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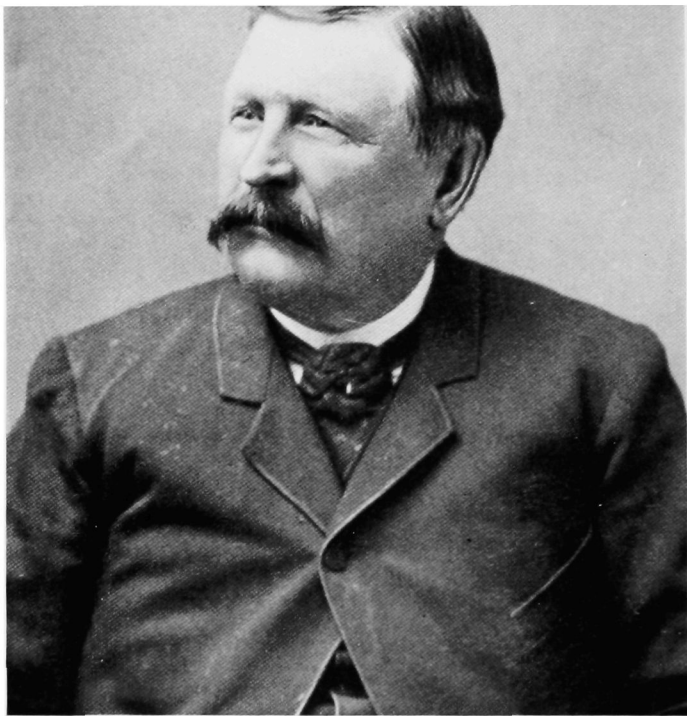
## PREFACE.

**I**N all this wide earth there is nothing else so interesting and important as human life; and the history of individual lives is recognized as, at its best, one of the most attractive and valuable forms of literature. It behooves every generation to write its own records, to leave behind its own memorials. The present volume of local biographies, carefully prepared from materials furnished by the patrons of the work, is issued by the publishers in the confident hope that it will prove satisfactory as the fulfilment of promise and a work of permanent value. These pages treat of earnest toilers of to-day and of yesterday, workers with hand and brain, who have been largely instrumental in the industrial, social, and political development of Oxford and Franklin Counties — men and women who, taking life in “earnest, have made “footprints on the sands of time.” The conquests here recited are of mind over matter and circumstance.

To preserve the memory of local worthies, as well as of national celebrities, is to foster home ties, local attachments, and patriotism, and to encourage good citizenship. Furthermore, to borrow the words of an eminent speaker, “Whatever fame great achievements may bestow, whatever honors the world may give, it is ever the most cherished hope of every seeker after fame and fortune to be kindly remembered and lovingly honored on the spot which gave him birth.”

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HERRICK C. DAVIS.

## BIOGRAPHICAL.

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ON. HERRICK C. DAVIS, attorney-at-law and Judge of the Municipal Court of Norway, Oxford County, Me., was born in the neighboring town of Woodstock, on November 5, 1833, a son of Benjamin and Ruhamah (Chase) Davis, and is a representative of the third generation of his family in this vicinity.

His paternal grandfather, Aaron Davis, came from Salem, Mass., to Poland, Me., Androscoggin County, and there bought and cleared a tract of land, but subsequently removed to Woodstock, where he was one of the most energetic and progressive men of his day and the owner of four hundred acres. He had previously served as a private during the Revolutionary War. His wife was Thankful, a daughter of Stephen Strout, a farmer who lived and died in Penobscot County. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Davis had eleven children— Hannah, Aaron, Thankful, Sally, Polly, Phœbe, Benjamin, Eliphalet, Eliza, Nehemiah, and Julia. Grandfather Davis lived to the age of eighty-two, but his wife died younger.

Benjamin Davis, son of Aaron, was an extensive land-owner in Woodstock, and cleared his own farm. In politics he was at first a Democrat, but he affiliated with the Republicans after the formation of that party. He was prominent in town affairs, efficiently serving in different offices, including that of Selectman. He married Ruhamah Chase, daughter of the Rev. Stephen Chase, a Baptist minister who was the first Town Clerk of Woodstock, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Richard L., who died at the age of nine years; Emeline; Herrick C.; Benjamin;

Stephen; Ruhamah; Nehemiah; Cyrus; Emma J.; and Henry. The parents gave their spiritual influence and material aid to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Herrick C. Davis, after obtaining his common-school education in Woodstock, pursued a course of study in some of the higher branches of learning at the Norway Liberal Institute. He then placed himself in the ranks of the world's toilers with hand and brain, working for some considerable time at the carpenter's trade, meanwhile keeping his intellectual powers in a state of healthful activity by teaching school for ten winter terms. He subsequently read law with General J. J. Perry, of Oxford, and, after his admission to the bar of Androscoggin County in 1862, began practice at Bryant's Pond. While in that place, where he bought a fine residence, he supplied the Grand Trunk Railroad with wood. Ten years later, being elected Registrar of Probate for Oxford County, he closed his successful legal business and career in Bryant's Pond, and took up his residence at Paris Hill. Having filled the office of Registrar creditably for twenty consecutive years, in January, 1895, Mr. Davis was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court, and removed to Norway. Wherever he has lived, Mr. Davis has shown himself a public-spirited citizen. He here takes an active interest in town affairs, as formerly in Paris, being a desirable acquisition.

In politics Judge Davis is a staunch Republican; and while a resident of Woodstock he held various town and county offices, serving as Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, a member of the School Board, and Selectman, simultaneously, for several years. Mr. Davis was also Town Treasurer, and in 1864 he was

elected Representative to the State legislature. During the late war he acted as paymaster for the government, settling the claims of soldiers, widows, and orphans. Fraternally, he is a member of the Jefferson Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Past Grand Master of Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and also Past Chief Patriarch of the Wildey Encampment of Norway.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married on December 1, 1850, was Lucy M. Felt. Her father was Jeremiah Felt, a resident of Woodstock, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two children — Samuel F. and Carrie. The son resides in South Paris, and the daughter is at home with her parents.

**W**ILLIAM C. CHAPMAN is one of the representative farmers of Oxford County, owning a fine estate of a thousand acres and a beautiful home at the foot of the mountain, facing the Androscoggin River, in the town of Gilead. He was born in Newry, this county, November 13, 1842, a son of Granville and Eliza (Chapman) Chapman. Granville Chapman, who was a son of George W. and Polly (Greenwood) Chapman, both natives of this county, was born in Gilead and reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education. When a young man he was engaged for some time as clerk in Portland, but he devoted the greater part of his life to the pursuit of agriculture in Gilead and Newry. A staunch Republican, he took an active and intelligent part in town affairs, and served as Selectman both in Gilead and Newry. He died at the age of eighty-one. Mrs. Granville Chapman was born in the town of Bethel, this county, being a daughter of Timothy Chapman. She lived to be fourscore years of age. She and her husband were the parents of eight children, two of whom are living: William C.; and Augustus F., a member of the firm of T. A. Chapman & Co., of Milwaukee, Wis.

William C. Chapman acquired his education in the common schools of Gilead and at Bethel Academy. He has never been away from the homestead for any length of time; for he learned the secrets of agricultural success

when a boy, and, inheriting the farm on his father's death, has continued to develop its resources. His broad acres include fertile meadows and wide stretches of upland pasture, and he raises bountiful crops and a large amount of live stock. His house and barn are among the best in Oxford County, and his whole domain bears the stamp of affluence and thrift. In 1871 Mr. Chapman was united in marriage with Martha, daughter of Alger Baldwin, of North Stratford, and six children have blessed their union — Hannibal H., a student at Colby College; Alger B., who died at the age of nineteen; Marion E., who is attending Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; and Granville, Cecil F., and Christie, children at home. In politics Mr. Chapman is, like his father, a Republican. He is well known throughout this section, and is very popular socially. His family are members of the Congregational church.

**C**HARLES M. RICHARDS, an esteemed resident of Jay, Franklin County, extensively engaged in farming and fruit growing, was born in Temple, Me., January 23, 1834, son of Moses A. and Judith (North) Richards. Both his parents were natives of Temple. His paternal grandfather, Mitchell Richards, who was a Revolutionary soldier and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, leaving Massachusetts, his native State, became an early settler in Temple, where the rest of his life was passed upon a farm cleared by him from the wilderness.

Moses A. Richards resided upon the homestead farm until he was fifty years old. He then went to East Templeton, Mass., and there resided until his death in March, 1894. By his wife, Judith, he became the father of ten children, of whom five are living. These are: Charles M., the subject of this sketch; Lovell A., who resides in California; Leonard M., now of Fort Fairfield, Me.; Daniel F., who resides in Worcester County, Massachusetts; and Georgiana, the wife of Wilbur Potter, of the same county and State. The others were: Eunice, Ora, Noah, Alvin, and one child who died in infancy. The mother died in Worcester County, Massachusetts, in 1863.

Charles M. Richards attended the common schools of Temple. At the age of fifteen he began life for himself as a farm assistant. After following that occupation for four years in Temple, Farmington, Me., and Wilton, N.H., he went to Templeton, Mass., where he was employed in a chair factory for several years. In 1866 he returned to Maine, and, settling in Wilton, resided there for two years. He then moved to his present farm in Jay, formerly known as the Bass place, where he has since carried on general farming and fruit growing with remarkable success. His property, which is desirably located, consists of sixty acres of fertile land, well adapted to the raising of staple products and fruits.

On August 19, 1855, Mr. Richards wedded Frances D. Dillingham. She was born March 1, 1836, in Temple, daughter of Reuben and Mary L. (Clough) Dillingham, natives respectively of Fairfield and Alna, this State. Reuben Dillingham subsequently became a prosperous farmer of Temple, and there with his wife resided for the rest of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have had three children, namely: Ola, born December 4, 1861, who married Frank B. Small, and resides at the homestead; Nellie F., who died at the age of six years; and another child who died in infancy. In politics Mr. Richards holds himself independent of parties. His natural ability and industrious habits have placed him in a comfortable position, and his many commendable qualities are duly appreciated by all who know him.

**E**DWARD W. PENLEY, a wealthy farmer of Greenwood township, was born December 12, 1845, in Paris, this county. His great-grandfather, Joseph Penley, who came from England, was the founder of the family. The grandfather, Joseph (second), removed from Auburn, Me., to Paris, this county, and was there engaged in farming during his remaining years.

James F. Penley, the father of Edward W., was born and reared in the town of Paris. He was a farmer by occupation, and had a good homestead, situated about three miles from the village of South Paris, where he carried

on mixed husbandry until his death, November 25, 1888. He married Loduska Swan, a native of Paris, who died in 1879, leaving six children, as follows: Edward W., the subject of this sketch; John L., a farmer, living in Paris township; Charles R., also residing in Paris, who married Jennie Holden; Lucetta, who is the wife of Edwin Chase, of Lynn, Mass.; Almon J., who married Estelle Chase, and owns and occupies the old homestead in Paris; and Luella, the wife of A. L. Dyer, of Lynn, Mass.

Edward W. Penley received his elementary education in the common schools of Paris and the academy at South Paris. With the exception of a year or two spent as a brakeman on the Grand Trunk Railroad, running from Portland, Me., to Island Pond, Mr. Penley has followed agricultural pursuits on the farm where he now lives, and has been closely identified with the highest interests of his adopted town. He is the possessor of seven hundred acres of land, much of it in high cultivation. Besides carrying on general farming he raises some stock, and keeps a dairy of twelve or more cows. He is a thorough-going farmer, skilled in all branches of agriculture, and has met with the success due to a man of his energy and ability. He is very prominent in local affairs, and is at the present time serving as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, of which he has been a member for eight years. Politically, he is a true-blue Republican, faithful to the interests of his party, which has this year, 1896, elected him to the State legislature. Socially, Mr. Penley is a member of the West Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of West Paris; of the Daughters of Rebecca Lodge, No. 42, of the same place; and of the grange at Norway.

Mr. Penley was married December 20, 1868, to Miss Abbie Richardson. She was born October 30, 1854, in Greenwood township, on the farm of her parents, William and Hannah (Barrows) Richardson, both natives of Oxford County, born respectively in Greenwood and Albany. Mr. and Mrs. Penley are the parents of twelve children, of whom the following is recorded: Vina R., born October 31, 1870, died October 8, 1873; Angie E.,

born April 30, 1872, is a teacher in the public schools; Hannah R., born May 24, 1874, died May 6, 1875; Walter E., born April 29, 1876, assists his father on the farm; Lula M., born February 15, 1878, also teaches in the public schools; Lester H. was born January 1, 1880; Frederick R., August 20, 1881; Alice, July 21, 1883; Blanche, March 22, 1885; Joseph Irving, September 8, 1886; Leona Belle, July 20, 1888; and Marion, June 18, 1895.

**GILBERT WARDWELL**, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Albany, Me., was first elected to that office in 1862, and has been honored with re-election at intervals several times since. He was born in this town, August 11, 1828, the son of Colonel Isaac and Mary (Adley) Wardwell.

Colonel Isaac Wardwell was born in Otisfield, Me., and was engaged in farming in that town in his youth, leaving there at the age of twenty-one to locate in Albany. Here he took up a tract of unimproved land in the southern part of the town, and, clearing a farm, improved and developed it into a valuable homestead, following the pursuit of agriculture until his death, January 24, 1837. He was one of the leading men of the place in his day, an officer in the State militia and a member of the Albany Board of Selectmen. His wife died in 1869, at the advanced age of eighty six. She was the mother of ten children, of whom only the two youngest-born are living. These are: Charles A., who married Miss Abbie Witham, and resides with his wife in Biddeford, Me.; and Gilbert, the subject of the present sketch. The departed are the following: Mary, who was the wife of Luther Bisbee; Dorcas F., wife of Hiram Stone, who also has passed away; Betsey F., who was twice married, her first husband being Abner Holt, her second Perley French; Sallie, who was the wife of the Rev. Marcus Wight; Isaac, who married Miss Sarah King, now deceased; Jacob, whose wife, Martha Lovejoy, survives him, living with one of her daughters in Massachusetts; Emmeline, who was the wife of Dr. Stephen Coburn; and Harriet, who died in infancy.

Gilbert Wardwell was left fatherless when he was eight years of age. He received a common-school education, helping about the farm between school times until he was sixteen; and then he began to work for wages as a farm hand. He was employed in this way for several years, spending one year in Lancaster, Mass.; and he also taught during the winter terms, taking charge of schools in Milan, N.H., and North Norway and Albany, Me. About 1851 he settled on the farm where he now resides; and in 1862, answering his country's call, he left his pleasant home and enlisted in the Federal army. He was enrolled as a private, September 10, 1862, in Company C, Twenty-third Regiment, Maine Volunteers, under Colonel W. W. Virgin and Captain C. H. Prince, which, during the greater part of its ten months' period of service, was on picket duty along the Potomac River, guarding the fords. The thrilling experience of exposure to the fire of lurking Confederates is recalled by the poet's lines:

"All quiet along the Potomac to-night,  
Except now and then a stray picket  
Is shot, as he walks on his beat to and fro,  
By a rifleman hid in the thicket."

Unscathed at the end of his term of enlistment, Mr. Wardwell received his discharge at Portland, Me., July 15, 1863, and again took up the work of agriculture. He has a well-improved farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres, and has been very successful in his chosen work. Mr. Wardwell is a member of Round Mountain Grange of Albany.

On May 11, 1851, he was married to Rhoda Jane, daughter of Jacob and Betsey Robbins. She was born in North Yarmouth, Me., May 26, 1826. Her mother died when she was a child; and her father, who was a farmer, took the little girl to Guilford, Me., remaining a few years and then returning to North Yarmouth. He died at the home of his son-in-law. Mrs. Wardwell died June 10, 1888. She was the mother of five children, namely: Isaac and Jacob, twins; Nellie Augusta; Ambrose; and Eugene A. Isaac Wardwell has been twice married, his first wife being Lilla G. Flint, and his second, Frances H. Brown. Jacob died at the age of twenty-two, leaving

a widow, Martha L. Morrill, who is now living with her third husband in Bethel, Me. Nellie Augusta died at the age of twenty-six; Ambrose is engaged in the manufacture of paper boxes at Maltville, Conn.; and Eugene A. is an instrument tuner in a large organ manufactory in Derby, Conn.

Mr. Wardwell has voted the Democratic ticket since he was qualified to exercise the right of suffrage. He was elected Chairman of the Albany Board of Selectmen in 1862, 1864, 1865, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1875, 1877, 1878, 1881, and again in 1896; and he served as Town Treasurer two years.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY McDONALD, one of the best-known hotel men in the State, proprietor of the Stoddard House, Farmington, and Secretary of the Hotel Proprietors' Association of Maine, was born in North Windham, Me., May 1, 1845, son of Thomas W. and Hannah P. (Proctor) McDonald. Mr. McDonald is of Scottish ancestry.

His grandfather, James McDonald, who possessed many of the characteristic traits and preserved the traditions of his nationality, served as a soldier in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. He was during his life a farmer, a merchant, and a hotel-keeper in North Windham, where he owned a good farm; and being an able business man of progressive tendencies he amassed a comfortable fortune. Though not an aspirant for public office, he was one of the most prominent and influential men of his day, and was highly respected as an honorable, upright, and high-minded citizen. He married Rachel Webb, and reared a family of eight children; namely, Edward, Seth, Eli, James, Abner, Thomas W., Sally, and Jane.

Thomas W. McDonald, the sixth child, being the youngest son, remained at home with his parents, and after his father's retirement from business took charge of the farm and hotel property. Succeeding to the possession of the estate by purchasing the interests of the other heirs, he conducted the hotel, and did a large livery business for many years. Later in life he bought the rival hotel, which

he closed up; and after that he kept the only public house in North Windham until 1871, when he sold the property and retired to his farm, where he died of pneumonia at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a genial, kind-hearted man, especially well adapted by nature to welcome and entertain the travelling public, with whom he was a great favorite; and he was equally popular with his fellow-townsmen. In local public affairs he was a prominent figure, serving with marked ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was a Republican in politics from the formation of that party until his death, and in his religious views was a Free Will Baptist. His wife, who was before marriage Hannah Proctor, and was a daughter of William Proctor, of New Gloucester, Me., became the mother of four children, as follows: Flora J.; Lucinda E.; William Henry, the subject of this sketch; and Abbie L. Mrs. Hannah P. McDonald died at the age of fifty-seven years.

William Henry McDonald was educated in the common schools of his native town and at the Bridgton High School. After the completion of his studies he taught school for a time; but, as he was needed at home to assist his father in managing the hotel, he resided in North Windham until the property was sold, when he secured a position as night clerk at the St. Julian Hotel in Portland. Being soon advanced to the position of second clerk and later to that of head clerk, he remained at the St. Julian for three years, and then went to the Preble House, where he acted as chief clerk for the succeeding seven years. For the next eight years he was proprietor and manager of the United States Hotel, Portland, which he conducted in such a liberal and satisfactory manner as to become one of the best-known and most popular landlords in Maine, a fact which was amply attested by the numerous commercial men and other travellers who made the United States their headquarters while in Portland; and the high reputation he acquired there was sufficient to ensure his future success wherever he might choose to locate.

After leaving the United States Hotel, Mr. McDonald was clerk at the Ottawa House on Cushing's Island for one season, the following

summer acting in the same capacity at the Fisk House, Old Orchard Beach; and in 1888, coming to Farmington, he leased the Willows, which had previously been a large private boarding-school. Remodelling the interior and putting in modern conveniences, he furnished it throughout, and conducted it successfully for five years as a summer hotel. On May 8, 1893, Mr. McDonald leased the Stoddard House at 20 Broadway. This centrally located hotel he has completely refitted and re-furnished, introducing modern conveniences in the way of heating, bath, and other accommodations; and his thirty-eight well-ventilated rooms are occupied the year round. Connected with the Stoddard is a first-class livery stable, which affords commercial men the means of reaching those of their customers who are not accessible by rail; and the great popularity of Proprietor McDonald causes many of them to make his house their centre of operations while in this county.

Mr. McDonald wedded Emma Davis, daughter of Lemuel and Abbie I. (Larrabee) Davis, the former of whom was a shoemaker by trade; and both were natives of Limington, Me. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have been the parents of six children, as follows: Frank S., who was born January 1, 1874; Edith, who died in infancy, March 18, 1877; Howard, who was born May 22, 1878; George, who was born April 19, 1891; Philip H., who was born October 29, 1883; and Arthur L., who was born January 11, 1885.

In the various fraternal orders to which he belongs Mr. McDonald is a general favorite, being a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M., of Portland; Harmony Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the same city; and Bramhall Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he is Past Chancellor, and has occupied the other important chairs. He is a member of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and since residing in Farmington has served as District Deputy. For the past eleven years he has acted as Secretary and Treasurer of the Hotel Proprietors' Association of Maine. Politically, he supports the Republican party, and in his religious views is a Unitarian. Mrs. McDonald is a Congregationalist.

**W**ILLIAM W. WATSON, a box manufacturer and mill owner of Waterford, was born in this place, February 2, 1841, son of Samuel S. and Harriet A. (Anthoine) Watson, the former of Waterford, the latter of Windham, Me. His grandfather, Ebenezer Watson, who was also born in Waterford, and spent his life in this town, followed the occupation of farmer.

Samuel S. Watson learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth, and followed it for a while; but in the later years of his life he devoted his energies to general farming. He resided in the eastern part of the town, and was for many years a well-known figure there, living to the advanced age of eighty-two. His death occurred in 1886, and that of his wife in 1878. Their children were: George L., who died in October, 1895; William W., the subject of this sketch; Mary Louisa, now residing in Worcester, Mass.; Lucy E., the wife of Churchill Leary, of Shelburne, N.H.; John N., residing in Worcester, who married Miss Tammy Griffin; Charlotte Elizabeth, the wife of Louis Holden, of Otisfield, Me.; James N., living in Worcester, who married Miss Emily Leary; and Charles W., a resident of Westbrook, Me.

