither the tyrants of Europe had not yet extended their blighting power. He accompanied William Penn as his private secretary, and for his payment he accepted two townships in Northampton County, Pa. Since that time the family have been numbered among the representative citizens of the Keystone state.

Charles W. Bachman, father of our subject, was born in Northampton County, Pa., and was a tailor by trade. For many years he was engaged in conducting a clothing business in Easton, Pa., but he is now living retired, having made a competence. His faithful helpmate, formerly Sarah A. Transue, daughter of the late Anthony Transue, from near Easton, is still living, aged seventy-two. He is fourscore years old, and still enjoys health of mind and body. Of their four children three survive, viz.: John A., who was born in Easton; Mary A., wife of James V. Bull, of the firm of Bush & Bull, extensive merchants, of Easton; and A. P., whose home is in Orange, N. J.

After completing his common-school education our subject went into the employ of Daly, Tomblin & Co., wholesale grocers, of Easton, and remained with them for seven years, in the meantime becoming familiar with the management of finances and general business. In 1874 he resigned his place in order to take the position of teller in the Phillipsburg National Bank, receiv-

ing the appointment of cashier in 1878, which position he still holds. He is also a member of the board of directors. Among the various local concerns in which he has been interested is the People's Water Company of this town, he being a director and treasurer of the same at this time, and he is also a trustee for the bondholders of the Standard Silk Company, and of the Board of Trade of this place. Fraternally he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and with Easton Lodge No. 152, F. & A. M., being receiver of the former.

The marriage of Mr. Bachman and Mary H. Horn was solemnized April 15, 1878, at the home of the bride's father, Robert T. Horn, an old and very highly esteemed citizen of Easton, Pa. They have one child, Robert C. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman are active members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Easton, the former being an elder and chairman of the music committee. They are always ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunately circumstanced than themselves. Our subject was born January 31, 1848, and is consequently in the prime of his life and usefulness in the business and social world, as he has not lost the enthusiasm and energy of youth, and tempers the same with wisdom born of experience.



**H**ENRY BERCAW. Among the enterprising business men of Phillipsburg, the gentleman of whom we write is numbered. He is a stockholder, secretary and bookkeeper for the firm of Tippet & Woods, boiler makers. This is one of the most solid mercantile concerns in the locality, and year by year their business has increased until it has assumed very extensive proportions. Mr. Bercaw has been connected with the establishment for over twenty years and possesses the experience and knowledge of the business which time and strict attention to every detail connected with the works alone could bring.

Born in the adjacent town of Easton, Pa., June 16, 1845, Henry Bercaw is a son of Samuel and Levina (Moser) Bercaw. The father, also a native of Easton, was a descendant of a German family who settled in the Keystone state many years ago. He was an employe of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and was a man of prominence in his own neighborhood. He died in 1897. His wife, who departed this life some five years before, was a descendant of Burkhart Moser, a name well known in the annals of the early history of Pennsylvania. Samuel and Levina Bercaw were members of the Dutch Reformed Church, and were people who were noted for their possession of sterling qualities of character. They were the parents of thirteen children, only four of whom survive, viz.: Henry; Emma, wife of Charles Ricker, of this city; Arabella, unmarried; and Mary, wife of Richard Kner, of Phillipsburg.

Henry Bercaw was a pupil in the public schools until he was sixteen years of age, when his patriotic spirit could no longer be appeased, and he went forward to offer his services and life if need be in the defense of his country. Though he was but a youth, he was admitted to the ranks of the Seventh New Jersey Infantry and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, which wing of the Union troops was in the thickest of the conflict through long weary years. Mr. Bercaw was honorably discharged July 23, 1865, as a sergeant, having seen four years of hardship and privation in active service. Upon his return to the avocations of peace, he found it very difficult to settle down to the prosaic routine of business, as many others did, and it was even harder in his case, in that he had not been engaged in any commercial enterprise or work prior to his army service. For about a year he was employed by the Phillipsburg Agricultural Works, but at the end of that time he determined to have some experience in the regular United States army. Accordingly, he enlisted in the First United States Cavalry and during the succeeding five years was on duty in southern California and Arizona. This period of martial life proved sufficient, and the young man returned home, once more becom-

ing an employe of the agricultural works, with which concern he stayed until 1877. Since that year he has been with the Tippet & Woods Boiler Works, and since December, 1892, he has been one of the firm.

In 1877 Mr. Bercaw married Augusta, daughter of Jeremiah Dennis, of Bloomsbury, N. J., and her death occurred in 1885. He has always kept a warm place in his heart for the boys that wore the blue, and he has served the local lodge of the Grand Army of the Republic as its commander. He is also a member of the Order of American Mechanics.



**V**ICTOR C. PENDREIGH. Among the well-equipped village stores of Warren County is the one situated at Changewater and owned and operated by Mr. Pendreigh. Since purchasing it, he has built up a large trade in the village and surrounding country and has established a reputation for reliable dealing with all. He began in business without capital, but by his energy and perseverance has attained a fair degree of success and has become known as a prosperous merchant. For three years after embarking in business he was in partnership with Eugene Castner, but in 1895 he purchased his partner's interest and has since been alone.

Born in Hunterdon County in 1861, the subject of this sketch is of direct Scotch descent. His father, James, who was born in Scotland, came to America at the age of nineteen years and settled in Hunterdon County. For more than thirty years, and until his death, he was employed as foreman on the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad. Politically he was an ally of the Republican party, in religion was identified with the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally belonged to Merino Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F. His death occurred in 1885. He had married Catherine Lungen, daughter of Frederick Lungen, who

was a carpenter by trade and lived near Asbury, Warren County. She is still living and makes her home with her son, Victor C. In her family there were four sons, but two died in childhood and another, John, passed away in 1872.

In the public schools of Hamden, Hunterdon County, the subject of this article acquired his education. At the age of twenty-one he started out to make his own way in the world, and secured a clerkship in the store he now owns. He saved his earnings until, in 1892, he was able to purchase the stock and good will of the former proprietor, and since then he has conducted the business in an efficient manner. He is interested in the public schools and has been a member of the board of education since 1892, but has held no other office, never having cared to occupy public positions. In political sentiment he supports Republican principles and always votes the party ticket. Fraternally he is actively connected with Merino Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F. Though not a member of any religious body, he supports the doctrines and work of the Presbyterian Church and is an attendant upon its services.



**A**LDEN EDWARDS MARTIN, M. D., numbered among the prominent physicians of Hackettstown, Warren County, is in the front ranks of his profession as a result of his close study, power of observation and widely diversified experience. He makes it a point to keep himself well posted in modern discoveries and new methods used in the treatment of disease, and while carefully conservative, holding to the tested lines of diagnosis and remedies, he is open minded and liberal, always ready to accept a true and tried manner of healing the "ills that flesh is heir to," even though it is essentially new or opposite to received ideas.

Moreover, the doctor is not restricted in his interests to the field of his professional duties; pos-



sessed of fine business abilities and an energetic spirit, he is foremost in all enterprises affecting the welfare of this place, and his mature judgment is earnestly sought after when questions of more than momentary weight are before the public. He is in the prime of life, and gives promise of many years of usefulness to his generation. He was born July 16, 1850, in Peacham, Vt., and in that pretty and quiet village his boyhood passed happily and without event. His father, Hon. John M. Martin, was a merchant, a man of good education, a true patriot and a most worthy citizen. He was a native of Woodbury County and was married in Vermont to Miss Martha Osgood Sprague, of Peacham.

Dr. A. E. Martin received his education in the public school of his native county, and, having completed his classical and scientific studies, decided to enter the medical profession. His initial studies in this direction were under the guidance of Prof. H. Noah Martin, who was an instructor in Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia. From that well-known institution Dr. Martin was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1876. Having opened an office at Schooley's Mountain (three miles distant from Hackettstown) he continued to practice in that vicinity until 1880, when he removed to this place. Since that time he has been situated here, and has gradually built up a large and remunerative practice. He is a staunch Republican in his political views, and has manifested his interest in the rising generation by serving on the board of education, now in his third year. For fifteen years he was a member of the board of health, but is not acting in that capacity at this time. A member of Independence Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M., of Hackettstown, he has been master of the same and was District Deputy Grand Master of the tenth district, and is now a member of the Masonic Historical Committee, having been one of that honorable body for two years past.

In 1881 the doctor married Miss Catherine, daughter of John R. Carr, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. They have a family of one son and three daughters, viz.: Olga, Leila

K., Carl and Augusta M., all bright, interesting children. The doctor and his estimable wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and are liberal contributors to religious and charitable enterprises. They have a charming home, where they are always ready to entertain their large circle of friends and acquaintances with generous and warm-hearted hospitality.



REV. WILBERT P. FERGUSON, PH. D., B. D., president of Centenary Collegiate Institute. Among the best-known institutions and enterprises of Warren County is the Centenary Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown. It was established by the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1869, and was open for students in September, 1874. The buildings and grounds are valued at \$230,000, and are entirely free from debt. The institution from the very beginning has been crowded with students, nearly every year the accommodations proving to be inadequate. Rev. George H. Whitney, D. D., was the honored and successful president 1869-1895, retiring from office amid general regret because of ill health. His successor is the subject of this sketch.

President Ferguson is a Canadian by birth, his birthplace being Napanee, Ontario, and birth date February 2, 1863. His father was in the itinerate Methodist ministry, so that there was no permanent home to the growing boy until he began his collegiate career at the age of thirteen, in Albert College, Belleville, Ontario, now Victoria University, Toronto. After a year in the preparatory department, he matriculated with honors in classics into the regular college course. In the sophomore year honors could again be competed for. They were again secured in Latin and Greek; also the general proficiency prize of the class. The general proficiency prize was also won in the junior year, and the prize in mental

philosophy. He was then compelled by financial stress to stay out of school a year, which he improved by preaching as assistant pastor of a large circuit. Then two years were spent jointly in an assistant pastorate and finishing the senior year, all of whose studies were in the classics—a course equal to many of the Ph. D. courses of American colleges. He received another honor certificate in this department, also a gold medal, and was chosen valedictorian of his class.

During these years he became acquainted with a parishioner and college mate, E. Adelaide Cruickshank, to whom he was happily wedded a year after graduation. They determined to start their new home in the United States and went to Illinois to a most excellent appointment in the county seat of the Central Illinois Conference. Desiring further preparation for the Christian ministry, he secured leave of absence and came to Drew Theological Seminary, where he completed the course in two years, graduating in 1887. After a year's pastorate in Wesley Church, Peoria, Ill., he was invited, without application, to the professorship of Latin in the oldest university of Iowa—the Iowa Wesleyan, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Here he taught for three years, assisting also the administration in securing students and \$10,000 to complete a half-finished building. He was at this time state president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and conference president of the Epworth League. Impressed with the desirability of further pastoral experience, he resigned his professorship amid universal regret and was transferred by Bishop Foss to the New York East Conference and stationed at Baldwin's, L. I. During his two and one-half years of work in this Brooklyn suburb, the membership was doubled, a new chapel added and parsonage built, both being fully paid for in cash. He was next appointed to Patchogue, L. I., to the largest church of any denomination outside of Brooklyn, and with a very fine church property. Within a year and three months a current debt was paid off, a new \$4,000 organ put in the church and a great revival held, in which there were about two hundred and

forty seekers after Christ. Planning only for a continuous ministry of many years, his plans were suddenly interfered with by his election to the presidency of Centenary Collegiate Institute. Suddenly, because the election was unsolicited and unexpected by this young pastor. What a "young" life! Received into the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of eight years, beginning a regular and difficult college course at fourteen, entering the ministry at seventeen, a graduate with high honors and an ordained minister at twenty, a professor in a strong western college at twenty-five, and president of Centenary Collegiate Institute at thirty-two.

During the first three years of President Ferguson's administration, the attendance increased fifty per cent., the last annual enrollment reaching two hundred and eighty-three. The buildings have been improved to the extent of about \$12,000. The courses have been made one-third longer and stronger. Indeed in all departments there is renewed vigor and constant growth. It is expected that the twenty-fifth anniversary (1899) will be celebrated by the erection of a new \$25,000 building. All honor to this splendid school with its widely increasing influence.



**H**ENRY H. MILLER, M. D. There is always inspiration and encouragement to be derived from the perusal of the life-record of a man who has overcome many and varied difficulties lying in his pathway, and who, by native force of character, has steadily advanced toward the goal which he set before him in his youth. In the history of the honored citizen whose name heads this review we find just such a story—a story of struggle and earnest endeavor crowned at last with prosperity richly deserved.

Dr. Miller has made his home in Lebanon, Hunterdon County, but six or seven years, yet during this period has become well and favorably

known. He has succeeded in establishing a reputation for skill and thorough knowledge of his chosen profession that brings to him a generous patronage and substantial financial results. He is a man who is devoted heart and soul to the noble work of alleviating suffering, and is wholly unsparring of himself in his love for humanity.

The Miller family of which our subject is a most worthy representative is of German origin. His grandfather, Jobu Miller, was a native of New Jersey, and was a resident of this county in the early part of this century. Of his children, his namesake, John, was the doctor's father. He was born and reared to maturity in this county, and, having mastered the blacksmith's trade, he removed to Middle Valley, Morris County, N. J., where he pursued his business for years. He married Mary Ribbons, and to them a large family was born, which they strove to bring up in the love of God and their fellow-men.

The birth of Dr. H. H. Miller occurred in Middle Valley, October 8, 1854, he being the eighth son and the third from the youngest of sixteen children. He was brought up in his native county and received his primary education in the common schools. When he was about twenty years old he concluded that he would enter the medical profession, and thenceforth brought every energy to bear upon the carrying out of this idea. He was greatly handicapped in his purpose by the lack of means, but he was not easily discouraged and at intervals during the following six years he taught school, the money thus earned sufficing to meet his expenses. At the same time he studied medicine under the instruction of his elder brother, Theodore, in Califon. In 1876 he entered the medical department of the University College, in New York City, and did not graduate until 1881, on account of several terms spent in teaching outside. Having received his degree, he settled down for business in Mountainbury, Tewksbury Township, in which town he was pleasantly situated in every regard for the ten years that followed. In 1891 he came to Lebanon, and has here built up a large practice. In his political convictions, the doctor is a Prohibi-

tionist, and fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, being a member of Vesper Lodge No. 239, of Lebanon.

In 1883 the marriage of Dr. Miller and Minnie Apgar, daughter of Phineas K. Apgar, was solemnized in Cokesbury. Mrs. Miller was summoned to the silent land in October, 1888. The lady who now bears the name of our subject was formerly Miss Jennie G. Walters. She was born in Glen Garduer, N. J., and is a daughter of Rev. David Walters. The marriage ceremony which united the destinies of H. H. and Jennie Miller was performed upon New Year's day, 1890. They both hold membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church here, and are active in all good works. They have a happy home, and often entertain therein their numerous friends and acquaintances.



**C**HARLES RITTENHOUSE, editor and proprietor of the Hackettstown *Gazette*, has through his energetic individuality and the influence of his paper accomplished much for the benefit and improvement of the beautiful city of Hackettstown. The excellent city streets, the electric light plant, Hemlock Grove, a public park, which property is held in trust for the people, and the combined soldiers' monument and drinking fountain, are some of the important improvements to the place that he was mainly instrumental in maturing and securing. The *Gazette* is one of the fairest and most Democratic papers in New Jersey and its editor is as thoroughly imbued with Democracy as he is honest in expressing his opinions, and in the sixteen years that he has run the paper he has met with great success.

Mr. Rittenhouse was born at Hackettstown November 1, 1856 (the same month and same year that the paper was started). His parents were William S. and Caroline (Mucklow) Rittenhouse, the latter of Scotch descent, but both na-

tives of Warren County. William S., who was a cooper by trade, carried on his business for many years in Hackettstown and in addition to this for a long period he acted as justice of the peace, for which position his law studies had fitted him. He was also collector and assessor. He was a strong Democratic politician, prominent in his party. He died when our subject was six years of age. His widow (who survived him many years and died in July, 1895) was left with little means and three small children, who were required to "bustle" early in life. The eldest, Alfred M., is a physician at Bellwood, Neb.; William S., Jr., is cashier of the First National Bank of Washington, N. J.

Until sixteen years of age the subject of this sketch attended the public schools. At seventeen years he went into the *Gazette* office to learn the trade with E. W. Osmun, the then proprietor of that paper. He stayed in this position three years, then left for Princeton and worked with C. S. Robinson, who did the Princeton College printing. He then visited some of the large cities, working at his trade, and finally settled down in Newark, N. J., where he remained for four years. Meantime Mr. Osmun had died and the *Gazette* had run down and was put up for sale at public auction. Mr. Rittenhouse became the purchaser. His brother William S., Jr., joined him in the venture and from August 10, 1882, the paper was carried on under the firm name of Rittenhouse Brothers.

In 1884 Charles Rittenhouse was appointed postmaster of Hackettstown under Cleveland's administration and filled the position with credit for five years. In 1890 William S., Jr., withdrew from the business, since which time our subject has been editor and sole proprietor. By earnest attention to the interests of the public at large and the welfare of his home community, he has brought the *Gazette* to its present flourishing condition. He is a director in the Hackettstown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, also a director in the Electric Light Company and the Union Cemetery Association. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Improved Order of Red Men, Knights

of Pythias, the Volunteer Fire Department and the Hackettstown Driving Association. November 19, 1884, he married Matilda, daughter of Charles and Matilda Hairhouse, natives of Germany, but residents of Hackettstown.



JOHN S. LINDABURY, M. D., has been located in Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County, for the past sixteen years, and is known far and wide as a most skillful surgeon and able physician. Among those of his own profession he is looked up to and his advice and opinion are frequently asked for in very difficult and perplexing cases. His experience has been very extensive; he is a great student and thinker in the lines of his chosen work and his judgment is invariably accurate and well founded. He is a man of noble qualities, and is one who delights in doing good to his fellows, cheering them in trouble, helping them in sickness and proving himself an angel of mercy wherever his path of duty leads.

The doctor comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his maternal grandfather having served in the colonial struggle for independence. His father, John, was born March 5, 1784, and was a descendant of an old Holland family who had settled in this state in the early days of its history. John Lindabury was a farmer by occupation, his home being in Morris County until after the War of 1812, in which he served. He then brought his family to this county, taking up his place of abode near White House. There he was engaged in caring for his farm until death claimed him. He was a very zealous worker in the Presbyterian Church, was an elder in the same, and it is related of him that his team was usually ready to convey to the services all of his neighbors who could not otherwise have gone. October 8, 1812, he married Elizabeth Rodenbaugh and of their eight children only the doctor and one sister survive. Katharine was born

July 28, 1813; Mary Jane, June 5, 1815; Elizabeth, March 11, 1817; Susanna, July 2, 1819; Nathan, June 2, 1821; Lydia, March 17, 1823; Amanda Ann, July 9, 1825; and John S. Lydia, who married Charles Carhart, now deceased, lives in Glen Gardner, this county.

John S. Lindabury was born in Morris County, near Schooley's Mountain Springs, September 7, 1838. He received a good education, having the special advantage of a private tutor for five years, and taught school here for some time. He then took a preparatory course in the state university of Ann Arbor, Mich., after which he spent about three years in travel and study. In the spring of 1858 he returned to New Jersey, and settled down to hard study under the instruction of Dr. William S. Creveling. In the fall of that year he entered the University of New York, graduating therefrom in the class of 1861. To further fit himself for his life work he took special courses under such noted men as Drs. Valentine Mott, T. Gillard Thomas and William R. Donahue.

The doctor's initial practice was in Mountainville, Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County. Having given special attention to the treatment of epidemic diseases, he was almost immediately called upon to combat diphtheria, which was raging in that vicinity and also throughout that portion of the county. He was so successful in meeting this dread contagion, that he was often called into consultation with local physicians far beyond the limits of his usual practice. He built up a fine practice there, and during his twenty-one years in that place he tutored a number of students who now are numbered among the best in this and other localities. Dr. Thomas Miller, of Califon; Dr. William C. Alpaugh, of High Bridge, and Dr. J. T. Fritts, of Plainfield, are of the old-time pupils of his.

In his student days the doctor had an idea that he would enter the navy service, and he made a specialty of surgery, and passed the required examination for admittance to the navy. He has been particularly successful as a surgeon, and is considered an authority in this branch. He is an ardent adherent of the Democratic party, but his intense

dislike for the methods of modern politicians has made him desirous of keeping out of public positions. He is a member of the Lehigh Valley Medical Association and belongs to Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton. Religiously he follows in the footsteps of his forefathers, being identified with the Presbyterian Church.

In 1862 the doctor married Eliza Robinson, whose home was then in Cokesbury, Hunterdon County. They have had a son and a daughter, Etta, wife of C. H. Smith, of Bloomsbury, and Thomas A., employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as yardmaster, in South Plainfield, N. J.



**J**OHAN BOWERS. No industry in Warren County is more widely known than that of which Mr. Bowers is the head. The Bowers Snuff and Tobacco Company, Limited, has its main office in Trenton, N. J., with Jonathan H. Blackwell as chairman, and his son, Stephen W., as secretary and treasurer. The plant is located at Changewater, Warren County, and is operated by water power, lighted by electricity and heated by steam. The three water wheels are of ninety, thirty-five and twenty horse-power, respectively. The main building is a stone structure, five and one-half stories in height, 45x60 feet in dimensions, with an annex on one side 26x45, the same height as the main building, and another annex 18x36, three and one-half stories in height. The annexes have been built since the plant was established at this place in 1889, in order to accommodate the increasing business. The office building is forty feet long and thirty feet wide, with an annex 25x50, and three and one-half stories high. The works are run night and day, and furnish employment to between fifty and seventy-five people, while seven traveling men are kept on the road constantly.

The head of this large concern is a native of

New Jersey, and was born at Middlesex August 18, 1822. His father, William, who was born in the same place, served as a soldier throughout the entire period of the War of 1812; by trade he was a saddler and this occupation he followed until his death, which occurred when he was in the prime of life. His father, who came to this country from France, was a large owner of fine horses, his specialty being racing stock. The mother of our subject, Martha Rebecca, was a daughter of John Bown, who owned several large farms near Middlesex; she died in 1872, at the age of seventy-two. Of her six children, one died in boyhood and a daughter, Georgia, died during the yellow fever epidemic; William, who was a carpenter by trade, had charge of the car shops in Savannah, Ga.; Charles F., deceased, was a farmer in Missouri; and Rebecca Ann is the wife of Levi Bennett, a resident of Middlesex, N. J.

When a boy our subject attended the public schools in his native town. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the trade of a furniture manufacturer, but followed it only a few years. He then became interested in the manufacture of snuff and tobacco in Middlesex, first as an employe, afterwards as manager for the G.W. Helme Company. He continued there until 1889, when he engaged in the business for himself at Changewater. Here also he has his home, occupying a residence just opposite his office. Fraternally he is connected with Fidelity Lodge of Odd Fellows at Middlesex. For years he has been a trustee and steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In political belief he is a free-silver Democrat. During the war he voted for Abraham Lincoln for president, which is the only time he has ever cast a Republican ballot. The prosperity he has attained is solely the result of his personal efforts. He had no assistance from others in starting out. His success is not the result of accident or luck, but has come to him through his indomitable perseverance, untiring energy and determination of character. Hence it is well deserved. His possessions are valuable, including his factory, residence and a fine farm near Changewater.

In 1856 Mr. Bowers married Amanda Culver,

daughter of Jonathan Culver, of Middlesex. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters. Charles W., the eldest son, is a business man in New York. John H., the second son, is connected with the tobacco business as a member of the firm. He was educated at Princeton and is a young man of bright intellect and excellent judgment. He and his wife, formerly Ida B. Bessett, and their daughter, Ruth J., reside at No. 12 West Washington avenue, Washington, N. J. Fraternally he is identified with Mansfield Lodge No. 36, F. & A. M., and Chapter No. 12, R. A. M., also the Improved Order of Red Men. He is an excellent business man and gives his personal attention to the local office.

Lafayette Appleby Bowers, the youngest son of our subject, is also a member of the firm, and is general manager of the snuff department. He boards at the New Windsor Hotel in Washington. Fraternally he is a member of the blue lodge of Masonry, DeLomay Commandery No. 6, K. T., Mecca Temple, and the Mystic Shrine of New York City. He is also identified with the Royal Arcanum. His business faculties are well developed. He is sagacious, honorable and energetic. Like his father and brothers, he is a staunch Democrat, unswerving in his allegiance to the party; and, like them, he has a host of friends among the people of Changewater, Washington and other parts of Warren County.