William W. Watson attended a common school until he was fourteen years of age. After that he was first employed in a bucket factory in South Waterford. He had spent six years here when, on October 16, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War in Company G, Twelfth Maine Volunteers, under Colonel Chapley and Captain M. M. Robinson. In the course of the three years he spent in the army he participated in the siege of Port Hudson, in the battle of Winchester, and in several skirmishes. At Ship Island he received a permanent injury, on account of which he is now in receipt of a pension from the government. Receiving his discharge at Portland, December 8, 1864, he returned to Waterford, and shortly after purchased the saw-mill which he is now operating. He manufactures spool strips and a variety of pine boxes, including those used for packing salt, the most of which he ships to Boston, Mass. He has invented two labor-saving machines, which have proved great successes.



They are a box edger and a device for cutting box boards. Besides attending to his mill business Mr. Watson is engaged in general farming to some extent. He has had some reverses in business, but on the whole he has been successful.

Mr. Watson was married in April, 1868, to Marietta Hamlin, a native of South Waterford, born in 1851, daughter of George K. Hamlin, who was a farmer. Mr. Hamlin and his wife are buried in Waterford. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have two children — Edith May and Harry W. The daughter, born 1874, who is a graduate of Douglass Seminary, and later attended the North Bridgton Academy, has taught school, and is now resting at home; Harry W. was born in 1879, and is a graduate of North Bridgton Academy. When Mr. Watson was first qualified to vote he joined the Democratic party. He subsequently became a Republican. Though he was never an office-seeker, he was appointed Postmaster of Waterford village, under President Harrison, and served efficiently for four years. He is a member of Harry Rust Post, No. 54, Grand Army of the Republic, of Norway village; of No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford City; and of Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford. Mr. and Mrs. Watson attend the Universalist church in South Waterford.

**J**OHAN HENRY MILLETT, widely and favorably known as one of the substantial farmers of Oxford County, is prosperously engaged in his chosen occupation in the town of Norway, where his birth occurred April 4, 1825. His parents, Colonel John and Abigail (Parsons) Millett, were both lifelong residents of Norway. The former died here, June 3, 1875, aged eighty-four years, and the latter August 29, 1865, in the seventy-second year of her age.

Colonel Millett, who was a representative of the fifth generation in descent from the emigrant ancestor, Thomas Millett, an early settler in Massachusetts, received his military title during the War of 1812, although he never took part in any of the battles, his regiment going only as far as Portland. He was by occupation

a farmer and drover. He and his wife had a family of eight children. The eldest, a daughter Dorothy, married Thomas Cousins, of Poland, Me.; and both she and her husband are now dead. Martha, who died in 1852, was the wife of Otis True, of Norway; and Abigail is the wife of E. C. Jackson, a farmer living in Norway. John Henry is the special subject of this sketch. Jonathan Sawyer, the next son, died in California. The sixth child, Mary W. P., who died some time since, was the wife of A. F. Jackson of this town. Isaac P. and Joel, who were twins, are deceased.

John Henry Millett, the first-born son, is the only one of the four now living. He remained a member of the parental household throughout his childhood and youth and during a short period of his early manhood. Gold being discovered in California in February, 1848, he shared in the excitement that followed, and with his brothers started for that "El Dorado of the West," going directly to Sacramento, where he tried mining for two years. Not being very successful in his search for the precious metal, he returned to Norway and engaged in farming, convinced that "there was no place like home." After his marriage he bought the farm he now occupies, and which by his persistent efforts has become in point of improvements and equipments one of the finest in the town. He owns about five hundred acres of land; and with the assistance of his sons he carries on general farming, and is also engaged in stock raising and dairying. A part of the cream is sold in the village of West Paris, while in the home dairy Mrs. Millett makes butter and cheese.

Mr. Millett was married November 25, 1858, to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Rice, who was born December 6, 1827, in Waterford, this county, where her grandfather, Eben Rice, Sr., was a pioneer settler. Her parents were Eben Rice, Jr., a lifelong resident of Waterford, and his wife, Elizabeth Frye, who was a native of Fryeburg, Oxford County. During the first sixteen years of their wedded life Mr. and Mrs. Millett became the parents of six children. With two of these little ones they were soon called to part, namely: Harry, born May 16, 1865, who died at the age of nine months; and Frances Allen, born December

11, 1867, who died July 19, 1868. The four who grew to maturity and are now living were well-educated, completing their studies in the high school. The following is a brief record: Mary A., born in 1860, is her mother's helper at home; Jonathan S., born August 15, 1862, and John Henry, Jr., born March 25, 1869, assist their father in the care of the farm; and Sarah Elizabeth, born September 22, 1872, is engaged in teaching in the town of Norway.

Mrs. Millett is a communicant of the Congregational church. Mr. Millett and all his family are members of the Norway Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. A Democrat in political affiliation, he cast his first Presidential vote in 1852 for the Democratic nominee, Franklin Pierce, who received the election.

**F**RON. FRANCIS GOULD BUTLER, for many years one of Farmington's most noted citizens and enterprising business men, died at his residence in this town, December 6, 1891. He was born in Farmington, March 3, 1811, son of Francis and Mary (Blackstone) Butler, and was a great-grandson of Benjamin Butler, a native of Martha's Vineyard, who made his home at Edgartown in the eastern part of the island.

There his son, Ephraim, Mr. Butler's grandfather, was born, December 9, 1758. Ephraim Butler began to follow the sea in his youth, shipping before the mast. After a time, finding that his education was not sufficient to insure promotion, he returned home, and applied himself to study, pursuing a thorough course in mathematics and navigation. Upon its completion he became mate of a whale-ship under Captain Trowbridge, later serving in the Continental forces, both naval and land, in the Revolutionary War. After the close of the struggle for independence he acted as a pilot along the coast of Massachusetts and Maine; but, having drawn a tract of wild land situated in the town of New Vineyard in the District of Maine, he decided to settle there. He began the task of clearing it off in 1792, taking up his residence with his family in Sandy River township, from which place they removed the

following year to their new home in the wilderness. He improved his grant into a good farm, and, selling the property in 1801, settled in Farmington, where he resided until his death, which took place April 3, 1832. He married Lovie Sherman Lease, who was born in 1759, and they reared a family of seven children; namely, Jeremiah, Francis, Oliver, Betsey, Lovie, Abigail, and William. Mrs. Lovie S. Butler died in 1843.

Francis Butler, the second of the four sons, who has already been mentioned as the father of Francis Gould, was born in New Vineyard, Me., October 12, 1782. Possessed of an energetic nature, he began life for himself when a mere lad; and for several years he resided with his Uncle Joseph in Portland. Upon his return to Farmington he engaged in mercantile pursuits, carrying on a general store in Fairbanks village from 1827 to 1832; and, besides owning and operating mills and cultivating several farms, he was extensively engaged in buying cattle for the Brighton market. He was one of the most stirring and successful business men of his day; and in public affairs he displayed the same activity and tact which characterized his private business operations, serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1829 to 1834, Town Treasurer in 1835, and as Representative to the legislature in 1823. He died January 1, 1845. For his first wife he married Mary Blackstone, who died in 1823, aged thirty-seven years, leaving two children, namely: Francis Gould, the subject of this sketch; and Mary Jane, born August 29, 1822, who married Deacon R. Cutler, and died within a year or two, the mother of a son, who did not long survive. By his union with Rebecca Knowlton, his second wife, Francis Butler had three children, namely: Caroline E., who was born March 28, 1828; Hiram A., who was born August 29, 1831; and Margaret J., who was born March 10, 1836.

Francis Gould Butler, the eldest son of Francis Butler, acquired his education in the common schools and at the Farmington Academy. While still a youth he was for a time employed as a clerk in the store at Farmington Falls; and as he grew older he became of valuable assistance to his father, whose business



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enterprises were widely scattered. For a short time he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Boston; but, not finding indoor occupation congenial, he returned to Farmington, and availed himself of the advantages of his practical knowledge of surveying to busy himself in the open air. Aside from being employed by residents of this town and its vicinity to settle disputed boundary lines, he was commissioned as a land surveyor by the State; and nearly if not quite all the government lands in this part of the county were located and set off either by him personally or under his direction.

The exceedingly able and business-like manner in which he settled his father's estate won for him a high reputation as a financier; and his fellow-townsmen, seeing in him a man abundantly qualified to administer public affairs, secured his valuable services by electing him to the Board of Selectmen and to the post of Town Treasurer, also to other local offices. He was a member of the legislature in 1854, and on account of the illness of the speaker was chosen Speaker *pro tem.*, a position which he ably filled for nearly the entire session; and in 1856, which was the last year in which the Democratic party was in the majority in Maine, he was a member of the State Senate. Mr. Butler also served as Clerk of Courts, as High Sheriff of Franklin County, and for many years was a delegate to the local and State conventions of his party. He was an accomplished parliamentarian and a skilful presiding officer, having the ability to state clearly and concisely the question for debate; and the forcible arguments he used in sustaining a point which he had undertaken to champion were the means of weakening his opponents and winning many votes to the support of his cause.

He was instrumental in securing the incorporation of Franklin County, thus making Farmington a shire town; and he also worked diligently and subscribed generously toward bringing the town into connection with the railroad system of the State. In 1859 he was chosen a Trustee of the Franklin Academy, being a member of the last board of government of that institution; and he rendered valuable aid in bringing about the measures

whereby it was handed over to the State in return for the establishment here of the first Normal School in Maine. In 1861 he became President of the Sandy River National Bank, being also appointed Treasurer of the County Savings Bank; and he not only handled the affairs of these institutions with prudence and sagacity, placing them upon a firm basis, but his private operations were always of such a nature as to prove beneficial to the general business interests of the town.

Deeply interested in the growth and development of Farmington, looking upon its advancement as a part of the history of Maine, in 1882 Mr. Butler began the task of compiling a biographical and genealogical history of the town, which he completed in 1885. This work, which contains six hundred and eighty-three pages of valuable records, dating from 1776 and relating to the early explorations and settlements, family history, early military operations, church annals, mechanical industries, railroads, and other matters of deep concern to the residents here, is profusely illustrated and had a large circulation in this locality. It is now especially prized by those fortunate enough to possess a copy, as the remaining one thousand volumes of the issue were destroyed by the conflagration which occurred here in 1886. The Butler homestead was also swept away by that disastrous fire, but was immediately replaced by a more modern and commodious residence, which is without doubt one of the finest in the county. Mr. Butler led a regular and exceedingly temperate life, his health remaining good up to the illness which resulted fatally. He died as before mentioned, leaving an honorable record as a legacy to his posterity, his untiring labors in behalf of the general community forming a bright spot in the history of the town he loved so well.

On July 23, 1842, Francis Gould Butler was united in marriage with Julia Wendell, who survives him. She was born in Farmington, July 20, 1815, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Eaton) Wendell, the former of whom was in his day one of the energetic farmers and prominent residents of this town. Thomas Wendell was born in Marblehead, Mass., July 13, 1770, and was a son of Thomas

Wendell, Sr., of that town. In 1786, at the age of sixteen years, young Wendell, who had previously followed the sea as a cabin boy, came to Farmington, where he learned the carpenter's trade; and in early manhood he bought a tract of wild land, which he cleared into a good farm, thus establishing a comfortable home for his family. His upright, manly principles, earnest piety, and strict adherence to habits of temperance caused him to lead a most exemplary life. He died of old age, November 19, 1862. He served as Selectman during the years 1807 and 1808; and, when the academy was built, he not only assisted in its erection, but subscribed liberally toward its endowment. In religious views a Congregationalist, he was one of the principal promoters of that church in this town; and he acted as clerk of the parish for many years, or until his death. He married Elizabeth Eaton, and had a family of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Julia Butler is the only survivor. Mrs. Butler has been the mother of four children, as follows: Mary Elizabeth, who was born May 6, 1843, and died May 21, 1858; Julia Page, who was born December 1, 1847, and died September 11, 1851; Apphia Stanley, who was born April 11, 1851, and died October 1, 1860; and Carrie Frances, who was born April 30, 1855, married Charles F. Thwing, President of Adelbert College, Cleveland, Ohio, and has three children—Mary B., Frances B., and Apphia.

Mrs. Butler, who enjoys unusually good health for one of her years, has been a leading spirit in religious work in this community, having throughout her active life assisted the various societies connected with the Congregational church, both by liberal contributions and personal services. Her deeds of kindness and unostentatious charity have endeared this estimable woman to the hearts of her many friends and acquaintances.

**J**OHAN C. GERRY, for some time a member of the State legislature, a custom-house official, and Deputy Sheriff of Oxford and Cumberland Counties, was long an esteemed and influential citizen of

South Waterford, Me., where his widow and daughter are still socially prominent. He was born in Waterford, November 25, 1808, the son of Peter and Polly (Cutler) Gerry. His father was a native of Harvard, Mass., his mother of Sudbury, Mass.

Nathaniel Gerry, father of Peter, spent his life in the old Bay State, his birthplace being Stoneham, and his place of residence for many years the pretty country town of Harvard. Peter Gerry, who was born in 1776, settled in the south-west part of Waterford in 1797. He devoted much of his time to agricultural labors, but worked also at his trade of shoemaking. An intelligent man who took an active interest in public affairs, he was elected to the State legislature and served for four terms. He died June 16, 1847, having survived his wife, who breathed her last on March 16, 1830, seventeen years. Their five children, who have since joined them in the world beyond, were: Mary; John C., aforementioned; Roland H.; Abbie; and Elbridge.

John C. Gerry was reared on a farm, and in the years of his mature manhood followed the pursuit of agriculture on an extensive scale. He was also interested in trade, and for three years was a member of the firm of Gerry & Turner, marble dealers, of Portland, Me. In politics he took an active part, voting the Democratic ticket; and his ability and sterling character won the respect and confidence of his fellows, who elected him to a number of offices. He was Town Treasurer of Waterford eight years, was Deputy Sheriff of Oxford and Cumberland Counties for one or more terms, occupied a seat in the legislature in 1851, and was in the custom-house four years. In the latter part of his life, his health being poor, he retired from business and public affairs, living quietly in the village of Waterford until his death, November 19, 1887. Mr. Gerry was well known in Oxford and Cumberland Counties, and had a host of friends.

He was married March 15, 1847, to Nancy W. Sawin, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Temple) Sawin. She was born in Waterford, November 30, 1819. Her parents were natives of Sudbury, Mass. They lived for a while after they were married at Waterford Flat, Me., Mr. Sawin being driver and agent

of the stage-coach running between Waterford Flat and Portland. About 1824 he removed to Freeport, Me., where he was stage agent until 1842; and after retiring from business he lived with his daughter in Waterford until his death on September 8 of that year. Mrs. Sawin died at the home of her daughter in 1849. She was the mother of thirteen children, only two of whom are now living, namely: Jane, who resides in Hyde Park, Mass.; and Nancy W., Mrs. Gerry. The others were: Betsey, Phœbe, William, Julia, Harriet, Lyman, Jabez, Mary A., Mary A. (second), Lydia, and one who died in infancy. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry, the record being as follows: John Melville, who lived but three years; Mary Elizabeth, wife of C. C. Briggs, a resident of Pittsburg, Pa., employed in the iron and steel works; Josephine, residing with her mother on the homestead in Waterford; Anna Sinclair, wife of John Haynes, a music dealer living in Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Helen, who died at the age of thirty; Roland, in Pittsburg, Pa.; and John Cutler, who lived but ten years. The children who grew up were well educated, attending Bridgton Academy and taking high-school courses. Mrs. and Miss Gerry exercise a graceful hospitality at their pleasant home in South Waterford village.

**EUGENE NELSON**, a retired manufacturer of Waterford, now engaged to some extent in market gardening, belongs to one of the oldest families in New England. The son of Chaplin and Emily (Hicks) Nelson, he was born in Waterford, April 9, 1849. He is descended from Thomas and Joan Nelson, Thomas being the ancestor of the Nelsons in Maine, New Hampshire, and the northern part of Massachusetts. Thomas Nelson was one of the twenty-seven friends that emigrated with the Rev. Ezekiel Rogers from Rowley, Yorkshire, England, in December, 1638. In the spring of 1639 this party settled on land situated between Ipswich and Newbury, Mass., subsequently known as "Mr. Rogers's Plantation," but named Rowley by the General Court in the following September. Thomas Nelson, who was one of the

able men of his time, was made a freeman May 23, 1639, was Deputy to the General Court in 1640 and 1641, and in 1643 was chosen chairman of a committee to make a survey of the town, and lay out and register house lots. In October, 1644, he was authorized to join persons in marriage within the limits of Rowley. In January, 1644, the town granted to him thirty-six acres in the "Mill Field," ten acres of which were designed to encourage him to build mills. Eugene Nelson's grandparents, Moses and Hitta (Pingree) Nelson, were the first of the family in Waterford, to which they came from Rowley, and where Moses devoted the last years of his life to agriculture.

Chaplin Nelson was born in Waterford, and was employed there in his youth as a surveyor. He was later engaged in the sale of general merchandise in the village of Waterford. His death occurred at the age of thirty-five. His wife, a native of Westbrook, Me., who was afterward married to D. W. Noble, of Waterford (also deceased), died in 1881. By her first marriage she had four children, namely: Georgia A., born February 16, 1846, the wife of Cyrus S. Tucker, of Norway; Llewellyn K., born June 23, 1847, a bookkeeper in Leadville, Col.; Eugene, the subject of this sketch; and Charles W., born September 21, 1850, a resident of New York City, and engaged in the railroad business.

Eugene Nelson received a good education, attending the common schools near his home and Bridgton Academy. At the age of nineteen he obtained employment as clerk in the office of the water department at Boston, Mass., where he remained a year. Returning then to his native place, he was engaged in the manufacture of woodenware in Waterford City for two years. Subsequently in the village he developed a large business in general manufacturing, and became one of the prominent men in the place. He retired from active business some time ago. It was, however, impossible for a man of his disposition to remain entirely unoccupied, so he turned his attention to market gardening, in which he has since found recreation and some profit.

In October, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Lottie M. Stanwood, who was

born in Boston, Mass., February 2, 1853. Her parents, who are living on the Stanwood homestead in Waterford, are Albert and Matilda (Morse) Stanwood, the former a native of Newburyport, Mass., and the latter of Waterford. They have five children, namely: Albert E., born November 10, 1873, now in Bridgton, Me.; Edward C., born June 1, 1875, in Portland, Me.; Ethel M., born May 1, 1877; Bertha S., born July 28, 1883; and Charles M., born January 13, 1887. The three last named reside with their parents. Mr. Nelson takes an active interest in politics, voting the Democratic ticket. He has served on the Township Committee for a number of years, and has held the office of Supervisor of Schools three years. He is well known and highly esteemed in the vicinity of his home.

**E**RASTUS T. ABBOTT, of Farmington, Franklin County, Me., who was formerly identified with the saw-mill business in this section of the State, and is now a successful agriculturist, was born in Milan, N.H., October 17, 1849, son of Erastus I. and Lydia (Eckley) Abbott. His paternal grandfather was Luther Abbott, a resident of Lancaster, N.H.; and that town was his father's birthplace.

Erastus I. Abbott in early manhood learned the wheelwright's trade, in which he became exceedingly proficient, and was known as one of the best workmen in this locality. Settling in Milton Plantation in this county, he engaged in operating saw-mills, also owning some valuable farming lands, which he carried on with prosperous results. Later, from Milton he moved to Rumford Falls, Oxford County, where he is now residing, and is the proprietor of saw-mills. He is an active and very capable business man, whose enterprising spirit has been productive of excellent financial results; and he is to-day among the most useful and progressive citizens of Oxford County.

Erastus T. Abbott, to whom was given his father's name with a distinctive middle initial, acquired the principal part of his education in the schools of Oxford County; and when his studies were finished he began work with his

father, first as a wheelwright and later as a mill-man. Being a natural mechanic, he took up the business of filing and fitting saws, in which he became an expert, and continued thus employed for several years, being frequently called to different localities for the purpose of putting in order and adjusting mill saws. In company with his father he bought a small farm in Franklin Plantation; and, after remodeling the buildings and otherwise improving the property, he sold it and purchased the J. Butterfield farm of one hundred acres, situated in Farmington, where he has since resided.

Mr. Abbott's first wife, Josephine Wayman, daughter of Thomas Wayman, of Peru, Me., died at the age of twenty-one, leaving one child—Alva E., who died when he was fourteen years old. His second wife, Edith, daughter of Robert Townsend, of Oxford, died at the age of nineteen; and he subsequently married Mrs. Lottie Decker Butterfield, his present wife, then the widow of the late Luther V. Butterfield, who was a son of John Butterfield. Her first husband died April 21, 1879, aged twenty-nine years, leaving one daughter—Florentine J. Butterfield, who was born September 28, 1876. Mrs. Abbott is a daughter of Joshua and Rachel (Bishop) Decker and grand-daughter of Joshua and Fanny (Piper) Decker, of La Grange, Penobscot County, Me. The grandfather was a prosperous farmer and large land-owner of that town, and both he and his wife lived to reach a good old age. Joshua Decker, the younger, Mrs. Abbott's father, who was born in La Grange, served as a private in Company F, Eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, for three years during the war of the Rebellion. He died at the age of fifty-two. His wife, who survives him and is now seventy-seven years old, has been the mother of nine children, three of whom died young. The living are: Horace; Elbridge; Loren; Alfreda; Lewellyn; and Lottie, who is now Mrs. Abbott. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have an adopted daughter, Gertrude May, who was born March 30, 1894.

In politics Mr. Abbott is an active supporter of the Republican party, and during his residence in Oxford County he served as a member

of the Board of Selectmen of the town in which he lived. He is prominently connected with Franklin Lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled most of the important chairs. Mr. Abbott and his wife attend public worship at the Baptist church.

**S**AMUEL B. WATERMAN, a worthy and representative citizen of Oxford, Oxford County, Me., was born in Turner, Androscoggin County, on April 1, 1826, the son of Guy B. and Esther (Brown) Waterman. His father was a native of the town of Greene, not far from Turner; and his mother was born in Oxford.

Guy B. Waterman spent the most of his active life in Turner and Oxford as a hard-working farmer, but his last few years were passed in the town of Durham. At one time he owned land that he cultivated in the town of Turner, and later on he leased land. He married Esther Brown, and five children were born to them, namely: Esther E., now the wife of Mr. Freeman Greenough, and living with her husband in the city of Portland, Me.; Samuel B., of whose life further particulars are to follow; and Ruth, Lucinda, and Lizzie, all deceased. Mr. Guy B. Waterman was a Universalist in religious belief and first a Whig and then a Republican in politics. He died at the age of seventy-five years.

Samuel B. Waterman grew to maturity in the town of Oxford, where he received his education in the public schools. Starting in life for himself, he first engaged in farm work, but soon left that occupation to become a traveling salesman. He continued on the road for fifteen years, part of the time being engaged in selling powder for Hubbard & Marble. In 1854, moved by the desire to settle down, establish a home, and enjoy its comforts, he bought the farm where he now resides. Here he has lived ever since, leading the quiet life of a farmer.

He was married in 1853 to Miss Sarah A. Millett, the daughter of Edmund C. and Sally (Greenlief) Millett. Mrs. Waterman was born on July 29, 1834. Her father was a

leading farmer of Minot, Androscoggin County, where he was one of the most prominent citizens. He lived there all his life, and died there at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, his wife being five years younger at her death. They were both members of the Baptist church. Mr. Millett was a staunch Republican in politics. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom seven are now living, namely: William G., a farmer of Minot; Sarah A., Mrs. Waterman; Mrs. Harriett E. Spurr; Mrs. Almeda F. Burroughs; Mrs. Emma F. Varney; Miss Ella J. Millett; and Mrs. Mary E. Carr. The one that died was a girl, Frances Ellen.

Mr. and Mrs. Waterman have two sons—Charles E. and Fred S. Their only daughter died in infancy. Charles E. Waterman was born in Oxford, March 2, 1859. He is a newspaper man, and is one of the owners of the *Mechanic Falls Ledger*. He married Miss Clara E. Garland. Fred S. Waterman, who was born in Oxford, September 13, 1864, is unmarried, and lives at home with his father and mother, and helps with the farm duties.

Mr. Waterman has made many improvements on his place during the forty years and more of his occupancy. He has now a fine farm of one hundred acres, the homestead besides outlying land, with convenient buildings, all in good repair, and the whole presenting a thrifful appearance indicative of careful industry and sagacious management. Mr. Waterman and his wife are energetic and stirring people, and all they possess and enjoy they have their own hands and brains to thank for. They are as well liked as they are well known. They are liberal in religious views, and attend the Universalist church. In politics Mr. Waterman is a strong Republican. He has been a Selectman of the town for two years, and has also held several minor offices, proofs of the confidence and friendship of his fellow-townsmen.

**C**HARLES M. MILLER, a well to-do farmer of Wilton, Franklin County, Me., and a representative of an old family of this town, was born in Wilton, October 6, 1850, son of David and



Abigail (Johnson) Miller. His grandparents were David and Betsey (Pierce) Miller, who came from Fall River, Mass., to Wilton, and settled on the John Miller place. An account of the family, which is of early Colonial origin, will be found in a sketch of Gilbert Miller.

David Miller, the younger, son of the pioneer, was born in Wilton on July 10, 1815. As a means of earning a livelihood and supporting his family, he devoted his energies, and with success, to general farming. When somewhat past middle age, he bought the David Macumber farm, where he resided for thirty-one years. He died May 10, 1893. Besides attending to his farm work, he was prominent in public affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as Tax Collector for several terms, also as a County Commissioner; and in politics he acted with the Republican party. His first wife, Abigail Johnson, who was a daughter of Charles Johnson, of Harpswell, became the mother of seven children, namely: Hattie; Charles M., the subject of this sketch; William H. J.; Jennie F.; Isaac; Frederick M.; and Mary L. Mrs. Abigail Miller died at the age of thirty-six years. David Miller married for his second wife Sybil Talbot.

Charles M. Miller began his education in the public schools, and finished his course of study at the Wilton Academy. At the age of twenty he started in life for himself as a railroad brakeman in Massachusetts; and a year later he entered the service of the old Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Boston as a conductor, remaining in their employ for three years. Returning to Wilton, he was for the next seven years engaged in farming with his father; and he then bought the property of one hundred acres known as the Colonel Harpus farm, which he now owns. He has greatly increased the productiveness of the land, which is now capable of yielding large and excellent crops, and during the present year he has erected a new stable and carriage house. He keeps a herd of twelve Jersey cows for dairy purposes, and aside from carrying on this farm he has since the death of his father taken entire charge of the homestead property.

On April 13, 1874, Mr. Miller married

Lucinda Rich, daughter of Josiah and Lucy (Baker) Rich, of Wellfleet, Mass. Mr. Rich followed the sea until his retirement, and he died at the age of fifty-nine years. His wife, who lived to be sixty-nine, was the mother of five children, namely: Theodore; Zerua; Sarah J.; Lucinda, who is now Mrs. Miller; and Etta. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children: Leita J., who was born March 10, 1878; and Alice M., who was born April 8, 1881, both now attending the Wilton Academy.

In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican. He is connected with Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the Foresters; and in his religious views he is liberal.

ALONZO FELT, a well-known resident of Bryant's Pond, in the town of Woodstock, Oxford County, Me., is a native of this place, born September 11, 1833, a son of Jeremiah and Eliza (Perkins) Felt. His father came here in the year 1816, and took hold of the farm on which his son now resides, and which then consisted of about one hundred acres. He lived here for the remainder of his life, dying April 30, 1879, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife died in 1875, at the age of seventy-seven. They had ten children, of whom five still survive, namely: Lucy M., wife of Judge H. C. Davis, of Norway, Me.; Mehitabel, the widow of John Hathaway, of Woodstock; Mary P., who is the wife of Consider Farrar, of Woodstock; Sibyl J., who married S. L. Russ, who was a Selectman of the town of Woodstock for a period of fifteen years; and Alonzo.

Alonzo Felt has spent his life up to the present time on the old homestead which was also the scene of his birth. He received his education in the public schools of Woodstock. Subsequently devoting his attention to agriculture, he has worked hard and prospered accordingly. He has increased the size of his farm to three hundred and fifty acres, more than three times its original extent. He has also made many improvements, adding new buildings and practically rebuilding the old

ones. It is one of the most beautiful pieces of property in this section, being finely situated on a hill.

Mr. Felt was married December 14, 1864, to Emily J. Bryant, a daughter of Dustin Bryant, of Greenwood. He has two children—Archie D., born June 8, 1876, is now a student at Hebron Academy, having previously passed through the common schools and high school; Lena May, born September 6, 1872, educated in Norway, Me., resides at home and follows the occupation of a teacher in the schools of her native town. Mr. Felt is a stanch Republican politically, and religiously is a member of the Society of Friends. He belongs to West Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Franklin Grange, No. 124, of Bryant's Pond.

**HENRY W. COY**, one of the most prominent farmers and business men of Oxford, Oxford County, Me., was born in the neighboring town of Minot, Cumberland County, on March 22, 1838, son of Nathan and Julia Ann (Buck) Coy.

Nathan Coy was born in Minot, April 14, 1793; and his wife was born in the town of Norway, Me., December 29, 1811. He learned the blacksmith's trade during an apprenticeship of seven years in Norway village; and he subsequently followed his trade in connection with farming, spending nearly all his active life in his native town. He was a hard-working man always, and made what he had by continuous toil. He died at the age of fifty-six years, being drowned while trying to save a boy's life, thus nobly risking and, as it proved, sacrificing his own in the attempt. He held liberal views in religion, and in politics he was a Democrat. His wife, who was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, outlived him many years, attaining the age of eighty-four. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are now alive, namely: Henry W., whose name stands at the beginning of this sketch; Oliver B., also a farmer of Oxford; Helen, unmarried, residing in the town of Oxford; and Nathan, a passenger conductor on the Grand

Trunk Railroad, who married Marion Ross, and makes his home in Gorham, N.H. The two other children were: Clementine, who died at the age of twenty years; and Hattie, who married Fred Cushman, and died at the age of thirty years.

Henry W. Coy, the first mentioned of the three sons, came to Oxford at an early age, and was here educated in the public schools, and has since devoted himself to agriculture. Starting with a small farm of sixty-five acres, he engaged in general husbandry and stock raising, also dealing in wood and lumber; and by dint of tireless industry and good business faculty he has accumulated a handsome property, being the owner of two hundred and sixty-six acres of land with substantial and convenient buildings.

He was married in the year 1870, on the last day of October, to Eliza Wight, a native of Gilead, Me., and the daughter of Caleb and Fanny L. (Burbank) Wight. She was born on December 4, 1840. Her father and mother were natives of Gilead, Mr. Wight being a good and successful farmer, and was a Republican in politics. He died at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died at the age of sixty-nine. Both belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom are now living—Eliza, Mark, Diana, Eli, Vesta, Caleb, Mina, Thomas, and John.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy in the first fourteen years of their married life became the parents of five children, of whom three are now living, namely: Mildred W., who was born on August 31, 1871, and is now the wife of Daniel Barnes, of Andover, Me., a trader; Howard O., who was born August 26, 1880; and Mary B., born May 10, 1884. Emily Coy, who was born on July 11, 1872, died in September of the same year; and Fanny, who was born August 27, 1876, died on March 11, 1879.

Mrs. Coy belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and her husband is liberal in religion. In politics Mr. Coy is a Republican. He has served as a Selectman for three years, also as one of the School Committee for the same period of time, being still a member of the Board. He has been eminently successful in life, and is one of the best estab-

lished men in a business way of the whole county. He is a great dairyman, as well as a general farmer, owning and running one of the largest dairies in the town.

**S**ILAS E. KING, President of the S. E. King Company of Welchville, Oxford County, was born in Skowhegan, Somerset County, Me., March 14, 1847, son of John A. and Hannah (Bowley) King. His father, who was a merchant, died when forty-five years old, his wife surviving to the age of sixty-five. She was the mother of two children, of whom Silas E. only reached maturity.

Silas E. King grew to manhood in Cumberland and Oxford Counties, Maine, and was educated in the common schools. In 1867 he started as a merchant upon a small scale, opening a store at Welchville; and the business has since expanded into its present large proportions. In 1896 the S. E. King Company was organized and incorporated with Mr. King as its President; George L. Wilder, Vice-President; and Roscoe F. Staples, Secretary and Treasurer. The company, which has among its stockholders several Portland and Auburn merchants, deals extensively in general merchandise, including dry and fancy goods, furniture, hardware, agricultural tools, groceries, meats, boots, shoes, rubbers, and, in fact, everything from a cradle to a casket. The concern has wide-awake men at its head, and its methods are thoroughly indicative of New England enterprise. Mr. King is highly respected both as a merchant and as a private citizen. He was married January 23, 1879, to Florence S. Holmes.

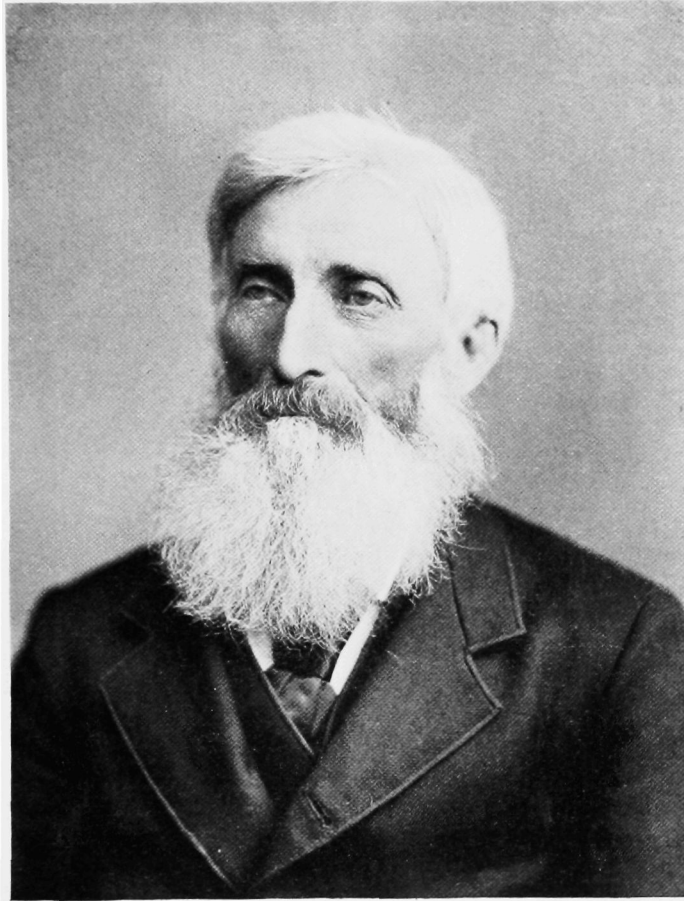
He is a Republican in politics, and from 1883 to 1889 was Postmaster here. He is connected with the Masonic Lodge at Mechanic Falls, and is liberal in his religious views.

**R**ALPH S. FREEMAN, a retired farmer spending the closing years of his long and busy life at his pleasant homestead in the town of Norway, Oxford County, was born December 17,

1817, in Minot, Me. He comes of substantial Massachusetts stock, his grandfather, Chandler Freeman, having been a native of Duxbury, Plymouth County, that State. He was a farmer by occupation, and, when a young man, came to Maine, locating in the town of Minot, where during the remainder of his life he was numbered among the prominent citizens. He was an active worker in religious circles, and for many years was Deacon of the Minot Congregational Church.

Samuel Freeman, son of Chandler and father of Ralph S., was a native of Minot, where he spent his early years. Later on he worked for a time in the eastern part of the State; but subsequently removed to Hebron, this county, where he was successfully engaged as a tiller of the soil until his death. His wife, Elizabeth Bradford, also a native of Minot, bore him ten children, briefly mentioned as follows: Jonathan Bradford died at the age of twenty-one years; Samuel lived until seventy-nine years old; Tristram died in Portland, Mich., in April, 1895; Ralph S. is the direct subject of this sketch; John S. was accidentally drowned in Massachusetts; Mary B. married William Berce, of Auburn, Me., and neither is now living; Elizabeth died in infancy; Edward P. died in California; Chandler died in Colorado; and Joseph is now residing in Atkinson, N.H. These children, with the exception of Chandler, who was a college graduate, acquired their education in the district schools of their native State.

Ralph S. Freeman, whose personal history is now to be outlined, lived beneath the parental roof-tree until attaining man's estate, when he started in life for himself, having in the next few years a varied experience and seeing much of our country. Going first to Massachusetts, he worked for two years in a boot and shoe factory in North Bridgewater, now known as Brockton, at bottoming boots. He next went South, he and his brother Tristram being hired by a business firm to sell a new kind of oil-cloth. After spending a week in Georgia, Mr. Freeman went to South Carolina, where he travelled six months, visiting nearly every district in that State. Then taking a team he drove across the country to the town of Portland, Mich., where he had a



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brother living, for whom he worked at carpentering the succeeding three years. Going thence to Ohio, Mr. Freeman located on the Miami River, near Dayton, and, building an elevator for storing corn for the distillery, stayed there four months. He then resumed his trade of a carpenter, working at it two months in Cleveland and then in Detroit, Mich., where he assisted in erecting several houses. Continuing to reside in Detroit for a while longer, he worked at steamboat building in the shipyard for a time, and was afterward employed in the vicinity of the Lakes, between Buffalo and Cleveland and in Canada above Montreal for several years.

Being there taken sick so that he could not work for one winter, Mr. Freeman returned to Maine; and for three years he had the management of the parental farm in Hebron. During this period he was married, and for a time thereafter he was engaged in farming in that town. Subsequently purchasing a farm on Brighton Hill, he built a house and remained there a year. He then bought the well-known Glover farm in Hebron, about a mile from the academy, which he occupied about a year before selling it. Mr. Freeman then came to Norway, and in September of that year, 1853, bought the old Crockett farm, formerly owned by his father-in-law. He has since made this his home, carrying on general farming and working somewhat at his trade. In the mean time he has spent two years or more from home, having rented his farm one year while he worked at his trade on the Hebron chapel; and from November, 1861, until the following April he was in Cuba, where he worked in repairing railroad bridges. Besides his well-improved farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres, Mr. Freeman owns other land in Oxford County, making a goodly estate accumulated by his untiring industry. He is now enjoying the fruits of his many years of successful activity, having given up the management of his valuable farm to his son, Charles E.

Mr. Freeman was married December 31, 1849, to Miss Sarah Crockett, who was born on the present homestead, April 9, 1821, a daughter of the late Joshua and Judith (Pike) Crockett, lifelong residents of Norway. Mr.

and Mrs. Freeman have four children; namely, Harriet C., Sarah Alice, Charles E., and Henry H. Harriet C., born October 17, 1850, is the widow of Isaac Merrill, and now lives with her parents. Sarah A., born January 18, 1854, is the wife of Clarence R. Merrill, who is engaged in the grain, lime, and cement business in Manchester, N.H. Charles E., born August 19, 1857, now having charge of the homestead, is a man of prominence in the town, and in 1892 served as Selectman. He was married November 13, 1886, to Miss Ada Merrill, daughter of George Merrill, a millwright in Norway. She died July 19, 1895, leaving three children—Lucy C., Ralph M., and Sarah Alice. Henry H. Freeman, born May 9, 1862, married Lena S. Buck, and is now living in Manchester, N.H., engaged in the same business that his brother-in-law is. Politically, Mr. Ralph S. Freeman is a staunch Republican in politics, as is his son, Charles E. Socially, he is one of the charter members of the Norway Grange; and, religiously, both he and his estimable wife are members of the Universalist Church of Norway.

**W**ALTER E. HOLMES, one of the foremost residents of Oxford, Me., his native place, is a graduate of Bowdoin College and a teacher by profession, but now devotes himself chiefly to town affairs and official duties. He was born on July 31, 1846, son of Ebenezer R. and Louisa Abigail Fuller (Rawson) Holmes, and is a worthy representative of one of the oldest families of this vicinity.

His paternal grandfather, James Holmes, was born at Plymouth, Mass., on August 8, 1759. In early manhood seeking a new home in the deep woods of Maine, he became one of the first settlers of Oxford, buying up a tract of wild land, clearing it, and living thereon all the rest of his life. He left his mark in this section—that of an honest, strong, hard-working man and a true patriot, he having served as a brave young soldier in the American Revolution. His wife, Jerusha Rawson, who was born in Sutton, Mass., on October 13, 1769, was the daughter of Ebenezer Rawson, a worthy farmer of that town. James and Je-

rusha (Rawson) Holmes were the parents of nine children, eight sons and one daughter, of whom but one is now alive, the daughter. They were: James S.; Salmon; Cyrus; Job; Ebenezer R. and Eleazer A., who were twins; Jerusha; John S.; and Freeland. Jerusha Holmes married a Mr. Rawson, and lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. James Holmes died in Oxford on April 13, 1827. His wife died on June 12, 1848, in the same town, when nearly eighty years of age.

Ebenezer R. Holmes, the fifth son, as here recorded, was born at Oxford on January 9, in the year 1802. He grew to manhood on the old farm in the town of his birth. He had always intended to study the profession of the law; but, as his father and mother became less and less able to take the proper care of the farm, and his brothers and sister were away from home, he considered it his duty to remain there. So he ended by giving up his life to farming. By means of hard labor and sagacious management he was able to bring the old farm up to the standard of the best in the whole county. He took great interest in the breeding of fine cattle, in which pursuit he was very successful, making a specialty of Herefords. He was one of the first farmers in the State to deal in full-blooded cattle. His farm consisted of about three hundred acres, and was considered one of the best in the town.

In religious faith Mr. Ebenezer R. Holmes was a liberal. His political views were those of the Republican party, with which he was connected from the date of its formation. He held office as Selectman for a number of years, and was Chairman of the Board for a great part of that time. He was also the Town Agent, and he served as a Representative to the State legislature in 1850. He always took an active part in any movement that was going on tending toward the improvement in any way of his town or toward the weal of his fellow-citizens.

He married Louisa Abigail Fuller Rawson, who was born in Paris, Me., on February 5, 1807. They became the parents of five children, of whom four are now living, namely: Louise S., born on February 19, 1838, and Lyman R., born July 14, 1840, both residing

at the old homestead in Oxford; Walter E., the date of whose birth is mentioned above, and a sketch of whose career begins with the next paragraph; and Florence S., born December 10, 1851, who married S. E. King, a merchant, and resides in Oxford village. George F., the second son, born November 5, 1844, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1866, and was a lawyer of Portland. He died on March 6, 1892. Ebenezer R. Holmes died on February 19, 1890. His wife survives him, and lives at her home in Oxford, now at the advanced age of nearly ninety years.