**M**RS. MARIA PARK is probably the oldest living inhabitant of Hunterdon County, her home having been upon a farm in Tewksbury Township during her long life, which very nearly covers this century. She has been a witness of vast changes hereabout since her girlhood and is a most entertaining conversationalist. She is remarkably well preserved, is in the possession of all her faculties and enjoys exceptionally

good health, considering her advanced age. Though now in her ninety-seventh year she reads without glasses, and is only very slightly deaf. On the occasion of her ninety-sixth birthday anniversary, November 27, 1897, her friends made a party for her, and she enjoyed herself greatly talking over old times and experiences, and being the agreeable hostess in every sense.

On the paternal side, Mrs. Park is a direct descendant of Hans Hansen Bergen, of Norway. He was a ship carpenter in his native land, and in 1633 he emigrated to New Amsterdam, now New York City. In 1639 he married Sarah, daughter of George Rapalie, she having been the first white child born in the colony of the New Netherlands. Their son, John Hansen Bergen, was baptized in New Amsterdam, April 17, 1644. He married Jeanette, daughter of Tunis Ten Eyck, and their son, John George, was baptized August 31, 1684. On the 16th of August, 1711, he wedded Sycha, daughter of Evert Van Wichlen, and their son Evert, born in 1717, was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Park. He chose for his wife Jane Hegeman, whose portrait is now in the possession of Dr. Van Derveer, of North Branch. In 1737 this Evert Bergen purchased a tract of land in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, N. J., which property has never since been owned outside of the family, though in a newspaper printed during the Revolutionary war the land is advertised for sale. This same paper contains an account of the capture of Major Andre. The land was not sold then, nor has it ever been, and is now in the hands of Eugene, the youngest child of Mrs. Park, of this sketch. The eldest child of Evert and Jane Bergen was John, born September 26, 1746. He was married in 1770 to Alche Rapalie, and of the five children born to them, Evert, the eldest, whose birth occurred June 23, 1771, became the father of Mrs. Park.

The mother of our subject was Ann Van Dueresen in her maidenhood. She was a descendant of Hon. James Schureman, who was a prominent figure during the war of the Revolution. He was at one time taken prisoner, but escaped finally by drugging the guards and digging his

way out through the walls. In 1789 he was elected a member of the continental congress, serving for four years, after which he was sent to the United States senate, and later was the mayor of the town of New Brunswick, N. J.

The father of Mrs. Park was born and passed the first six years of his life on the farm adjoining the one where she resides to-day. He then removed with his parents to the town of New Brunswick, and there grew to manhood. January 5, 1793, he married Ann Van Duersen, by whom he had nine children, viz.: John, William, Ann, James, Maria, Aletta, Staats, Jane and George. After his marriage Evert Bergen came to his farm in Readington Township, and remained here until his death. He was a Democrat, and quite active in local affairs, serving as a justice of the peace several terms and holding other official positions of trust and honor. He held membership with the Presbyterian Church of Lamington, near which is the family burying ground. He sent all of his children to New Brunswick to be educated, as the neighborhood advantages here were of a very limited description.

March 1, 1818, the marriage of Maria Bergen and James Park was solemnized. He was a native of Warren County, N. J., having been born in 1797. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed to some extent, though his chief occupation in life was farming. When he reached his majority he located in German Valley, engaging in agricultural pursuits there two years, after which he permanently settled on the farm where his widow resides. This place is situated but a short distance south of New Germantown. In his political attitude he was always a Democrat and in the early days he was much interested in the home militia, taking part in the "trainings" and holding at different times the positions of captain, major and colonel. He attended the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife has long been a member, and his earthly labors came to an end August 1, 1854. To himself and wife eleven children were born, as follows: Evert Bergen, now deceased; David; Staats N., of

Bloomsbury; William A., deceased; Mary Ann, wife of John J. Bergen, of South Branch; Adeline E., wife of Elias T. Wack, of Newark; George B., a resident of Bradford County, Pa.; John H., of Frenchtown; Elias T., of Tonawanda, Pa.; H. Louise, deceased; and H. Eugene, the present county clerk of this county. Mrs. Park conducts her own business affairs, keeping her accounts, and manifesting truly remarkable ability. She is the proud grandmother of twenty-five grandchildren and about as many great-grandchildren.



**WARREN O. LAUDENBERGER** is now serving as a commissioner of deeds, notary public and assessor of the borough of Junction, Hunterdon County, and in the past few years has acceptably filled numerous local offices. He is a young man of ability, good judgment, and executive genius, and is a general favorite with the public. To the least as well as to the greatest of his duties, he is prompt and faithful, and in this manner has justly earned his popularity.

A native of Springtown, Bucks County, Pa., our subject was born May 28, 1861, being a son of William R. and Savilla (Clymer) Laudenberg. When he was a lad of five years his parents moved to South Bethlehem, Pa., and in 1872 the family came to Junction. The father purchased the property then known as the Junction House, and now called the Lackawanna House, and this he has carried on up to the present time.

When he was nineteen years of age our subject entered the employ of E. Humphrey, of Glen Gardner, remaining there until 1881, when for a year he lived in Philadelphia. In December, 1882, he re-entered the employ of Mr. Humphrey, and in 1891 returned to Junction, where he has since made his home. He has always been an active worker in the Democratic party, and has

attended many political conventions as a delegate. In 1893 and again in 1897 he was chosen secretary of the county convention. From 1889 to 1893 inclusive he was a member of the county Democratic executive committee. He was first assistant engrossing clerk in 1893 and received the caucus nomination of his party for the same position in 1894. He was instrumental in aiding the incorporation of the borough of Junction, and December 29, 1894, was elected secretary of the committee organized for the purpose. In 1895 he was elected assessor for Junction borough for a term of three years and re-elected in 1898 without opposition. He was assistant clerk of the county board of assessors in 1895 and 1896, and clerk of the county board of assessors in 1897. All local industries and enterprises find in him a sincere friend, and he is now a member of the Junction Fruit and Produce Exchange, also a director and the treasurer of the Junction Water and Improvement Company. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Minerva Lodge No. 60, of Junction, in which he is past grand.

On the 15th of January, 1891, Mr. Laudenberg was united in marriage with one of Glen Gardner's accomplished daughters, Miss Jennie Brown. Her father is William S. Brown, a well-known citizen of that pretty town, within the boundaries of which she was reared to womanhood. She has been given excellent musical advantages, and possesses unusual talent in that direction. For several years she has been the organist of the Lutheran Church of Glen Gardner, of which congregation she is a member.



**HON. EZRA NASON**, mayor of Junction, Hunterdon County, enjoys the respect and genuine regard of a large circle of acquaintances, both among the citizens of this place and all along the Central Railroad of New Jersey wherever he is known, and wherever his duties



as an engineer take him. He is, with perhaps two or three exceptions, the longest-employed man in the service of the railroad company mentioned, and has won an enviable reputation for strict fidelity to duty, punctuality and general reliability. The esteem in which he is held here was shown when he was elected on the Republican ticket to the responsible position of mayor, which office he has occupied three years, now filling his second term. He was influential in getting Junction incorporated as a borough, this having been of great benefit to the place in numerous ways, such as materially reducing the taxation, and at the same time many improvements have been instituted. He gives his unswerving allegiance to the Republican party, in the principles of which he has been familiar from his boyhood, as his father was an ardent adherent of the same organization.

The Nason family is of Scotch descent and has been represented in America for several generations. Grandfather John Nason was a resident of the state of Maine, where he passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He was quite a figure in the affairs of his community, was a leader in the old Whig party and did gallant service in the War of 1812. He married a Miss Susan Usher and had six children, of whom Ezra, the father of our subject, was the eldest. That worthy man followed in the footsteps of his father in the choice of a life occupation, giving his energies to the cultivation of a farm in Maine, his native state. He was a selectman there for several terms, and religiously was a devout Methodist. To himself and wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Haley, seven children were born, viz.: Roscoe, who is a miller in Hollis, Me.; Ezra; John, who is in the railroad business, his home being in Taunton, Mass.; Nathan, who carries on the old homestead; Marshall, who died when young; Robert, who likewise died in childhood; and Susan, who married John Blake, of Buxton, Me.

The birth of Ezra Nason took place in Maine, May 27, 1837. In his native village he received a good education for that day, and under the instruction of his father became proficient as a

farmer. For about two years after attaining his majority he cultivated a farm, after which he spent twelve months or more in cutting down timber. In 1861 he came to Junction and at once found employment with the Central Railroad, with which company he has continued without intermission since. At first he took a subordinate position, but gradually worked up until he became one of their most trusted employes. He is a member of Garrett Bogart Lodge No. 337, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and has been chief of the same several times. He is a Presbyterian, attending the church in Musconetcong Valley.

August 27, 1867, Mr. Nason married Margaret, daughter of Ebenezer Bowlby, of this place. Three children came to bless their union, viz.: Margaret, now the wife of Morris R. Albright, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Harvey, who is in a mercantile business in Trenton; and William B., who is likewise engaged in business in Trenton. In November, 1889, Mr. Nason met with a severe loss in the death of his loved wife, and of late his daughter has kept house for him.



**H**ARVEY DAVIS is the proprietor of a well-appointed store in Glen Gardner, Hunterdon County. He has been located here and engaged in this business for the past eight years and has prospered, building up an enviable reputation for correct financial methods, and otherwise winning the esteem of all those with whom he has had dealings. In his establishment may be found a mark of enterprise rarely seen in a country store—steam heat, and many other up-to-date improvements are there seen as well. He keeps a nice line of goods, arranged in an artistic and convenient fashion, and customers are always sure of finding what they need or wish.

Born in Morris County, N. J., our subject is a son of John and Ruth (Pickle) Davis. The father was a farmer and wheelwright and his

whole life was spent on the homestead now owned by his son James K., and originally the property of his father, who was of Welsh extraction, and whose advent into Morris County occurred about two years prior to the birth of John, the son. To the marriage of John and Ruth Davis nine children were born, and not one of the number has been summoned hence by death. In the order of their births they are as follows: George P., a merchant of Martinsville, N. J.; John, a machinist of Pottsville, N. J.; Harriet, wife of William Vacator, of Martinsville, N. J.; James K., who is on the old home place; Henry P., now in Corning, Iowa; Jacob H., a farmer near White House, N. J.; Harvey; M. Luther, a farmer of Somerset County; and William E., a mechanic of Morristown, N. J.

Harvey Davis was born August 15, 1853, and until he was twenty-three years of age he remained on the old home farm. He received a district-school education, and early made up his mind that he would prefer a commercial career to the routine of farm labor. His first venture was to engage in the confectionery business in Chester, N. J., but at the expiration of the year he went to Stark County, Ill., remaining there about eight months. He next tried his fortune further west, going to Colorado Springs and thence to Gunnison City, where he engaged in mining, locating claims, buying and selling the same, etc. After a few months he returned to Colorado Springs, and in company with Frank Jobst, established a mercantile business under the firm name of Davis & Jobst, which business was in existence for two years. He then sold out and went to Denver, remaining in that beautiful city for quite a period, but eventually turning his face homeward, arriving here after an absence of four years. Then for a year or two he manufactured peach baskets near the town of Chester, N. J. About 1886 he embarked in merchandising at Anthony, Hunterdon County, and was very successful during the four following years in this calling. In 1890 he came to Glen Gardner and bought the store and residence known as the Squire Young property, and has since carried on the business

with increasing prosperity. He is quite active in the support of the Democratic party, but has never been an aspirant for public or official distinction.

January 31, 1885, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Kate Apgar, who was born and grew to womanhood in Glen Gardner. Her parents are well-known citizens of this place, Josiah and Ann B. (Fritts) Apgar. Two daughters bless the union of our subject and his estimable wife, named respectively, Beulah R. and Jessie A. The family have a very pleasant home and are surrounded with the comforts and many of the so-called luxuries of life.



**W**ILLIAM K. HOFFMAN is numbered among the most enterprising agriculturists of Franklin Township, Hunterdon County, and is now conducting the old family homestead which he inherited and on which his birth occurred. The farm comprises one hundred and seventeen acres of valuable land, admirably suited to the raising of a large variety of crops and kept in fine condition by the owner.

The elder of two sons of John J. and Elizabeth Ann (Kuhl) Hoffman, our subject was born August 6, 1853. The younger son is John D., who is successfully occupied in agricultural pursuits in this township. The father was also a native of Franklin Township, and was reared to man's estate on the homestead now in the possession of W. K. After living here for many years he went to Cherryville and embarked in business, opening and managing a general store. In a few years he sold out this concern, and, going to Flemington, he made his headquarters in that town while he traveled for a boot and shoe firm. He was accidentally killed by a railway locomotive when he was yet in the prime of his usefulness, being but thirty-six years old. His friends were legion, and his death was felt to be a great





*Yours truly*  
*W. B. Titman*

loss to the community. A faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he contributed liberally to its support and was always a friend to the poor and sorrowing. His father, John David Hoffman, was a native of this county, coming from one of the old families in this portion of the state, and of German extraction. By trade and occupation he was a wheelwright. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hoffman, born and brought up in this vicinity, died when she was about forty years of age. Like her husband, she was identified with the Methodist Church, and put into daily practice the faith she professed.

Until he was about eighteen years old Mr. Hoffman of this sketch remained at home on the farm, after which he worked for neighbors in this township by the month for a time. Since he fell heir to the old farm place he has been occupied in its improvement and cultivation. Following the example of his father in political matters, he is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and has been quite aggressive in local affairs. In 1879 he married Miss Phoebe G. Mellick, of Union Township, Hunterdon County. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Hoffman being a trustee in the official board of the same.



**W**ILLIAM BLAIR TITMAN is a wealthy retired farmer, now making his home in Belvidere. He is a most worthy representative of a family that has long been numbered among the best people of New Jersey and whose representatives have owned and improved land generation after generation, thus adding materially to the substantial wealth of the several communities in which their lots have been cast.

In tracing the record of the Titmans, it is of interest to note that they originated in the province of Saxony, and that one, Lodewick

Titman, was the founder of the family in America. In 1737 he bought a farm of four hundred acres situated at the base of the Blue Mountains, near Blairstown, N. J., and his will, which was admitted to probate in Newton, Sussex County, November 23, 1772, is now in the possession of his lineal descendant, our subject. The quaint old document has for its opening sentences the following: "In the name of God, Amen. The twentieth day of September, A. D., One thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, I, Lodewick Titman, of Oxford, in the county of Sussex and province of New Jersey, being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this frail life, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, as follows:" The estimation at that time placed in sons, to the almost total exclusion of daughters, is shown in the fact that he willed several hundred acres of land and other property, personal effects, etc., to his two sons (reserving an annuity of ten pounds for his wife while she remained a widow), and to his daughter he left merely the sum of thirty pounds to be paid her when she reached the age of eighteen. The property thus willed to the sons remained in the family for one hundred and seven years, then passed to another branch of the same family.

The son of Lodewick Titman, the lineal ancestor of our subject, was George, born in 1726; he married, reared a family and died in 1796. One of his sons, his namesake, was born March 4, 1750, and died September 4, 1796. He married Lena Albright. In 1793 he added two hundred acres of land to his Bridgeville property and this is the old homestead of our subject. One of the children of George and Lena Titman was Jacob, our subject's grandfather, who was born April 4, 1781, married Elizabeth Mayberry April 11, 1802, and died February 25, 1864. His son, Jabez Gwinnup, born March 22, 1812, was the father of our subject.

William Blair Titman was born in Bridgeville, Warren County, September 7, 1844, and was an

only child. His father, Jabez Gwinnup Titman, was born upon the same farm as himself and was considered an excellent business man and a practical agriculturist. He was very liberal to all enterprises deserving of support and was a patriotic citizen. His death took place December 14, 1889. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Blair, was a daughter of William Blair, who assisted in building the Lutheran Church at Greenwich, N. J. She passed away October 17, 1870.

The paternal grandparents of the subject of this article were Jacob and Elizabeth (Mayberry) Titman. In his youth William Blair Titman attended the public schools of Bridgeville and later was a student in the Belvidere Academy. From the time that he was twenty he engaged in farming until he retired to enjoy the fruits of his many years of unremitting toil. Since then, 1890, he has been living in his comfortable and handsome home, which is one of the finest in the town. He still owns several valuable farms, on which was raised in the year 1897 nearly twelve thousand bushels of corn. In addition to this he owns considerable property in town. On the organization of the Washington National Bank at Washington, N. J., in April, 1898, he was elected president of the institution, which is a new bank, organized with a capital stock of \$50,000. He is also president of the West Jersey Telephone Company. Politically he is a Democrat.

November 28, 1865, Mr. Titman married Margaret E. Roseberry. They have an only child, Annie Blair, now the wife of Dr. G. W. Cummins, of Belvidere. Mrs. Titman is a daughter of Joseph and Sally Ann (Depue) Roseberry, both now deceased. Her father, who was a Republican politically and in religion a member of the first Presbyterian Church organized in his neighborhood, was a life-long resident of Oxford Township and the town of Belvidere. His wife was, like himself, an earnest Christian and a consistent member of the church. Both were fond of reading and were well informed and intelligent. They reared five sons and four daughters, all still living, and all, by their in-

tegrity and enterprise, being a credit to their parents. With his wife Mr. Titman holds membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Belvidere and he is now one of the trustees of the congregation. His large possessions are the result of well-applied business methods, perseverance in whatever he undertakes, and the exercise of unusual wisdom in investments. He enjoys the high respect of all with whom he has ever had any dealings, whether in a business or social way, and is active in all good works.



**W**ILLIAM S. CREVELING, M. D. This sterling old citizen of Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, was for many years actively engaged in the practice of medicine, but has been retired for a number of years. Many of his old patients, however, will not give him up, and he frequently good naturedly acquiesces in their wishes that he should attend them as of old. He is also often called into consultation with other physicians, his long and practical experience making his judgment of great value in difficult cases. He was honored by being made a permanent delegate from the County Medical to the State Medical Association, which convenes each year. During the past decade he has been a director in the National Bank of Bloomsbury and for two years past has been the vice-president of this well-known institution.

The ancestors of the doctor were originally inhabitants of Holland, and were numbered among the earliest settlers of the Musconetcong Valley. The following is a record of the first couple of the name in that locality. Johannes Creveling, born January 6, 1706, was married September 6, 1737, to Catharine, born July 12, 1716. They were married in Woverlingen, Holland, by Rev. Johannes Everhartus. Their children were as follows: William, born February 14, 1739, married January 28, 1762, to Catharine Weller, by

Charles Huff, Esq.; Mary, born April 24, 1740, married January 28, 1762, to Henry Strader, by the same Charles Huff; Henry, born November 6, 1741, married July 1, 1770, to Sarah Weller by Thomas Van Horne; Andrew, born February 28, 1743, married June 18, 1771, to Margaret Patrick, by minister McHannah; Johannes, born February 22, 1745, married February 8, 1776, to Mary Knowles, by Mr. Stright; Margaret, born September 31, 1747, married March 30, 1763, to David Beer, by Mr. Rosebrook, minister; Christiana, born September 30, 1749, married November 29, 1769, to Jacob Weller, by Thomas Van Horne; Peter, born February 22, 1753; Jacob, born March 25, 1755; Anne, born March 10, 1758, married December 13, 1778, to John Brinkerhoff, by Joseph Treat. Jacob, the tenth child, was the grandfather of the doctor.

The parents of our subject were William H. and Mary (Barber) Creveling. The father was the youngest son of Jacob Creveling and was born July 31, 1801, on the farm which had been cleared by his grandfather Johannes, the Hollander. This property has been in the family for four generations, and to-day the doctor is living on a portion of the original estate. He is one of twelve children, five living, viz.: Jacob, of New York City; William S., George, of Washington, D. C.; Isabella, wife of George W. Scott, of Bloomsbury; and Marques, the youngest, who lives at Bloomsbury; Christiana, who lived to maturity, is deceased, as is also Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Hunt; also Charlotte, Francelea and John James.

William S. Creveling was born in Bethlehem Township, on the land which had been once owned by his ancestor, Johannes Creveling, the date of his birth being November 21, 1829. He was reared on the farm and received a good education. His studies included the classics, and under the supervision of Dr. John Blane, of Perryville, Hunterdon County, he commenced his medical research. In 1851 he received the decree of Doctor of Medicine in the University of New York, and after having a year of practical work with his preceptor, he located in Stanton, Hunter-

don County. Here he remained for twenty-two years, attaining an enviable reputation as a physician. In 1874 he removed to Bethlehem village (now called West Portal) and has not been actively occupied in practice since. He owns one hundred and fifty acres of the old farm, and rents it to a responsible tenant. There are two sets of buildings on the place, and he resides in one house, while the other is occupied by the tenant. At one time he held stock in the Glitze piano factory and had other investments. It has always been a fixed principle with him that he would not accept public position, and though he was urged to become a candidate for the assembly, he adhered to his usual tactics, and declined the honor. He has voted the Republican ticket since the organization of the party, and during the war was earnest in his advocacy of the Union cause. He is identified with the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomsbury, of which he has been a member for a number of years.

January 2, 1854, the doctor married Thisby M. Britton, daughter of the late John S. Britton, of Hunterdon County. They had two daughters, Martha, now the widow of Dr. Albert S. Shannon, who succeeded our subject in practice in Stanton, N. J., and Mary, wife of John W. Creveling, an attorney and assistant cashier of the Bloomsbury National Bank.



**E**LIAS V. NAYLOR, deceased, was highly respected during his useful and busy life, and though he was summoned to the better land over twenty years ago, his memory is still cherished in the hearts of many friends and associates who held him dear while he was among them. He was a miller by trade, and followed that calling in connection with agriculture as a means of making his livelihood. At his death, which occurred while he was in the prime of manhood, forty-seven years of age, February 20,

1876, he left his family well provided for. Since then his widow has managed the property with excellent ability and soon developed remarkable talent as a financier. She deserves great credit for the success she has achieved and commands the esteem and high regard of all who know her.

The birth of our subject occurred in New Jersey in 1832, he being a son of Elias and Mary Naylor. His boyhood was spent in this county, and from his early years he devoted himself to farming. In political matters he was a Democrat, but was never an office-seeker or very active, simply doing his duty as a citizen and voter. In 1857 he married Harriet J., daughter of Jacob and Jane A. (Voorhees) Dilts, all natives of this state.

Mrs. Naylor has two sisters living: Mary A. and Sarah M. Her grandfather, Paul Dilts, was likewise born in New Jersey and followed agriculture. Her father was a miller and farmer and owned considerable property. She was born April 2, 1848, and was brought up on her father's farm, receiving a district-school education. For years she has been a member of the Reformed Church, in the teaching of which she was reared. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Naylor five children were born. Three of the number have passed to the silent land and those who remain are Oscar and Elias V., the latter named in honor of his revered father.



**G**EORGE G. BARKER is serving his second term as postmaster of Pattenburg, Hunterdon County, and has proved a thoroughly satisfactory official to the general public. He was honored with the appointment to this position by President Cleveland during his first term in the White House, and when that executive returned to power was again placed in charge of the local mail department. He has been very zealous in promoting the interests of the Democratic party,

to whose principles he is a hearty subscriber. He held the office of commissioner of deeds a few years ago and has acted in other minor places of public trust.

The gentleman of whom we write is one of the most enterprising and aggressive business men of Pattenburg. His store is a model of its kind, is neatly arranged and kept in a systematic manner. He carries a well-selected stock of goods, staple and fancy articles, replenishing his lines from time to time to meet the demands of the trade. He has had considerable experience in the commercial field and is practical and methodical in his manner of transacting business. Thoroughly upright and reliable in his dealing with all, he merits the respect which is freely accorded him by our people.

The father of the above was Morgan Barker, a native of New York. He removed to Morris County, N. J., in 1834 or 1835, and engaged in farming, but later engaged in merchandising in Morristown. After some ten years had elapsed he located in Brookside, where he continued in business until he decided to retire. His death occurred in Newark in 1895. He had married Eleanor Hoyt, of Norfolk, Conn., and had eight children, named as follows: John, who died in 1890; Julia A., wife of S. E. Condit, of Newark; Seymour, who died at the age of twelve years; Charles E., in the wholesale commission business in Newark; Morgan, who is with his brother Charles E.; Eleanor Hoyt, wife of William Ayer, of Whippany, N. J.; and Isabel, who married Percy Sanford, a jeweler of New York City.

George G. Barker was born in Morris County, August 13, 1845, and was reared on a farm. He assisted his father in his business and early acquired practical knowledge, which has been of great benefit to him in later years. When he was about nineteen he went out west, and during the following five years traveled extensively through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. At the end of this period he returned home, having concluded that there was no better country than his native state. He joined his father in his business in Brookside, remaining



there four years. He then sold out his interest to his senior and came to Pattenburg, in 1876. Here he opened a store containing general merchandise and has since conducted it successfully alone. He owns a fine farm of one hundred and one and a-half acres in Union Township, and is an extensive fruit grower.

In 1878 Mr. Barker married Sarah J., daughter of Matthias H. and Mary Case, of this town. Two children, a son and a daughter, have been born to this worthy couple, viz.: C. Edgar, in 1881; and Emma S., in 1885. The son is a most promising youth, and is now a student in Easton College. The daughter is at home and is a pupil in the local schools. Mr. and Mrs. Barker are members of the Methodist Church and are actively concerned in its various departments of usefulness. Mr. Barker has been superintendent of the Sunday-school and steward and treasurer of the church, and when the new edifice was under construction he was a member of the building committee, and very active in the work.



**G**EORGE H. DALLEY is a well-known business man and leading citizen of the vicinity of Mechanicsville, Hunterdon County. For the past few years he has devoted his time and attention to the raising of fruit, and has been prospered financially. He owns a valuable little farm of twenty-two acres, all but six of which are planted with fine peach trees, from which each year the owner reaps a bountiful harvest of the luscious fruit. The large cities of this region create a demand for the same, and good prices are always to be obtained by the producer.

The father of our subject was Nicholas Dalley, a native of New Jersey, and, for the greater part of his life, a resident of Hunterdon County. In his early manhood he learned the shoemaker's trade and followed it for a short time, after which he was exclusively devoted to agriculture. Of

a quiet, unassuming nature, he preferred to keep strictly in the private walks of life, but at different times occupied minor local positions in his own community. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious belief he held to the old Reformed Church, serving it in the capacities of deacon and elder. He died in September, 1880, loved and respected by all who had known him. Of the children born to himself and estimable wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Demott, eight survive. Julius and John are carpenters by trade and are residents of Newark, N. J. Amanda is the wife of P. V. D. Nevius, of Somerset County, N. J. Elizabeth is the wife of Joseph Higgins, of Somerset County. William lives in White House. Mary C. is the wife of S. H. Hagaman, of Readington Township, Hunterdon County. Charles C., a carpenter, makes his home in Newark, N. J., where his two eldest brothers are located.

George H. Dalley was born in Hunterdon County, December 28, 1840, and was reared to manhood upon his father's farm in Readington Township. He received a good education in the public school and is to-day a man of varied information, largely the result of his private study, reading and observation. In 1872 he bought what was known as the White House grist-mill, and proceeded to operate the same for a period of about thirteen years. In addition to commanding much of the local trade, he shipped the surplus product to Somerville, N. J., and to New York City and other points, and did a flourishing business. In 1885 he sold out his interest in the mill and invested the amount received in his farm, since which time he has been a very enthusiastic agriculturist. His neighbors and numerous friends place the fullest confidence in him, and upon several occasions he has been made executor and administrator of estates in this vicinity. In his political affiliations he is a Prohibitionist, as he believes strongly that the matter of temperance should be a national issue, and thinks that it will ultimately become so, even though the other great parties threaten to keep his own in a hopeless minority. In the mean-

time he endeavors to the best of his ability to promote all enterprises which have for their object the elevation of society and the public good. He is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now serving as a steward and a trustee.

September 3, 1863, Mr. Dalley married Eme-line Welsh, who died October 17, 1890, leaving no children. Afterward he was united in marriage with Mary A., daughter of Rev. M. Herr, a well-known minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church in his prime, and later a merchant in White House. He was quite prominent in Readington Township, and during the war was a strong advocate of the freedom of the slave. He died in 1895, loved and admired by all who had been blessed with his acquaintanceship. Mr. and Mrs. Dalley have one child, Edith H.



THE MAXWELL FAMILY is an ancient and honorable one, being descended from Maccus, son of Anlaf, King of Northumbria, A. D. 949. The family, with fourteen others mentioned by Lord Hales, accompanied Edward Atheling into Scotland when England submitted to William of Normandy. Whether the family was of Saxon or Schleswig-Holstein origin is still a debated question among Scottish antiquarians. The name has passed through the various forms of Maccusville, Maccuswell and Maxwell, which last has been retained since about A. D. 1150. There are several branches of the family and many offshoots from each. During the religious persecutions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries they were divided and suffered much in the many contests, being conspicuously connected with Scottish history. The New Jersey branch descended from Thomas Maxwell, particularly mentioned by Lord Macauley in his history of England concerning the War of 1689

as being in King James' army during the Irish revolt and who commanded the rear guard of St. Ruth's army at the battle of Athlone (June 22, 1691,) and "held the bridge" on that eventful day. He was of the "Kirkconnel Line," which had its home in the valley of the Nith, Scotland. Another branch of the family had its headquarters at Caerlaverock Castle, in Dumfrireshire, Scotland, on the shore of the Solway.

At the capitulation of Limerick in 1691 Thomas Maxwell chose to remain in Ireland, and settled in County Tyrone. His father was John Maxwell, of Kirkconnel. Legend assigns to this branch of the Maxwell family the motto, "Je suis pret," which was obtained as follows: When Wallace was in greatest straits, hiding in the caves and glens near Lanark, the leader of the Maxwell clan hunted him up and tendered to him himself and followers. To this offer Wallace is said to have replied: "Ready, aye ready, noble Scot!" from which remark the motto was taken.

John Maxwell, the progenitor in America of this branch of the Maxwell family, emigrated from County Tyrone, Ireland, and settled in what is now Greenwich Township, Warren County, N. J., about 1747. Owing to the destruction by fire of the church records in Ireland it has been for many years impossible to establish with certainty who were the parents of John Maxwell, emigrant. He brought with him to America his wife, Ann, and four children, viz.: 1. William (afterwards brigadier-general of the Continental line); 2. John (afterwards captain in the Revolutionary war); 3. Jane (married James Kennedy, of Bucks County, Pa.); and 4. Robert (afterwards lieutenant in the Revolutionary war). All of the above, except Jane, are buried in the graveyard adjoining the Old Stone Church in Greenwich Township, Warren County, N. J.

William Maxwell,\* of Revolutionary war fame, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, 1733, and

\*See Snell's History of Warren and Sussex Counties, N. J., pp. 51, 53, 61. Snell's History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, N. J., p. 251. Minutes of N. J. Prov. Cong. and Council of Safety, 1775-1776, pp. 19, 169, 184. Officers and Men of N. J. in the Revolutionary war, Stryker, pp. 51, 53, 61, 353. Heitman's Historical Register of Officers in Continental army, p. 289.

came to this country with his parents. He enlisted in the military service at an early age and took part in the French and Indian war. He was with General Braddock at the battle of Fort Duquesne, July 9, 1755, and with General Abercrombie on his expedition of July, 1759, against Ticonderoga, and is reported to have been with General Wolfe at the fall of Quebec, 1759. He was subsequently attached to the commissary department of the British army at Mackinaw, Mich., with the rank of colonel. It is not known when he left the British service, but it must have been prior to 1774, for in that year (July 16, 1774,) he was appointed at a meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of Sussex County at Newton one of the ten deputies to meet with other deputies and appoint representatives to the General Congress. He was himself appointed a representative to the first Provincial Congress of New Jersey at Trenton, which met May 23, 1775, and was present at the session, lasting until June 3, and reconvened August 5, when he was again present. He was also a member of the Sussex County Committee of Safety, which met at Newton August 10 and 11, 1773, and was made chairman of the committee meeting.

September 21, 1775, he was again elected a deputy to the second Provincial Congress and was present at the October session. At this session it was resolved to raise two battalions for continental service, and October 28, 1775, William Maxwell was recommended to the General Congress for appointment as colonel of one of the battalions. A commission was duly issued to him as colonel by the General Congress November 8, 1775, and dated as of October 25, 1775. He shortly afterwards raised a battalion, but there was great delay in obtaining arms, clothing and equipments, so that though ordered to march to Quebec to the relief of the army there in the latter part of 1775, it was not until the end of February that he was able to start on his journey with four companies, the remainder of the battalion being ordered to follow under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Shreve. They marched by way of Lakes George and Champlain and crossed

them on the ice, reaching the St. Lawrence early in March.

Colonel Maxwell's troops were at the battle of Three Rivers June 8, 1776, and he conducted the retreat on that occasion with great merit. On July 8, 1776, he with twenty other field officers joined in a remonstrance address to Gen. Philip Schuyler against the abandonment of Crown Point. October 23, 1776, he received his commission as brigadier-general from Congress and was sent by General Washington December 20, 1776, to take command of the militia at Morristown and to harass and annoy the enemy in their quarters. He was thus engaged when the battles of Trenton and Princeton were fought, so that he did not take an active part in those battles. After these battles he continued to chase and worry the British at Newark, Elizabethtown and Spanktown (Rahway) with great success. His command was known as "Maxwell's Brigade" and was in May, 1777, a part of the division encamped at Elizabethtown, Bound Brook and Spanktown, under the command of Major-General Stephen. This division during the summer marched through Pennsylvania, and on December 11, 1777, a portion of the "Jersey Line" opened the battle of Brandywine and continued all day. This brigade had a skirmish after the battle of Brandywine at White Horse Tavern, on the Lancaster road, passed near Yellow Springs Furnace, Worcester, and then finally encamped at Germantown. Maxwell's Brigade, with some North Carolina troops, formed the reserve corps and left wing of the army at the battle of Germantown under the command of Major-General Lord Stirling, and distinguished itself in this fight, especially the first battalion. Maxwell's Brigade spent most of the winter with the army at Valley Forge, and June 18, 1778, was detached from the main army and with some militia was ordered to harass General Clinton and impede his force.

June 28, 1778, the "Jersey Line" joined the left wing of the army and took part in the battle of Monmouth. May 11, 1779, Maxwell's Brigade was ordered to join Major-General Sullivan on his expedition against the Indians in consequence

of the "Wyoming Massacre," and at once started, leaving Easton, Pa., June 18, 1779, where the three regiments composing the force had rendezvoused. They returned in October, passing through Easton October 15, and marched to Scotch Plains, N. J., where they went into winter quarters November 5, 1779.

June 23, 1780, the troops under command of General Maxwell took a prominent part in the battle of Springfield. Shortly after this battle General Maxwell resigned (July 20, 1780). There has been much speculation as to the cause of his resignation and several reasons given, the generally accepted one being that he was dissatisfied because of the promotion of a subordinate, but more aristocratic, officer over him. This is not in accordance with his good record as a soldier, who had the welfare of his adopted country so much at heart, nor do the records bear out this assertion, there having been no promotions of that grade of officer for a long time prior to his resignation. The cause was probably well known to General Washington, who was with the army, as appears by his prompt action in forwarding the resignation to congress. The letter of resignation stated, "I have not found my command in the Jersey Brigade for some time past as agreeable as I could wish," without stating the reasons, and General Washington in his letter accompanying the resignation said to congress: "The merits of this general are well known \* \* I believe him to be an honest man, a warm friend to his country and firmly attached to its interests. \* \* " This letter would scarcely have been written concerning an insubordinate officer who was disaffected.

All the accounts agree that he was a brave, gallant and vigilant officer and rendered most important service to the American cause. It is also stated that "His personal frankness and the absence of all haughtiness in his manner made him a great favorite with the soldiers." After his retirement from the army he lived at his home in Greenwich Township, Sussex County, and was elected to the New Jersey assembly in 1783. He again retired to his home after this

and lived quietly, making occasional visits to his friends. He spent much time with his old army friend, Col. Charles Stewart, at Lansdown, Hunterdon County, where he died November 4, 1796, while on a visit. He never married.

He was buried at the old Stone Church in Greenwich Township, and on his tomb is the following inscription written by ex-Gov. Richard Howell:

"Beneath this Marble lies the body of Brigadier General WILLIAM MAXWELL, eldest son of John & Anna Maxwell of the township of Greenwich, county of Sussex & State of New Jersey, who departed this life on the 4th of November in the year of our Lord 1796 in the 63rd year of his age. In the revolutionary war, which established the independence of the United States of America He took an early and active part. A distinguished military Partisan He arose thro' different grades in the American Army, a genuine Patriot. He was a firm & decided friend To the Constitution & Government of his Country. In private life he was equally devoted to its service & to the good of the community of which he was a member. An honest & charitable man, a warm & affectionate friend, a zealous advocate of the institutions & An active promoter of the Interests of the Christian Religion."

Capt. John Maxwell\* was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and settled with his parents in Morris (now Warren) County, N. J., about 1747, where he lived on his father's farm. He married (1) Elizabeth Sloan, who died shortly afterwards, and later married (2) Mary Ann Clifford, by whom he had nine children, viz.: Elizabeth, who married Thomas Williams; Ann, who married Samuel Sherrerd; George Clifford Maxwell, Esq., late of Flemington, N. J.; Mary, who married Adam Ramsay; Jane; Sarah, who married William Nixon Lummis, M. D.; John; William Maxwell, Esq., late of Flemington; and John, 2d.

On the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he enlisted and was made lieutenant of the first

\*See Snell's History of Warren and Sussex Counties, pp. 61-62, 161. Officers and Men of N. J., in the Revolutionary War, Stryker, p. 400. Heitman's Hist. Reg. of Officers of Cont. Army, p. 289.

company raised in Sussex County, N. J., being subsequently promoted to be captain, and was attached to the Second Regiment, Hunterdon County Militia. He was also captain in Colonel Spencer's additional Regiment—Continental line—from February 7, 1777, to April 11, 1778, when he resigned. He later raised a company of one hundred volunteers from Sussex and Hunterdon Counties and tendered their services to General Washington, when he was much reduced in force. The company was known as "Maxwell's Company," and their addition to the ranks was very acceptable. He participated in the battles of Trenton, Assumpink, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and Springfield.

After the close of the war he returned to his farm and was appointed one of the judges of Hunterdon County February 23, 1795, and again, November 30, 1800. He removed to Flemington about this time and lived there until his death, February 15, 1828. His wife died June 4, 1804, and he afterwards married Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Sloan. He was buried at the old Stone Church, Greenwich Township, N. J., and the following epitaph is inscribed on his tomb:

"JOHN MAXWELL, Esq., second son of John & Anna Maxwell. He was born in the county of Tyrone in Ireland Nov. 25th A. D. 1739 and at an early age emigrated with his father to New Jersey. He was Lieutenant in the first company raised in Sussex County for the defence of his adopted country in the Revolutionary war; and soon after in the darkest hour of her fortunes joined the army of General Washington as Captain of a company of 100 volunteers. He was engaged in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and Springfield; and ever distinguished as a brave and able officer; having served his country in various military and civil offices and faithfully discharged his various duties as a Soldier, a Citizen, a Christian; he closed a long and useful life at his residence at Flemington, February 15th A. D. 1828, in the Eighty-ninth year of his age."

John Maxwell Sherrerd was born September 6, 1794, being the eldest child of Samuel Sherrerd and Ann Maxwell. The father of Samuel Sherrerd was John Sherrerd, who emigrated to America from the city of London about the middle of the last century and settled at Pleasant Valley, now Washington Township, Warren County, (then Mansfield Township, Sussex County). He owned a large farm and carried on a store and grist and saw mills. John Sherrerd had two sons, Samuel and John, the latter of whom moved to Philadelphia and married Mary Dusenbery, a daughter of Henry Dusenbery, of New Hampton, N. J., and for a while a resident of Philadelphia. Samuel Sherrerd married Ann Maxwell, a daughter of Capt. John Maxwell, and continued to live at Pleasant Valley, where John Maxwell Sherrerd was born. John M. Sherrerd graduated at Nassau Hall in 1812 and studied law with Hon. George C. Maxwell and later with Hon. Charles Ewing. He was admitted to practice in 1816 and formed a partnership with William Maxwell, Esq., at Flemington, N. J. He married Sarah Browne, of Philadelphia, May 19, 1818, and had three children, viz.: Samuel, John Browne and Sarah Dutton, who married Dr. Philip F. Brakeley. He subsequently became the first surrogate of Warren County, N. J., and moved to Belvidere, N. J., in 1826, where he died, May 26, 1871.

Samuel Sherrerd, the eldest child of John M. Sherrerd and Sarah Browne, was born April 25, 1819, at Pleasant Valley, N. J., and removed with his father to Belvidere in 1826. He graduated at Princeton College in 1836, and studied law with H. D. Maxwell, Esq., at Easton, Pa., and was admitted to the bar of Northampton County, Pa., in 1842. He subsequently engaged in business at Scranton, Pa., and in Bottetout, Va., and was a pioneer in the iron business in Virginia, though too early to reap the benefits of his labors. He practiced law for a while at Scranton, Pa., and returned to Belvidere in 1868. In 1873 he was admitted as an attorney in New Jersey, and in 1874 was appointed president judge of the common pleas of Warren

County. He married May 6, 1847, Frances Maria Hamilton. He died June 21, 1884.

Samuel Sherrerd Clark, M. D., was born at Flemington, N. J., November 8, 1825, and was a son of Rev. John Flavel and Mary (Sherrerd) Clark, and a grandson of Joseph and Margaret (Imlay) Clark. Joseph Clark served in the Revolutionary war in the Third Regiment, Hunterdon County Militia. He was quartermaster on the staff of Maj. Adam Stephen and was later assigned to General Lafayette's division.

Samuel S. Clark attended school at Rev. John Vanderveer's, Easton, Pa., and was admitted to Lafayette College in 1841, where he remained two years, then entering the junior class of Princeton College, where he graduated in 1845. In 1848 he graduated from the medical department of the University of New York and the same year established himself in the practice of medicine at Belvidere, N. J., where he became very prominent as a physician.

He married February 9, 1854, Jane Clyde Kennedy, a daughter of Dr. James Clyde Kennedy, of Stewartville, N. J. They had one child, Mary Sherrerd Clark.

Samuel S. Clark died at Belvidere, N. J., November 23, 1885.

George Clifford Maxwell was the third child, but oldest son of John and Mary A. Clifford Maxwell. He was born in Greenwich Township, Sussex County, N. J., May 31, 1774. He was admitted to the bar as an attorney 1797, as a counsellor 1800, and as sergeant at law 1806. He was a member of congress 1811-1813, and died March 16, 1816, at Flemington, N. J.

He married Rachel Bryan, a daughter of John P. and Mary Ann (Sloan) Bryan, and had two children, viz.: John P. B. Maxwell and Anna Maria, who married William P. Robeson.

John Patterson Bryan Maxwell was born at Flemington, N. J., September 3, 1804, and was the son of George Clifford and Rachel (Bryan) Maxwell. He graduated at Nassau Hall in 1823 and afterwards studied law with Hon. Joseph C. Hornblower at Newark, N. J., and was admitted as an attorney in 1827 and as counsellor in 1830.

In 1836 he was elected to congress and again in 1840. He was for a time the editor of the *Belvidere Apollo* and was the author of "Historical Collections"—1841.

He married Sarah Browne, who lived but a few weeks after the marriage. He died at Belvidere, November 14, 1845.

Elizabeth Fries Lummis was born at Sodus Point, N. Y., in October, 1818, and was a daughter of William Nixon and Sarah (Maxwell) Lummis. She wrote a volume of poems, which was published in 1835; "Women of the American Revolution," "Summer Rambles in the West," "Queens of American Society," and numerous other works.

She married William H. Ellet, M. D., and died June 3, 1877.

William Maxwell was a son of John and Mary A. Clifford Maxwell, and was born in Greenwich Township, Sussex County, N. J., May 5, 1785. He attended Princeton College, graduating in 1804. After his graduation he studied law with his brother, Hon. George C. Maxwell, at Flemington, N. J., and was admitted to the bar in 1808 and became counsellor at law in 1817. He married January 16, 1812, Sarah Dusenbery, a daughter of Maj. Henry Dusenbery, of New Hampton, Hunterdon County, N. J., and had seven children, viz.: Henry Dusenbery; Mary Elizabeth, who married Hon. Washington McCartney, of Easton, Pa.; Lydia Dusenbery, John, William, Sarah and Joseph Warren.

He died August 20, 1828, at the age of forty-three years. He was buried in the First Presbyterian Church yard at Flemington, N. J., and his grave is marked by the following tomb stone:

In Memory of  
WILLIAM MAXWELL, Esq.  
Councillor at Law.  
Aequalege necessitas sortitur  
insignes et imos.

Henry Dusenbery Maxwell was born in Flemington, N. J., December 5, 1812, being the eldest child of William Maxwell and Sarah Dusenbery, his wife. His father dying, he at the age of fifteen years gave up the long cherished desire to

enter Princeton College, for which he had prepared himself to enter the sophomore class and became an usher in the boarding school of Rev. Robert Steel, D.D., at Abington, Pa.

March 3, 1829, he was appointed a midshipman in the United States navy by Hon. Samuel L. Southard, which he declined.

He shortly afterward began the study of law with Nathaniel Saxton, continuing it under Thomas A. Hartzell, of Somerville, and his cousin John P. B. Maxwell, of Belvidere, N. J. He was admitted to the bar of New Jersey September 4, 1834, and opened an office in Phillipsburg, N. J., residing at the time at Easton, Pa. He was admitted to the bar of Northampton County November 25, 1834, and in 1835 he associated himself with Hon. J. Madison Porter. He was deputy attorney general for Northampton County in 1848-49. January 16, 1850, he was appointed by President Taylor consul for the United States at Trieste, in Austria, which position he held for about a year, when he returned to the practice of his profession. July 21, 1856, he was appointed by Governor Pollock president judge of the Third Judicial District, Pa., upon the death of Hon. Washington McCartney, and was reappointed in 1862 by Gov. A. G. Curtin. He married May 9, 1854, Maria Louisa Honeyman, a daughter of John Honeyman, M. D., of New Germantown, N. J., and had four children, viz.: Laura; Mary Elizabeth, who married Henry McKeen, of Easton, Pa.; Henry D. and Lucy E., who married John Eyerman, of Easton, Pa. He died at Easton, Pa., October 3, 1874.

hopeful future before him in the world of commerce. From his father he inherited keen financial ability, excellent judgment and wise foresight, and it is safe to predict for him a prosperous career.

The grandparents of our subject were Aaron and Catherine Sutton, both of whom were natives of Morris County, N. J. The grandfather died before our subject was born, but the aged grandmother, born in 1800, lived until 1894. Their family comprised seven children, of whom our subject's father, Aaron S., was the fourth. The others were: Julia A., who became the wife of William Eick, of Lebanon, and is now deceased; Mary E., wife of Richard Stevens, of Milldale, N. J.; Jane, deceased, formerly the wife of George Fleming, of Fairmount, Hunterdon County; Hannah, Mrs. Philip Schuyler Naughtright, of Morris County; Elizabeth, deceased, formerly the wife of George S. Hoffman, of Parker, Morris County; and Laura, who died in girlhood.

During the greater part of his life Aaron S. Sutton has been engaged in merchandising in the town of Parker, Morris County. He makes a specialty of buying country produce and selling the same in the markets of Newark, N. J. He has met with very good success, and is still as active as ever in the management of his affairs. His first marriage was with Sarah Anderson, by whom he had three children, viz.: Austin E., now living in Newark; Elias B., who is engaged in general merchandising in Parker; and Edward, a physician located in German Valley, Morris County. After the death of his first wife Mr. Sutton married the lady who now bears his name, then Mary E. Apgar. The three children born to them are: E. W., Eli L. and Roy.

Erastus W. Sutton is a native of Morris County, his birth having occurred in Parker May 10, 1876. He received a liberal education in the public schools of that locality, and when only nineteen years of age entered the store at Lebanon as a clerk with his elder brother, A. E. When he was twenty he took entire charge of the concern, under the firm name of E. W. Sutton, and has wisely and systematically managed the



**E**RASTUS W. SUTTON, a wide-awake, hustling young business man of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, is the proprietor of a well-equipped and well-managed establishment. Though he has conducted the same for a year, he has already built up a promising trade, and has a



business since. He keeps a complete stock of general merchandise, such as is usually carried in a first-class general store, and by his fairness of dealing, his unfailing courtesy of manner and desire to meet the wishes of his customers, he has made an enviable reputation. He takes great interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the town, and issues his right of franchise in favor of the nominees of the Democratic party.