Walter E. Holmes acquired his elementary education in the public schools of Oxford, fitted for college at Hebron Academy and at the Edward Little Institute in Auburn, Me., and entering Bowdoin pursued the full course, and was graduated in 1870. For a number of years thereafter he devoted himself to teaching. He was at one time for the period of two years an instructor in a business college of Oshkosh, Wis.; and after that he came back to the old home farm in Oxford. Soon he removed to Welchville, and went into trade for a few years. His health, however, began to fail him; and he was obliged to give up such active business and take to something more quiet and less wearing in its effects. He has served as Selectman for one term, as Town Treasurer for three years, as Collector for four years, as Supervisor of Schools two years; and he is now in his second term as Notary Public.

He was married on May 1, 1881, to Elba A. Potter, who was born in Oxford on January 11, 1861, daughter of William and Mary E. (Starbird) Potter, of the same town. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have two children: Mabel J., who was born at Oxford on March 14, 1883; and George E. R., who was also born at Oxford, January 21, 1888. Mr. Holmes and his wife are earnest and active members of the Congregational church at Oxford village. They are widely known and enjoy the respect and good-will of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, Mr. Holmes being a gentleman of scholarly attainments and an interesting conversationalist. In political affiliation he is a strong Republican, as his father was before him. He is also a member of the

A. F. & A. M., Paris Lodge, No. 94, at South Paris, Me.

**H**ON. ANDREW S. HAPGOOD, a popular citizen of Waterford, Oxford County, Me., now serving as a Representative in the State legislature, was born here November 11, 1841, son of Thomas and Jane (McWain) Hapgood. His grandfather, Hezekiah Hapgood, was the first of the family to come to Waterford. They settled on a farm north-east of Waterford Flat and there made his home until on account of advanced years he gave up active work and went to live with one of his sons in Fryeburg, remaining there until his death.

Thomas Hapgood, son of Hezekiah, was born and brought up in Waterford. He became a farmer and trader; and after his marriage he followed agricultural pursuits in his native town until 1845, when, removing to Gorham, N.H., he there engaged in trading and in farming, and also managed a grist-mill. About three and one-half years later he returned to Waterford, and here devoted himself to farming for a like period. He next migrated to Brasher Falls, N.Y., where he carried on a saw and grist mill for eighteen months, after which he went to Bangor, Franklin County, N.Y., and again engaged in trade for about six months. Going from there to Brandon, in the same county, in northern New York, he resumed his early occupation of farming, to which he gave his attention for two years, and then came back to Waterford and conducted the saw and grist mill business until his death, which occurred in December, 1864. Mrs. Jane McWain Hapgood, his wife, who was born in Putney, Vt., died in 1859. They were the parents of five children—David T., who died in 1883; Laure Jane, who died at five years of age; Lura A., wife of Sylvanus W. Cobb, now residing in Durango, Col.; Andrew S.; Charles Henry, whose death occurred in 1866. Those who grew to maturity were given a common-school and academic education.

In 1862, at twenty-one years of age, Andrew S. Hapgood, whose youth had been passed in the different places where his parents had

made their home, went to Mendocino County, California, and engaged in the saw-mill business, which he followed for two years. He then went to Idaho Territory for a change, and was employed there in mining for a year and a half, after which he returned to Waterford and took charge of the old Hapgood Mills, his father having died. Some time after he sold the grist-mill, but still conducts the saw-mill, and is doing a successful business, his attention being chiefly given to his mill, although he also owns forty acres of farming land. On May 3, 1861, he was mustered into the United States service; but during the three months that he was out his company was not called into active service, and he took no part in any engagement.

On July 7, 1870, Mr. Hapgood was married to Miss Irene Willard, of Waterford. She was born December 14, 1845, a daughter of Eben M. and Hannah (Barker) Willard, her father having been a native of Waterford, and her mother of Lovell, in the same county. Mr. Willard was successfully engaged in farming here throughout his life. Mrs. Irene W. Hapgood died February 12, 1895; and Mr. Hapgood was again married August 9, 1896, to Lavinia G. Willard, of North Newry, Me.

Mr. Hapgood has always voted the Republican ticket. He was elected a member of the State legislature in 1894, and is now (1896) serving in his second year. He has been for several years Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Waterford. Fraternally, Mr. Hapgood is connected with No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford; Oxford Lodge, No. 30, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford; Harry Rust Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Norway, Me.; Oriental R. A. Chapter, of Bridgton, Me.; and Portland Commandery, Knights Templars, No. 2.

**H**ON. ALBION P. BONNEY is a representative of one of the old and respected families of Buckfield, in the eastern part of Oxford County, Me., that have followed the pursuit of agriculture for generations. In early manhood he had a number of years' successful experience

in school teaching, but has since devoted himself to his hereditary occupation and to the public service. He was born on the farm where he now lives, which has been in the family for more than a century, May 22, 1826, a son of James and Bethany (Keen) Bonney.

His great-grandfather was James Bonney, of Pembroke, Plymouth County, Mass.; and his grandfather, who also bore the name of James Bonney, was born in that town in 1764. This second James Bonney purchased the homestead in Buckfield in 1789. At that time most of the land in this vicinity was unredeemed from the wilderness, was covered with heavy timber, and abounded in wild game. Mr. Bonney's home was one of the first in the locality. His first claim was one hundred acres, and he afterward added to it until his property embraced over three hundred acres. He died in Buckfield at the age of seventy-two. His wife, Sally Glover, who was a native of Pembroke, Mass., also attained a ripe age. Two of their children attained maturity—James, the third of the name; and Sally, who died at the age of thirty-three.

James Bonney, son of James, second, and Sally (Glover) Bonney, succeeded his father as owner of the homestead, and devoted his days to the pursuit of agriculture. He was a man of strong character and good physical development, and held the rank of Colonel in the old State militia. Active in public affairs, he was identified in the latter part of his life with the Republican party; and he served the town in different offices, holding that of Selectman for a number of years. He died at sixty-four years of age, and his wife lived to be sixty-seven. She was a daughter of Lemuel Keen, a Revolutionary soldier. Five children were born to Colonel and Mrs. James Bonney, namely: Albion P.; Sarah E., widow of Daniel B. Bonney, of Buckfield; and Betsey B., Josiah K., and Andrew J., deceased.

Albion P. Bonney, already introduced as the subject of this biographical sketch, acquired his education in his native town, completing his course of study in the high school. In early life he taught school some forty terms, at the same time managing the home farm, which eventually became his by inheritance. This farm now covers two hundred acres, and

much of it is devoted to general crops. As a farmer Mr. Bonney has been very successful, his judgment being good, his methods progressive, and his industry unflinching.

He was married in May, 1848, to Miss Mary A. Irish, who died in 1862, leaving three children, one son and two daughters. Two of these are living, namely: Frank J., a dentist of Auburn, Me., who has one daughter, Ella M.; and Emma F., wife of Herbert E. Bonney, of Bath, Me., who has three children—Mary A., Albion P., and Mildred. The other daughter, Ella F., wife of William S. Thorne, died childless. In 1863 Mr. Bonney married Mrs. Ellen T. (Teague) Shaw, widow of Wilson Shaw. By this union he had one child—Nellie L., wife of Fred W. Keen, of Auburn, Me., and mother of one daughter, Hazel B. The second Mrs. Bonney died in March, 1865; and on June 3, 1866, Mr. Bonney contracted a third marriage with Miss Abbie Tuell, a native of Sumner, Me. He has no children by this union.

Mr. Bonney has been a Republican since the formation of the party; and he attended the first Republican convention held in Paris, Oxford County. He has been on the Board of Selectmen many years, and has served as Town Treasurer and in minor offices; and in 1885-86 he represented Buckfield in the State Senate. As an Odd Fellow he is a member of Nezinscott Lodge, No. 104, of Buckfield. In religious matters he is liberal. One of the old citizens of the town, he is a well-known figure in Buckfield, and is one whose opinion is considered valuable in matters of public import.

**F**RANK P. TYLER, an enterprising farmer and live-stock dealer of New Sharon, Franklin County, Me., was born in this town, January 30, 1865, son of Zebulon and Julia (Rigg) Tyler.

Zebulon Tyler, who formerly resided in Chesterville, moved in 1852, with his family, household effects, and live stock, to New Sharon, where he purchased the Isaac Ames place, consisting of one hundred and fifteen acres. He made various improvements upon the farm, set out an orchard of one hundred



fruit-trees, and was a successful general farmer. As he advanced in prosperity he added fifty acres of land to his original purchase; and he continued actively engaged until his death, which took place, from heart disease, in August, 1892, while he was at work in the field. A highly respected and useful citizen, he supported the Republican party in politics, and was a Methodist in his religious belief. His wife, Julia, whom he married March 8, 1849, was a daughter of S. T. Rigg, a blacksmith of New Sharon. She became the mother of eight children, namely: Lewellyn S.; George H.; Sarah E.; Addie Minnette; Eliza A.; Joseph A.; Frank P., the subject of this sketch; and Hattie Z.

Frank P. Tyler was educated in the common schools of New Sharon and Farmington. At the age of twenty-one he became his father's hired assistant upon the home farm. He subsequently succeeded to the ownership of the property, and has since conducted it with energy and success. He has also a wide reputation as a dealer in live stock, which business is a source of considerable profit to him; and this together with his farm occupies his entire time and attention. In politics he votes with the Republican party, and his religious opinions are broad and liberal.

**I**SAAC P. BEARCE, one of the largest fruit growers of Hebron, Oxford County, Me., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, March 30, 1844, son of Sylvanus R. and Ann O. (Barrows) Bearce. Gideon Bearce, his paternal grandfather, was an early settler and prosperous farmer of Hebron. He lived to an advanced age, and accumulated considerable property, owning at the time of his death three good farms.

Sylvanus R. Bearce, son of Gideon, was born in Hebron in 1804. Having been reared to agricultural pursuits, he settled upon the farm where his son, Isaac P., now resides; and for quite a long period he was one of the stirring and successful men of this locality. He died at the homestead in October, 1891, having passed the last years of his life in retirement. In politics he was a Republican,

and in his religious faith he was of the liberal type of Christians. His first wife, whose maiden name was Olive Packard, bore him four children; and his second wife, Ann O. Barrows, who was born in this county in 1825, became the mother of six children, making a family of ten. Of these, seven are now living, namely: Caroline, who is the widow of Eliphalet Bray, late of East Oxford; Irene B., wife of Lewis Clark, of Chelsea, Mass.; Isaac P., the subject of this sketch; Victoria, who is now the widow of Reuel Barrows, and resides in Chelsea, Mass.; Sylvanus, a prosperous farmer of Hebron village, who was born in 1849; Alice, wife of Wallace Cushman, of Auburn, Me.; and W. Scott, who resides with his brother at the homestead. The others were: Olive, who died in 1862, aged twenty-two years; Maria; and Albert W., who died aged twenty-five years. Mrs. Ann O. Barrows Bearce died May 1, 1890.

Isaac P. Bearce, whose personal history is now in order, passed his childhood and later youth as a member of the parental household, obtaining his education in the town schools and the Hebron Academy. He assisted his father in carrying on the farm until July 16, 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company E, Sixteenth Regiment, Maine Volunteers; and after the battle of Antietam he was sent to the hospital in Washington, D.C., suffering from the effects of long continued exposure. Being honorably discharged from the service in the succeeding December, he returned home and remained here until 1866, when he went to Black Hawk City, Col., where for a short time he was engaged in mining. Again returning to Hebron, he took charge of the home farm, thenceforward caring for his parents during their declining years, and subsequently continuing his residence here permanently. Since succeeding to the ownership of the property, which originally contained one hundred acres, he has added to it by purchasing an adjoining tract; and now, owning about one hundred and forty acres, he makes a specialty of raising apples, pears, plums, together with currants, gooseberries, and other small fruits, having twenty acres devoted to this profitable industry.

On January 1, 1873, Mr. Bearce was mar-

ried to Miss Ella F. Marshall, who was born in Hebron, April 16, 1848, daughter of William T. and Mary E. (Packard) Marshall. William T. Marshall was formerly a prosperous farmer and stone mason of this town, and is now residing in Auburn, Me. His wife died at the age of fifty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Bearce have a family of four daughters, namely: Agnes M., who was born April 9, 1874; Lizzie M., who was born May 19, 1878; Mabel C., who was born July 17, 1880; and Cordelia E., who was born February 11, 1883.

Mr. Bearce is a charter member of Hebron Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, with which his wife also is connected; and he is a comrade of A. A. Dwinal Post, No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic, of Mechanic Falls. Industrious and capable, a successful general farmer and horticulturist and a worthy citizen, he is highly esteemed by his fellow-townpeople. In politics he acts with the Republican party; and both he and Mrs. Bearce attend the Baptist church, to the support of which they are generous contributors.

**A**LBERT THOMPSON, a partially disabled veteran of the Civil War, who is now engaged in the peaceful pursuit of husbandry in Farmington, Franklin County, Me., was born in Norridgewock, this State, March 19, 1839, son of Silas and Maria (Hussey) Thompson. His grandfather, Asaph Thompson, M.D., son of Silas Thompson, first, and Sybil Pease Thompson, came from Halifax, N.S., and, settling in Maine, became a noted physician in his day. He had a large and profitable practice, which he attended on horseback, and continued active until his death, which took place at middle age. He married Polly Wood, who died at the age of fifty-five years; and her children were: Adasa, Silas, Mary, Persus, and Asa.

Silas Thompson, the second of the name, son of Dr. Asaph Thompson, inherited the Norridgewock homestead, and was there engaged in general farming until his death, which took place at the early age of thirty-four years. He voted with the Democratic party in politics, and he was liberal in his re-

ligious views. His wife, Maria Hussey, a daughter of James Hussey, was born in Waterville, Me., August 17, 1813. She became the mother of two children—Albert and Louise. Mrs. Maria H. Thompson is still living, and resides with her son, whose personal history is here briefly outlined, as follows:

Albert Thompson acquired a practical education in his early years, and after his father died he remained at the homestead with his mother until they sold the property. Removing to Farmington, they purchased the elder Joe Russell place of one hundred acres, built a new house, rebuilt the barns, and increased the productiveness of the soil. Enlisting as a private in Company L, First Maine Cavalry, on October 17, 1861, Mr. Thompson was mustered into service on November 1 of the same year; and, re-enlisting on December 28, 1863, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In an engagement fought at St. Mary's Church he received a severe wound in the right shoulder, which has caused him more or less trouble ever since, preventing him from attempting any very laborious employment. He was honorably discharged and mustered out, after having served three years and nine months, and returned directly to his home in Maine. He now receives a pension from the government.

By his union with his first wife, who was before marriage Ellen Butterfield, and was a daughter of Isaac Butterfield, Mr. Thompson had one son, Frank. His second wife, Ella J. Stevens, daughter of Paul Stevens, of Oakland, Me., died at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving two children, namely: Arthur, who was born March 18, 1884; and Edna L., who was born August 16, 1891. Politically, Mr. Thompson is inclined to favor the Democratic party. On religious subjects his views are liberal.

**I**SAAC ROUNDS, M.D., the leading physician, as well as the oldest, in Paris, the shire town of Oxford County, Me., was born in Danville, now the southern part of Auburn, Me., September 11, 1842, son of Nathaniel and Susan A. (Libby)



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Rounds. His grandfather, Joseph Rounds, probably a native of Buxton, Me., after residing for a time in Gray, Cumberland County, settled in Danville, where he died at an age between sixty-five and sixty-seven years. He was a farmer in good circumstances. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Small, died in 1864, at the age of eighty-eight years. Their children were: Nathaniel, Joseph, Eliza, Leonard, Ora, Margaret, Cushman, and James.

Nathaniel Rounds, who was born in the town of Gray in May, 1803, followed farming as his chief occupation, and also undertook occasional orders for stone work. He eventually removed to Danville, where he purchased land, on which he resided until his death, which took place in March, 1884, at the age of eighty-one years. He was twice married. His first wife, Pauline Perley, of Gray, died in early womanhood, leaving three children—Samuel P., William H., and Charles B. By his second marriage he was united to Susan A. Libby. Her father was Deacon David Libby, a prosperous farmer of Poland, Me., Androscoggin County, and the son of James Libby, who served his country as a private in the Revolutionary War. The death of Mrs. Susan A. Libby Rounds occurred in 1853, when she was forty-four years old. She was the mother of seven children; namely, David L., Joseph, Isaac, Pauline P., Huldah E., Alva L., and Cyrus, the last of whom died young.

Isaac Rounds received his early education in the Danville schools, and pursued his academic course at the Edward Little Institute and Maine State Seminary. On July 17, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Seventeenth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, for service in the Civil War, and subsequently fought in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Locust Grove, the Wilderness, the winter's siege of Petersburg, and Little Sailor's Creek. In the battle of the Wilderness, on May 6, 1864, he received a fracture of the skull; and afterward, April 6, 1865, he was wounded at Little Sailor's Creek. He was the first descendant of his mother's grandfather, James Libby, to shed his blood for his country. On receiving his discharge, June 7, 1865, he returned home and resumed his school work. Later he began reading medicine, and

in 1873 he was graduated from the medical department of Bowdoin College. He commenced practice in Lewiston; but in the fall of the same year he came to South Paris, where by his professional skill, supplemented by many admirable traits of character, he has since securely established himself in the confidence and esteem of the community. Having earned the reputation of a successful practitioner, he has built up a practice correspondingly large and lucrative. On October 4, 1874, he was united in matrimony with Lydia A. Haskell, daughter of Jasper and Sally F. (Thurston) Haskell, the father a native and a farmer of Danville. Dr. and Mrs. Rounds have two children, namely: Susan L., born August 25, 1875, now an assistant teacher in the Paris High School; and Frank W., born November 23, 1882, still attending school. Dr. Rounds can always be counted on for aid in enterprises designed for the benefit of the town. He helped to build the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Block by purchasing a share of the stock issued for that purpose. He has also materially aided in establishing the Paris Manufacturing Company, which has been of so much advantage to the town. The educational interests of the town have likewise received much attention from him, as he at one time rendered good service as School Agent, and was a member of the School Committee for three years. He is a charter member of Mount Mica Lodge and Aurora Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all the chairs of which he has successively filled; and of the William Kimball Post, No. 148, Grand Army of the Republic, holding at present the rank of Past Commander. The family residence, as well as the Doctor's office, is at 2 Main Street, a handsome dwelling, with its beautiful lawn and tasteful carriage house, erected by the Doctor in 1886.

**R** DAYTON BOLSTER, principal of the firm N. D. Bolster & Co. of South Paris, Me., is one of the leading business men of Oxford County. He was born in Rumford, Me., May 22, 1850, son of Otis C. and Maria (Virgin) Bolster, and is a direct descendant of Isaac

Bolster, a native of England, who settled in Uxbridge, Mass., in 1732, and was the founder of the family in this country.

His son, also named Isaac, who was born April 28, 1737, served as a private in some of the Colonial wars, and subsequently fought in the Revolution. He was one of the minutemen who marched to Concord on April 19, 1775. Later in the contest he was a Lieutenant in the company of Captain John Putnam, under command of Colonel E. Learned; and still later he was commissioned Captain. He was one of the original settlers of the town of Hebron, this county. In 1784 he moved to Paris, where he died in 1825, at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife, Mary Dwinell, whom he married July 24, 1761, in Sutton, Mass., died August 4, 1814. Their children were: Hepsibah, Abraham, Isaac, Jr., David, and Solomon. He took for a second wife late in life a Miss Cary, of Turner, Me., but had no children by this union.

Isaac Bolster, Jr., who was born at Sutton, Mass., May 12, 1769, was the grandfather of N. D. Bolster. He settled on a part of a large tract of land taken up by his father, built a house with barns, and started a store, which he carried on until his death in July, 1835, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife, Hannah Cushman Bolster, daughter of Gideon Cushman, born April 16, 1777, bore him ten children; namely, Alvan, Isaac, Gideon, Otis C., William, Hannah, Lyman, Louisa, Levi, and Ruth.

Otis C. Bolster, the fourth son as here named, who was born in Paris, Me., September 25, 1801, when fifteen years old went to work for his uncle, Francis Cushman, at Rumford, remaining until his majority. Shortly after he opened a store in that town, and conducted it successfully until November, 1836, when it was accidentally blown up, his little son, then eight years old, being killed by the explosion. The disaster was supposed to have been caused by his son and another boy, while playing with fire on the top of a keg of gunpowder. Mr. Bolster rebuilt the store, and resumed business. On October 23, 1852, his residence was destroyed by fire. After this he removed to Paris, bought the old brick store on Market Square, and there engaged in

the same business until his death on November 9, 1871, at the age of seventy years. He was highly esteemed for his genial traits and strict integrity. He was twice married. His first marriage, on October 28, 1827, united him with Dolly B. Keyes, who was born in 1806, daughter of Francis Keyes. She died in 1840, having borne him four children—Horatio A., Henrietta L., Mellen E., and Freeland K. His second marriage, performed May 14, 1841, was contracted with Maria C. L. Virgin, daughter of Peter C. Virgin, of Rumford. She died May 19, 1887, having borne him five children, namely: William H.; Dolly M.; Norris Dayton, the special subject of this sketch, to be further mentioned in the next paragraph; Sarah V.; and Marietta.