**H**OWARD SERVIS, M. D. For a period of over twenty years this sterling old citizen of Junction, Hunterdon County, has been located here, and actively engaged in practice. He stands deservedly high, not only in the regard of his neighbors and associates, but among his professional brethren, and even with those of the opposite school of medicine, and one and all have naught but the kindest words of praise for him. He is a general favorite wherever he goes, and his cheerful, sympathetic presence is a blessing in any sick-room. He is devoted to his work, and has always put his whole soul and heart into the calling. The physician wields an influence, perhaps even greater than does the minister, as his mission is one of practical help to those who are suffering and in need of substantial aid, and he rarely realizes what a power for good and elevation of those who come beneath his notice is his. A few words of sympathy, spiritual help and comfort make an impression upon the susceptible heart of the patient or his friends that is never forgotten, and when this is done in a loving manner the physician is fulfilling the noblest part of his manifold duties.

Dr. Servis is a native of this county, having been born in or near Ringoes, October 6, 1829. His paternal grandfather was John Servis, who lived during the greater part of his career near Ringoes, but who was in Bucks County, Pa., for

a period. There his son Garrett, father of the doctor, was born, November 7, 1801. The latter was practically self-educated, but, being naturally a great student, became well posted on various subjects. He was but nineteen when he successfully passed the required examination and obtained a school. In order to retain the same he was obliged to study industriously each evening, that he might keep ahead of his pupils. Success came to him, however, as a reward for his perseverance and hard work, and for over twenty years he was occupied in training the young idea. He served two years in the legislature, and in 1847 was elected sheriff of the county. He was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party. After his three years' term as sheriff he turned his attention to farming for several years, later engaging in the drug business in Clinton. He was thus occupied up to the time of his death, which was very sudden, the cause being apoplexy. This event transpired on the 12th of December, 1862. While a resident of Clinton he was justice of the peace five years, and was postmaster of the town in 1857. He was greatly respected and his advice was sought and deferred to by numerous of his neighbors and friends. In 1828 he married Susan Stout, a great-granddaughter of John Hart, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They became the parents of three children: Howard; Emily, who married E. V. Parry, of Clinton; and one who died in early childhood.

Dr. Howard Servis, of this sketch, received excellent educational advantages, for his father was determined that his only boy should be accorded privileges that he had himself longed for in vain in his youth. After leaving the local academy Dr. Servis went to Philadelphia, where for four or five years he was in mercantile life. When he was about twenty-one he commenced the study of medicine and in the spring of 1858 was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the two years that followed he practiced his chosen profession in Fairmount, Tewksbury Township,



then locating in the neighboring town of New Hampton. In 1876 he came to Junction, where he has ever since made his home. He is a member of Mansfield Lodge No. 46, F. & A. M., of Washington, N. J., and politically is a Democrat. He attends Musconetcong Valley Presbyterian Church, to which he is a generous contributor. June 12, 1867, he married Belinda, daughter of Philip Johnson, of Washington, N. J. Their eldest-born died in infancy; the second child, Florence, is the wife of Prof. Robert D. Petty, of the New York Law School; and Howard, Jr., is an enterprising young business man of Junction.

name, but then called Clinton. He died, loved and honored by a wide circle of friends, in October, 1881. His wife, formerly Eliza Gano, was born May 18, 1805, and died October 7, 1890. They were both buried in the Clinton Presbyterian Cemetery. Their children were: Elizabeth, born October 24, 1826, wife of Robert Brown, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Charlotte H., born October 23, 1831, and now the wife of William Yawger, of Elizabeth, N. J.; John G., born December 4, 1832, now a wholesale grocer of Winterset, Iowa; Mary A., born February 22, 1836, and now the wife of Charles Opedyke, of this county; George G., born December 16, 1837; Rachel, who was born May 1, 1840, married Samuel Weller and died in April, 1880; Charles, born April 10, 1842, and died July 7, 1843; and Jacob F., of this sketch.



JACOB F. FOX is one of the leading business men of Hunterdon County, and by his enterprising and progressive ideas, energy and perseverance has built up a very extensive and lucrative trade. Outside some of the larger cities he has undoubtedly as flourishing and well-equipped a department store as can be found in this state. He stands high in the respect of all with whom he has been brought into business relations, and thoroughly deserves the confidence which is bestowed upon him by his neighbors and patrons. In religious work and matters affecting the general public he takes an active part, and everything deserving of his support in this vicinity is sure of receiving the same without stint. He has been a resident of Annandale for the past sixteen years, and during this period has been thoroughly identified with the best interests of the town.

The father of our subject was Charles Fox, a native of Bucks County, Pa. He came to this county when he was a youth of eighteen years, and thenceforth devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. Having purchased a portion of the old Taylor estate he continued to dwell thereon during the rest of his days. This farm is situated near High Bridge, in the township of the same

Our subject's birth occurred February 11, 1846. He lived on farms until 1878, when he embarked in the world of business on East Broadway, New York City. At the end of a year he returned to High Bridge, in the neighborhood of his old home, and there opened a shoe store. This enterprise he conducted about a year, then selling out he bought the tract of ground on which his present store now stands. He carried on a hardware business here for several years, his location being near the depot. In the fall of 1886 he erected a new building and removed to his present place of business. From time to time he has made additions to the original establishment until he has a veritable department store such as may be seen in the great cities. The building is 48x136 feet in dimensions, is modern and well lighted. Among the kinds of stock that the proprietor carries we mention the following: Hardware, dry goods and carpets, groceries, boots and shoes, queensware, silverware and jewelry, and an exceptionally well-selected line of furniture.

His busy life has prevented Mr. Fox from taking any particular concern in political matters, though he is always prompt in voting for the Democratic candidates. For a quarter of a century he has held membership with the Reformed Church, and for two decades of this period he has served

the congregation as a deacon, elder, or in some other official capacity. Socially he belongs to Castle No. 41, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Annandale, and is also a member of Rialto Lodge No. 161, I. O. O. F., of High Bridge. In the last-mentioned order he has filled all the chairs, and is past noble grand. To all worthy benevolences he is liberal, and many a person who has met with reverses and affliction has been quietly and unostentatiously helped and materially encouraged by his judicious advice and timely aid.



REV. ISAAC L. KIP has been for the past five years pastor of the Reformed Church of High Bridge, Hunterdon County, having a most flourishing congregation. Both pastor and people are happy and satisfied in witnessing the progress of the noble work which they have undertaken together, and in this community their light is indeed not hid under a bushel. In general, the citizens of this locality are peaceful, law-abiding, honest and industrious, and it is a pleasure to be called to labor among such a class.

The grandfather of our subject was Isaac L. Kip, a native of New York City, and a well-known member of the legal profession in his day. He was equally high in his standing in the Reformed Church. His son, Francis M., father of our subject, was born in the same metropolis, was a graduate of Columbia College, and devoted his life to the ministry. His first charge was in Bloomingdale, since absorbed by New York City, the church being situated on the Boulevard and Sixty-eighth street, and now one of the wealthiest congregations in the city. Later Mr. Kip was actively occupied in the organization of the Reformed Church on Ninetieth street, and after laboring there five years he went to Fishkill, N. Y., where he remained until 1870. He then located on Staten Island, becoming associated with the Seaman's Retreat (now the United States

Marine Hospital) in the capacity of chaplain, and this position he held up to the time of his death in 1888. To himself and wife, whose maiden name was Mary R. Bayard, six children were born, viz.: Harriet B., who died in infancy; Harriet Bayard (the second of the name) now a resident of Brooklyn; Isaac Livingstone; Mary R., wife of J. Vanwick Vandervoort, connected with the Bank of America; Rev. Francis M., of Harlingen, N. J.; and Sarah, whose death occurred January 1, 1892.

The birth of Isaac L. Kip occurred in New York, March 10, 1835. When he was an infant, his parents removed to Fishkill, and there he was reared to maturity. He was educated in the higher branches in the Fishkill Academy and in Rutgers College in New Brunswick, N. J. He then took up the study of law, under the direction of Livingston K. Miller, of New York City, and later was with Judge Fullerton, of Newburg, N. Y., for two years. About this time he decided that it was his duty to give up his other plans and devote himself to the ministry, and he accordingly entered the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, graduating therefrom in 1861. He was called to the Reformed Church of East Williamsburg, N. Y. (now a portion of Brooklyn), and was ordained in October, 1861. After a year had rolled away he resigned in order that he might become chaplain in the army. He was with the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth New York Regiment during the years of 1862 and 1863. From 1864 to 1867 he was in charge of a congregation in Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y., the next eight years was located in Schodack Landing; following was pastor of a church at Peekskill four and a-half years; then was the occupant of the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Pattison, N. Y., nine years; was near Albany, N. Y., three years, at a town called Watervliet, and from there proceeded to New Brunswick, and a year later came to his present pastorate. He has been very zealous in the good work of uplifting mankind, and has been a power for righteousness wherever he has labored. For ten or more years the contributions of his pen to lead-

ing journals have been eagerly looked for, and he has devoted considerable time to authorship. He has always been a deep thinker, and is never happier than when in the midst of his books and studies. He is identified with the Republican party politically.

October 6, 1881, the marriage of Mr. Kip and Mary D. Osborne, daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth (Van Hagen) Ostrom, was solemnized. She was born at Stockport, N. Y., and by her marriage has become the mother of two children, Cornelia N. and Mary Bayard. Her father was a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and was a prominent and public-spirited citizen in this community.



**G**EORGE WYCKOFF CUMMINS, M. D., PH. D. In every live and thriving community there must be some particularly enterprising and energetic spirits who push ahead and lead the way to triumph. The progressive town of Belvidere has been more than ordinary fortunate in the class of men who have been occupied in professional and commercial pursuits here, and among the comparatively recent additions to her loyal citizens is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is in the prime of early manhood and possesses genius, ambition and, withal, well-balanced ideas and high principles of conduct. In addition to the private practice of his profession, he has been jail surgeon for four years, is secretary of the board of health, member of the board of education and is also examiner for a leading insurance company. He is president of the Warren County Medical Society, quite an unusual honor for a young physician. He is the author of a number of articles on scientific and medical subjects.

The family of which Dr. Cummins is a representative can be traced back to the middle ages of European history. Their surname probably came from that of the town in which they dwelt,

as many of the surnames of that time and place originated from, or were suggested by, similar surroundings or localities. History relates that one Robert Comyns left his home in Comines, France, to accompany William the Conqueror and seven hundred picked men who went into the northern provinces of England, for the purpose of subduing the inhabitants. In the middle of the thirteenth century four Scottish earls of the Comyns family were destroyed by Robert Bruce. The sole survivor of the line escaped to England, there establishing important connections. The first of the name to settle in America was Christeon Cummins, born March 16, 1716. He sailed to Philadelphia in the good ship Molly, landing on these hospitable shores in the autumn of 1741, and subsequently buying a farm at Asbury, Warren County, N. J.

Simon A. Cummins was born in Vienna, Warren County, and for years was not only an enterprising farmer, but also a manufacturer of agricultural implements. An ardent Democrat, he held numerous local and county offices, and for a long period he was an official member of the Christian Church. He died in 1891. His faithful wife, Mary, daughter of Cornelius Carhart, of this county, is now in her sixty-fifth year. They were the parents of four children. The eldest, Jacob, resides in Oxford Township, this county; the second-born, R. A., resides in Vienna. Theodore, a resident of Dover, N. J., is now a non-commissioned officer in the Second Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, in the Spanish war. The youngest of the sons, our subject, was born in Vienna, Warren County, March 2, 1865. In his youth he attended Hackettstown Institute, graduating from the same in 1881. He then entered Yale College, from which he graduated in 1884, and for four years afterwards he was instructor in mathematics and chemistry at his alma mater. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was bestowed upon him by Yale in 1887. As his determination to enter the medical profession had now matured, he took up the necessary studies and was duly graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City,

with the degree of M. D. in 1890. For the past eight years he has been established in practice in Belvidere, where he has gained an enviable reputation for skill and ability in his chosen field of labor.

In the summer of 1897 Dr. Cummins organized the West Jersey Telephone Company and built lines in this county, connecting with many important towns, thus starting an industry that has proved of the greatest importance to this part of the state. In political belief he is a Democrat. June 14, 1890, he married Annie Blair Titman, daughter of William Blair Titman, whose sketch and portrait appear in this volume. For a year or more the young couple traveled in Europe and visited most of the famous places of interest and historical association, thus greatly broadening their mental horizon and acquiring a cosmopolitan culture.



**T**HEODORE B. FULPER, M. D., is recognized among his professional brethren as one of the rising young physicians of this section of New Jersey, and has been located in the pretty town of Glen Gardner for the past nine years. During this period he has met with gratifying success in his loved work, and has built up not only a remunerative practice, but a reputation for skill and general ability that is truly enviable. He is a student, takes the leading medical journals and makes it his business to keep thoroughly abreast of all modern discoveries and improvements on the old systems in vogue.

The paternal grandfather of the doctor was Jacob Fulper, who, with his two brothers, founded the family in this county. The father of our subject, Lemuel L. Fulper, is a native of Bethlehem Township, his birth having taken place on his father's homestead there. He was interested in teaching in the common schools of this county for a number of years in his early manhood, and

later devoted his energies to the management of a mercantile establishment in Junction, in partnership with M. D. Wells. After several years spent in this manner, he moved to Pattenburg, where he was similarly occupied for a few years more, his partner this time being Alfred Martinus. The last years of his life he is spending quietly in his pleasant home in Junction. He married Elizabeth Curling, and six of the children who came to bless their home are still living, viz.: H. S.; Theodore B., of this sketch; Elmer W., now a student in the theological seminary at Gettysburg, with the view of entering the ministry; Luella, wife of William Albright, a student in the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia; and Hattie and Blanche, who are with their parents.

Dr. Fulper was born November 16, 1867, in Pattenburg, Hunterdon County, and was reared amid the loving influences of a good home. After completing his education in the common schools he determined to enter the profession to which he now belongs, and to that end took up the study of medicine. In the fall of 1886 he was enrolled as a scholar in the Jefferson Medical College in the Quaker city and was graduated from that well-known institution in the class of '89. He at once located in Glen Gardner, and has worked his way upward to a position of respect and influence by his own intrinsic merits. In his political attitude he is usually independent, but has often given his ballot to the Prohibition party candidates (hopeless minority). He is past sachem of Shabbecong Tribe No. 46, Improved Order of Red Men, of Junction, and belongs to Mosconetcong Lodge No. 98, K. P., of Junction. A worthy member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, he is connected with Glen Gardner Camp No. 40. In his church relations he is a great worker and is a valued member of the Lutheran denomination. For about eight years he has officiated as a deacon in the Glen Gardner church.

October 12, 1892, Dr. Fulper married Carrie Pettenger, whose parents, Dr. A. S. and Emily (Case) Pettenger, were old citizens of this place.





A. B. NASH, M. D.

The father was actively engaged in practice here for about twelve years, his labors being cut short by death September 3, 1886. The only sister of Mrs. Fulper was Elizabeth Y., now deceased.



**A** B. NASH, M. D., a leading physician of Frenchtown, N. J., was born in Bucks County, Pa., August 11, 1852. Dr. Nash is one of a type of American citizens of whom any community may well be proud. He is the scion of one of those early German pioneer families who came from the Fatherland to find homes among the "blue hills and purple valleys" of Pennsylvania, and who with their descendants settled in the eastern counties of the Keystone state and established the communities and laid out so many of those model farms which are noted to this day for their beauty, the richness of their crops and the thrift of the husbandmen residing on their broad acres.

Born on the farm a raw country lad, whose sole heritage was a good constitution, and an in-born desire to be a man among men, young Nash attended school in the district in which he was born in the winter, and in remaining months of the year worked on the farm, at the same time laying a good foundation in brawn and muscle for the trials of a physician's life. From a pupil he rose to the position of a successful teacher, which calling he followed for five years. He then placed himself under the direction of Dr. D. P. Moyer, of Bucks County, Pa., with whom he read medicine. He then matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where, after taking the full course in the medical department, he graduated in 1876. Since then, through all the trials and vicissitudes that commonly fall to the lot of a young physician building up a practice, he has, by his own unaided energy and determination, buoyed up by an ever-increasing interest in his chosen profession, pushed his way to

the front as one of the most successful physicians in his vicinity, and stands to-day in the proud position of a self-made man, reaping the well-earned reward of twenty-two years' active service as a physician.

After leaving the university in 1876 Dr. Nash located in Ottsville, Bucks County, Pa., where he practiced eleven years. In 1888, feeling a desire to connect himself with a larger community, and at the earnest solicitation of friends, he settled in Frenchtown, where he has since practiced. Opening an office in a field already long and well occupied, he has in the succeeding years built up a large and lucrative practice in Frenchtown and the surrounding villages and country.

Dr. Nash first married in 1878, but suffered the loss of his wife in 1888. She died leaving no children. In 1890 he married Mrs. Eliza (Haney) Duckworth, and they have one son, Roscoe J.

Aside from the duties of his profession, Dr. Nash has never failed to make a large circle of social and political friends wherever he has settled. As a young man he was active in politics, ardently supporting the Republican party and its candidates, an allegiance which he has maintained to the present time. In 1896 he was elected coroner of Hunterdon County.

Fraternally Dr. Nash is connected with Orion Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M., of Frenchtown, N. J., in which he is a past master, and also a member of Wilson Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 14, K. T., of Lambertville, N. J. He is also a member of Home Lodge No. 95, K. of P., of Frenchtown.



**R**OBBINS DUCKWORTH, one of the most influential merchants of Hunterdon County, was born in the vicinity of Clinton, July 3, 1840, and is a son of Philip and Sarah (McCrea) Duckworth. His ancestors were among the early settlers of this section of the state, and for several

generations followed agricultural pursuits, our subject being the first to enter a mercantile career. His father, Philip Duckworth, is still well remembered in this vicinity as a man of upright, honorable character, kind and generous in his treatment of his fellow-men and thoroughly lovable in his home associations. Both he and his wife were natives of this county, where their entire lives were spent. He was prominently identified with the agricultural interests of the community, and eminently successful in his farming enterprise. His death occurred some years after the demise of his esteemed wife.

Our subject, Robbins, received his early education in the district schools of his native place, and later for a time was a student in Claverack Institute, at Claverack, N. Y. Subsequently he returned to Hunterdon County and for the five succeeding years was employed in teaching school. In 1862 he began his commercial career, entering the employ of William M. Shipman, of Clinton, a dealer in general merchandise. In 1867 he, with J. K. Hoffman and Peter Case, formed the firm of Hoffman, Case & Duckworth, engaging in general merchandising. This venture proved successful, the firm soon becoming a leading factor in the business circles of the county. Changes were made in the personnel of the firm from time to time, but Mr. Duckworth remained continuously in the business.

In 1891 a disastrous fire destroyed nearly the whole business section of Clinton, and their business was swept away. Immediately following this loss, Mr. Duckworth began the erection of the premises now occupied by his firm, and on completion of the building he took into partnership Mansfield G. (his eldest son) and E. C. Moke (a son-in-law), the style of the firm being R. Duckworth & Co. Continued success has followed the new establishment, and they are recognized as the leading firm of Clinton. To the untiring efforts of Mr. Duckworth, who possesses commercial and executive ability of a high order, much of the success of the firm is due, and he is held in high esteem by fellow-merchants, as a man of strict integrity and conservative business

methods. He is every ready to assist in any enterprise tending to improve the interest of the community and is an energetic and progressive citizen. Politically he is a Republican, and although in no wise a politician, has been called upon to fill several positions in the gift of the people. It is needless to say, his administration of his duties while serving in such offices was admirable, and always marked with the same faithfulness which has brought success in his own private enterprise. He is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow orders of Clinton.

In 1865 he married Roxana, daughter of George Gulick, a prominent citizen of Clinton. To them have been born four children: Mary, wife of E. C. Moke; Mansfield G., Laura and Leroy.



JOHN W. DEHART is one of the most enterprising and aggressive business men, not only of his home place, Bloomsbury, but of Hunterdon County. He has lived here for the past twenty years and during this period has been foremost in the support of local industries, improvements, and everything which he believed would make for the public benefit. He is interested in agriculture, dealing in live stock, and has many other business concerns. He is the president of the Bloomsbury Canning Company, which, in 1897, canned two hundred thousand cans of peaches and sixty thousand cans of tomatoes. This is one of the young industries of the place and is rapidly gaining prominence.

The paternal grandfather of the above, Isaac Dehart, was a native of this state and was a farmer by occupation. He married Dorothy Smith, by whom he had eleven children, of whom William was the eldest. The latter, father of our subject, was born March 4, 1815, on a farm lying between Bloomsbury and Asbury. He became largely interested in cattle dealing, buying and selling stock in all parts of this county. March 17, 1850, he



removed to New York City, where he embarked in the commission business, and during the six years of his residence there he transacted about the most extensive business of any firm in his line. From 1856 until the war broke out he made his home in Valparaiso, Ind., then enlisting for three years in the Twentieth Indiana Regiment. He took part in a number of battles and engagements, and received an honorable discharge in Jeffersonville, July 12, 1865. Upon his return home he engaged in gardening until his death, which occurred in 1890. He was a Democrat in his political views, and religiously was a Methodist. His wife was Elizabeth Osborne in her girlhood, her home being in West Portal, Hunterdon County. They have four children, all of whom are living. Isaac located in Nashville, Tenn., after the war and is a manufacturer of sash, doors and blinds; Mary Elizabeth is the widow of Samuel Kees, of Nashville; Lydia Ann is the wife of W. H. H. Price, now of Atlanta, Ga.

John W. Dehart was born in Asbury, Hunterdon County, August 21, 1842, and was afforded excellent educational privileges. He was for six years a student in the schools of New York, and later pursued a business course of training in the Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College of Newark, N. J. In 1858 he returned to his native place from Indiana, whither he had gone with the family, and found employment with his uncle Isaac, who was then running a hotel. At the end of a year and a-half our subject went into business on his own account as a buyer and seller of live stock. September 4, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Eighth New Jersey Regiment, and was in active service until he was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville, May 5, 1863. He had participated in the engagements of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Fredericksburg, Seven Days' Fight in the Wilderness, and many others. He started in as a corporal and won his way upward to the rank of sergeant-major by his own merit and gallant service. For over a year he languished in various hospitals, being transferred from one to another, from the one in Washington to that on Bedloe's Island, thence to one on Long Island,

and finally was honorably discharged September 4, 1864. Upon his recovery he returned to Asbury and continued his former occupation of dealing in cattle.

In the spring of 1878 he came to Bloomsbury and has since given much attention to agriculture and kindred things. He owns a fine farm of three hundred acres and regularly employs five men to manage the place. Under his judicious policy the Bloomsbury Canning Company is flourishing, and on his farm are raised the tomatoes that are canned in the factory. He assisted in the organization of the Gleitz Piano Company, which has since gone out of existence, but he gave no attention to the business, as he was fully occupied with his other interests. He is vice-president of the Bloomsbury Cemetery Association. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion is a Methodist. He materially aids in meeting the expenses of the church and is liberal with his means on behalf of the needy.

October 19, 1865, Mr. Dehart married Mary J., daughter of Charles Stewart, of Asbury. She was born in Little York, Hunterdon County, and is a most estimable lady. An almost insupportable grief came to our subject and wife in 1871, when both of their children were stricken and died with that dread disease, scarlet fever. They were bright and promising little ones: Eva, aged four years and eight months; and Charles, aged two years and eight months.



HON. GEORGE F. MARTENS, JR., who was elected to the New Jersey legislature in the fall of 1896 and is now serving his second term in that honorable body, is a young man of most promising future, both in the financial and political world. He possesses that energy and straightforwardness of purpose that is rarely defeated, and when circumstances are too strong for him, he has a fortitude of spirit and strength of

character that rise triumphantly above discouragement. He is the youngest member of the house ever elected from Hunterdon County, and though his party (Democratic) was in a hopeless minority, there being only four representatives of it in the assembly during the winter of 1896, he was given positions on several important committees and acquitted himself with distinction. The most important of the committees on which he acted was that on corporations, and the following session he was again appointed on the same, also on the committees of the state board of health, the Industrial School for Girls and the state hospital. He was but eighteen years old when his enthusiasm for his party affairs led him to take an active part in its welfare, and he has attended almost all of the conventions, whether local or general, since. He was elected and served with credit to himself and constituents as clerk of his home township during a period of three years.