N. Dayton Bolster, having received his elementary education in the primary and grammar schools of his native town, subsequently completed the course of the Paris High School, where he was graduated. Thereupon he entered his father's store as clerk, and continued to serve in that capacity until his father's death. Succeeding then to the proprietorship of the store, he conducted it with success for five years, when he sold the building to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. After this he took charge of the grange store, subsequently buying the stock and building, and carrying on the business on his own account, in company with C. A. Robertson. At the end of two years he bought Mr. Robertson's interest, and thereafter for thirteen years he managed the business alone. In 1893 he took E. N. Haskell into a partnership, which has lasted since. The establishment has been much altered since it first came into Mr. Bolster's possession, and it is now the largest general store in the county. It is, however, none too large for the business transacted there, which has grown to dimensions unsurpassed in any other part of the county. Two floors and a basement are entirely occupied. Everything in general demand is kept in stock. Besides the usual goods comprehended under the head of groceries, there are sold crockery, paints and oils, hardware, boots and shoes, carpets, and other things too numerous to mention. Only a man possessed

of a genius for business can conduct such a place.

Mr. Bolster was married to Miss Ada May Morton, daughter of John J. and Hannah (Morse) Morton, of South Paris, on October 25, 1883, and has become the father of four children, namely: Elsie M., born December 1, 1886; Morton V., born July 4, 1888; Ruth M., born April 18, 1893; and Philip C., born April 17, 1895. Mr. Bolster has always shown himself warmly interested in the welfare of the town, generally taking a prominent part in most enterprises designed to advance it, and holding considerable stock in the manufacturing firms of Paris. He and his wife are attendants of the Congregational church in Paris, where he is serving as clerk. He was Town Treasurer from 1877 to 1894, and he is Past Grand and Noble Grand of Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, and Aurora Encampment, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The family occupy the residence, 2 High Street, which has been Mr. Bolster's property for some time.

**J**OHAN D. JENNINGS, a prosperous farmer and real estate owner of New Sharon, in the southern part of Franklin County, Maine, was born in the adjoining town of Farmington, April 12, 1827, son of Asa and Betsey (Rotch) Jennings. His grandfather was Eliphalet Jennings, an Englishman who enlisted in the Continental army in 1775, and served seven years in the Revolutionary War. Receiving a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres, he settled in Farmington soon after the close of hostilities, and, clearing a good farm, resided there for the rest of his life. His wife's name was Betsey, and she reared a family of five children, as follows: Rufus; Asa; Eliphalet; David; and Reuben, who served as Captain of a company in a regiment of infantry during the Civil War.

Asa Jennings, the second son of Eliphalet, was born and reared to manhood at the homestead in Farmington. In 1828, the year after the birth of his son, the subject of the present sketch, he moved to a farm of seventy-five acres at Week's Mills, New Sharon, where he

was engaged in tilling the soil for the rest of his life. He died here in 1843. His wife, Betsey Rotch, became the mother of eight children; namely, William R., George W., Frank S., John D., Lydia, Adeline, Mary, and Olive.

John D. Jennings was one of the four sons born to his parents. He passed his boyhood in attending the common schools of Week's Mills and learning to work on the home farm, also enjoying, no doubt, the various healthful sports and pastimes dear to the heart and strengthening to the muscles of the country-bred youth. From the time he was old enough to take up the work of life in good earnest until he was twenty-six years old he was employed on neighboring farms. He then joined the general rush for the gold fields of California which began in 1849. Staking off a claim in Matalon Gulch, he engaged for a time in mining on his own account, later working for a mining company; and, after staying on the Pacific Coast for four years, he came back to New Sharon. The following year, he again set out for California; but, changing his mind on reaching New York City, he once more returned to New Sharon, where he has since remained. Resuming his former occupation of tilling the soil and raising stock, he applied himself energetically to business, and by steadily pursuing a policy of thrift and progress has accumulated a good estate, owning besides his homestead an adjoining farm of one hundred and sixty acres, two other farms in this town, and some property in Chesterville. He keeps a flock of two hundred and twenty-five sheep, seven standard-bred cows, and has an orchard of five hundred grafted fruit-trees.

On January 1, 1859, Mr. Jennings married for his first wife, Hannah M. C. Thomas, who died April 25, 1862; and on July 22, 1863, he was united in marriage with Ellen F. Cutler, daughter of Josiah Cutler, of Strong, Me. By this union there are seven children, as follows: Alice, who was born January 7, 1864; Nellie, who was born January 24, 1865; George H., who was born December 10, 1866; John William, who was born March 21, 1869; Asa A., who was born January 6, 1871; Bessie, who was born September 28, 1873; and

Mary E., who was born July 30, 1878. Politically, Mr. Jennings is a Democrat; and he attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

**R**ICHMOND BROTHERS, Edward F. and Henry L., who carry on large saw and grist mills in Oxford village, Me., are enterprising and alert young business men; and their energetic efforts to maintain and still further develop the industrial resources of this town are greatly appreciated by the general community. Since the establishment of their business enterprise in 1890 they have remodelled and enlarged the mills, putting in new machinery, and now have a full and complete equipment for both the grain milling department and the manufacture of lumber and building materials of every description.

Edward F. and Henry L. Richmond are the sons of Albion K. and Harriet (Whitney) Richmond. The father was born in Jay, Franklin County, Me., in 1834. Having learned the mason's trade when a young man, Mr. Albion K. Richmond has for many years been a well-known and reliable contractor and builder, and aside from his regular calling has gained a wide reputation as a manufacturer of Richmond's patent derricks. He has been a stirring and successful business man of South Boston, Mass., where he still resides, when not occupying his summer home in Oxford, and still retains his customary energy and activity. In politics he acts with the Republican party, and he is liberal in his religious views. He and his wife, Harriet Whitney, who was born in Charlestown, Mass., in 1838, have five sons, as follows: Warren A., who was born in Oxford, Me., in 1859; Henry L. and Edward F., the subjects of this sketch; I. Tracy, who was born in South Boston in 1873; and Carl D., who was born in South Boston in 1881.

Henry L. Richmond, one of the proprietors of the aforesaid mills, was born in Oxford, Me., in 1861. He acquired a good practical education, and in young manhood exhibited a natural aptitude for business pursuits, which was the foundation of the sterling ability he has displayed in placing the firm of Richmond

Brothers upon its present secure footing, giving them a deserved prominence in business circles here. He is connected with a lodge of Odd Fellows in South Boston.

Edward F. Richmond was born in Oxford, August 20, 1864. Having acquired his education in the public schools of South Boston, he learned the mason's trade under his father's direction, and followed it steadily for a number of years. In 1890, as already noted, he engaged in business with his brother, Henry L. Richmond, establishing in Oxford the firm which has since conducted a large and profitable business, and to whose success he has in a great measure contributed. In politics he is a Republican; and in religion he belongs to the liberal type of Christians, he and his wife attending the Universalist church.

He was married on September 14, 1895, to Louisa Robinson, daughter of the late Joseph and Frances A. (Lewis) Robinson. Her father, who was the founder and President of the Robinson Manufacturing Company of Oxford, Me., was born in Yorkshire, England, May 9, 1812, son of James and Mary (Aspin) Robinson. He was one of a family of six children, the others being: James; George; Elizabeth; Rachel; and Mary, now Mrs. Wood, of Lawrence, Mass., who is the only survivor. Joseph Robinson learned the dyer's trade of his father, and after becoming an expert in his calling and filling a responsible position in a large concern in England until 1849 he emigrated to the United States. First settling at Ballardvale, Mass., he had charge of dye works there for several years, later filling positions in the same capacity at Rochester, Wolfboro, and Milton Mills, N.H.

Coming to Oxford in 1858, he, in company with John Hall, engaged in manufacturing. A short time later he bought his partner's interest; and in 1862, associating himself with H. J. and F. O. Libby, he established and incorporated the Robinson Manufacturing Company. From a small beginning the concern advanced steadily through his business ability and careful management to its present large proportions and excellent business standing. The entire plant and equipment was erected and supplied under his supervision. The main building, which is a four-story brick

structure, contains sixty-seven looms, employing an average of one hundred and fifty men the year round. Their output, which consists of dress goods, suitings, and repellents, is sold all over the United States.

The great amount of energy Mr. Robinson displayed as president of the corporation, together with the deep interest he took in all matters relating to the improvement of the village and the general welfare of the community, gained for him the sincere respect and genuine admiration of his fellow-townsmen; and his death, which took place March 6, 1895, was regretted by all. In politics he supported the Republican party. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist, and he was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

In 1833, while still residing in England, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Frances A. Lewis, who was born in Yorkshire, November 16, 1814. She became the mother of six children, as follows: Mrs. Mary Parrott, of Oxford; Mrs. Frances Andrews, of Portland; Louisa, Mrs. Richmond; Mrs. Salina Carr, John B., and Albert E. Robinson, all of Oxford. Mrs. Frances A. Robinson died November 9, 1890.

The Robinson Manufacturing Company is still doing an extensive business upon the lines so admirably mapped out and adhered to by its founder. Its present official force consists of J. B. Robinson, President; F. A. Libby, Treasurer; and A. E. Robinson, Agent.

**E**ZRA MARSHALL, of Hebron, Me., a self-made man, starting in the world with five dollars, has accumulated a valuable property and won the respect that honest success always brings. He was born in Hebron, September 24, 1828. His parents were Aaron and Bethany (Bumpus) Marshall, the former also a native of Hebron.

His paternal grandfather, David Marshall, was one of the pioneer settlers of Oxford County. He served for some time in the Revolutionary War, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill; and it is supposed that he located in Bethel, Me., about 1781. His first wife lived but a short time after marriage.

His second wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Mason, accompanied him in his quest for a home in the wilderness, meeting the vicissitudes of pioneer life with courage and endurance. With a young family the couple travelled to Bethel, the wife making her way on snowshoes with a child in her arms, the husband also carrying a child and at the same time drawing a small hand-sled on which were the cooking utensils. He had purchased four hundred acres of land in Bethel, and there he built a log house and toiled late and early clearing his farm; while his wife was no less busy than he, performing the manifold duties of a country housekeeper and family mother in those pioneer days.

At the time of the famous Bethel raid, about 1782, when the Indians descended on the little settlement, David Marshall and his family spent the night in the woods, hidden by a large log. In the morning, as soon as he was sure that the savages were gone, he returned to the house, packed up what loose things he could carry, and started for New Gloucester, where he expected to find a place of security. Mrs. Marshall was not well; and the horrors of the Indian raid had affected her so that she was taken seriously ill, and they were obliged to stop on the way, finding refuge in a settler's house, she being the first white woman that ever visited the town of Paris, Me. As soon as she was able to proceed, they resumed their journey. At New Gloucester they made a short stay; and then Mr. Marshall purchased a piece of land in Minot, where they lived for a while. His next move was to a farm near Mechanic Falls, which he thought was State land; but it belonged to the Little family, and a lawsuit followed, in which Mr. Marshall was beaten. Once more compelled to move, he settled near where his grandson, Moses Marshall, is now living; and there his days were ended in peace and prosperity. He owned in Hebron one hundred acres of land and the mill privilege; and, building a grist-mill, he conducted a thriving business.

Mr. David Marshall was a man of unusual energy and determination, as will have been seen, and allowed no difficulties to turn him aside from the way to success. He died on his Hebron farm at the age of seventy-seven.



His wife, notwithstanding all the hardships and anxieties of her life, lived to be seventy-two. They had a family of eleven children: David; Asahel; Lucy; Walter; John; Moses; Aaron; Nathan; Miriam; Theresa, who died young; and a child who died in infancy.

Aaron Marshall, the seventh-born, spent his life in Hebron, on the farm now owned by his son Ezra. He was an industrious and energetic man, and as a farmer was very successful. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican. He died at the age of seventy-three, his wife having been called to rest in her fifty-ninth year. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Marshall were members of the Baptist church. Seven children were born to them, as follows: Silas S., who died at the age of twenty-one years; Sarah H. (deceased), wife of Charles Cobb, Esq., of Poland, Me.; William T., a stone cutter, now retired, residing in Auburn, Me.; Alden B., a retired carpenter in Newton, Mass.; Cordelia B., wife of Hiram Everett, of Hebron Corners; Ezra, of Hebron; and Horace B., a Baptist clergyman in Amherst, N.H.

Ezra Marshall, the subject of this sketch, acquired his education in the common schools of Hebron. At the age of eighteen, with scarcely five dollars in his pocket, he started to make his own way in the world, going to Massachusetts, where he worked for three years as a farm hand. He then returned to his native town, and at the age of twenty-five he took charge of the family homestead. With characteristic perseverance and industry he developed the home farm, materially increasing its value, and in course of time bought more land, so that now the homestead covers three hundred acres, besides which he owns other real estate. He is one of the most extensive farmers in Hebron, and in fruit culture especially he has achieved marked success. Though Baldwins are his staple orchard product, he has thirty different kinds of apples and a variety of small fruit. His buildings also rank among the best in the town.

On October 2, 1856, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Eliza M., daughter of Joseph and Miriam (Marshall) Irish. She was born in Hebron, March 2, 1827. Five

children have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall—Persis, who died April 29, 1890, wife of Sherman Merrill and mother of four children—Alice M., Grace, Alma M., and Fred S.; Alma H., who did not live to be four years old; Charles A., born October 28, 1861, a farmer, unmarried, who lives with his parents; Adelaide I., born January 9, 1864, who is the wife of Llewellyn Keene, a farmer of Hebron, and is the mother of four children—Della M., Mary I., Nellie M., and Ezra M.; and Fred H., born July 24, 1867, who married Miss Abbie L. B. Hibbs, and is a farmer, living with his father.

Mr. Marshall votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M., of Buckfield. In religious matters both he and his wife are liberal.

FRON. JARVIS C. MARBLE, who is now spending the closing years of a long and busy life in retirement at his beautiful home in Paris Hill, Oxford County, was a conspicuous factor of the mercantile and manufacturing circles of this locality for more than half a century. A son of Nathan and Mehitable (Freeland) Marble, he was born on Bethel Hill, in the town of Bethel, Me., May 24, 1821.

His father was born June 29, 1778, in Sutton, Mass., that town being also the native place of his mother, whose birth occurred September 10, 1780. Nathan Marble and his wife settled in the town of Bethel soon after their marriage; and there the former was employed as a farmer, harness-maker, and saddler until his death, which occurred at a comparatively early age, November 6, 1826. He stood in a foremost position among the stirring and progressive citizens of the county, and for many years was Captain of a company of the State militia. Of his union with Miss Freeland eleven children were born, the following being their names and respective dates of birth: James P., November 25, 1800; Stephen M., December 25, 1802; Palmer M., November 12, 1805; Nathan M., March 5, 1808; Mehitable M., May 9, 1810; Freeland, November 12, 1812; Elizabeth B., July 24,

1815; Franklin, October 27, 1818; Jarvis C., May 24, 1821; Nancy J., August 22, 1824; James R., May 8, 1827. After the death of her husband the mother, who lived until April 25, 1874, became the wife of Elijah Burbank. She was a member of the Congregational church, of which the father, who was liberal in his religious belief, was a regular attendant. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

Jarvis C., the ninth child, whose career is here to be traced, attended the common schools of Bethel until eleven years of age, when he was obliged to give up his studies and commence life for himself. He first worked for a year as a clerk in the store of L. C. Crocker, of Buckfield, receiving for his services his board and clothing. Going thence to Portland, he worked a while for a Mr. Capen, who, in addition to his board and clothing, paid him a small compensation in money. Mr. Marble subsequently became a clerk in the establishment of L. C. Carter, of New York City, who received him as a member of his family, giving him board and clothes, and supplying him with a liberal amount of money for other expenses. Here he acquired a thorough knowledge of the mercantile business as it was conducted in those days, his initiatory experience with Mr. Carter being of inestimable value to him in after years. Early in 1842, a few months prior to his marriage, Mr. Marble came to Oxford County, locating first in the village of Paris, where he and his wife subsequently lived three years before coming to their present estate, which at his advent was in its original wildness.

Mr. Marble began clearing and improving his land, in the work succeeding so well that he has now one of the finest and most attractive homesteads in this section of the State. The first two years of his residence in Paris he worked as a clerk for Hiram Hubbard, whom he subsequently bought out; and for a few years thereafter he was engaged in mercantile business on his own account. In addition to his store in Paris he put in a stock of general merchandise at North Buckfield, and for some time conducted the two stores, having a lucrative trade. With sagacious foresight Mr. Marble at length bought out Sweat & Co.'s powder factory, which he managed in connec-

tion with his other business. Disposing of his stores, he afterward confined his attention to the manufacture of powder, erecting a second mill at Platteville, Wis., and another at Camden, Me.; and during the war he supplied the government with a large amount of high grades and other powder. After the close of the great conflict he moved his powder works to Canada, where he received the contract for supplying the Canadian government and the Hudson Bay Company with powder. In his manufacturing business he was very successful, running for a time four factories, in which he employed a large force of men.

In 1885 he disposed of his powder, confining his attention to the bark business which he had previously established; and since giving that up he has lived retired. He has accumulated a good property, and besides his own handsome dwelling has erected two fine residences for his children, who live near him. Politically, Mr. Marble is an earnest and loyal member of the Republican party, and takes an active interest in town and county affairs. He was a member of the State legislature in 1860, and for three subsequent years; and for two years he was County Treasurer. Religiously, both he and his wife are strong Universalists, being among the leading members of that church, and contributing liberally toward its support.

On October 24, 1842, Mr. Marble was married to Mary R. Hubbard, who was born at Paris Hill, Me., November 25, 1821, a daughter of Russell and Eunice (Stowell) Hubbard. Her grandfather, General Levi Hubbard, was born, reared, and married in Worcester, Mass. He and his bride, Mary Hemenway, then but fourteen years of age, came directly to Paris, and here began housekeeping in a log cabin, which was situated in a small clearing made in the dense wilderness. Over their heavily timbered land bears, deer, and wolves roamed at will; and the Indians were in strong evidence. General Hubbard cleared and improved a good homestead, and became one of the foremost men of this vicinity, serving in various town offices, and in the years from 1812 until 1814 inclusive as a member of Congress. He was liberal in his religious belief and a valued member of the Universalist

church. His wife made during her married life five trips on horseback to Worcester, her early home. They had two children, namely: Oliver, who was killed when a young man by the falling of a tree; and Russell, Mrs. Marble's father. General Hubbard died in 1836, and his wife in 1844.

Russell Hubbard was born in Paris, Me., and here spent his life, dying February 15, 1836. His wife was also a lifelong resident of this town. She bore him five children, as follows: Columbia, born November 18, 1809; Hiram, born September 28, 1811; Oliver, born November 19, 1813; Daniel S., born October 17, 1816; and Mary R., now Mrs. Marble, the latter and her brother Hiram being the only ones living. Mr. and Mrs. Marble have had four children, the following being their record: Mary H., born February 10, 1844, married Dr. A. S. Thayer, of Portland, and died December 5, 1875; Elmer H., who was born November 9, 1846, and died November 8, 1893, married Ella Smith, and was for some time connected with his father in the powder business; Lizzie H., born March 23, 1849, is the wife of Orlando A. Thayer, of Paris; and Fannie F., born February 3, 1854, is the wife of John Pierce, a jeweller in South Paris, but living with Mr. and Mrs. Marble. Mr. and Mrs. Marble have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**E**DWIN B. HATCH, a retired farmer of Chesterville, Me., and a veteran of the Civil War, who is now serving as Postmaster, was born in Wilton, Franklin County, Me., September 19, 1838, son of Joseph and Zoa (Keyes) Hatch. His paternal grandfather was Cyrus Hatch, a native of Martha's Vineyard, who, when a young man, settled in Wilton as a pioneer. He bought one hundred acres of wild land, a portion of which he cleared for agricultural purposes; and he resided there for the rest of his life. He married, and reared a family of four children; namely, Cyrus, Joseph, John, and Zoa, each of whom lived to be eighty years old and over.

Joseph Hatch, the second son, was born in Wilton, and was a lifelong resident of that

town. He was an honest, hard-working farmer and a worthy citizen, who gained the respect and esteem of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. He died October 16, 1888, aged eighty-four years and ten months. In politics he was a Republican and in his religious views a Methodist. His wife, who was before marriage Zoa Keyes, was a native of Wilton. She became the mother of five children, three of whom are living, namely: Charles B., who is residing at the homestead; B. Frank; and Edwin B., the subject of this sketch, who is the youngest son. The others were: Hiram M. and Mary E. Mrs. Zoa K. Hatch passed away from earth at the age of fifty-two years and nine months.

Edwin B. Hatch during his boyhood and youth remained at home assisting on the farm and attending the town schools, and at the age of twenty he pursued a course of study for one term at the Maine State Seminary in Lewiston. For a short time after that he was employed as a farm assistant by Squire Hill, who lived in the vicinity of Great Falls, N.H.; and from there he went to Bedford, Mass., where he remained for six months. He then went to Boston, and shipped on board a fishing-smack for a season's cruise; and in the following year, 1861, he made a voyage to England and Ireland as a sailor on board a merchant vessel. In 1862 Mr. Hatch enlisted as a private in the First Massachusetts Company (Governor Andrew's) of Sharpshooters, with which he went to the front, and took part in the battle of Fredericksburg and all other engagements fought by the Second Army Corps until June 2, 1864, when he was taken prisoner at Pleasant Ridge, Va. He was first confined in Libby Prison, later being sent to Pemberton, after which he was repeatedly moved from one place to another, being imprisoned successively at Andersonville, Milan, Savannah, Thomasville, Selma, Ala., and Danville, Va., where he was held until paroled on June 3, 1865. After his discharge from the service he followed various occupations in Boston and Wilton, Me., until 1874, when he bought a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Chesterville, where he has since resided. As an industrious general farmer he has succeeded in accumulating con-

siderable property. He continued to till the soil diligently until 1891, when he sold his farm and bought his present homestead, consisting of a comfortable residence and five acres of land. He also owns a valuable tract of woodland in this town and an interest in the homestead farm in Wilton.