A native of Brooklyn, born February 21, 1867, George F. Martens, Jr., is a grandson of Christopher Martens, a wealthy German, who, for years was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in New York City, at the corner of Duane and Elm streets. This valuable corner property is still in the possession of the family. Of the four children of the said Christopher, the eldest is George F. Martens, father of our subject. He was reared in New York City, received an excellent education, and graduated from the New York Law School in 1861. He has achieved an enviable reputation in his profession and confines his attention to that branch of the subject comprised under real-estate law. By the leading members of the bar he is esteemed to be one of their brightest lights in his chosen field. In 1866 he was united in marriage with Maggie R., daughter of Samuel Clark, one of the old and most highly respected citizens of New Germantown. They had three children, George F., Jr., Bertha C. and Raymond V. The last-mentioned is deceased. Mr. Martens has always given his allegiance to the Democratic party, but has neither sought nor desired office.

The first six years in the life of George F. Martens, Jr., were passed in his native city. Death deprived him then of a tender and affectionate mother, and the home was broken up. The lad came to New Germantown to live with his grandfather Clark, and here and in Somerville his education was gained in the public schools. When he was eighteen years of age he went to New York City and began the study of law in his father's office. He pursued this business for about five years, in the meanwhile being also occupied in searching records. At twenty-four he started into the wholesale commission business, and though at first he had not a single shipper pledged to him, he transacted a trade amounting to \$400,000 that first year. His success has been truly remarkable and gives evidence of his practical ability and systematic methods. He continues to make his home in New Germantown, where he has hosts of devoted friends, but from Monday morning until Saturday his business keeps him in the metropolis. Socially he is a member of Vesper Lodge No. 267, I. O. O. F., of Lebanon, N. J. While not identified with any denomination, he is liberal in his support of both of the churches in New Germantown, and he is ever ready to lend a kind and helping hand to the poor and afflicted.



PETER S. SHURTS, a prosperous merchant of Junction, Hunterdon County, is one of the most aggressive business men of this section of the county. He owns and occupies a modern and well-appointed store building, heated by steam and first-class in every respect. Here may be found a well-selected stock of general dry goods and notions, and in the neatly kept outer buildings connected with the store is a line of farm supplies, flour, feed, grain, etc. Though he has met with severe reverses at times, Mr. Shurts has persevered and has eventually won the

victory over circumstances. He is entitled to success, for he has made a brave fight in the battle of life and has depended solely upon himself.

The parents of the above were George F. and Mary A. (Snyder) Shurts, both natives of this county. In later life he was an employe of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, his home being in North Junction. For many years he was township constable here and occupied other local offices. He was an official member of the Baptist Church of Junction, being a deacon of the same for years prior to his death. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity. His death took place in July, 1896, when he was in his seventy-eighth year. His father was Jacob Shurts, of German descent, and a native of this county. The family of George F. and Mary A. Shurts comprised four children, viz.: Jacob, an engineer on the Central Railroad of New Jersey; Peter S.; Mary E., who first married John M. Hummer, and is now the wife of George W. Oliver, of this town, an engineer on the Central Railroad; and Sarah A., who is unmarried.

Peter S. Shurts was born near this place February 9, 1850, and remained at home until he was fifteen. He then entered the employ of M. D. Wells, in a general store which he conducted in this town. A year later the youth became an employe of the Central Railroad in the car shops here, serving an apprenticeship of four years to the machinist's trade, and then continuing four years longer with the company. From that time until the plant was removed from Phillipsburg he was with the Phillipsburg Bridge Works, later entering the machine shops of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western in Junction. When they were closed in 1870 he entered into partnership with P. S. Srope, and opened a general merchandise store in this town.

At the end of six months Mr. Shurts bought his partner's interest, and has since conducted the business alone. In 1892 he erected a store building on the site of his present one, and it was destroyed by fire February 21, 1896, with the entire stock. The loss was \$3,000, a severe one to a young man who had just managed to get a

promising start on the high road to success, but he rallied his forces, and with redoubled energy took up the burden again. The next autumn he rebuilt his store, where the other had stood, and has gone on with increasing patronage and assurance of ultimate success. He is the owner of one of the best farms in this portion of the county, it being known as Drake homestead. It is situated in Bethlehem Township, consists of one hundred and sixty-seven acres, and has two sets of farm buildings upon the place. This property he rents to responsible tenants.

Politically Mr. Shurts is a Democrat. President Cleveland appointed him postmaster of Junction during his first term and he officiated in that capacity for five years, later holding the same position four years under the second term of Cleveland. In March, 1895, he was elected a member of the town council, and has since acted as such. At various times he has represented his home district in the conventions of his party, and is an acknowledged leader in its councils. Fraternally he is a Mason, having been identified with the order for twenty-six years. He has passed all the chairs in Lebanon Lodge No. 6, of Glen Gardner. He holds membership with the Presbyterian Church and has been secretary and treasurer of the board of trustees for a period of five years.

December 9, 1876, Mr. Shurts married Anna, daughter of E. G. and Elizabeth (Cramer) Riddle, of Junction. They have two sons and a daughter, Bertha, George J. and James R. The latter is a graduate of Stewart's Business College of Trenton, and is now the bookkeeper of the Trenton Gas Company.



ANSING B. BAKER was a prominent merchant of Clinton, Hunterdon County, until within the past few years, when he retired from the commercial world to a large extent. He is entitled to a place among the men who have

been influential in the prosperity and progress of this portion of the state of New Jersey. Though not one of her native sons, the greater part of his life has been spent in this immediate locality, and since arriving at mature years he has been deeply interested in the development of the natural resources of the county, and the establishment of still better systems, industries and institutions to promote the welfare of its people.

The birth of L. B. Baker took place in the Quaker city April 5, 1842, he being a son of Rev. J. J. Baker, whose history may be found in conjunction with that of Judge W. H. Baker, elsewhere in this volume. Until he was about eleven years of age the subject of this sketch was a pupil in the excellent public schools of his native city, after which he removed with his parents to this county. When he started out in his business career he found employment with a New York firm as a collector. In 1861 he settled permanently in Clinton, and has lived here uninterruptedly since. At first, for two years or more, he worked as a clerk for William M. Shipman in a general store; then during the next six years he was employed by Judge James P. Hoffman in the same line of enterprise. Subsequently he was taken into partnership with that gentleman and together they carried on the business in harmony and with success for ten years. His next venture was in a different direction, for he became the proprietor of a drug store, which he conducted until 1880, also managing a harness shop at the same time. For the past eighteen years he has given much attention to the raising of fruit and stock on a valuable farm which he owns in this township. He is a staunch Republican, and has served as president of the Clinton Republican Club. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows.

October 27, 1875, Mr. Baker married Eliza K. Probasco, daughter of John W. and Harriet Probasco, all of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Baker was born a daughter, Harriet P., who is her father's housekeeper, friend and companion since the death of the beloved wife and mother, August 2, 1890. Mr. Baker is a pillar in the

Presbyterian Church, having served as a member of its board of trustees for the past fifteen years. He is respected by all who have come within his acquaintanceship, and he possesses the good will and confidence of those who know him thoroughly.



**CAPT. JOHN SHIELDS**, an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which his service was most gallant and distinguished, has a beautiful home in Flemington, Hunterdon County. Here he has dwelt for a quarter of a century, taking an active part in everything tending to improve and build up this locality, owning stock in the Hunterdon County National Bank and other enterprises of the town, and manifesting in numerous ways his desire to promote the prosperity of our inhabitants.

The captain deserves the commendation of all for the sturdy, manly fight he has made with adverse circumstances. He is justly entitled to being termed self-made, as any one may see who peruses his interesting history. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, May 8, 1839, and came to America in 1848 with his mother and sister, his father having preceded them about a year. The head of the family died in 1851, and as his family were left without means, our subject was obliged to start out to earn his own livelihood, and thus had small chance for obtaining an education. He commenced to learn the machinist's trade and was employed at that calling at the outbreak of the war.

In September, 1861, John Shields enlisted in Company E, Fifty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry, being made first lieutenant of the same. He was sent from Harrisburg to Washington, and soon transferred to Camp California, near Alexandria, Va. The following May he participated in the siege of Yorktown, and in the battle of Fair Oaks was in French's Brigade, First Division, Second Army Corps. His captain was

wounded there, and during the retreat or seven days' fight he was in command of his company, who were employed in tearing down and destroying bridges along the way. From Malvern Hill he went to Harrison's Landing, where his forces were stationed during the most of July, 1862. On the 1st of August they started for Alexandria again, to take part in the second battle of Bull Run, and were in the advance on Antietam. After the encounter with the enemy there, September 17, 1862, he went to Harper's Ferry.

At the battle of Antietam, General Richardson was mortally wounded, General Hancock was assigned to the command of the division in the battle of Fredericksburg, and every officer in his company was killed or wounded. Our subject was also injured, and carried a bullet in his thigh for a long time. When General Zook was made provost-marshal, before the battle of Fredericksburg, he being senior first lieutenant was put in command of five companies of his regiment; a sixty days' leave of absence was given him on account of his wound. He joined his regiment in February, 1863, and soon was engaged in the battle of Chancellorsville, where he had charge of the brigade skirmish line. His valiant service here won official commendation. June 1, 1863, he started for Gettysburg. He received his commission as captain of his company while at home on a furlough. During the second day's fight at Gettysburg he received what was thought would certainly prove a mortal wound. He was shot in the throat, and, being taken to Stewart's Hospital in Baltimore, the surgeons gave their verdict that he could not possibly live. But the captain possessed real Irish grit, and begged that an operation be performed, though the surgeons informed him that there was scarcely one chance in a thousand that he would recover from it. A peculiar double tube was inserted in his throat, and, to make a long story short, he at length gained the victory, owing to his pluck and fine constitution. The medical records cite his case as one of the most wonderful in medical science. Returning home he recovered his strength, and in October of the same year he was determined to rejoin

his command, but his physician refused to grant him permission. However, in the next February he reported for duty, but caught a severe cold in his throat, as yet, unhealed, and March 17, 1864, yielded to fate, and resigned his commission. Returning home, he was appointed provost-marshal of Carbon County, Pa., serving as such until May, 1865.

Captain Shields engaged in railroad business after the war, and though he had no means at first, soon became an important factor in the construction of sections of railway lines. He has taken and carried out contracts from the Lehigh Valley, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the West Shore, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Illinois Central and other leading corporations of this part of the United States. He has great business ability, foresight and excellent judgment on financial matters, and by his talents, inherited and acquired, has won a fortune and a high place in the esteem of all who know him. Of late years he has made fortunate investments in real estate, and owns several farms, besides a beautiful home-stead of one hundred acres adjoining this town. His fine residence on this model farm is one of the most substantial and handsome homes in central or western New Jersey.

In politics the captain is strongly in favor of the principles of the Republican party. He is also a great friend to the public-school system, as he is a man of liberal ideas, worthy of the progressive age in which we dwell. The fact, however, that he is by religion a Catholic, presupposed in the minds of many of our citizens that he must therefore be opposed to our free and unsectarian schools, and those who did not know the man voted against him in 1894, when he was a candidate on his party ticket for the position of state senator, the charges being brought against him at the last moment, when he had no opportunity to answer them. In his own vicinity, nevertheless, he ran ahead of his ticket, for all persons here are aware of his patriotic standing on the subject. He is a prominent figure in Grand Army circles, and was a charter member of the post at Mauch Chunk, Pa.,

where he lived in 1869, and was its commander. He has also been in a like position in the Flemington Post, and was department commander for New Jersey, resigning that office February 9, 1895.

During the war, while home on a furlough, Captain Shields married Anna M. Curran and they became the parents of four children, Annie C., John F., Robert E. and Henry G. Their sons attended St. John's College, Fordham, N. Y., and their daughter was educated at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. The eldest son, John F., is married and is in business with his father.



**W**ILLIAM H. REGER is the proprietor of the White House Mills, located at Rockaway Creek, Readington, Hunterdon County, and is one of the most energetic and successful business men of the township. He is a practical miller, thoroughly understanding every detail of the vocation and bringing to bear upon the management of his affairs rare good judgment and ability.

In tracing the history of our subject it is found that his grandfather, John Reger, was the founder of the family in Hunterdon County. The parents of William H. were William J. and Mary (Emmons) Reger, both of whom were natives of this county. The birth of our subject occurred in Readington Township, September 6, 1855, and here he passed his boyhood and youth, attending the district schools and lending his aid to his father in the management of the old farm. He continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1888, when he purchased the mill property of which mention was made at the beginning of this sketch.

In the past ten years Mr. Reger has greatly improved the mill, putting in a fine new roller-process and in other material ways altering the building and adding to the machinery and general

usefulness of the plant. The mill is a frame structure, three stories and basement in height, and 60x40 feet in dimensions. The mill is run by water-power and a turbine wheel, and has a capacity of twenty-five barrels of flour every twenty-four hours. Two or three men are necessary to operate the mill when it is in full running order, and the product of the plant finds ready sale in this and adjacent towns, the surplus being shipped to other points. The high-grade flour going under the brand of "Pure Gold" is especially favored by the local trade, and a cheaper grade is also manufactured here.

Mr. Reger married Sarah M. Dilts in 1879, and three children have been born to them: Luella William and Theodosia. Mrs. Reger is the daughter of Jacob and Jane Ann (Voorhees) Dilts, of this county, now deceased. In politics our subject is a Democrat. Fraternally he is a member of White House Lodge No. 207, I. O. O. F. With his good wife he holds membership in the Reformed Church. In this community, where he has dwelt so long, he has a reputation for straight dealing, integrity and correct business methods of which he may be justly proud.



**E**DMUND H. CARHART, who was the mayor of Belvidere, Warren County, in 1896, is one of the native sons of this place, one whom his fellow-citizens delight to honor. Though his active business life, the prime of his manhood, was spent in the great metropolis, New York, he returned to the friends and scenes of his youth when he had decided to retire from the field of commercial activity. His career in the world of finance was one fraught with success, and is of interest to the general public as well as to his numerous friends, as showing what may be accomplished by a man of well-directed energies, perseverance and correct principles.

The Carharts in New Jersey are descendants of

a noble English family, noted for many superior qualities of mind and character. Sir Thomas Carhart, a son of Anthony Carhart, gentleman, of County Cornwall, England, came to America in August, 1683, as private secretary to Col. Thomas Dongan English, governor to the colonies in America at that date, and his posterity have been residents of this state ever since. Mr. Carhart of this article has in his possession a book giving the genealogy, family coat-of-arms, crest, etc.

Theodore Carhart, father of our subject, was born in this county and for many years was engaged in merchandising in Belvidere. He was the proprietor of a large and successfully conducted store, and was actively interested in all local enterprises and promoted home industries. One of the original members of the Methodist Church of this place, he has been one of the pillars and has been a leader in all of its many departments of usefulness, contributing very liberally toward its work. The entire confidence and respect of his associates and acquaintances are his, and his standing in the community as a man of high honor, reliability and sterling worth is one that may well be envied by all. His popularity has often been manifested in the desire of his townsmen that he should accept official positions. He was for several years town treasurer and was twice elected to the office of mayor.

Edmund H. Carhart was born in Belvidere, January 7, 1853, and was reared in this place, attending our public schools. At eighteen he left his studies to take a position in the store of a relative and there he learned the fundamental principles of business. February 6, 1872, he went to New York City, where he had been offered employment in the counting-room of his second cousin, Thomas F. Carhart, senior member of the firm of Carhart, Whitford & Co. From the place of assistant bookkeeper the young man was gradually promoted, until, at the age of twenty-seven, he was admitted to the firm. By the death of his cousin, December 6, 1882, he was made one of the executors of his will and guardian of his family. The firm was reorganized, his own

name being placed at the head of the business. For years this firm have been numbered among the leading manufacturers and wholesalers of clothing in the United States, as their trade has been remarkable, and they have branch stores in the chief cities of this country. On account of overwork and anxiety the health of Mr. Carhart became impaired, and in 1886 he retired and returned to Belvidere, where he has a beautiful home. The firm with which he was connected for so many years had a "benevolent account," a certain amount of their profits being set aside each year for charity. Mr. Carhart was a member of the Merchants' Club, of New York City, and was about to become a member of the exclusive Union League Club, of that city, when he retired. In politics he is a Republican.

October 22, 1879, Mr. Carhart and Miss Mary K., daughter of Henry Redfield, of Plainfield, N. J., were united in marriage. She died in August, 1880. The lady who now bears his name was formerly Miss Dianna Sherlock Belford, she being a daughter of James Belford, of Belvidere, formerly of Mauch Chunk, Pa. They were married August 21, 1889, and are the parents of two bright children, Edmund H., Jr., and Mildred B.



**W**ESLEY S. HAWK, one of the most progressive farmers of Hunterdon County, has resided upon his present homestead since the spring of 1888. He makes a specialty of raising grain and also of the dairy business, in which he has been quite successful. For the past few years he has also raised peaches, but his attention is given principally to dairying and raising grain. He owns two farms, one in Delaware Township and one in Kingwood Township, his home place being situated near the village of Baptistown.



The paternal grandfather of our subject was Philip Hawk, a resident of Alexandria, this county. His son, father of Wesley S., bore the Christian name of Godfrey. He resided in Alexandria Township until 1840, when he came to this locality, and here spent the remainder of his life. He was quite successful as a farmer and owned a well-improved farm. He was active in political affairs, being first a Whig and later a Republican. Religious by nature, he took the deepest interest in the work of his own church, the Christian, and was identified with the congregations at Milford and later at Frenchtown. His death occurred at the ripe age of threescore and fifteen years. His wife, Charity, was a daughter of James Siders. Of their fourteen children, six are deceased. The other are: Forman, Daniel, Jacob, Mary Jane, Margaret, Wesley S., Augustus and James W. Mary Jane is the wife of Samuel Carroll; Margaret is the wife of Elijah Potts. The mother of these children was a faithful and consistent member of the Christian Church, and died at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Wesley S. Hawk was born in Alexandria Township, this county, in 1837. In 1840 he was brought by his parents to this township, and here he was reared to manhood. He remained at home until he was twenty-eight years old, when he went to Locktown and engaged in farming in that vicinity for twenty-two years. In 1886 he bought the farm of ex-Sheriff Bellis, and two years later located upon the place, where he has since dwelt. He is a member of the Grange, and keeps posted on modern methods of agriculture by reading the best journals on the subject. He does his duty as a citizen in lending his support to those measures which he deems beneficial to the majority, and gives his allegiance to the Republican party.

In 1865 Mr. Hawk married Mary E., daughter of Wesley Bellis, and their union has been blessed with two children, Rachel, who is now the wife of Abel Robinson, and Martin B., who is clerk in a store in Baptistown. The family are members of the Locktown Christian Church.

**T**HOMAS EDGAR HUNT, M. D., a retired physician of Glen Gardner, Hunterdon County, was for about thirty years actively engaged in practice in this locality and established an excellent reputation for skill in his chosen field of effort. He comes from one of the sterling old pioneer families of this state, and several of his ancestors were numbered among the most learned men of their day.

The doctor was born November 1, 1826, on his father's farm about a mile distant from this town. He grew to manhood under the parental roof and received his preliminary education in the district schools. He was but twenty when he was given the honorary degree of master of arts by Princeton College, and in 1847 he graduated from the medical department of the University of New York. During his study of medical science he had practical training from his father and took a part of the elder man's duties upon himself. Then his career opened out before him and he went bravely forward and accomplished much in the ensuing years in the noble endeavor of alleviating the ills to which flesh is heir. In the course of his practice he had occasion to note the dreadful effects of the liquor habit upon the human system, and he became an enthusiastic advocate of temperance. Though in early life, and indeed up to 1872, he lent his political support to the Republican party, he then transferred his allegiance and has since voted for the principles of the Prohibition party. He has been very active in his espousal of the cause, as he is a very earnest believer in the great need of laws and public legislation restricting the manufacture and sale of liquor. For eight years he was a member of the National Prohibition Committee. During the most of his life he has been a valued member of the Presbyterian Church; was for years an elder in the congregation, and has given liberally of his time, means and influence to religious enterprises. He is a practical Christian, putting into daily practice the principles that he professes.

July 7, 1849, the doctor married Cynthia, daughter of Judge John Martin, of Columbia County, N. Y. Of the children that came to bless their



union, Willis Martin, the first-born, was a graduate of Lafayette College, and was a noble Christian gentleman; he married Kate Terribery, a daughter of Nathan Terribery, of Hunterdon County, at the age of thirty-seven. He traveled considerably in the south and finally settled at Roanoke, Va., dying there at the age of thirty-eight; his wife is living with their two children, Bessie and Alfred T., at Plainfield, N. J. Meta is the wife of Rev. W. J. Henderson, a graduate of Princeton and a minister in the Presbyterian Church, now living in Glen Gardner; they have one son, Edgar Clark, engaged in the mercantile business in this place; Mary died in infancy; Dr. Edgar is referred to at the close of this sketch at some length; Minnie is the wife of Abraham L. Beavis, a train dispatcher in High Bridge, with residence at Glen Gardner; Milton is agent for the Central Railroad of New Jersey, in Glen Gardner; Vincent and Hollowell W. died in childhood; Harold A. married Minnie, daughter of William W. Sweazy. This young man is connected with the steel works of High Bridge as a draughtsman, he having previously studied in the model school of Trenton and Rutgers College, coming out with honors and a scholarship from the first-named institution. He resides in Glen Gardner and has one child, Thomas Edgar, born March 3, 1898.

The parents of our subject were William Alexander and Eliza Ann (Auten) Hunt, natives of Sussex and Somerset Counties, N. J., respectively. The father was a prominent physician in this locality for years, being a graduate of Rutgers College and of a medical college. In his religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and he was always relied upon to do his full share towards the promotion of all worthy enterprises. He had but two children. A daughter, Susan Adeline, born in 1822, married John McNain, D. D., of Bucks County, Pa., and died March 1, 1885; William A. A. Hunt was born June 6, 1796; was married in 1818 and died September 9, 1878. His wife departed this life November 23, 1873, and they lie side by side in the cemetery near this town. The father of William A. A. Hunt was Holloway Whitfield Hunt, who for over forty years was

pastor in the Presbyterian Church. He was born in Westchester County, N. Y., April 9, 1769, and in 1794 graduated from Princeton College. After a short residence in Sparta, Sussex County, he removed to this county. Here he assumed the pastorate of three charges, one in Kingwood, another in Alexandria and the third in Bethlehem, and for twoscore years he ministered to the needs of these congregations. In addition to this he kept a classical school in his own home, and here all of his sons were grounded in knowledge under his worthy superintendence. He died at his home in what is now known as Jutland, in 1857, and his remains were buried in the old cemetery at Bethlehem. June 24, 1795, he had married Susan Willis, and their family comprised but two children, William A. A. and Holloway W., the latter born January 8, 1799. The parents of the Rev. Holloway W. Hunt, Sr., were Augustine and Lydia (Holloway) Hunt, natives of Orange County, N. Y., and Massachusetts, respectively. The mother was born January 4, 1725, and was of Welsh descent.

Edgar Hunt, M. D., is a native of Glen Gardner, born here December 15, 1857. With his scholarly grandfather he studied Latin, preparatory to taking up medical studies, for from the time that he was twelve years old he had determined to enter the profession of which his father was a shining light. When he was seventeen he commenced his work in that line, being directed by his father in his studies, and in 1876 he entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College. After taking the full course he graduated March 1, 1878. His father had retired from practice several years previously, and the young man gained little advantage from the fact that his father had had a large clientage hereabouts, as it was scattered by that time. Nothing daunted by this he started in to build up a reputation on his own merits, and is now kept so busy that he has scarcely time for sufficient sleep and little for rest or recreation. In order to keep fully abreast of the times he took a course in 1885 at the post-graduate medical school and hospital in New York. He is particularly successful in and makes a specialty of sur-

gery and obstetrics. He has had over two thousand cases of the latter, and of this large number but one resulted fatally, and that on account of other complications of disease. Thus it may be seen that he has succeeded to a most gratifying degree and is well worthy of being numbered, not only among the leading practitioners of this county, but of the state. Since attaining his majority he has voted the Prohibition ticket, and though a staunch advocate of its principles he has never sought or desired official distinction.