Mr. Hatch and Velora H. White, daughter of R. White, were married on November 25, 1874, and enjoyed a wedded life of nearly twenty years. Mrs. Hatch died September 27, 1893, leaving no children.

In politics Mr. Hatch is a Democrat; and in September, 1893, he was appointed Postmaster at Chesterville, which position he still holds. His war record is an honorable one; and, as a stirring, progressive, and useful citizen, he is widely known and highly respected. Mr. Hatch attends the Methodist Episcopal church. It is worthy of note that eleven representatives of the Hatch kindred served in the Rebellion, and returned to their homes; and of these seven are still living.

**W**ILLIAM F. CALDWELL, a successful farmer and respected citizen of the town of Oxford, Me., was born April 28, 1840, on the ancestral farm on which he now lives. His great-grandfather, John Caldwell, settled on the estate when this portion of Maine was wild and almost unpopulated, and those who dared to encroach upon the hitherto undisputed domain of the deer, beaver, bear, and wolf that abounded in the Maine forests had to endure the privations of pioneer life and accustom themselves to constant dangers. Quite a number of Massachusetts people received grants of land in the District of Maine as rewards for military services in the Colonial wars, and the sturdy soldiery and their sons were quite equal to cope with the vicissitudes of frontier life. John Caldwell, like most of the settlers of his day, was thrifty as well as brave, and planted a posterity here which is still marked by the same traits of character possessed by their ancestors.

He left a son, who bore the name of William, born October 11, 1775, who grew up to be a stirring and industrious farmer, passing his entire life on the Oxford farm. He mar-

ried Nancy Woodward, May 2, 1799. Miss Woodward was born January 27, 1781, and was therefore a bride at eighteen years of age. William Caldwell was a member of the Methodist church, and was successively identified with the Whigs and the Republicans in political affiliation. He died on November 19, 1862, aged eighty-seven years, and was followed four years later by his faithful wife, who passed away June 30, 1866. They were the parents of four children, namely: Zenas, born March 31, 1800; Leonard, born January 30, 1803; Merritt, born November 29, 1806; and Nancy, born April 5, 1809.

Leonard Caldwell, the second son of William, followed in the steps of the two previous generations and became a practical farmer. As the toilsome years went on, his means increased until, besides being the proprietor of the old Caldwell homestead, he was the owner of much additional property. At his death he left an estate of three hundred acres of land, improved by cultivation and many new buildings, among them the substantial dwelling, which was one of the best in its time and is still a comfortable and attractive residence.

Leonard Caldwell married Miss Hannah Farrington, May 29, 1831. Six children were the fruit of this union, namely: Emily C., born May 28, 1833, who died January 13, 1855; Leonard A., born October 14, 1834, who was a soldier in the Federal ranks during the late Civil War, and died while in service, on June 17, 1863; Ellen C., born January 11, 1836, who became the wife of James O. Thompson, and now lives in Virginia, where Mr. Thompson edits a paper called the *Mountain Echo*; Zenas M., born August 5, 1837, who died August 16, 1839; William F., born as before mentioned, April 28, 1840; and Annah E., born February 21, 1848, who married Dr. George Kelsoe, and resides in Bloomington, Ill., where she practises the same profession followed by her husband.

William F. Caldwell is now the only survivor of the three sons. He passed his youth in his native locality, receiving his education in the schools of Oxford and Hebron. After leaving school he, with hereditary instinct, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he is still actively engaged. He

now owns and carries on an excellent farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres, and is accounted one of the best farmers of Oxford. February 18, 1862, was the date of his marriage with Miss Mehitable D. Winship, a native of Otisfield, where she was born February 23, 1840.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have had seven children, namely: Emily A., born January 30, 1864, who died January 10, 1878; Adelbert F., born May 8, 1867, now engaged in teaching; Minnie B., born October 18, 1868; Annie C., born July 19, 1871; Willie L., born December 24, 1874; Guy H., born November 24, 1880, who died February 27, 1885; and Cornelia B., born March 30, 1884.

Mr. Caldwell and his wife are allied in a common religious faith, both being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Oxford, in which Mr. Caldwell has always been an active worker. He is a staunch Republican in political fellowship, and has held, besides various minor offices, that of Selectman. He has also been active in promoting educational progress in his town and county. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are prominent members of society in their town, and their charming home is a hospitable rendezvous for their large circle of friends.

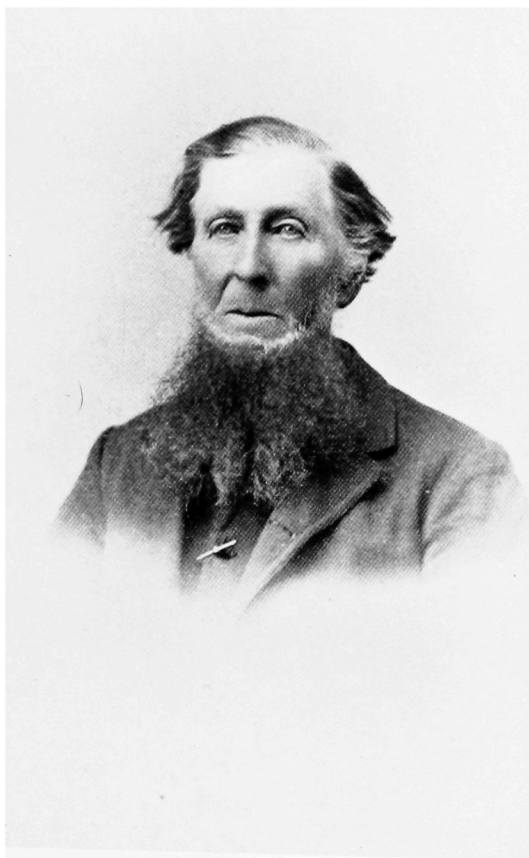
**F**RANK W. OSBORNE, one of the most enterprising and progressive though one of the youngest farmers of Farmington, Me., was born in Marshfield, Mass., September 22, 1864. He is the son of George T. and Wilhelmina (Wilson) Osborne, both of Marshfield. George T. Osborne was a shoemaker by trade, and at the time of the war he was one of the large contingent of New England "knights of the last," who fought under the banners of the Union. He served a year in the Forty-third Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and returned home with a shattered constitution, dying at the age of twenty-nine. He left a widow and two children — Eleanor W. and Frank W. Mrs. George T. Osborne, who is now fifty-one years of age, is living with her son.

Frank W. Osborne left home at the age of eighteen to battle with the world and make his

fortune. Of strong constitution and progressive nature, he adopted the pursuit with which he was most familiar, agriculture; and, saving his earnings, he began to invest in real estate. In company with Ira Blanchard he bought the Johnson farm, an estate of one hundred and fourteen acres in Farmington; and the partners remodelled the buildings, and engaged in general farming with such enterprise that they achieved marked success. In 1891 Mr. Osborne purchased Mr. Blanchard's interest, and became sole proprietor; and the business continues to prosper under his able management. Besides attending to the culture of garden produce and general crops he has a fine dairy of twelve handsome Jerseys. He is a typical New Englander, pushing and thrifty; and his success has won the admiration and respect of his townsmen. In politics he is independent, in religious matters liberal.

**Z**ACCHEUS A. DYER, a successful farmer and sterling citizen of New Sharon, Franklin County, Me., was born in this town, June 2, 1819.

He comes of an English family of ancient and honorable name, his direct ancestor, Sir James Dyer, having been Speaker of the House of Commons and Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in the year 1511. Mr. Dyer's grandfather came from Truro, Cape Cod, to New Sharon, about one hundred years ago, and took up a tract of wild land of a hundred acres in extent. Clearing ten acres and building a log house during the first year, he moved his family into their new home the ensuing winter. The original tract of land owned by this first representative of the name in this State is now known as the farm of Benjamin C. Roby. Here the Cape Cod emigrant lived to a remarkable old age, dying, in the home he had fashioned so long ago, in his ninety-second year. His wife also lived to a green old age, for both came of hardy Cape Cod stock. They were the parents of ten children — Reuben; Christopher; Gideon B.; James; Henry; John; Nathaniel; Hannah; one who died in infancy; and a daughter (whose name cannot now be ascertained), who married Captain Small, of Truro, Mass. Christopher, the



ZACCHEUS A. DYER.

second-born son, became a man of prominence, holding the office of Town Clerk for forty-three years.

Gideon B. Dyer, father of Zaccheus A., was born on Cape Cod and was but eight years old when his father moved from Massachusetts to Maine. On coming of age he bought a tract of one hundred acres of land, which is now known as the Hamlin place. Extending the boundaries of his estate, later on, by the additional purchase of two hundred and twenty-five acres, he became one of the most successful farmers of the locality. He faithfully discharged all the duties of citizenship both in peace and war, serving as a private during the War of 1812, and receiving a land warrant for his services in that short but lively struggle with Great Britain. He was Town Treasurer for some years. Religiously, he was connected by membership with the Free Baptist Church. On July 7, 1818, he wedded Mahala Sleeper, of Loudon, N.H., who was born in 1797, and died in 1857. Six children were born to them—Zaccheus A., Mahala S., Barlow, Abigail S., Hannah A., and Samuel S.

Zaccheus A. Dyer, the special subject of this memoir, was educated in the common schools and at the High School of New Sharon. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached his twenty-sixth year, when he bought fifty acres of land and began his career as a farmer. By careful management and judicious investment he increased both the extent and value of his property until it now includes three hundred and twenty-five acres of well-cultivated land. In 1852 he built a new dwelling-house on his estate, which he still occupies. Besides holding many minor offices, Mr. Dyer has most capably filled several positions of trust and honor, among them that of Deputy Sheriff, in which he served from 1860 to 1870, and Sheriff, holding the latter office from 1870 to 1876. He was a member of the legislature of 1878 and 1879, representing the people of New Sharon with intelligence and fidelity. He has also served as Selectman of the town for one term. He is a Republican in political affiliation, and a Free Baptist in religious faith.

March 23, 1843, was the date of his marriage with Miss Emily K. Cram, who was born

in 1827, a daughter of General Varnum Cram. Five children were the result of this union: Francette A., born August 27, 1845, died February 3, 1846; Augustus L., born June 23, 1847, married Miss Emily Pottle, and is now the foreman of a shoe factory in Manchester, N.H.; Roland H., born September 23, 1850, married, is a merchant and hotel proprietor in South Dakota; Milton B., born October 7, 1852, died September 30, 1880; Warren C., born September 21, 1855, married Miss Churchill, and is now a prominent man in Boulder, Boulder County, Col., where he holds the important and somewhat dangerous office of Sheriff. Mrs. Emily Cram Dyer died in 1860, at the age of thirty-three years. On April 30, 1861, Mr. Dyer formed a second marriage with Miss Mary H. Gillman. This lady, who was born in 1820, was the daughter of Samuel Gillman. She died in 1892, leaving no children. Two years later, June 23, 1894, Mr. Dyer was again married. The present Mrs. Dyer was a Miss Affie Collins in her maidenhood, a daughter of John Collins of Starks. She was born in 1824, and was a widow when married to Mr. Dyer, her first husband having been Mr. Benjamin Bradford. Mr. Dyer is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Franklin Lodge, No. 123, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the chairs except that of Master. His eldest son is also a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in that ancient society.

**R**EV. STEPHEN D. RICHARDSON, a well-known clergyman of Oxford County, whose home is in Hebron, and who is Secretary of the Hebron Academy Board of Trustees, of which he has been a member some twenty-one years, is a native of this town. He was born May 24, 1825, son of Adam and Margaret (Crooker) Richardson.

Adam Richardson was born in Pembroke, Mass., May 24, 1781. A blacksmith by trade, he was also a competent farmer, and was a very industrious man. He died in Buckfield, December 28, 1843, survived by his wife Margaret, who was born in Buckfield in 1783, and was called to rest at the age of

seventy-four. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Susan, born February 7, 1806, who died in 1864; Margaret, born February 21, 1808, now a resident of Otisfield, Cumberland County, Me.; Winslow, born October 1, 1810, who died in 1886; Adam, born July 18, 1812, who died in 1887; Rosella, born March 22, 1815, who died in 1867; Patience C., born August 22, 1817, now residing in West Minot, Me.; Mary F., born January 1, 1820, who died in 1889; Lemuel C., born August 23, 1822, who died in 1854; Stephen D., the subject of this sketch; and Rachel C., born September 16, 1827, now residing in West Minot, Me. The first four were natives of Hartford, Me., and the last six were natives of Hebron. Mr. Adam Richardson was a Whig in political preference. In religious matters he was liberal.

Stephen D. was next to the youngest-born of the parental household. He grew to manhood in Hebron, and here received his early education, fitting for college at Hebron Academy, where he was assistant teacher in 1851 and 1852. He spent five years in Lawrence, Mass., employed as clerk in the Boston & Maine car shops, and then entered on his ministerial work after about six months' study of theology with the Rev. C. Parker. His first pastorate was at Manchester, Me., where he had charge of the Baptist church for ten years; and the five years following he was at Fayette Corner. In 1875 he was installed as pastor of the Baptist church in Hebron, which was under his able direction for twelve years; and later he was pastor at Tenant's Harbor, Me., three years. On account of his wife's feeble health he was then compelled to retire from active pastoral work, though supplying pulpits at intervals. Since living in Hebron he has supplied the church at Buckfield for a year, the one in East Sumner for four years, also, in connection, the church at West Sumner two and a half years, besides supplying for short periods churches in the surrounding towns. As a pastor he has been very popular and successful; and he is still a very busy man, active in ministerial work, and performing many important duties as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Hebron Academy.

This institution, which has been recently

endowed and made a fitting-school for Colby College, with the addition of a handsome new building, Sturtevant Hall, is one of the best schools of the kind in the State, the tuition fees being very reasonable, considering the advantages offered. An able corps of teachers give instruction in Greek and Latin, moral science, history, English language and literature and Biblical literature, the natural and physical sciences, mathematics and book-keeping, elocution, music, painting, and penmanship; and a fine gymnasium, heated by steam, supplied with baths, and furnished with all necessary gymnastic apparatus, helps to develop the bodily strength and elasticity required to keep pace with mental growth. Circulars containing full information in regard to the academy are in charge of the Principal, William E. Sargent, A.M., and the Secretary, the Rev. S. D. Richardson.

On April 15, 1855, Mr. Richardson was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie J. Marshall, who was born in Hebron, June 4, 1832, a daughter of Moses and Ruth (Whittemore) Marshall (both deceased). Mr. Marshall, who was born in Bethel, Me., was a millwright. Mrs. Richardson died in Hebron, June 29, 1894, after a long period of invalidism, leaving one son, Albert Marshall Richardson. He was born in Manchester, Me., February 28, 1863, fitted for college at Hebron Academy, and was graduated at Colby University in 1886. Though qualified to teach, and having had two years' experience as an instructor in Wayland Seminary, Washington, D.C., his taste is for mechanical work; and he has given some attention to the machinist's trade. He returned to Hebron at the time of his mother's death, and has since made his home in this town. At present he is employed in Dr. Marshall & Dunham's splint manufactory in Portland, Me. In politics a Republican, he has been elected to a number of town offices, and, having served for two years as School Supervisor, is now Town Clerk and Treasurer. He married Rosa, daughter of H. A. Cushman, of Hebron, and has two children—Norman C., born in Waterville, April 12, 1892; and Albert M., born in Hebron, July 27, 1896.

The Rev. Stephen D. Richardson has long



been prominent among the Republicans of his district. In 1869 he represented the town of Manchester, Me., in the State legislature; and he has been School Supervisor for twenty-three years, filling that office in different towns. He is now the stated supply and acting pastor of the Baptist church in Peru, Oxford County.

To the end of his life he will doubtless recall among his most vivid remembrances his experiences while at the front during the war of the Rebellion, when he rendered valuable services to his country and the cause of humanity as a delegate of the Christian Commission, assigned to duty in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. He was for several weeks at Harper's Ferry, but most of the time at Winchester, then the headquarters of the Middle Division, Veteran Corps, under General Sheridan, followed by General Hancock. He was there when the war closed, in charge of the Commission rooms, and was in Washington at the time of President Lincoln's funeral.

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**I**SAAC A. D. BLAKE, M.D., of Wilton, a well-known physician of the homœopathic school and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Lisbon, Me., December 24, 1833, son of Zebulon and Sarah A. (Durgin) Blake. His grandfather, John Blake, was an Englishman who emigrated to America in Colonial times, and served as a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. After the close of the war John Blake settled upon a tract of wild land in Maine, where he cleared a good farm, and thereafter resided upon it until his death, which occurred when he was eighty years old. He married Mercy Dean, and she lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-four years.

Her children were — John, Sally, William, Polly, Zebulon, and Susan.

Zebulon Blake, Dr. Blake's father, who was also a native of Lisbon, followed agriculture during the active period of his life. In 1835 he moved to Detroit, Me., where he tilled the soil of a good farm until his retirement from active labor. Selling his property in Detroit, he removed to Penobscot County, where he lived till 1872. He then moved to Wilton.

Here he spent the rest of his life, and he died at the age of ninety-one years. His wife, Sarah, bore him ten children, of whom John W. died in infancy, and three others before reaching maturity. The rest were — Abbie, Hiram W., Isaac A. D., Jane, Nellie, and John W. (second). The mother lived to be eighty-four years old.

Isaac A. D. Blake acquired his early education in the schools of Detroit, Me. He subsequently attended the Hampden Academy and the East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport, Me. After studying medicine with Dr. Hamilton of Hartland, he attended the Homœopathic College at Cleveland, Ohio, during the year 1858-59, and the Pennsylvania Medical University during that of 1860-61. He graduated from the latter institution in 1861, and began the practice of his profession in Philadelphia. A short time after leaving college he enlisted for service in the Civil War, being commissioned Second Sergeant of Company D, Twenty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served as Sergeant and Lieutenant until his discharge on April 8, 1864. He afterward re-entered the army as Surgeon of the Seventy-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. During the interval that elapsed between his first discharge and his re-enlistment, he practised medicine in Oxford, Pa. After the war he located in North Carmel, Me., where he had a large practice for three years. On account of his wife's health he then moved to Lakewood, Ocean County, N.J., where he resided until 1880. Returning to Maine in that year he located in Wilton, where he has since practised with success. For some years he was able to withstand the fatigue and exposure of a country physician's practice; but the long rides, together with his increasing weight, acting on a constitution weakened by four years' exposure in the war, finally caused spinal and heart troubles. These infirmities compelled him to give up his outside patients, and confine himself to his office practice. Soon after establishing himself here he bought the Dunn homestead on Main Street. This he has since remodelled into a handsome residence, in which his office is located. He is still the regular

physician of many prominent families in Wilton.

In 1864 Dr. Blake was united in marriage to Mary H. Hill, of Philadelphia. She is a daughter of James Hill, an Englishman, and a shoemaker by trade. Dr. and Mrs. Blake have had four children, as follows: Florine, who died before reaching maturity; another child who died in infancy; Alfred C.; and Louisa. Alfred C. graduated from the Wilton Academy in 1891, and entered Colby University, class of 1895. His failing eyesight compelled him to leave at the end of one year. He has since been engaged in teaching, and is now Principal of the High School at Vanceboro. Louisa is now the wife of the Rev. Charles H. Williams, a Baptist minister, and has one son, Charles Spurgeon. In politics Dr. Blake is an Independent Republican. He is connected with Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Secretary. Both he and Mrs. Blake are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**C**HARLES W. FLINT, a retired farmer of Sweden, Oxford County, Me., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, August 7, 1826, son of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Ingalls) Flint. Mr. Flint's parents were both natives of Bridgton, Me., his paternal grandfather, James Flint, who was born in Reading, North Parish, now North Reading, Mass., having come to Maine and settled upon a farm in that town in 1776. He was a son of Captain John Flint, grandson of Ebenezer, and great-grandson of George and Elizabeth (Putnam) Flint, all residents of the North Parish of Reading. George Flint, known as Sergeant Flint, was the second son of Thomas Flint, who settled in Salem, Mass., before 1650. (See Flint Genealogy.)

Nathaniel Flint, son of James, resided in Bridgton until after his marriage, when he moved to Sweden and settled upon a tract of wild land. For some time he occupied a log house, but after clearing off a large part of his land he erected a set of frame buildings. He continued to reside here until his death, which took place in 1875. His wife, who

was before marriage Rebecca Ingalls, became the mother of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, as follows: Rebecca, who married Jonathan Whitney; Nathaniel; Reuben I.; John; Benjamin; Charles W.; Samuel; and Marshall—of whom the only survivor is Charles W., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Rebecca Ingalls Flint died in June, 1870.

Charles W. Flint received a common-school education in his boyhood, and had the additional advantage of one term at the high school. He resided at home assisting his father upon the farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he married and settled upon a piece of agricultural property in the southeast part of this town. Six years later he returned to the homestead; and, after caring for his parents during the rest of their lives, he inherited the estate. Mr. Flint's life, however, has not all been spent in the peaceful pursuits of husbandry. Responding to President Lincoln's call for troops to defend the imperilled Union, on September 29, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Twenty-third Maine Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was commanded by Colonel Virgin; and Company B, which was originally commanded by Captain Little, was afterward led by Captain Winthrop C. Hall. They were assigned to do general duty in the vicinity of the Potomac River, where Mr. Flint's health became permanently injured through long-continued exposure; and after his discharge in Portland, July 5, 1863, he returned to Sweden, where he resumed farming. He has improved the farm by clearing off considerable woodland, thus adding to its tillage area; and in connection with general farming he has conducted lumbering operations during the winter seasons. He now owns, besides the home farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, a tract of fifty acres, situated in another part of the town, together with considerable wild land. Since his retirement from active labor the farm has been managed by his son.

Mr. Flint has been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded February 3, 1848, was before marriage Sarah F Stearns. She was born in Lovell, Me., May 2, 1826, daughter of General Solomon and Sarah (Heald) Stearns, the former of whom was a prosperous

farmer of that town. She died July 2, 1853, leaving three children, namely: Charles F., who was born January 9, 1849, married Jennie Harmon, of Bridgton, and now lives in West Sterling, Mass.; Solomon S., who was born August 13, 1850, married Emma Hubbard, of Worcester, Mass., and now resides in that city; and Benjamin W., who was born December 14, 1851, married Mrs. Abby Weeks, and is now residing in Chatham, N.H.

On May 20, 1855, Mr. Flint married his present wife, whose maiden name was Jane M. Bennett. She was born in Freedom, N.H., March 24, 1836, daughter of William and Charlotte (Bennett) Bennett. Her father, who was a native of Bridgton, was a house carpenter, and followed his trade in Freedom, Sweden, and Bridgton. He died in his native town. His wife, who was born in Freedom, N.H., spent her last days in Massachusetts. To Mr. and Mrs. Flint have been born thirteen children, of whom a brief record may here be given, as follows: Nathaniel F. was born May 8, 1857, and died December 15, 1858; Sarah J. was born October 5, 1858, and is the wife of J. Frank Bryant, of West Bridgton; William M. was born June 7, 1860, married Nellie Pike, and resides in Sweden; John B. was born February 19, 1862, is a prominent young man of the town, and has always resided at the homestead; George A. was born July 14, 1864, married Ada Dawes, and now lives in Harrison, Me.; Marshall I. was born November 12, 1865, and died September 29, 1872; Eben I. was born June 23, 1867, and is now living at home; Lilly M. was born September 6, 1869, and is the wife of Wilbur D. Moulton, of this town; Joseph was born April 30, 1871, and died October 8, 1875; Eliza A. was born December 3, 1873, and is living at home; Royal N. was born June 12, 1877; Alfonzo F. and Alonzo J., twins, who were born September 12, 1878, are residing at home.

In politics Mr. Flint is a Republican. Besides holding some of the minor town offices, he has ably served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for several terms, was Supervisor for a number of years, and has been a member of the School Board. He is connected with Cumberland Lodge, Independent

Order of Odd Fellows, of Bridgton, and was formerly connected with the grange in this town. Mr. and Mrs. Flint are members of the Free Baptist church.

**J** MADISON LUDDEN, one of Canton's successful farmers, and well known throughout this section as a skilful musician, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, November 20, 1845, son of Jacob and Jane C. (Wilson) Ludden.

Mr. Ludden's grandfather, Jacob Ludden, first, was an early settler in Turner; but in 1817 he moved from that town to Canton, where he settled upon a small farm located near the Dixfield line. He worked at blacksmithing and farming here for many years, and also took a prominent part in public affairs, serving in the House of Representatives when the Maine legislature met in Portland. He died in 1837, aged sixty years. In politics Grandfather Ludden was a Democrat, and in his religious views he was a Universalist. His wife, Lydia Soule, lived to reach a good old age. She was the mother of eleven children, namely: John; Temperance; Aaron, who died at the age of fourteen years; Lydia; Jacob; Daniel; Luther; Flora; Phœbe; Peregrine; and Manderville T.

Jacob Ludden, second, the fifth child, was born in Turner, January 14, 1814. In young manhood he learned the blacksmith's trade, which was his principal occupation through life; and after his marriage he settled upon the old Wilson farm in Canton. A man of considerable energy and ability, he took a deep interest in educational affairs. He died June 20, 1886. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a believer in the doctrine of universal salvation. His wife, Jane C. Wilson, whom he married in 1834, was born upon the farm where her son now resides, August 10, 1820, daughter of Goin and Sally (Coolidge) Wilson. Goin Wilson was a native of Poland, and was a Democrat in politics. Settling in this town, he cleared from the wilderness what has since been known as the Goin Wilson homestead. Both he and his wife, Sally Coolidge, who was born in Canton,

lived to reach the age of eighty years. Mrs. Jane C. Wilson Ludden survives her husband, and resides at the homestead with her son, J. Madison, the subject of this sketch, who is the only one of her children living. The others were: Gowen W., who died December 28, 1868; Sarah J., who became the wife of W. J. Nalley, and died November 27, 1891; and Linus C., who died August 17, 1863.

J. Madison Ludden was educated in the town schools and grew to manhood upon his present farm in Canton. He has given his attention to various occupations, but chiefly to general farming and blacksmithing. His property, which he inherited from his mother, consists of about one hundred and twenty-five acres of fertile land. For the past twenty-five years he has been a member of Towle's Orchestra, in which he plays the clarionet; and his musical ability has been not only a source of pleasure, but very profitable to him.

By his first wife, Flora L. Kidder, whom he wedded on July 4, 1869, Mr. Ludden had one daughter — Electa L., who died at the age of nearly three years. Mrs. Flora L. Ludden died June 7, 1886; and on August 29, 1887, Mr. Ludden married for his second wife Mrs. Nellie A. Caswell, who was born in Livermore, August 16, 1850, daughter of Amasa Phillips. There are no children by this marriage. By her union with her first husband, Albert Caswell, Mrs. Ludden has two daughters: Mabel R., wife of Fred C. Berry; and Nellie A. Mr. Ludden's nephew, Charles L. Small, resides with him. A worthy representative of one of the early settlers here, Mr. Ludden enjoys the esteem and good will of all. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as a Selectman and in other town offices. He is a member of Canton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; and he and Mrs. Ludden attend the Universalist church.

**JESSE V. SIMMONS**, a prosperous farmer and commission butcher of Farmington, Franklin County, was born in Kingfield, this county, December 16, 1839. He is a son of Daniel and Beulah (Winter) Simmons, and a grandson of Moses and Betsey Simmons. Moses Simmons,

who was a hard-working farmer, settled at an early date on a farm in Kingfield, and there reared a family in comparative comfort. He lived about seventy years, and his wife lived seventy-five.

Daniel Simmons was born April 8, 1812. Having inherited one-half of the home farm in Kingfield, he erected on it a set of buildings, and afterwards lived there until 1854. In that year he sold the property and moved to New Portland, Me., purchasing there one hundred and forty acres of land. On this property he has made many improvements. He subsequently purchased other land in the north part of the town. In the winter of 1896 he sawed and chopped for the stove sixteen cords of wood, finishing on his eighty-fourth birthday. At this writing he has a patch of corn planted, to which he is giving especial care. He has been a Republican since the formation of the party, and he served as Selectmen of New Portland for a number of years. In religious belief he is a Universalist. His wife died in 1886, at the age of sixty-eight. Their children were — Betsey W., born April 16, 1838; Jesse V., the subject of this sketch; Moses, born December 29, 1843; John W., born April 21, 1846; Elmer W., born October 31, 1849; Lettice, who lived but three years; Orlando, born December 24, 1853; Orrin W., born September 12, 1856; and Alice E., born March 14, 1861.

Jesse V. Simmons acquired his education in the public schools. While yet a mere lad he began to earn his living as a clerk in a grocery and provision store in Lewiston, Me. After some years he had saved enough from his wages to purchase the homestead in New Portland. After carrying on general farming here for ten years, he sold the place and once more engaged as clerk. Some time after, he purchased the place of J. Landers in Farmington, and in 1888 he erected a slaughter-house. He has been employed occasionally in Farmington also as clerk; but his principal occupation is butchering stock and sending to the city markets for the farmers. He has a good farm, where he raises some general crops.

On July 5, 1875, Mr. Simmons was united in marriage with Lydia M., daughter of Winslow and Mary (Small) Small. Her father

was a son of David Small, a farmer of Auburn, Me., who settled in Gray, this county, where he died at the age of seventy. David Small's wife lived to be about fourscore, and her children were — Winslow, Charlotte, Cynthia, Nancy, and Margaret. Winslow Small was born in the town of Gray, and reared to agricultural pursuits. In his early manhood he was engaged in teaming, but he eventually bought the homestead. After managing this for some time, he sold it and purchased a large farm in the town of Rennford, Oxford County, which was his home in his last years. He died July 1, 1885, aged seventy-nine years, and his wife passed away in her seventy-sixth year. Their children were — Nathaniel, Erastus, Andrew, John, David, Hannah, Lorena, Thomas, Lydia, Mary, and Royal. In politics Mr. Simmons is a Republican; in religious belief, a Universalist. Mrs. Simmons is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

**A**ARON O. CORBETT, who is successfully tilling the soil of a productive farm in Paris, Oxford County, was born in Farmington, Me., August 26, 1856, son of Moses and Eunice (Tarbox) Corbett.

Moses Corbett, who was born in Strong, Franklin County, Me., was a farmer and a useful citizen of his town. Strong and energetic, he was well adapted to his calling, which he followed until his death, which took place when he was sixty-seven years old. His wife, Eunice, who was a native of Limington, Me., became the mother of three children — Aaron O.; Georgietta, wife of William Foster, of Paris; and Bertha J., wife of Lester M. Turner, of Buckfield, Me. Mrs. Moses Corbett still survives, and resides with her daughter in Buckfield.

Aaron O. Corbett grew to manhood in Farmington and Hebron, Me.; and his education was acquired in the district schools. When a young man he engaged in shoemaking, which occupation he followed in Auburn, Me., for eight years. He then bought a farm of sixty acres in Hebron, which he carried on for a time; but in 1878 he sold it, and, coming to Paris, purchased his present farm of

two hundred acres. He is one of the rising and progressive agriculturists of this section, having been successful from the start. He devotes his attention to general farming and dairying, besides raising a large annual crop of hay. November 29, 1875, Mr. Corbett married Nancy D. Verrill, of Minot, Me., daughter of George and Nancy (Davis) Verrill. Mrs. Corbett's parents were natives of Minot, where her father was a prosperous farmer. Neither is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett have had seven children, as follows: Julia M., Fred H., Isabella M., Grace E., Howard E., Millard L., and George W. The last named died at the age of five years. Mr. Corbett is independent in politics and liberal in his religious views. Mrs. Corbett attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

**D**AVID G. PRIDE, of Waterford township, is a good representative of the sturdy, thriving agriculturists of Oxford County. He was born November 23, 1824, on the farm where he now resides, son of Josiah and Sophia (Fairbanks) Pride. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Pride, was a pioneer of Waterford, whither he came, accompanied by his son Nathaniel, from Cumberland County. On his arrival here, Benjamin bought some land, and on it established the first saw-mills seen in this vicinity. From that time until his death, in 1832, he was engaged in farming and manufacturing lumber.

Josiah Pride, born in Falmouth, Me., was reared in this town. After his marriage with Miss Sophia Fairbanks, a native of Berlin, Mass., he settled on the homestead now owned and occupied by his son, David G., and in its improvement was busily engaged until his demise, January 3, 1860. His wife, who died March 27, 1858, bore him five children, of whom the following is recorded: Edwin F., formerly a mason at Naples, Me., was born August 18, 1820, and died October 14, 1889; Charles F., born June 14, 1822, died September 3, 1822; David G. is the subject of this sketch; Sophia A., born July 2, 1832, married Leander G. Stone, and lived in Waterford until her death, March 12, 1872; and William

W., born June 7, 1837, married Rachel Hall, and now lives in Norway, this county.

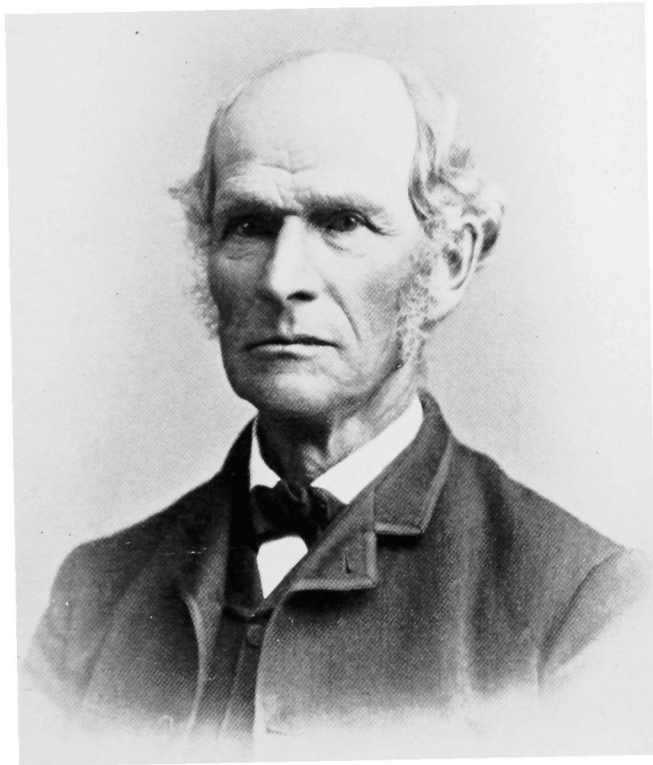
David G. Pride received his early education in the district schools. Beginning while still very young, he assisted his father in clearing and improving the home farm. Including the ancestral homestead to which he succeeded, he is now the owner of three hundred acres of land. He has managed his property with ability, carrying on general farming, dairying, and stock raising. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he is one of the most highly esteemed residents of the county. He served as Selectman of Waterford in 1883 and 1884.

On May 19, 1852, Mr. Pride married Miss Martha Marston, who was born May 28, 1833, in the adjoining town of Norway. She is a daughter of Brackett and Sarah (Hall) Marston, natives of Falmouth, Me., who became residents of Norway, where they owned a farm. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pride are: Charles A., born May 30, 1853, who married Rose A. Marston, of Albany, this county, and is now a farmer of Norway village; Clarence H., born July 9, 1857, who married Lillian Johnson, assists his father in the management of the farm, and has been Chairman of the Waterford Board of Selectmen for the past five years; Lizzie B., born November 1, 1860, who is the wife of Horace Mixer, of Norway village; Grace M., born June 15, 1865, who lives with her parents; Frank D., born July 24, 1871, who died March 12, 1872; and D. Loring, born May 10, 1874, who also lives at home.

**H**ORACE L. STANLEY, who owns and cultivates one of the best farms in Chesterville, Franklin County, was born in this town, March 14, 1857. He is a son of George W. and Mary D. (Jewell) Stanley, and is a descendant of an early settler of Winthrop, Me., his great-grandfather, Aden Stanley, who fought for American Independence at Lexington, Bunker Hill, and elsewhere, having been one of the first to locate in that town. Aden Stanley was a carriage-maker by trade, as were all of his sons. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-

two years. His son, Lemuel, the next in line to the subject of this sketch, was both a native and a lifelong resident of Winthrop. Besides carriage-making he was engaged in farming. He was an upright, conscientious man, thrifty and industrious, and was a prominent figure in the community in which he lived. In his religious opinions he was a Congregationalist. He married Mehitable Gilman, a native of Norridgewock, Me.

George W. Stanley, father of Horace L., was born in Winthrop, October 28, 1815. In early manhood he learned the carriage-maker's trade. Shortly after his marriage he moved to Norridgewock, where he conducted business for ten years; and then, in 1852, he came to Chesterville. Purchasing a lot in the village he built a large shop, and, engaging in the manufacturing of carriages, did a flourishing business until 1865, when he retired from that enterprise and bought the farm of one hundred acres which is now owned by his son. In 1876 he erected a new residence, fashioned somewhat after the Queen Anne style, and subsequently used the old house for a shop. He carried on general farming very successfully until his death, which took place August 9, 1890. He was a man of good business ability and of great personal worth. He took a lively interest in public affairs, and as one of the leading citizens of the town he was highly respected. Originally a Whig, he entered the ranks of the Republican party at its formation. In his religious affiliations he was a Free Will Baptist. His wife, Mary D., whom he married May 4, 1842, was a daughter of Robert and Nicy (Grover) Jewell. Her father was a native of Fox Island, Me., and a son of James Jewell, who came from England. Robert Jewell, who was twice married, became the father of twelve children, and Mr. Stanley's mother was the second daughter by his second union. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stanley became the parents of ten children, as follows: Cyrus A., born in 1843; Allen F., born in 1844, died in 1863, while serving in the army; Mary F., born in 1846; Sarah E., born in 1848; Annette, born in 1850, died in infancy, all the foregoing being born in Norridgewock; George E., born in 1852; Addie J., born in 1854; Horace L., whose nativity is elsewhere



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given; Lizzie S., born in 1859; and Edward R., born in 1862, the last five being natives of Chesterville. A portrait of the father of this worthy family is presented in connection with this article.

Horace L. Stanley acquired the elementary branches of his education in the common schools, and completed his studies at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kents Hill. At the age of nineteen he began his independent career, finding work as a farm assistant, and was thus employed until attaining his majority. From that time until he was twenty-five he assisted in carrying on the home farm. He then went to Boston, where he remained six months, at the end of which time he was called home on account of serious injuries sustained by his father as the result of being thrown from his carriage. He has since resided here, taking charge of the homestead and having cared for his father during his last days. In 1893 he received from his mother a full title to the property, including the stock, implements, and machinery. This farm not only occupies a beautiful location, but is one of the most fertile and productive in this section. It includes a fine orchard of grafted fruit trees, and is fully supplied with all modern improvements. At present there are upon the place five splendid Jersey cows and three fine horses. As an energetic and thoroughly practical farmer Mr. Stanley is a distinct success. Having advanced rapidly to a position of prominence among his fellow-townsmen he is regarded by them with respect and esteem. In politics he acts with the Republican party, and his religious opinions are broad and liberal.

**F**RANK L. WATSON, a successful farmer and prominent resident of Hiram, Oxford County, Me., was born upon the farm he now owns and cultivates, in this town, March 28, 1837, son of Walter F. and Ruth (Hubbard) Watson. Mr. Watson's farm was cleared from the wilderness by his great-grandfather, who came to Hiram in 1779. John Watson, Mr. Watson's grandfather, son of the pioneer, was born here in 1780, and died here in 1863, having resided upon the homestead property during his entire

life. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Foss, died in Hiram in 1870. She was the mother of sixteen children, of whom the only survivor is Seviah, the youngest, now the wife of Chauncy R. Berry, of Deering, Me.

Walter F. Watson, son of John Watson, was born at the homestead in Hiram; and, with the exception of five years spent in the mining districts of California, he resided here and tilled the soil throughout the active period of his life. He died July 4, 1880. His wife, formerly Ruth Hubbard, a native of Berwick, Me., was the mother of four children, as follows: Francis, who died at the age of two years; Frank L., the subject of this sketch; Zilpha, wife of Charles W. Deering, a prosperous farmer of Gorham, Me.; and Arabella, wife of Edwin Woodman, a machinist of Biddeford, Me. Mrs. Ruth H. Watson, surviving her husband but a short time, died in October, 1880.

Frank L. Watson acquired his elementary education in the common schools, and pursued a more advanced course of study at the Limington Academy. At the age of sixteen he left home and went to Biddeford, Me., where he was employed upon a farm for two years; and he then returned to Hiram. He took charge of the home farm during the last three years of his father's absence in California, and has since continued to manage the property. He owns one hundred acres of desirable land, which is well adapted to the raising of staple products, such as hay, corn, and potatoes; and he ships a great deal of milk to Portland. He also does quite a large business as a dealer in mowing machines and agricultural implements.

In May, 1856, Mr. Watson married Charlotte Evans, a native of this town. Her parents, Oliver and Mary (Locke) Evans, who were prosperous farming people of Hiram, are no longer living. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have had six children, namely: Cora, who was born September 16, 1857, married George R. Clemens, of Hiram, and died at the age of thirty-seven years; Mary E., whose birthday was the Fourth of July, a year or two later, and who is now the wife of Charles F. Wakefield, a farmer in California; Charles W., who was born February 26, 1865, and died October 9 of the same year; Charles Walter, who was



born October 1, 1867, and died in July, 1884; John F., who was born September 25, 1869, and is assisting his father in carrying on the farm; and Eunice B., who was born October 23, 1871, and died February 21, 1892.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Watson has been prominently active in local public affairs, having served as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Collector for several years. He was made a Mason in 1865 in Mount Moriah Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Denmark, Me. As a citizen of worth and ability, he is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen.

**G**ORHAM BAKER, a prosperous farmer of New Sharon, was born in this town, October 13, 1815, son of Elisha and Lydia (Winslow) Baker. Mr. Baker's grandfather, Prince Baker, who was born in 1742, moved with his father from Damariscotta, Lincoln County, to New Sharon when he was a young man. With three others Prince Baker bought the township, which, when sold, realized but twelve cents per acre. He died in Mercer, Somerset County, in 1829, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Elisha Baker, Mr. Baker's father, was born in Damariscotta, January 31, 1777. His boyhood was passed upon his father's farm, and he acquired his education in the common schools of New Sharon. When a young man he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, situated on the Sandy River Road, and conducted it for several years. He finally traded it to his father for the present homestead, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1861, at the age of eighty-five years. In politics he was a Republican, and in his religious belief he was a Free Will Baptist. During the War of 1812 he reported for service at Hallowell, where he was detained but a short time. He afterward received from the government a warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land. His wife, Lydia Winslow, who spent her childhood on the coast of Maine, near Boothbay Harbor, at a later date came to Industry with her father. She had ten children: namely, Experience, Nicholas W., Betsey, Sumner, Abel,

Russell, Gorham, Gardner, and two others who died in infancy.