**M**OSSES D. KNIGHT, M. D., has been numbered for over thirty-five years among the able and successful physicians of Hunterdon County, but in 1895 came to Clinton, where he succeeded his younger brother in practice. He has wide experience, has always been an earnest student and has kept in touch with the spirit of progress along all of the lines of new discoveries and modern methods in medical and scientific fields. His friends are legion in all parts of this county, and wherever he goes the best wishes of the public have been his in a gratifying degree. His life has been devoted to the amelioration of suffering, and his strong, sympathetic, manly heart has ever been open to the troubles and ills of his fellows and ready to give generously of its store of kindness, helpfulness and cheer.

The doctor's father, Joseph Knight, was born near the city of Philadelphia, and was a direct descendant of the Knights who accompanied William Penn on his settlement in the United States, all of the little colony being of English birth. In his boyhood Joseph Knight had few advantages in the way of acquiring an education, but was a quick and studious lad, and by his individual efforts became well informed. He gave his attention to agriculture, and made a success of his financial enterprises. Throughout

the region in which his whole life was passed, his name was a synonym for uprightness, candor and integrity, and no one was more universally esteemed than he. He took no part in public matters, his pathway by preference lying along the quiet, unostentatious, humble channels of usefulness. He married Rachel Davis and eight children came to bless their happy home, all but one of the number living to mature years. Charles, the eldest, has since been summoned to the silent land, as has also Watson, the fourth of the family. Abner is a farmer of Montgomery County, Pa. John, of Philadelphia, is connected with the *Press* of that city. William, a physician, resides in Clinton. Nelson is a business man of Philadelphia; and Silas is a citizen of Montgomery County, Pa.

The birth of Dr. Knight occurred February 3, 1839, near the present town of Landsdale, Montgomery County, Pa. He lived upon his father's homestead until he was about nineteen years of age, in the meantime receiving an excellent education for that day. After leaving the public schools he became a student in the Attleboro Academy, of Attleboro, Pa. He was scarcely twenty when he commenced the study of medicine under the instruction of Dr. A. D. Markley, of Montgomeryville, in his native county. He pursued the course of reading that was laid out by the senior for about three years and completed the same by a term of lectures in the University of Pennsylvania. He was awarded his degree in Philadelphia March 14, 1861, and commenced practice in Little York, Hunterdon County. In that town he remained for thirty-four years, his clientage being so large as to keep him very busy and his time fully occupied. For several reasons he at length found it desirable to make a change, and has settled permanently in Clinton, having made his home here since 1895. He has always been a true friend to education and has acted in the capacity of school trustee. Though never an office seeker, his friends have sometimes called upon him to accept minor positions and he served for six years as coroner. His ballot is given to the nominees of the Democratic party. He is a

Royal Arch Mason, belonging to Stewart Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Clinton, and to Clinton Chapter No. 37.

The marriage of the doctor and Miss Mary Marlatt was solemnized November 3, 1869. She was one of three children born to Paul and Mahala (Riddle) Marlatt, of Warren County, Pa. Her father was an influential member of the Presbyterian Church and was beloved and respected by all who knew him. Mrs. Knight was deprived of her loving mother's care when she was but seven years of age and one of her brothers died in childhood. The other, John R., is a farmer of Warren County. The doctor and wife have two sons, of whom they may justly be proud. Charles Paul is a graduate of the State Model School of Trenton, and is now taking a medical course in the University of Pennsylvania. Arthur Markley, named for the old preceptor of his father, is a student in the Moody School of Mount Hermon, Mass. Mrs. Knight is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and prominent in its various circles.



**A**DAM B. PICKELL, whose home is in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, and who is a native of this same locality, has always followed farming and breeding of registered Jersey cattle. He is a bright, enterprising business man, possessing native ability and considerable experience in the commercial world. He stands well in the estimation of all of his associates, whether in a social or financial point of view, and is identified with the Odd Fellows, belonging to White House Lodge No. 207, of White House, N. J. Politically he is affiliated with the Democracy.

Born October 13, 1854, Adam Pickell is next to the youngest in a family of nine children whose parents were Adrian H. and Mary A. (Bellis) Pickell, both natives of this county. The others

are named as follows: Lizzie, Baltis N., William B., Jacob M., Ella A., Sanford, Maggie and Tillie. The grandfather of our subject was Baltis A. Pickell, a native of this county, and a land holder. He was of good old Holland-Dutch ancestry, his forefathers having been principally occupied in farming, and were permanently settled in America prior to the Revolutionary war. Adrian Pickell was a well-to-do farmer, owning improved property in Readington Township, in which locality he held various official positions, such as freeholder, assessor, collector, etc.

From the time that he was old enough to be of substantial service in the work of his father's farm until 1888, Adam B. Pickell was engaged exclusively in agricultural pursuits, but in the year mentioned he concluded to turn his attention to mercantile occupations for a period at least. He became an employe of J. H. Davis as a clerk in his general store, and remained with him eight years.

November 29, 1876, occurred one of the most important events in the life of our subject, as upon that day Miss Marilda Y. Sharp became his wife. She is a native of Hunterdon County, and is a lady of pleasing manners and culture. She received a good education in the public schools of her home district and is amply qualified to adorn any station in life to which she might be called. To Mr. and Mrs. Pickell have been born four children, of whom the only daughter, Anna M., the wife of John J. Park, son of H. E. Park, county clerk, is the eldest. The sons are named, respectively, John B., now employed in a store in Flemington; William Y. and Raymond A.



**R**EV. JEREMIAH B. J. RHODES became the pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Lebanon, Hunterdon County, in April, 1896, and during the period of his pastorate he was blessed in his ministrations to this

people. His heart and soul are in gospel work, and he is a most zealous servant in the vineyard of the Master whom he serves. He feels deeply that no higher or holier calling could be his than to lead the sheep of his flock upward to a better and higher life, to a realization of the purpose of sin and suffering in this poor world, and the need of earnest preparation for the true life that is to come.

The birth of the above-named gentleman took place in Hempstead, Queens County, N. Y. His parents were William L. and Mary A. (Jackson) Rhodes, both of whom were likewise natives of that county. The father was an agriculturist, has been interested in educational affairs rather than in political matters, and is an honest, unassuming citizen, beloved by all who know him. He is now living retired, his home being in Roycefield, N. J. His father, William Rhodes, was a carpenter by trade, and was born and spent his whole life in Queens County. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject was Jeremiah B. Jackson, a Quaker, who was imprisoned during the War of 1812 for refusing to enter the army, it being against his religious convictions. To William L. and Mary Rhodes six children were born: Charles, who resides in Hempstead, L. I.; James H., of Roycefield, N. J., a printer by trade; John P., a merchant of Plainfield, N. J.; Solomon, who died in infancy, and was a twin brother of J. B. J. Rhodes; and Phoebe A., who is still with her parents.

The early years in the life of Rev. J. B. J. Rhodes were passed on his father's farm, his education being gained in the public schools. When he was about fourteen he commenced learning the printer's trade and was employed in one office five years. During a portion of his time he attended Brown's Business College in the evenings. He was converted when fourteen and from that time forward the conviction grew within his mind that he should enter the ministry. Under the advice of his pastor he commenced the study of languages and theology. In 1890 he took a position as local reporter on the Somerville *Messenger*, one of the oldest journals in

the county, and in the following spring, in partnership with his brother James, he bought the *White House Monitor*. This proved a financial failure, and so had about everything he had undertaken in a business way, and this fact impressed him the more that he had mistaken his calling. In the fall of 1891 he was licensed as a local preacher, and the presiding elder sent him to the church at Centerville, N. J. He remained there a year and a-half, and during this time was married. The lady of his choice was Fannie S. Ingalls, a native of Greene County, N. Y., and daughter of Charles and Abi (Brandow) Ingalls. The father was a veteran of the late war; was severely wounded and was held a prisoner for six months in Libby prison, also six months in Andersonville prison. January 22, 1894, a son, Harold Elsworth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes.

From Centerville Rev. Mr. Rhodes went to Junction, Hunterdon County, and his labors were attended with gratifying success. He was located in Junction for three years, the church being materially strengthened in numbers and in other ways in the meanwhile. March 29, 1896, Mr. Rhodes entered the Newark Conference and was ordained by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of Philadelphia. In April following that event he took charge of the Lebanon church, which celebrated its quarter of a century October 17, 1897. He is not a graduate of any of our renowned colleges, and has been mainly dependent upon his own resources in the acquisition of an education, but his earnestness and natural ability are ample offsets for the more polished veneer of the classical scholar. He takes great interest in the young people of this community, and is a very active worker in the Epworth League. For three years he was the secretary of the county organization, and at the last annual meeting, held in May, 1897, was elected president of the same. He was one of the three persons who succeeded in effecting the founding of the said county association, which is undoubtedly of general benefit to the various churches in this district. At the last convention of the Elizabeth district of

Epworth Leaguers of the Newark Conference he was chosen vice-president. In this territory is included Hunterdon and Union Counties, N. J., and Staten Island.

Since April 1, 1898, Rev. J. B. J. Rhodes has removed to Denville, Morris County, N. J., at which place he is now pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



**J**OHN Q. HOLCOMBE carries on general farming and dairying upon his valuable homestead in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County. He is considered one of the most reliable business men of this locality and is practical and progressive in all his methods of dealing with the problems of life. In 1886 he became a director in the Lambertville National Bank, and about five years later was elected vice-president of that substantial institution.

The birth of our subject occurred in Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, July 9, 1854, and in fact, upon the same farm where he makes his home to-day, this place being at that time within the boundaries of the above-named township, but since placed in the limits of East Amwell. He is a son of Peter Ogden and grandson of Elias Holcombe, both likewise natives of this county. Peter Ogden Holcombe followed agricultural pursuits and was very successful as a farmer. He spent his early life and prime upon the home place now carried on by our subject, and retired from arduous cares in 1879, from that time residing in the village of Ringoes, where his death occurred in 1885. His widow, formerly Martha Higgins, is still living in Ringoes. They were the parents of four children, viz.: John Q., of this article; Henry, deceased; Kate, who lives in Ringoes; and Fanny, wife of Orville Dilts, a merchant of the same village. Peter Holcombe was twice married, his first wife having been Catherine Quick. The only child of

that union, Ellen K., died when fourteen years of age. The father was a member in high standing in the Presbyterian Church at Ringoes, and for a number of years he was a director in the Lambertville National Bank.

The elementary education of John Q. Holcombe was such as was to be had in the district schools of his boyhood. Desiring to be further equipped for the battle of life, he went to Trenton, N. J., and there pursued a course in the business college of that city. After graduating he returned home and took charge of the old farm, which he inherited from his father, and since then he has had the complete control of the property. He owns one hundred and forty-five acres altogether and has made improvements that have greatly increased the value of the place. He is a member of the Grange and keeps thoroughly posted on everything relating to the subject of agriculture, as far as he is able to do so. An earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, he was chosen by his friends of like ideas to appear as their candidate for the legislature in 1897, but they were defeated.

In 1875 the marriage of Mr. Holcombe and Martha W. Quick, daughter of Caleb F. Quick, was solemnized. Four daughters have been born to this worthy couple, and are named as follows: Stella, Helen K., Alice C. and Marcia.



**G**EORGE H. MILLEN is one of the most reliable and trusted employes of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company. Just thirty years have rolled away since he became connected with this corporation, and during this period he has proved himself worthy of entire confidence. From one position to another of greater importance he has been steadily advanced, until he is now occupying the place of foreman of the car inspectors, being located in Phillipsburg. He is a Republican,

and was elected from the third ward to the common council of this place in 1880, and in 1891 was re-elected, serving acceptably for two terms.

The birth of our subject occurred in Morris County, N. J., September 20, 1843. His parents were James B. and Elizabeth (Nutt) Millen. The father was a native of Morris County, where his ancestors for many generations had resided. He followed the agricultural lines of making his livelihood and wrought out success by his individual efforts. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and stood very high in the estimation of all who knew him. He died in February, 1893, regretted by all, his loss being felt as one affecting the community at large. His wife came from an old and honored English family. Her father, Thomas Nutt, was a younger son in a wealthy house, and received very little in the way of property upon his father's death, as his eldest brother inherited the bulk of the estate, according to old English custom. He concluded to try his fortunes in the United States, and here passed the close of his life. Mrs. Elizabeth Millen died in 1885. She was the mother of four children, of whom Sarah O. married John D. Lindsley, now of Morris County, N. J.; Thomas N. resides in Bound Brook, N. J., and Anna is the wife of C. B. Mills, who carries on the old homestead.

In his boyhood George H. Millen attended the public schools until he was about seventeen. His chances for obtaining an education were, however, rather meager, as he only went to school in the winter season, and was actively engaged in farming in the summer. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Seventh Regiment of New Jersey Infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac, participating in all the numerous engagements and battles in which his regiment bore a part. He was honorably discharged with the rank of second lieutenant. After the war he came to Phillipsburg, and has been thoroughly identified with the best interests of this community ever since. March 1, 1866, he became connected with the Warren Foundry, and two years later, on the 22d of March,

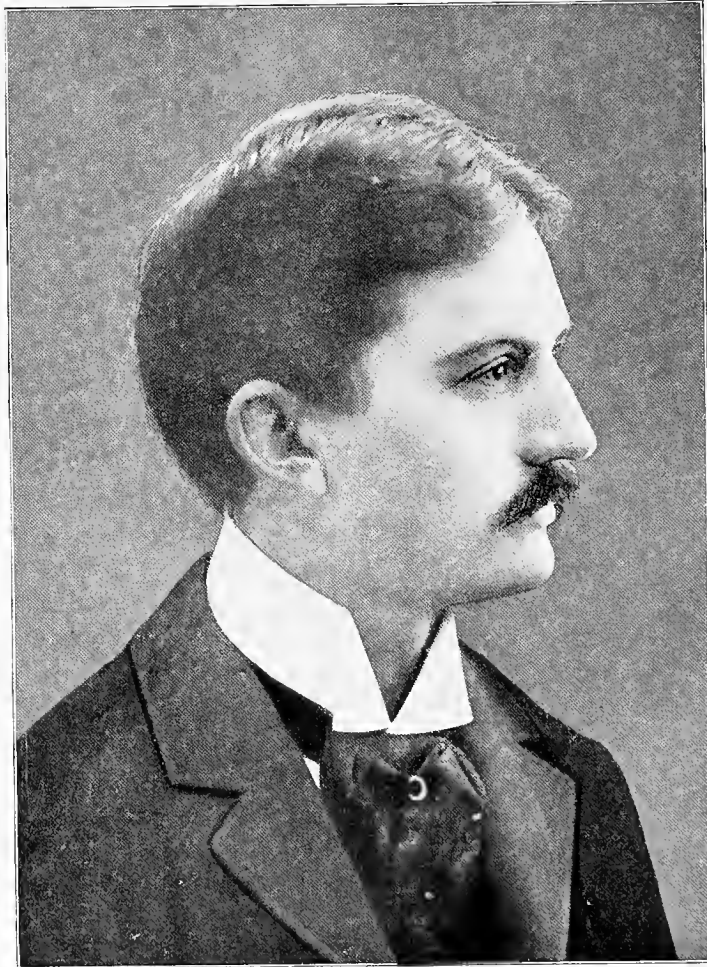
entered the employ of the railway to which he still gives his services. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, being a member of Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M.; Eagle Chapter No. 30, R. A. M., and is past master of the first-named. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. September 25, 1865, Mr. Millen married Bertha B. Arnold, daughter of Samuel D. Arnold, and grandchild of Gen. Jacob D. Arnold, an officer of the Revolutionary war. Mr. Millen and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



**H**UMMER BROTHERS is the firm name of Mansfield H. and Elias W. Hummer, who for twenty years have been engaged in business in Annandale, Hunterdon County. They have a large and flourishing carriage and wagon factory here and do general blacksmith work as well. During the past two decades the firm has established a record for excellent and reliable goods and the demand for work turned out by them is constantly increasing.

The parents of the two brothers were James W. and Ann (Anderson) Hummer. The father was a son of Adam Hummer, who was born in this county, but whose father was a native of Germany, coming to this section in company with two brothers. Grandfather Adam Hummer was a life-long agriculturist in these parts. James W. was born in Franklin Township in 1816, and died at his home November 17, 1889. Throughout his career he was an active farmer, successful and enterprising, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of the whole community in which his lot was cast. At various times he had held local offices with dignity and honor, faithful to his duties to the smallest detail. For almost half a century he and his loved wife were members of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, and for much of this period he was an elder, Sunday-school superintendent or an officer of some sort.





REV. HENRY E. HIBSHMAN.



In his early years he was a Whig, later affiliating with the Republican party. To himself and wife seven sons were born; of these six grew to maturity and five still survive.

Elias W. Hummer was born on the old homestead October 20, 1848, and at the age of seventeen years began serving an apprenticeship to the carriage-making trade with H. F. Apger, of Annandale. In 1869 he became a partner in the business, and about this time the younger brother, Mansfield, commenced his initiatory work in the factory, acting as an apprentice for three years. From 1873 to 1876 Elias W. was employed in the New Jersey Central Railroad shops in Elizabethtown, but during the Centennial year the brothers joined their interests and opened a carriage factory in Lebanon, N. J., where they remained two years. Then, moving to Annandale, they purchased the old shop where they had both learned the trade, and have since that time conducted it with ability. The building has been enlarged and in 1890 was doubled in size, in order to meet the demands of the steadily-growing business. All kinds of carriages, carts and wagons are made in the factory, and to satisfy the requirements of special customers the firm carry a stock of vehicles of certain well-known manufacturers outside. The firm takes contracts for work from parties in other towns, wholesale merchants, etc. From four to six men are employed the year round, and during busy seasons more as necessary are summoned to their aid. The brothers are natural mechanics, possessing real genius and love for the business. Work turned out by them always gives entire satisfaction, and "once a customer, always a customer" seems to be the rule with their patrons.

Elias W. Hummer and Mary, daughter of Jacob Frech, were united in marriage October 5, 1870. She is a member of the Reformed Church of this place and takes great interest in religious enterprises. For twenty-one years Mr. Hummer has been affiliated with the Masonic order, and is a member of Clinton Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and was the first man elected in his township as registrar

under the Australian ballot system. In 1890 he was the nominee of his party for committeeman, and two years later he was elected a justice of the peace, but declined to qualify. For ten years he has been an elder in the Reformed Church, for two years prior to this was a deacon, and ten years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and been active in the Christian Endeavor Society. He and his wife have one child, George F.

Mansfield Hummer was born July 31, 1850, and, like his elder brother, he is a strong Republican, doing his duty as a citizen and voter at all times. He married Belinda, daughter of Peter Alpaugh, in January, 1874. She holds membership with the Reformed Church and is a most estimable lady.



**REV. HENRY E. HIBSHMAN.** While Mr. Hibshman has been a resident of Mount Pleasant for a short time only, he has already won a position of prominence among the people of this place. On the 2d of March, 1898, he was called to the pastorate of the Alexandria Presbyterian Church and at once began the discharge of his duties here, where he has since met with a success that is creditable to himself and highly gratifying to the congregation. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Wynesboro, Franklin County, January 31, 1871, and is the son of Rev. H. H. W. and Alice (Clark) Hibshman, both natives of Lancaster County, that state.

For thirty-four years Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman was engaged in ministerial work, being associated with the German Reformed Church of the United States during this entire period. He was educated in Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster and the theological seminary of the same place, and was ordained to the ministry in 1863. Being an indefatigable worker, his labors were not without their reward. During his

long period of service in the ministry he caused five churches and six parsonages to be erected, and the institutions with which he was associated he left entirely free from debt. He was one of the founders of Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pa. He held a pastorate at Tiffin, Ohio, for a period of ten years and during four years of that time he occupied the position of Secretary of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University. His last charge was at Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pa., where he died of paralysis of the heart, April 12, 1895. His widow is residing in her own home, with her mother, at Lancaster. Rev. and Mrs. H. H. W. Hibshman were the parents of six sons and one daughter, all of whom are living. The eldest son, Rev. E. Clark, is pastor of the Reformed Church at Stroudsburg, Pa., filling the charge his father formerly held; Allen P. is extensively engaged in farming near Reading, Berks County, Pa. Rev. Albert H. is pastor of the large Reformed Church at Shippensburg, Pa. Henry E. is next in order of birth. Dr. Walter S. is a physician at Milford, N. J. Roy S. graduated from Mercersburg College in June, 1898; and Margaret S., the youngest of the family, is a pupil in the high school at Lancaster.

The rudiments of his education Rev. H. E. Hibshman acquired in the school at Stone Church, Northampton County, Pa. Afterward he attended the high school at Tiffin, Ohio, and later carried on his studies in Heidelberg College for five years. Next he became a student in the University at Wooster, Ohio, where he graduated in 1892 with the degree of A. B. Two years later the degree of A. M. was conferred. After his graduation from the university he entered Princeton Theological Seminary, where he continued his studies for two years. On the completion of his first year's course the Presbyterian Sunday-school board appointed him to missionary work, his field being in and about the rough hills of the western part of South Dakota, where he labored with untiring energy among the cowboys and the pioneer element for six months.

During his second year's course at Princeton he was interested in musical pursuits and invented a harp, the merit of which was recognized by Alfred Dolge & Son, the recently large and influential music firm of New York City. They purchased the invention and offered Mr. Hibshman a position in their establishment, which he accepted, remaining with the firm a little more than two years. During his second year he was employed as traveling salesman for the firm. Meantime he continued to interest himself in Christian activities and projects, and often preached a sermon dressed in the business suit he wore on his travels. During the vacation the firm granted him he filled the pulpit of Rev. D. M. Sterns, D. D., of Germantown, Philadelphia, and about the same time he also preached for Bishop Nicholson, of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Chestnut street, Philadelphia. While on one of his business trips he received a request by wire to preach to a congregation without a pastor, at Newburg, Cumberland County, Pa. He preached on the Sunday desired and two weeks later was unanimously elected to the pastorate of the church. He accepted the call and entered the ministry, to which he has since given his entire attention.

During his stay at Zion Reformed Church, Newburg, he labored with great energy for the improvement of the church property, as well as the upbuilding of the spiritual interests of the congregation, and the results were most gratifying to himself and his congregation. Improvements were made in the building and a new organ purchased, the total cost aggregating \$2,300. When he resigned the pastorate there was a neat surplus in the hands of the treasurer, a fact that spoke well for his financial management. The congregation has one of the prettiest and most complete country churches in that section. From Newburg he came to Mount Pleasant in 1898. Energetic and thoroughly devoted to his work, he is making friends rapidly and does much good in the field of his labor. March 10, 1897, he married Miss Florence Singmaster Edinger, daughter of Associate Judge Edinger.

The career of Mr. Hibshman has been marked by religious fervor and conscientious principles, and these characteristics are traced from early boyhood days, where a potent influence was brought to bear upon him by his intimate relations with Hon. A. Herr Smith and sister Eliza, of Lancaster, a saintly brother and sister, who left upon his character their impress for charity and philanthropy and showed an almost parental interest in his welfare.



**L**EWIS HAZELIUS TAYLOR. Probably no name is more widely known in western New Jersey than is the one that stands at the head of this article, and certainly no name is more honored, as it brings to the minds of our citizens the career of one who has built up a great industry, thus affording employment to hundreds of men, and one whose genius has reached out into various fields of enterprise, such as the construction of railroads, etc. Literally he has been the "architect of his own fortunes" and few men are gifted with the natural talent, the wise and judicious handling of great affairs, that have marked his business pathway.

Mr. Taylor, president of the celebrated Taylor Iron and Steel Works, of High Bridge, Hunterdon County, was born January 29, 1811, in the same house and identical room which had been his father's birthplace. This historic old mansion is connected with a wing, which formed the home of Robert Taylor, grandfather of our subject, and founder of the family in America. This Robert Taylor was born in Ireland, came to New Jersey in 1757, and lived until 1821, then dying in the same room where his son Archibald, the father of Lewis H., was born. In one room in the older section of this mansion, one hundred and twenty years ago, Gov. John Penn and Attorney-General Benjamin Chew, the last colonial officials of Pennsylvania, were placed as prisoners

of war by the Continental Congress, in charge of Robert Taylor. Two volumes of "Memoirs" by Sir John Dalrymple, Baronet, were presented to Robert Taylor by Governor Penn and are now in the possession of his grandson.

Soon after his arrival in this section, Robert Taylor became connected with the old Union Iron Works, then owned by the wealthy English capitalists and land owners, Allen & Turner, and superintended by Colonel Hackett. After the death of the last-mentioned gentleman, Robert Taylor became his successor in the management of the works and as such continued until about 1783, when the business was suspended indefinitely. The furnace of this plant was the first erected in America, though the precise date is not known, but it can be proved by old records that it was prior to 1710. The family of Robert Taylor comprised three children: Archibald; John Allen, who studied medicine and whose home was in Brooklyn, but who was never engaged in practice; and Harriet E., who married Col. R. E. De Russy, of the United States Engineering Corps, and was sent to the Pacific slope during the war of the Rebellion to take charge of the building of the Golden Gate Fort at San Francisco.

The parents of L. H. Taylor were Archibald S. and Ann (Bray) Taylor. The former inherited an ample fortune from his father, and thus being relieved of the necessity of entering business he devoted himself to literary pursuits and to the management of his property. Nearly all his life was passed under the roof that now shelters our subject and his family. Of the eight children born to Archibald and Ann Taylor only Lewis survives. The mother was a native of what is now known as Clinton Township, this county. The father, born in 1780, died in 1860.

Lewis H. Taylor passed his boyhood years in the old home where he still resides, and received private tutoring, as the schools of the period were of little account in this locality. He later went to Hartwick Seminary, near Cooperstown, N. Y., that institution being then in charge of his uncle, Ernest Lewis Hazelius, D. D., for whom he had

been named. He spent about three years in that place and subsequently studied again under tutors at home. He engaged in merchandising and varied pursuits until the gold excitement of 1849, when, in company with his brother, Gen. George W. Taylor, he set sail for the Pacific coast on the *Crescent City*, she being on her first trip via the Isthmus of Panama. The argonauts were among the first arrivals in San Francisco, and were engaged in different ventures, and contracted to furnish timber for the first wharves built in that city. Our subject did not meet with great success, and determined to return home at the end of two years. Very soon after his arrival among the scenes of his youth he embarked in the enterprise which has since grown to such extensive proportions. He built a forge on the site of the historic old pre-revolutionary works of the Union Iron Company, near High Bridge. In the early days the company had been engaged in manufacturing "charcoal iron," and for a period this same process was used by Mr. Taylor. This was known as Bloomed iron, being made directly from the native ore. These works are now the only ones having the right to manufacture manganese steel in the United States. The business has been enlarged from time to time until it is recognized as being one of the most important plants of the kind in this country. In addition to the car-wheel department an important one is that of the forge, where all kinds of car and locomotive forgings, car axles, etc., are made. From four to five hundred hands are afforded occupation in the various departments of the works. The company was incorporated in 1869, with Mr. Taylor as president, which office he still holds. The plant is situated on the south branch of the Rariton River, at the junction of the High Bridge and Central Railroads of New Jersey. Around and connecting the different shops are nearly four miles of railway.

In company with Edward C. Knight, of Philadelphia, and others, Mr. Taylor became interested in the Delaware & Bound Brook Railroad, in 1873. This road was built under the free

railroad laws of New Jersey, the route selected being nearly the original survey of the National Air Line, which company had commenced the construction of the same, but through lack of the proper organization had failed. When Mr. Taylor took hold of it, its success was assured, and to his energy and capability the people of New Jersey and other states owe the completion of this rival to the New Jersey Railway, controlled by the Pennsylvania Company. In 1873 Mr. Taylor was instrumental in procuring a charter for the construction of a railroad from High Bridge to Chester, N. J., and this branch was afterwards consolidated with the Longwood Valley Railroad. He has not had time in his many financial undertakings to engage actively in politics, but he has been loyal in his allegiance to the Republican party.

The marriage of L. H. Taylor and Jane C. Johnston was solemnized April 5, 1835. She was a daughter of William Johnston, a native of Bloomsbury, Warren County, but who was a business man of Philadelphia the greater part of his life. Of the eight children of our subject five attained maturity. Capt. Archibald S. was the third son of Mr. Taylor and was one of the first to respond to his country's call for aid in the Civil war. He was a private in Duryea's Zouaves until just prior to the battle of Big Bethel, when he was promoted for gallantry to a lieutenantcy, and transferred to the Third Regiment of the First Brigade of New Jersey. Before he was twenty he was commissioned captain and distinguished himself for his soldiery qualities. Death, who "loves a shining mark," sought him out, and sadly finished his glorious career, when he lacked but a month of reaching his majority. He was killed in the second battle of Fredericksburg, near Salem Church. Another gallant hero of the Civil war was Gen. George W. Taylor, a brother of Lewis H., and the one who was his companion on his trip to the gold fields. Gen. George W. Taylor was connected with the United States navy for some time, and then served in the army under Gen. Zachary Taylor all through the war with Mexico. In the

late Civil war he entered the service as colouel of the Third Regiment, First Brigade of New Jersey, was promoted for his bravery and daring to be brigadier-general and was killed at the second battle of Bull Run, where the renowned General Kearny also met death.



**J**OHAN S. HOCKENBURY, proprietor of the Stockton Hotel, in Stockton, Hunterdon County, is one of the best-known citizens of this section. Since purchasing this property he has conducted the hotel with ability. His numerous patrons are always pleased when their business affairs take them to this locality, for the genial courtesy of "mine host" is remembered by the traveling public, and the comforts of home life which they enjoy while here, under his hospitable roof, is a matter of comment among the "knights of the grip."

J. S. Hockenbury was born in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, August 5, 1821, being a son of John and Sarah (Stutton) Hockenbury. They had eight children, five of whom survive. The father was a native of Erwinna, Pa., and was but ten years old when his father died. The latter was a native of Holland, but came to America at an early day. John Hockenbury, Sr., learned the shoemaker's trade from his uncle, with whom he served a seven years' apprenticeship. Later he purchased a small farm and spent a portion of his time in the cultivation of the place, the remainder being occupied with work at his trade. When his boys became of an age to be of assistance to him he bought a larger farm, after which he was exclusively devoted to its management until 1870, when his death took place.

When about twenty years of age the subject of this article found employment in a country store at Croton. In a short time his superior was taken ill and asked young Hockenbury to

take charge of the store, and run it for himself. He allowed him to make an invoice of the stock, payment to be made later. The sick man died the same year, and our subject settled with the executor of his estate, meeting all obligations. For seven years he conducted the business with success, but in 1847 met with a misfortune, as the store, which was not insured, burned down. He pluckily rebuilt and continued business as before until 1850, when he removed to Frenchtown and was there the proprietor of a store for a year.

In 1851 he commenced to sell fruits and vegetables in Flemington, giving about five years to this employment. In 1856 he commenced his career as a hotel keeper, by purchasing the property known as the County-house, which he carried on four years. In 1860 he sold out, and once more turned his attention to merchandising, being situated in Flemington for four years in this enterprise. The next two years he was in New York City, but his speculations there proved disastrous, and he went on the road as a salesman for a wholesale grocery house. In 1871 he took charge of a hotel in Millstone, Somerset County, and was there three years. During the almost quarter of a century of his residence here he has prospered and is numbered among our most enterprising business men. In politics he is a Democrat.

November 25, 1843, the marriage of Mr. Hockenbury and Sarah Rittenhouse was solemnized. Of their eleven children six survive.



**W**ILLIAM W. PURSELL, M. D., is one of the representative physicians and surgeons of Hunterdon County, and for nearly a quarter of a century has been established in practice in the thriving little town of White House. He enjoys a very extended patronage and is constantly being called to distant parts of this and

adjoining townships. Since coming to this place the doctor has been thoroughly identified with her welfare and has been a power for progress in the community. His warm personal friends here are legion, and with all classes he is held in the high esteem which his life of devotion to humanity only justly merits.

The parents of our subject were William and Mary (Hough) Pursell, natives of Hunterdon County, N. J., and Bucks County, Pa., respectively. The father grew to manhood here and then went to Pennsylvania, where he was married and where for some years he was engaged in the lumber trade near Wilkesbarre. W. W. Pursell, of this sketch, was the youngest child and was born in Luzerne County, September 10, 1849. He was given good educational advantages, and graduated from the Normal Institute at Carversville with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences. Having finished his preparatory studies, he became a pupil in Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., in 1871. Before completing the course he determined to enter the medical profession, and, in accordance with that resolve, was enrolled in Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia. In 1874 he was duly graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and was chosen from a large number of students as being especially qualified to serve as resident house physician in Bedford Street Dispensary and Hospital, Philadelphia. While there he obtained valuable information and experience in his future field of effort, and thoroughly demonstrated his ability to cope with the difficult phases of the work.

It was in the fall of 1874 that the doctor decided to locate permanently in White House, and in a very short time he had built up a reputation for skill that time has only confirmed in the minds of the public. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the White House lodge, and is also connected with the Independent Order of Foresters, of White House Station, and is physician to both lodges. His right of franchise he uses in favor of the nominees of the Republican party. Religiously he is a Methodist, being identified with the local

congregation of that denomination. To all public charities in this vicinity he is a sincere friend, giving of his time and means and influence when he deems the said charity worthy of support. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi, of Lafayette College.

In 1877 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Pursell and Miss Emma J. Ditmars, a native of Hunterdon County, and a daughter of Peter and Mary Ditmars, old and prominent citizens of this section of the state. To the union of the doctor and wife four children have been born, viz.: Ethel, Ada M., Don W. J. and Margaret, all living at home.



**E**UGENE HOFFMAN, an energetic and hustling young business man of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, is now serving the people of this locality as assessor, he having been elected to that office in the spring of 1897, for a term of three years. He is a staunch defender of the principles of the Democracy and has been chosen to occupy official positions, such as commissioner and one of the election board, always meeting every requirement of the same to the full satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Hoffman is a native of this county, having been born August 8, 1857. He is the third in order of birth in a family comprising eleven children, one of whom is deceased. The others are named as follows: John A., William T., Elmira, Hannah C., Lydia, Alice R., Annie S., Emma C. and Mary I. The parents are Frederick and Mary A. (Teeter) Hoffman, both natives of Hunterdon County. The father is a shoemaker by trade, and has been engaged in merchandising. His father, William I., was born in this county likewise, and was an extensive farmer.

The youth of our subject was spent upon his father's farm and he determined quite early in life to adopt the same calling as that of most of

his ancestors. He was occupied in agricultural pursuits up to 1895, when he turned his attention to dealing in fertilizers. He is a member of White House Lodge No. 207, I. O. O. F., of White House, N. J., and is vice-grand of the lodge.

The marriage of Mr. Hoffman and Martha J. Welsh was solemnized October 10, 1877. She is a daughter of Morris and Mary (Stillwell) Welsh, all of this county, as was also the grandfather, David Welsh. Mrs. Hoffman has three brothers, David M., Aaron L. and Charles L. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with three children, viz.: Mary L., Anna E. and Ida M., but the latter is deceased. The family are identified with the Reformed Church of White House, and are held in high regard by a large circle of acquaintances and friends.



**P**ORTER C. LITTLE has been engaged in running a coal, grain and fertilizer business in Pittstown, Hunterdon County, for the past seven years. He is in the prime of life and activity and has succeeded in building up an extensive trade in this vicinity. He is a staunch patriot and public-spirited citizen, having inherited from his ancestors high principles of conduct and just regard for the rights of others. Religiously he is a member of the Baptist Church, and by his means and influence strives to promote righteousness and elevate mankind.

A native of Hunterdon County, our subject was born upon a farm about a mile distant from this place, January 21, 1846. He was the second in a family of three children whose parents were Sedgwick and Lucinda (Hoff) Little. The eldest child, Elizabeth, died when about eighteen years old; and George C., the youngest, is a farmer and now owns and cultivates the old family homestead in this township. The father, Sedgwick Little, was born on the same farm in

1812 and followed agricultural pursuits in connection with milling during his whole life-time. He owned a good mill, which he managed for upwards of twenty years. Though a loyal Republican, he was never induced to hold any public office. An earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he died as he had lived, strong in the faith that he had professed for years. His labors ended, he entered into his reward in 1880, when in his sixty-eighth year. His parents were Christy and Rachel (Cook) Little, both likewise natives of this county. The father did arduous work as a patriot in the war of the Revolution; leaving all of his own affairs, and taking his team from home, he carted supplies to the Continental troops for the long period of four years. He was a pensioner of the Revolution for many years, up to the time of his death. The mother of our subject was born in Kingwood Township, this county, and was only thirty-five years old when death claimed her. She was also a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was loved by all who knew her. Her parents were Cornelius and Elizabeth Hoff, of old Hunterdon County families.

When he was nineteen Porter C. Little left the old home where his youth had been spent, and went to New York, where he obtained employment in a store. At the expiration of a year he decided to try his fortune in the west, and in April, 1867, going to Kansas, was occupied in raising stock for some years, after which he was engaged in contracting and building railroads in Kansas, Arkansas and the Indian Territory and also some in Texas. This business consumed two years and more, and, from a financial point of view, he was moderately successful. Afterwards he returned to Kansas for a few months, and in 1874 came back to his old home in this county. Here he carried on a farm for three years, then went to Kansas again, and was for two and a-half years in the stock business there.

In 1879 Mr. Little sold out his interest in the west and upon his return was married and went into partnership with Hiram Deats and Hiram Deats, Jr., in the manufacturing business. At



the close of twelve months he took charge of a farm at Pittstown, which he has since bought and where he now resides. In 1891 he rented the railroad company's coal dumps in Pittstown, and has since given his attention to the coal, grain and fertilizer business.

January 21, 1880, the marriage of Mr. Little and Miss Rebecca Julia Deats was solemnized. She was a daughter of Hiram and Rebecca (Higgins) Deats, and at her death she left one child, Julia May, who died at the age of two years. In November, 1884, Mr. Little was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah Ellen Deats, of this place. They have two children by this marriage, Daniel Frederick, born October 10, 1885, and Julia Maud, born November 14, 1887.



**J**EROME EMMONS, deceased, formerly a respected resident of New Germantown, Hunterdon County, was summoned to his reward June 16, 1896. Though his pathway through life was quiet and unassuming, he was ever conscientious and faithful in the discharge of the least as well as the greatest of his duties and left a name of blameless integrity. He was noted among his associates as a man of absolute integrity and justice in his dealings with all, and his memory is kindly cherished in scores of hearts whom he had endeared himself to by his manly virtues.

A son of Garrett Lowe and Ann (Henry) Emmons, our subject was born in this county in 1820. The father was a blacksmith by occupation, a hard-working and honest man, but one who had not the means to educate his children as he would have liked. He died November 26, 1858, and his wife survived him but a short time, dying July 3, 1860. They were both about sixty-five years of age at the time of their demise.

Jerome Emmons was mainly self-educated, as

he did not have the opportunities that fall to nearly every child in this day. He was naturally quick to learn, however, and was a man of good information on current topics, as he kept well posted on events transpiring in the busy world, and his habit of keen observation and the experience derived from friction in business made him appear the equal of others who had had much better advantages. He was employed by the late Hiram Deats, of Flemington, for upwards of twenty years, giving complete satisfaction, and winning an enviable name for honesty, punctuality and reliability. He was very prudent and careful of his earnings, and from time to time made judicious investments of his means. Thus he was enabled to settle down in peaceful enjoyment of his competence much sooner than he could otherwise have done. He established a home in New Germantown in the year 1884, and within its comfortable confines his widow is still living. He was never a politician, but was faithful in his duty as a voter, giving his ballot to the nominees of the Democracy. For a period he acted in the capacity of township commissioner, and was commended by all concerned for his prompt and zealous work as such. By his own request his remains were placed in the Baptist cemetery at Clinton.

March 26, 1885, Mr. Emmons married Eliza C. Stiger, of Lebanon Township, this county. Her father, John Stiger, was a farmer of Clinton Township. From her mother's side of the family she inherited a comfortable fortune, and is quite a business woman, looking after her financial affairs herself. Besides the pretty home in which she resides, she has the income of a place in Potterstown, and owns a fine farm of ninety-two acres near Califon. This land is especially adapted to the growing of grain and fruit, and is a valuable homestead. Mrs. Emmons has undertaken the bringing up of a bright and promising boy to whom her husband had become attached, and is giving him a good education. She retains her membership in the Baptist Church of Clinton, where she formerly attended, and aids not only in its maintenance, but also in that of the



Lutheran Church of New Germantown, which she usually attends. She is loved and respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, here and elsewhere.



**G**EORGE B. SMITH is a member of the firm of Smith & Hawk, who carry on a general merchandising business in the town of Clinton, Hunterdon County. He is also the owner of a valuable farm situated within the corporate limits of the town, and of late years he has been quite extensively interested in dairying, supplying the townspeople with milk from his farm. He has taken a very active part in the various affairs of moment in this locality, and is at present a member of the town council, now serving his second term in this position. He was commissioner of streets for the borough of Clinton for a period, and under his jurisdiction the highways were materially improved. In national affairs he is an ardent supporter of the platform and nominees of the Republican party, as he is an earnest believer in its far-reaching and wise policy for the American people.

David B. Smith, the father of the above, is still living, as he has done for many years, upon his well-improved farm in Readington Township, Hunterdon County. His father before him, John Smith, was likewise an agriculturist. The father of our subject chose for his companion and help-mate along the journey of life Phoebe S. Johnson, who, like himself, was born and brought up in this county. Their marriage was blessed by the birth of seven children, all of whom survive to this time, and are as follows: David S., a resident of Warren County; George B.; Carrie; William H., a farmer of Warren County; Annie, who is married and lives in Elizabeth; Cyrus, a resident of Clinton Township; and Marcus, twin-brother of Cyrus, still on the home farm with his father.

George B. Smith was born near Pleasant Run, Readington Township, August 24, 1864. He attended the district schools and left home when about fourteen to seek his own livelihood, working upon various farms until four years or more had rolled away. He then went to Lincoln, Ill., where he commenced learning telegraphy in the office of the Western Union. He continued at this employment for two and a-half years, then returning to his native state. He rented a farm near Clinton, and gave his chief energies to agriculture until, in 1893, he purchased the property, a tract of eighty acres, on which he dwells to-day. February 20, 1896, he entered into partnership with John M. Hawk, and together they started in business in Clinton, and have done very well. They have a well-selected stock of dry goods and notions, at differing prices and qualities, suitable to the widely varied demands of the trade. Formerly Mr. Smith was a member of Lodge No. 185, I. O. O. F., was past grand and represented his lodge in the grand lodge of the state. Owing to the many and varied cares that his business interests lay upon him, he has dropped his fraternal relations for the time being.

December 10, 1891, the marriage of Mr. Smith and Mamie C. Stout was solemnized. She is a daughter of George A. Stout, of Clinton Township, and is a lady of most pleasing personality and attainments.



**S**IMEON P. STRYKER. Among the farmers and business men of Hunterdon County this gentleman holds a position of prominence and influence. The greater part of his active life has been spent at his present place of residence in Kingwood Township. Coming here in 1856 he settled in the village of Tumble, where he built a saw and lumber mill and this he has since operated. In 1887 he added a grist mill. In ad-

dition he is the owner of a well-improved farm consisting of one hundred acres and bearing excellent improvements. His present prosperity is especially commendable because it is entirely the result of his personal efforts, for he started out for himself without capital and was obliged to work his way forward unaided by wealthy friends or extraneous circumstances.

The son of Minicus and Isabella Stryker, our subject was born in Somerset County, N. J., in 1828. When he was five years old his mother died and four years later he was wholly orphaned by the death of his father. Deprived of the affection and oversight of his parents, the youth had few pleasures or opportunities. He was bound out to a farmer, but at the age of fifteen was made an apprentice to the millwright's trade, at which he served for five years. Afterward he followed his trade for thirteen years in the employ of others, and carefully hoarded his earnings in order that he might have the necessary capital for starting in business. He is a keen and capable business man, quick to see an opportunity and equally quick to grasp it. As a member of the Democratic party he is active in politics. For four terms he served as committeeman and as surveyor of highways. He is a member of the Grange and interested in everything that is conducive to the prosperity of the farmers of this section.

By the marriage of Mr. Stryker to Miss Eliza, daughter of John Parker, four children were born, two daughters, both of whom are married, and two sons. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.



**J**OHAN NEWTON LOWE, M. D. The medical profession is one that in all ages and localities has called to its practice men of superior intelligence and depth of character. None else can succeed, for the profession demands

men of brains and untiring perseverance. One of the well-known physicians of Milford is the subject of this article, who has had many years of experience in practice and has gained a thorough theoretical and practical knowledge of its every department and phase. For some years after entering upon the profession he followed the regular school in his practice, but succeeding years of investigation and study led him to alter his views and to abandon the old school for the new, which he now practices.

The office of Dr. Lowe is located at his home on North Main street. He settled in Milford April 1, 1870, coming here from Titusville, Mercer County, N. J., where he had practiced for several years. After graduating from the medical department of the University of New York in 1862 he followed the school of allopathy until 1865, since which time he has been a homeopathist. He has been highly successful and ranks among the foremost in his profession in the county of Hunterdon, which has been his life-long home. A man of broad education, cultured and well informed, he has the regard of all with whom professional or social relations have brought him into contact.

Dr. Lowe's father, John J. Lowe, was a leading farmer of his day in Hunterdon County. Interested in public affairs, he was a man of influence among his neighbors. In 1830 he took the first census ever taken in the northern part of the county. He was especially devoted to religious work and was an earnest member of the Reformed Dutch Church. When in life's prime, at the age of forty, he was called from earth. The family of which he was a member dates back several generations in Hunterdon County, where his father, John Lowe, was born and where he died at eighty years of age. The mother of our subject was Catherine Conovers, daughter of Garrett and Margaret (Reger) Conovers, and an active member of the Reformed Church. In her family there were eleven children and of these the doctor was seventh in order of birth.

Dr. Lowe has been for many years a valued member of various homeopathic medical associa-

tions and societies, among them the American Institute of Homeopathy, the International Hahnemannian Association, the New Jersey State Homeopathic Medical Society and the Lehigh Valley Homeopathic Medical Society. To all of these he has contributed valuable papers, treating of materia medica, therapeutics, clinical medicine, homeopathic philosophy, the collateral sciences, etc., many of which may be found published in the past annual transactions of these medical societies. His attitude toward his brethren, of his own and other schools in the profession of medicine, is kindly and liberal. While in ethical observance, personally considered, he is altruistic, yet he is a strong believer in and a faithful adherent of the practical philosophy and the true principles of representative, homeopathic practice in medicine.



**J**OHN R. CARR, an honored old citizen of Hackettstown, has long been numbered among the representative men of Warren County. His history is particularly interesting and instructive, and should prove an incentive to greater effort and more determined and persevering toil on the part of ambitious young men of this generation. From a condition of poverty and obscurity he rose by his inherent strength of character and diligence in business to a place of influence and respect in the community, to a comfortable fortune, with the refinements and luxuries of life which it commands.

A son of Philip and Elizabeth (Taylor) Carr, natives of New Jersey, our subject was born in the city of Newark, November 13, 1816, and is therefore now well along in years, though he still possesses much of the fire and activity of his prime. He had very meagre advantages in an educational way, as he attended the district schools but a few months each year until he was about twelve years of age. At that time he took

a position as a clerk and errand boy in a grocery, receiving but little besides his board up to his sixteenth year. Then he concluded to learn a trade, and apprenticed himself to a harness and saddle-maker in Newark, N. J., for the long period of six years. By working hard nights and over time he at last managed to save about \$300 and thus realized thoroughly the truth of that saying of one of America's rich men that "the first \$100 is the hardest to gain."

September 5, 1839, John R. Carr married Mary Matilda Fleming, by whom he had one child, James Smith Carr, born August 26, 1843. The wife and mother died the following day; the son died October 11, 1878. August 31, 1844, Mr. Carr married again, his second wife being Eliza Ellen Fleming, a distant relative of his first wife. By this marriage he had four children, namely: David Thurston, born June 26, 1846, died February 20, 1847; Anna Aurelia, born June 19, 1849, now the wife of John H. Sharp and mother of one child, John; Ella Amelia, born October 20, 1857, and October 19, 1882, was married to John H. Vescelius, by whom she had three children; and Catherine Adelia, born December 3, 1860, now the wife of Alden E. Martin, M. D., by whom she has four children.

On coming to this county our subject entered into partnership with Abraham Morgan in the foundry business in the town of Washington. At the expiration of three years he severed his connection with his partner, and going to Vienna, N. J., re-embarked in the same business with Harvey Fleming. The following twenty-three years he prospered and added each year somewhat to his accumulating fortune, though at times he met with reverses, such as come to all. He dissolved his connection with his partner about 1865 and carried on the business alone for a time. About 1867 he retired and came to Hackettstown, being at that time worth \$12,000 or thereabouts.

For a year or so he lived quietly here, recuperating in mind and body, and then he decided to again engage in business. During the next four years he sold mowers and reapers, and then was

for three years a bookkeeper in a lumber yard here. After another interval of rest from his labors, he started in the lumber business here with John H. Sharp, but after four years the partnership was dissolved and he carried on the business alone for about three years. He conducted the same very successfully until he sold out and permanently retired from the world of commerce. He was the president of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Warren County for a number of years, and keeps up his interest in everything that relates to the progress of this place. In 1882 he was elected tax collector and has filled the office up to the date of this writing (1898), and in April of this year he was elected for a further term of three years. In addition to this he was for a quarter of a century a justice of the peace here. He has met all the requirements of these positions, and has won an enviable reputation for fidelity to the least as well as the greatest of his duties. His right of franchise he has always used in favor of the nominees of the Democratic party.



**W**ALTER S. FREEMAN, proprietor of a fine drug store in Phillipsburg, Warren County, is thoroughly master of the drug business, and is a practical man of affairs. He is public-spirited and takes much interest in whatever he believes will benefit the town in which he resides, and is popular with all who know him. He is independent in his political convictions, rather leaning toward the Democratic party platform, but preferring not to be bound by party ties. Though he has been offered the nomination for several local offices, he declined the honor, as he is not at all desirous of holding public positions.

Dr. George W. Freeman, father of our subject, was an active practitioner in the village of Freemansburg, Northampton County, Pa., for forty years or more, and died in May, 1898, aged sixty-

six years. He was educated in Easton, graduating from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania about 1855. He studied under his uncle, Dr. C. C. Field, a celebrated surgeon of Easton. In Freemansburg, his native place, which was founded and named after his paternal grandfather (a native of Scotland, and a large land-holder in Freemansburg, many years ago), he was one of the most prominent citizens, and was frequently called upon to accept public offices of responsibility and trust. For fifteen years he was the burgess or mayor of the town, and for a long period was an elder in the Reformed Church there. His wife, Matilda M., is a daughter of Major Seip, at one time a very influential personage in Easton. Mrs. Freeman is still living and is sixty-two years of age. Of her four children all but one survive. The eldest, E. J., is a successful physician of Freemansburg, and Mary, the only daughter, is the wife of George W. Bachman, a prosperous business man of the same place.

Walter S. Freeman was born in Freemansburg, November 30, 1859, and after completing his public-school education entered Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, Pa., graduating therefrom in 1878. Then, with two hundred and twelve other applicants, he competed in an examination for a position in the drug store of Joseph P. Remington, who was a professor in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and whose drug establishment was the finest one in the Quaker city, it being situated on the corner of Walnut and Thirteenth streets. His clerks were selected with great care, and were generally made assistant professors in the college before alluded to, and thus it was a substantial honor when the young man of whom we write was the one chosen to fill the vacant position, which he did acceptably for six months. At the end of that time he was unfortunately taken ill, and was obliged to give up his place. Later he was a clerk in a drug store in Bethlehem, Pa., for about two years. After that he went to Philadelphia, and accepted a position in the wholesale drug house of Smith, Kline & Co., taking charge of their sundries department. At the same time he was preparing himself for a

wider field of enterprise by attending lectures at the College of Pharmacy, from which institution he graduated in 1882. Soon after that event he came to his present place of business, and after working for the former owner, Dr. Lee, for about a year, purchased the establishment, which he has carried on ever since.

February 28, 1883, Mr. Freeman married Jane P., daughter of John J. Unangst, ex-treasurer of Northampton County, Pa., and a director in a bank and other enterprises. Four children have been born to our subject and wife, named respectively: Eugene W., Mabel M., Edith J. and George P. Fraternally Mr. Freeman is a Mason, belonging to Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M. He is also a Knight of Pythias and is identified with the Royal Arcanum and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.



**G**EORGE W. RACE. Identified with the farming interests of Hunterdon County throughout almost his entire active life, Mr. Race has gained a large acquaintance among the residents of the county and is especially prominent in Franklin Township, where he owns and operates a farm. He is a son of Halloway H. and Charlotta (Seabold) Race.

In Franklin Township, where he was born in 1836, the boyhood days of the subject of this sketch were passed, his time being given to school duties, farm work and the usual sports of boyhood. Trained to agriculture, he naturally chose this as his life occupation and his subsequent success shows that he did not err in his choice. In early manhood, with a desire to see the west, he went to Ohio and Iowa, where he was employed on farms for a year. However, he did not consider those states as superior to New Jersey in farming facilities and opportunities, and he therefore returned to his native

place, where he has since resided. During the late war he enlisted in Company D, Thirtieth New Jersey Infantry, in which he served for nine months and was then honorably discharged.

On returning from the war, Mr. Race made his home with a brother for some time, meanwhile carrying on farm work. Forming a partnership with his brother, Jacob S., they purchased the farm where they have ever since resided, engaging in the raising of cereals and stock. Our subject's attention has been given closely to his chosen occupation, and he has had little desire to mingle in public affairs. However, he keeps himself posted concerning politics. Fraternally he is connected with the local lodge of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all of the chairs and is past grand. His family are Methodists and he himself favors the doctrines of that denomination, to which he contributes generously. February 2, 1867, he was united in marriage with Susan Hibler, daughter of William and Ellen Hibler, and they are the parents of one child, a son, William H.



**C**HARLES F. ADAMS, one of the progressive young citizens of Junction, Hunterdon County, is employed as an engineer on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, with which company his father has been also connected in the same capacity for forty-five years. In 1892 he erected his pretty and well-appointed home in this town, and here he takes his chief pleasure, surrounded by his loving family. He is faithful and conscientious in the discharge of every duty devolving upon him, and is honored and respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Charles F. Adams was born August 10, 1863, in Junction, N. J., being a son of Ohio W. and

Laura A. (Harding) Adams. He was reared under the constant love and care of his parents and completed his education with a mechanical course at the John I. Blair Academy at Blirstown, N. J. When he was nineteen, April 13, 1882, he took a position with the company which has since employed him, as a fireman under his uncle, Frank Adams. He remained in that capacity until June 1, 1884, when he became fireman with Thomas Toomy on a passenger engine, running to Binghamton, N. Y. October 14, 1886, he was promoted to be engineer of the same engine, Carbon No. 16, his run being between Junction and Pocano Summit. He continued to make this trip for four years and a day, when he was placed in charge of engine No. 187, following in the footsteps of Mr. Toomy. A month later he was given express train No. 11, from Binghamton to Junction, and the Buffalo passenger No. 10 back. This was on December 2, 1890, and he has since made this run.

May 19, 1891, Mr. Adams met with a severe stroke of ill luck. Going north from Scranton to Binghamton, near Chinchilla, he suddenly discovered a freight car across the track, so close that he had but time to draw a long breath, before the collision came. He was on engine No. 158, the one his father had run for nine years, and though it was badly damaged, it was repaired and is still doing duty. Fortunately none of the passengers in the three coaches were injured, the worst hurt being the baggageman, who did not recover from the injuries he sustained. No blame, of course, could be attached to Mr. Adams. His present engine is the W. S. Sloan, No. 188, named in honor of the son of Vice-President Sloan of the railroad. He leaves Junction at 10:20 P. M., arriving in Binghamton at 2:40 A. M.; leaves there at 11:45 P. M., reaching Junction at 4:30 A. M. He is past chief of Garrett Bogart Division No. 337, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of Junction, and has filled various offices in the same. Since April, 1894, he has been second engineer of the division, and is insurance agent of it as well. He also belongs to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Mutual

Aid Organization, and he is resident trustee of the Republic Savings and Loan Association of Newark, N. J. He was elected to the town council of Junction in 1898. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, being identified with Lebanon Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M., of Glen Gardner. He uses his ballot in favor of Republican principles and is active in the promotion of all local enterprises of merit.

May 6, 1886, Mr. Adams married Carrie, daughter of Peter and Eliza (Wagner) Bowlby. The father has been with the Central Railroad shops here for many years, and is a valuable man to the company. To our subject and his estimable wife two bright little daughters have been born, Verna A. and Ruby G.



**R**OBERT LINDSLEY, deceased, was long numbered among the representative citizens of Readington Township, Hunterdon County. For over forty years he and his faithful and affectionate wife shared each other's joys and sorrows, were strengthened and comforted by each other's society and together bravely met such reverses as come into the lot of every one, sooner or later. Now, in loneliness, his widow quietly awaits the summons that shall reunite them, and in the meantime treasures the memory of the past, the memory of her husband's care, love and constant watchfulness after her comfort. His was a busy, useful life, fraught with a thousand acts of kindness and genuine brotherly love to those with whom he came into contact, and by one and all he is held in fond remembrance.

A son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Connet) Lindsley, our subject was born in Hunterdon County, August 12, 1824, being the fifth in a family of seven children. Of the others, Phoebe, Harriet, Joseph, Lucy, John and Mary, but one, Joseph, is now living. The parents were both born and reared in Morris County, and the father

was a farmer by occupation. Therefore the boyhood of our subject was passed in the country, where he early became thoroughly familiar with all kinds of work pertaining to a farm. He learned the carpenter's trade, and followed that occupation chiefly during the rest of his life with very good success. He was always interested in all local improvements and in politics was a Republican. He died October 30, 1891, at the age of sixty-seven years.

November 20, 1850, Mr. Lindsley married Eliza A. Reed, who was born in this township in the house where she is now living. She is a daughter of Ralph and Christiana (Eversole) Reed, who were from old and highly respected families of this district. The father was a soldier of the War of 1812. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley, viz.: Sylvester L., Joseph H., Frank W. and Anna M. (deceased.) Mrs. Lindsley is a member of the Reformed Church of White House.



**S**AMUEL M. RITTENHOUSE, of Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, was born in 1840 upon the farm where he now resides. He is a son of Nathaniel Rittenhouse, also a native of Kingwood, and, with the exception of a few years spent in Alexander, a life-long resident of this township. The occupation which he followed was that of a farmer and in it he met with considerable success, becoming known as one of the leading agriculturists of his community. As a Democrat he took an active part in public affairs, always supporting the principles for which his party stood. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and contributed to the work of his denomination. His death occurred in 1872. He was a son of Nathaniel Rittenhouse, Sr., also a native of Hunterdon County, and one of the largest farmers of his day and locality.

The mother of our subject was Sarah Taylor, a sister of Capt. A. S. Taylor, whose sketch is presented upon another page of this volume. Like her husband, she affiliated with the Methodists in religion. She attained a very advanced age and at the time of her death lacked only four years of rounding out a full century. Of her nine children six are living, namely: Elizabeth, wife of Samuel S. Shuster; Mahlon, a resident of Everittstown, Hunterdon County; Ruth and Catherine, twins; Samuel M., of this sketch; and Levina, wife of William Clayton.

On the farm where he was born our subject is engaged in the dairy business and general farm pursuits. The place comprises one hundred acres, divided into fields of convenient size for the pasturage of stock and raising of grain. Since it has come into his possession he has made a number of improvements in the buildings and has placed the land under excellent cultivation. His attention has been closely given to farm work and he has had little time for outside matters, though he always maintains an interest in public affairs and in politics supports the Democratic party. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member.

In 1869 Mr. Rittenhouse was united in marriage with Miss Eliza A. Manning, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Worthington) Manning. The three children born to their union are named as follows: William T., who resides at Mount Pleasant; Albert W.; and Bertha M., who is a very successful dressmaker.



**E**DWARD M. HEATH, now a resident of Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, has been numbered among the leading educators of this section of New Jersey for many decades, and has given the best of his life to the great work of instructing the young. His wide experience and general efficiency led to his being

elected superintendent of the schools of this county in 1888, for a term of three years, and upon the expiration of that period he was re-elected for another term of like duration, and then for one year more. In politics a Democrat, he has been called upon to hold official positions by his party friends, and was clerk of Delaware Township for nine years; clerk of the board of freeholders three years and justice of the peace six years, and in every case gave complete satisfaction to all concerned.

The birth of Edward M. Heath took place in Kingwood Township, this county, May 24, 1837. His childhood was passed upon a farm, and his elementary education acquired in the local school. While but half way through his teens he obtained a school in his home neighborhood, and taught there for two terms with fair success. He then entered Madison University in New York state, being only seventeen at that time, and remained in that institution four terms. Returning to his native county, he conducted a school in Kingwood Township one term and then went to Darke County, Ohio, where he had charge of a school for two terms. Again returning to his native county, he took charge of a school at Locktown, where he taught for twenty-eight successive years. The measure of his success is clearly shown in the prominence his pupils have taken in the various walks of life. Since 1895, when he vacated the office of county superintendent, he has been living quietly upon a good farm of seventy acres which he purchased in Delaware Township. The personal worth and popularity of our subject were manifested when his pupils presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane upon his being appointed to the superintendency, and upon his leaving that office the teachers of the county made him a present of a fine solid gold watch.

In 1858 Mr. Heath married Miss Annie B. Trout, daughter of Asher Trout. The only child of this union is Robert, who married Lizzie Rupell, and resides on the farm with our subject at present. Edward M. Heath has long been identified with the Christian Church of Lock-

town, and is actively interested in religious growth and prosperity. In the Hunterdon County Historical Society he is a valued member and is, moreover, connected with the State Historical Society and with the Patrons of Husbandry.



**JOHN K. THOMPSON.** For the past nine years this respected citizen of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, has been engaged in running a general store at Pleasant Run. August 12, 1889, he received the appointment of postmaster of this village and has since held the position to the full satisfaction of all concerned. He is staunch in his allegiance to the principles of the Republican party, with which organization he has been identified since he became a voter. In a business way he is doing well, and by his correct methods, unflinching courtesy to customers and desire to meet their wishes, he merits the large and increasing trade which he enjoys.

The next to the youngest in a family of seven children of Aaron and Maria (Schomp) Thompson, John K. was born August 25, 1857. His brothers and sisters were as follows: Charity S., Elizabeth A., Sophia, Lanah K., David S. and Ina. The eldest, Charity S., David S. and Ina are all deceased. The parents were both natives of Readington Township, and were farmers by occupation. The father was also interested in a mercantile undertaking for a period. Both the Thompson and Schomp families have been numbered among the leading ones of this section of the country for several generations, and have been noted for reliability, industry and patriotism.

The early years of our subject were passed uneventfully upon the old homestead, where he became perfectly familiar with all kinds of farm work. Like most of the boys of his neighborhood his education was confined to such as was to be obtained in the district school, and with this as a basis he has since added much information, the







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result of observation and reading. Up to a few years ago he gave his whole time and energies to farming, and has since devoted himself to the management of his store.

October 19, 1880, Mr. Thompson married Mattie E. Dilts, whose girlhood was spent in Somerset County, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Reformed Church of Readington, and are actively interested in various kinds of religious and charitable endeavor.



**L**EWIS MARSHALL TEEL. We take great pleasure in presenting to the patrons of this work a history of the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this article. From the position of a poor lad he rose by his own indomitable energy and well-applied talents to a place of influence and respect in the community where he resided from 1852 until his death, on January 23, 1898. His example is one that might well be followed by ambitious young men of the rising generation. For himself he found no royal road to fortune, his only watchword being work. Having recognized work as the foundation principle of success, he spared himself no reasonable amount of labor during his prime, and in his last days he was able to look back with just pride upon a well-spent and useful life. He did not strive solely for his own aggrandizement, but gladly extended a helping hand to those who needed such assistance and has been very liberal in his donations to charitable and religious work.

A native of Blairstown, N. J., Mr. Teel was born August 14, 1829, a son of Lewis and Sarah (Silverthorn) Teel. His father, who was a lifelong agriculturist, died in 1843; his grandfather, a native of Holland, emigrated to America and settled in Bucks County, Pa. Mrs. Sarah Teel was also of Dutch descent, and her death occurred in 1858. Of her eleven children four survive, viz.: Edmund, a resident of Trenton, N. J.;

Chester L., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Andrew P., of Minneapolis; and Sarah, wife of George Wilson, of Pennsylvania.

Among other disadvantages with which our subject had to contend was that of a meagre education. He was but twelve years of age when he took the position of clerk in the store of his uncle, Henry Teel, at Harmony, Warren County, and with him he remained for six years. Then, going to Washington, he clerked until 1852, when he came to Phillipsburg. For a time he worked in the store of a Mr. Long and in 1859 embarked in the coal business on his own account. Six years later he became interested in the lumber and hardware business, also began taking contracts for the building of houses and other structures. A large proportion of the residences in the town were put up by him, and at the time of his death he had the contract for much of the work in the new glass factories here. He helped to organize the Phillipsburg board of trade, of which he was president for eight years. The Standard silk mills, where about nine hundred hands are employed, were secured for this place largely through his efforts. Later he assisted in organizing the Phillipsburg silk mill, of which he was a director and the president at the time of his death. For thirty-one years he was agent for insurance companies here.

Under Lincoln's administration Mr. Teel was postmaster of Phillipsburg. In 1856 he organized the Republican party in this locality and ever afterward spent time and money in promoting the party welfare. In 1863 he joined the Masonic order, being connected with Delaware Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M., at the time of his death. He was also one of the oldest members of Victory Council, Order United American Mechanics. For forty years he was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Phillipsburg, which he assisted in organizing, being one of the original trustees thereof.

The first wife of Mr. Teel was Eliza C., daughter of John Kline. She died in 1864, and of the five children born of the marriage the following survive: Jessie Benton, wife of John I. Blair

Reiley, a counsellor-at-law of Phillipsburg; Elizabeth M., widow of Joseph V. Hoffman, of Phillipsburg; and Carrie H., wife of Charles S. Jones, a patent attorney of New York City. November 18, 1867, Mr. Teel married Emma, daughter of Thomas Rogers, of North Wales, Pa.; she is now living with her only child, Nellie S., who is the wife of Benjamin Crane, an active business man of Washington, D. C.



**TERRY M. A'HERON, M. D.** This worthy physician and surgeon of Junction, Hunterdon County, enjoys a reputation for skill and competence in his profession that is not merely local, but is more nearly national. He is very frequently called into consultation in cases of unusual delicacy and importance, to distant states and counties, and has met with almost phenomenal success. His favorite field is that of surgery, in which he excels, and for sixteen years he has been employed in this capacity by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. His record while with this corporation has been a matter of note, for of the sixty odd cases that have been referred to him for surgical operations, only one of them terminated fatally, that one having been previously acted upon by another surgeon.

As his name indicates, the doctor is a native of Ireland, and comes from one of the old and illustrious families of Barrymore, County Cork. His father, Dennis A'Heron, was a landed proprietor, and his mother was Hanora Mahoney in her girlhood, she being a sister of the Very Rev. Dean O'Mahoney and of Rev. Philip O'Mahoney. Terry M., of this sketch, is one of six children. His brother, John, was inspector-general of Queensland at the time of his death, in 1896. Another brother is inspector-general of her royal majesty's constabulary force in Dublin, and is

also inspector-general of the Dublin district; William, who was a gentleman of means and leisure, is deceased.

Referring to the death of our subject's brother, John A'Heron, a leading Irish paper said, under the heading of "A Distinguished Corkman:" "Travelers going to Middletown from Michaelstown by way of Glanworth, Fermoy and Castlelyons will pass through scenery unequaled in Europe. All this strip of country is dotted with ruins of old castles or ivy-clad abbeys and deserted cloisters, which speak of a people and faith that survive all time and ruins. How often has the writer gazed on those ruins with the moss-grown corridors and delicately chiseled windows that have withstood the storms of man and heaven for centuries. If you turn aside to some farmhouse you will find the man who occupies it is an A'Heron, and if you go on a little further, passing this belt of country, and inquire at some other place you will find the same surname. The fact is the country has been for centuries the cherished home of the clan of A'Heron. For many generations during the wars of the invaders they held this land, and although Cromwell visited them they still held their own." The castle A'Heron was built in the eleventh century, and was one of the last to capitulate to the army of Cromwell. The Cork *Examiner* of April 13, 1881, in commenting upon the death of Dean O'Mahoney, spoke of the family as being of "old sturdy Catholic stock that in the past days had given children to the church and patriots to the scaffold."

Dr. T. M. A'Heron received a good general education, and studied medicine in some of the noted institutions of Europe and America. He was in the medical department of Yale College for three years, and took a post-graduate course in New York City. For a period he was connected with the staff of the Coombe Hospital in Dublin, and made a special study of the diseases of the eye and ear in St. Mark's Ophthalmic Hospital in Dublin.

In the rising of 1866 the doctor was arrested for treason and was imprisoned for eleven months,

in consequence of which he came to America as soon as he was released. In 1874 he returned to Europe on a visit, and again in 1893 returned to the scenes of his youth for a brief time. This last trip was largely made in the interests of his professional work, for he went into many of the most celebrated hospitals in France, Germany and Ireland, observing the workings of their various systems, and gathering a valuable fund of information. He owns a comfortable home in the town of Junction, where he has made his headquarters since 1874. Prior to this he had been engaged in practice in New York City. He has built up a very extensive and lucrative practice, and has invested considerable in real estate, owning land in Jersey City and elsewhere, and having other investments in railroad stock. He is independent in his political attitude, but is a firm believer in the principle of protection for American industries. He is an entertaining conversationalist, as he has a fine command of language, and possesses much of the native wit and shrewdness that are usually accorded to the sons of Erin.

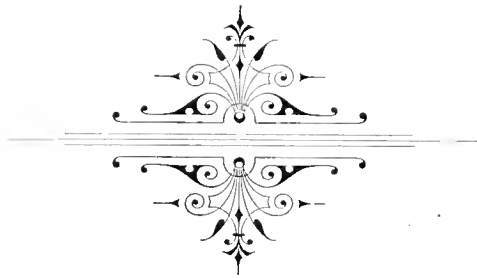


**B**ENJAMIN C. BIRD. Born, married, died, such is the brief record of most lives, but between the first and the last of these words that represent so much of the history of an individual lie the differing motives, circumstances and characteristics that go toward making up the grand total of a personality. Back of each one of us lies ancestry and heredity, before us and around us, environment and daily struggle, and the manner in which we meet these grave problems is the measure of our true selves. The subject of this biography was a native of Hunterdon County, his birth having taken place on the old family homestead in Union Township. For a number of generations the Birds have been prominent in the upbuilding and development of this region, and have been noted for industry, uprightness and fairness in all their transactions with their

fellow-men. The parents of our subject were Joseph and Elizabeth (Dilts) Bird, the latter likewise of an old and representative family in these parts.

Like his scriptural namesake, Benjamin C. Bird was the youngest of a large family, as, in fact, he had sixteen brothers and sisters. He was not given unusual advantages in the way of an education, for that very reason, as so many mouths to feed made it necessary that each child should early find a way of earning its own livelihood. He was bright and enterprising, and from his boyhood seemed planned to follow an agricultural life, for he was a sincere lover of nature and cared not at all for city life. He settled upon a farm when he reached his majority, cleared and cultivated the place, and made substantial and valuable improvements. He was not a politician nor desirous of holding public office, but attended strictly to his own business, finding his chief pleasure in the home circle. His ballot was always deposited in favor of the nominees of the Republican party, and, in the midst of his other cares, he never neglected his duty as a citizen. Religiously he was a Presbyterian, belonged to the church and aided materially in its support. He died as he had lived, strong in the Christian faith.

In 1848 Mr. Bird married Sarah L. Bonnell, daughter of Charles F. and Deborah (Leigh) Bonnell, old and respected citizens of this county. Of the five brothers and sisters of Mrs. Bird, not one survives. They were named, Eliza A., Anna L., Samuel L., Alexander B. and Ichabod L. To Mr. and Mrs. Bird ten children were born, four of the number having been summoned to the better land. Alexander B. is a respected citizen of Jutland, N. J.; Emma is the wife of William H. Hoffman, of Lebanon, N. J.; Isabel B. is the wife of William B. Haven, also a resident of Lebanon; Annie is Mrs. Walter Altimus, of Louisiana; Sadie D. married James R. Neal, of Plainfield, N. J.; and Carrie D. is living with her mother. They are both members of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church of this place and are loved and respected by a large circle of sincere friends and acquaintances.



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