Gorham Baker acquired a common-school education. Upon reaching his majority he began to work as an assistant upon the homestead farm. Since succeeding to the property he has made various improvements, increasing the acreage by the purchase of more land, which now amounts to one hundred and sixty-six acres. On December 18, 1839, Mr. Baker wedded Harriet Stowers, daughter of John Stowers, of Farmington, this county. She has had seven children — Katherine E., Elisha G., Benjamin F., Mary E., John M., Amos L., and Hattie F. Katherine E., born in 1841, married Jason Lufkin, of Champlain, Minn., and has had two children, namely: Edwin B., now deceased, who was born July 5, 1869; and Frank B., who was born March 27, 1871. Elisha G., born in 1842, served three years in the Sixteenth Regiment, Maine Infantry, during the Civil War, and is now a blacksmith in the village of New Sharon. Benjamin F. was born in 1844. Mary E. and John M., twins, were born in 1849. The latter died in infancy. Amos L. was born in 1851. Hattie F., born in 1858, is now the widow of the late Theodore T. Prince, and resides at the homestead. She has three children, namely: Blanche E., who was born March 26, 1880; Nina M., who was born May 25, 1884; and Mildred T., born January 3, 1894. Mr. Baker is highly respected by his neighbors, and is regarded as one of the most successful farmers of this locality.

**F**RANCIS MARION NOBLE, a practical and progressive farmer at Noble's Corner, Norway, Me., was born in this town, March 31, 1845. His paternal grandfather, Nathan Noble, second, born near Portland in 1761, was a son of Nathan, first, a native of New Milford, Conn. Grandfather Noble and his wife, Hannah Hobbs, reared a large number of children, among them being Nathan, Jr., the father of the subject of this sketch.

Nathan Noble, Jr., was engaged in agricultural pursuits in North Norway for several years, but later opened a store of general mer-

chandise at what is now known as Noble's Corner, the place having been named in his honor. After continuing in mercantile business for some years, he sold out his store and resumed farming, in which he was engaged until his demise, March 31, 1883. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Jordan, was born in Otisfield, Cumberland County, Me., and died February 16, 1890, in the town of Norway. They had ten children, eight of whom are now deceased, namely: Isannah C., who married in 1843 Uriah Holt Upton; Cordelia D., who married Simon Hukins; Elizabeth A., who was the wife of the late Moses Harmon; Gilbert, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Aurelius C., who married Elizabeth McAllister; Caroline, who married Nathaniel G. Frost, of Oxford village; Martha J., who died in 1888; and Mary Ellen. The survivors are: William H. and Francis Marion. William H. Noble, now living with his brother, married the late Julia Boothby. He served bravely in the late Rebellion, being a member of Company G, One Hundred and Tenth Maine Volunteer Infantry, and later of Company G, Twenty-ninth Maine Volunteer Infantry, and at the battle of Cedar Creek lost his right arm, for which injury he now receives a pension.

Francis Marion Noble, whose course in life is now to be briefly set forth, was the tenth and youngest child of his parents. When but a stripling of sixteen years, he enlisted in his country's service, joining Company G, Fourteenth Maine Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Cheney and Colonel Nickerson. He was mustered in at Augusta, Me., when he went to Ship Island, and then to New Orleans, going from there to Baton Rouge, where they met a body of Confederate troops, under command of Colonel Breckinridge, with whom they had a pitched battle, August 5, 1862. In the summer of 1863 he was engaged in the siege of Port Hudson, La. Crossing the country to Petersburg, Va., the regiment was with Sheridan's forces in the Shenandoah Valley, where they remained three months, taking an active part in various engagements. While there Mr. Noble received a serious gunshot wound, which necessitated his being taken to the McClellan Hospital in Philadelphia.

Five months later he rejoined his regiment at Savannah, Ga., where he was stationed until the close of the war. He was not in any battle after the one at Winchester, where he was wounded. On August 25, 1865, he received his discharge at Darien Ridge, Georgia. On being mustered out of service, Mr. Noble returned to his native place, and soon afterward bought his present farm, consisting of one hundred and eighty acres, on which he has faithfully labored. Fortune has smiled on his undertakings, his estate being finely improved, and much of the land under cultivation. He carries on the various branches of general agriculture, paying some attention to dairying, and being quite an extensive stock-raiser.

On September 17, 1868, Mr. Noble married Miss Myra Pike Hall, who was born March 4, 1850, in Norway, daughter of William and Mary F. (Towne) Hall, both natives of this town, the father being a well-known farmer. He died in 1856. Mrs. Hall died on November 12, 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Noble have five children, as follows: Frank G., born July 25, 1869; Fred H., born March 23, 1873; Nathan A., born October 28, 1876; Willie M., born June 12, 1886; and Lona E., born February 7, 1888. Frank G. Noble, now a farmer in Norway, married Emma L. Symonds, and they have one child, Dora Frances; and Fred H. Noble, also a Norway farmer, married Chris B. Tubbs, and has one child, a daughter, Callista Marion.

In politics Mr. Noble is a steadfast Republican, and takes an intelligent and active part in town affairs. From 1883 until 1886 he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he has also served the community in minor official capacities. He is a member of the Norway Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; and of the Henry Rust Post, No. 54, Grand Army of the Republic, of Norway. Mr. Noble and his family attend the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE HENRY BILLINGS, a retired jeweller, who has a very pleasant home in South Waterford village, Oxford County, Me., was born in Waterford, May 26, 1837, the only son of George

C. and Rebecca (Whitcomb) Billings. His father was born in Waterford, his mother in Sweden, Me. His paternal grandfather was Daniel Billings, a Massachusetts man, who settled in Waterford. George C. Billings was a carpenter, and followed his trade in his native town. He died in Lowell, Mass., in June, 1841; and his wife passed away in 1847. They had but two children — George Henry, of South Waterford; and Sarah E., born May 26, 1839, now the wife of Charles Gibbs, an ice dealer of Bridgton Centre, Me.

George Henry Billings, the subject of this sketch, received a limited common-school education, being left fatherless at the tender age of four years and motherless before he entered his teens. When only six years of age he was put out to work on a farm in Otisfield, where he remained until nineteen. The two years ensuing he was employed as clerk in a store in Waterford City; and he then returned to farm work, which he followed until the second year of the Civil War. July 17, 1863, he enlisted in Company F, Ninth Maine Regiment, under Colonel Granger and Captain Barrows; and he was two years in active military service, participating in the siege of Fort Fisher, the battle of the Wilderness, and the protracted siege of Petersburg. Although the rebel bullets touched him not, he suffered severely from the physical strain caused by forced marches and camping in malarial districts in Virginia and North and South Carolina; and when his term of service ended his health was very nearly destroyed. He was discharged at Raleigh, N.C., in August, 1865, and after his return to his native place was in ill health for three years, unable to do any kind of work. After that he learned the jeweller's trade, in following which he has had a variety of experiences. He was in the employ of William H. Nevers for several years, then managed a store of his own in Harrison village, Me., for two or three years. The ten years that followed he worked at his trade in a pawnshop in Boston, Mass.; and, if he were gifted with the pen of a Dickens, he would have many strange stories to relate concerning the pieces of jewelry that received new leases of life from his deft fingers. His next field of labor was in Aldrich, Minn., where he was

also employed in a general store, and was Postmaster four years. From Aldrich he returned to Boston, remaining two years, and finally settled in Waterford City, Me. Though at present practically retired, he still works a little at his trade. He has never fully recovered his health, and is now in receipt of a pension from the government on account of his military service.

Mr. Billings was married December 22, 1892, to Mrs. Lillie E. Plummer Horr, who was born in Brighton, Mass., November 6, 1851. Her parents, Charles and Laura (Smith) Plummer, moved to Waterford when she was an infant. Her father was a native of this town, and was engaged here for years in the pursuit of agriculture. He died in February, 1895. Her mother, a native of Cambridge, Mass., is living in Cornish, Me., with two of her daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer had seven children — Nellie and Nettie (deceased); Lillie E., Mrs. Billings; Annie, with her mother in Cornish; Augusta, Postmistress of Waterford City, widow of Charles Young, Jr.; Nellie, also living with her mother; and Susia, wife of Percy Bailey, a clerk in a store in Harrison village, Me. Mrs. Billings's first husband was Freeman F. Horr, a native of Waterford, the son of Daniel Horr. He died April 30, 1889, leaving one child, Loise Plummer Horr, who is the wife of M. M. Grimes, Postmaster at West Medford, Mass.

Mr. Billings votes the Democratic ticket. While in Aldrich, Minn., he served as Town Clerk, Assessor, and Justice of the Peace. He is a member of Bridgton Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Bridgton, Me.; and he and his wife belong to Bear Mountain Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of Waterford.

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**F**VERETT A. CHANDLER, a stirring and capable young business man, who has recently settled in Wilton, Me., on the farm which he bought of his father about three years ago, is rapidly making for himself a record as one of the most successful farmers of this town. He was born in Perkins Plantation, Franklin County, December 25, 1861, son of Augustus M. and Martha (Richards)

Chandler, and is a descendant of Colonial ancestry, who were early pioneers in developing the agricultural resources of the State of New Hampshire. Later generations of the family have been likewise employed in the Pine Tree State.

Mr. Chandler's great-grandparents—Eben and Damaris (Howe) Chandler, the former of whom was born in Wilton, N.H.—removed previous to 1830 to the town of Temple, in this county, where Eben Chandler constructed a log house upon a tract of wild land. He cleared and improved a good farm, upon which he realized a comfortable prosperity as the result of his energy and perseverance, and both he and his wife lived to reach an advanced age. Their children were—Ebenezer, Luke, John P., James, Plummer, Rodney, and Eliza.

Luke Chandler, the second son of Eben, and the next in this line, was born in Wilton, N.H. Coming to Temple in 1832 he bought and cleared a tract of unimproved land located in the neighborhood of his father's farm; but after tilling the soil with energy and success for forty years, he sold the farm in Temple, in order to pass his last days in his native State, and, returning thither, purchased a homestead which he occupied for the rest of his life. He died at the age of seventy-four years. He married Rebecca Melendy, who lived to be eighty-three years old, and was the mother of twelve children, namely: Luke F.; Augustus M.; Abigail, Perham; George P.; Melvina and Elvira, twins; Rebecca J.; Sumner B., B. Laforest; Augusta; and Adah.

Augustus M. Chandler, second of the twelve, was born in Wilton, N.H., February 16, 1830, and grew to manhood in Temple, Me. Possessing an unusual amount of energy and ambition in his youth, he had previous to attaining his majority bought and begun improvements upon a tract of wild land in Perkins Plantation, where he erected a house, and cleared a considerable space for tillage purposes. He cultivated this farm for twenty-eight years, at the expiration of which time he sold the property, and, removing to Wilton, Me., bought the Harwood farm, which he improved by remodelling the buildings and otherwise enhanced its value. In 1893 he sold the property to his son, Everett A., and purchased

for a residence the F Paine house on Depot Street, where he is now enjoying the rest and freedom from care to which his long and useful period of activity so justly entitles him. Although the effects of a laborious life have in a measure impaired his physical condition, he is otherwise bright and active, and still occupies a prominent position among the leading residents of this town. He has rendered his share of service in town affairs, and is held in hearty respect and esteem by his fellow-citizens. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is connected with Williamson Lodge, No. 20, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His first wife, Martha Richards, died at the age of thirty-six years, leaving five children, namely: Calista B.; M. Rebecca; Everett A., the subject of this sketch; Ellsworth R.; and Charles F. For his second wife he married Mrs. Elvira Russell, born Tuck, daughter of James Tuck, of Farmington, Me.

Everett A. Chandler in his early years attended the district schools and the Wilton Academy, acquiring a good practical education. At the age of twenty he went to Nashua, N.H., where he was employed in a sash and blind factory for three years, and he then became interested in a livery business there. Trading this a short time later for a milk route, he leased a dairy farm, and for the succeeding three years retailed an average of two hundred quarts of milk per day, a part of which was produced upon his farm and the remainder was bought of his neighbors. Selling out his milk business he went to Boston, where he was for some time engaged in trade, and he later gave his attention to the brass polishing business, which he carried on with success for seven years employing several hands. In 1893 he bought his father's farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Wilton, Franklin County, Me., together with the old town house and lot which he now uses for storage purposes, and, removing to Wilton in 1895, he began the work of improving and cultivating his farm. Thus far during the present year, 1896, in addition to the usual work of planting and harvesting, he has erected a new stable and carriage house, also raised his barn and built on an addition. His dairy is

probably unsurpassed in this vicinity, as he keeps twenty head of fine Jersey cattle.

On April 30, 1890, Mr. Chandler was married to Nellie M. Howes, daughter of William and Dora (Parcher) Howes, the former of whom is a retired farmer. Mrs. Chandler has six brothers; namely, Herbert M., John C., William H., Maurice J., Charles E., and Harry M. Howes; and two sisters, Gertrude L. and Maud S. Howes. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have two children, as follows: Clyde Roy, who was born August 16, 1892; and Madeline Marie, who was born September 4, 1895. Politically, Mr. Chandler acts with the Republican party. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and both he and Mrs. Chandler are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**W**ILLIAM W. WHITMARSH, proprietor of the Elm House, Norway, was born here, May 27, 1835, son of John and Charlotte (Stevens) Whitmarsh and grandson of Ebenezer and Mary (Humphrey) Whitmarsh. Ebenezer Whitmarsh, a native of Bridgewater, Mass., was among the first to settle in the town of Norway, purchasing a tract of new land, which he cleared and brought into a good state of cultivation. He followed farming throughout the active years of his life. To him and his wife, Mary (Humphrey) Whitmarsh, there were born two sons and three daughters; namely, Betsey, John, Thomas, Polly, and Lydia.

John Whitmarsh, the eldest son of Ebenezer, was born in Norway, August 20, 1793. He learned the trade of carpenter, which, with farming, he followed until he reached middle age. He then went to North Norway and opened a jewelry store. After conducting this for a short time he came in 1856 to Norway, and built a store on the site of the present Opera House Block. Here he carried on a very successful business in jewelry and silverware for over a score of years, retiring from active business at the end of that time. He bought the Bacon house on Cottage Street, which has since been known as the Whitmarsh stand. He served for a time as Selectman of the town and in a number of minor offices,

and he was a communicant of the Congregational church. The following children were born to him and his wife, Charlotte: Martha S., Olive H., William W., and Victoria A. He died on January 2, 1880.

William W. Whitmarsh was the only son of his parents. He was educated in the Norway schools. After leaving school he worked at carpentry until 1861. Enlisting May 27 of that year in Company G, First Maine Regiment, he was made Sergeant of the company. On October 4 following he was created Second Lieutenant of Company G, Tenth Maine Regiment; and seventeen days later he was advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant. On May 8, 1863, he was discharged with the regiment. He re-enlisted December 16, 1863, in the Twenty-ninth Maine Regiment, receiving the Captaincy of Company G, and served until March 3, 1866, when he resigned. Soon after returning home Mr. Whitmarsh purchased the Elm House, which has borne that name since its doors were first thrown open to the public in 1846. He has remodelled it, built an addition, and refurnished it, so that at the present time there are twenty-four finely arranged sleeping-rooms, fitted up in a homelike manner, with every convenience for the comfort of the traveller or boarder. Mr. Whitmarsh has the reputation of being one of the most obliging and entertaining landlords in the county, and of keeping a first-class house.

Plans for the advancement or improvement of the town of Norway have always interested Mr. Whitmarsh. He was one of the promoters and is a stockholder and Director of the corporation that erected and own Norway Opera House. He is also financially interested in the Norway water works, of which he has been Treasurer and superintendent. For eight years he held the office of Town Clerk, in 1885-86 he was a Representative to the lower house of the State legislature, and during the past ten years he has been one of the County Commissioners. His political principles are those of the Republican party. He is Past Grand of Norway Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Past Chief Patriarch of Wildey Encampment, No. 21, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and a

comrade of Harry Rust Post, No. 54, Grand Army of the Republic, in all the offices of which he has served.

On September 22, 1868, Mr. Whitmarsh was joined in marriage with Miss Martha C. Blake, who was born August 29, 1846, in Bethel, Me., daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Crockett) Blake. Her father was a prosperous farmer. Of the three children that have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitmarsh, Lizzie C., the first-born, whose birth occurred November 9, 1872, is living. She is now the wife of M. W. Sampson, of Norway. Charles, born May 20, 1878, died June 10, 1878. The third child died in infancy.

**A**UGUSTUS N. FRENCH, M.D., of Norway, is a successful and popular physician. He was born here, June 21, 1845, son of Washington and Mary (Henley) French. His great-grandfather, James French, a native of Andover, Mass., came from there to Norway in 1798, and took up a tract of new land, on which he built a log house. In his early days James French engaged in teaching, and also worked at carpentry. He married Miss Abigail Fletcher, who bore him nine children; namely, James, Jacob, Abigail, Esther, Sarah, Charles, George, Alice, and Clarissa. In politics he was a Democrat, in his religious belief a Methodist. He was over ninety years of age at his death. His son, James French, Jr., who was born December 19, 1785, inherited the homestead, and became a large land-owner and farmer. He and his wife, Annis (Whitney) French, lived to a good age. They were the parents of ten children—George, James, Washington, Perley, Martha, John A., Martha A., Moses O., William P., and Moses. All lived to marry; and it may be mentioned that the eight sons attended their father's funeral, when it was observed that time had silvered their heads. The father was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Washington French, who was born in Norway, May 16, 1813, purchased a farm in North Norway, where he resided until 1847. He then removed to Albany, Me., and pur-

chased a farm of four hundred acres, and was extensively engaged in farming and lumbering up to the time of his death, March 10, 1887. His wife, Mary Henley French, born February 13, 1823, died in March, 1875. She was a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Blanchard) Henley. It is a matter of family history that her father was brought to Norway in an ox cart about a century ago, when only eighteen months old. She bore her husband seven children—Harriett R., George W., Augustus N., Mercy E., Gilber H., M. Estella, and Edwin E. The father was a member of the Congregational church, and in politics he was a Republican.

When but two years old, Augustus N. French removed with his parents to Albany, Me., so that his early education was obtained in the Albany schools. He subsequently attended the Norway Liberal Institute, which was at that time in charge of Professor George F. Leonard. After leaving the institute he engaged in teaching school for six years. He then began the study of medicine with A. M. Peables, M.D., of Auburn, Me., who at that time had an office in Norway. He also attended the Maine Medical College, from which he was graduated in June, 1871. In September of that year he located at Lovell, Me., succeeding Dr. J. L. Bennett. Having practised there for fourteen years, in the course of which he acquired a large patronage, he came to Norway in August, 1885. Here he has been still more successful. He purchased the Dr. Pike place, which was burned in 1894. Since then he has erected a three-story, seventeen-room house, fitted up in modern style, and lighted by electricity.

On New Year's Day, 1874, Dr. French was married to Miss Malinda Bassett, a daughter of Joseph Bassett. She died in October, 1876, leaving one child, Lutie May, who was born December 27, 1875, and has since graduated from Colby University. Dr. French afterward entered a second marriage, contracted with Miss Nellie E. Fox, a daughter of Edward Fox. They have one child living, Eva M., born February 2, 1884. Addie M. died at the age of seven years. Dr. French is a Democrat. He served as Supervisor of Schools for three years. He is well known

in Masonic circles, being a Past Master of Mount Tirnu Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; a member of Oriental Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; of Oxford Council, Royal and Select Masons; and of Lewiston Commandery, Knights Templars. He has also affiliation with Lewiston Lodge of Perfection, Auburn Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Maine Consistory, thirty-second. He is Past Grand and Noble Commander of Keiser Valley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has filled the different chairs in Pennessewassee Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and in Norway Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross.

**A**SA W. DUTTON, Justice of the Peace, one of New Sharon's most respected citizens, occupies a pleasant residence at Four Corners, situated on elevated ground overlooking the town. He was born in New Sharon, which lies in the south-eastern part of Franklin County, Maine, on February 25, 1833, a son of Asa and Lucy (Spaulding) Dutton.

His father, Asa Dutton, was born in Anson, Somerset County, on February 25, 1797, and was an infant when his parents moved to Starks, a few miles south, where, as he grew up, he attended the common schools. At an early age he went to Norridgewock, and engaged in harness-making and farming, being employed there by Squire Danforth. Purchasing a tract of one hundred acres in New Sharon shortly before his marriage, and moving on to it very soon after that event, he built a house and barns, and cultivated quite a large portion of the land, conducting his harness-making business at the same time, for he was a man of great energy. He was in political affiliation a Whig and afterwards a Republican, and in his religious faith a Congregationalist.

He was married to Miss Lucy Spaulding, of Norridgewock, on March 25, 1821, and in the ensuing nineteen years they became the parents of eight children, namely: Lucy S., born January 19, 1822, and now the widow of Cephas C. Buck, of Strong, and residing in New Sharon; Sarah W., born November 18,

1823, who died June 15, 1875; Asenath B., born September 26, 1825, living at the old homestead in New Sharon; Annette B., born May 17, 1828, who died August 24, 1873; Sophia, born March 28, 1830, who died May 16, 1855; Frances M., born September 4, 1838, who died September 23, 1861; and George, born March 23, 1840, who married Miss Lida Hill, of Charlestown, W.Va., and is now a resident of Allegheny City, Pa.

The father's namesake, Asa W. Dutton, spent his boyhood on the home farm, and was educated in the common and high schools of New Sharon. At twenty years of age he found employment on the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad, now known as the Grand Trunk Line. For a season he remained in its employment as a section hand, returning then to New Sharon, and securing work during the winter in the harness shop of Josiah Flint. In the following spring he went to Cape Elizabeth, where he worked in the steam saw-mills of the Speare Brothers until the autumn, when he again returned to his home, going to Mercer some time later. In Mercer he plied his old trade of harness-making, remaining there until spring, when he removed to Haverhill, Mass., and was employed by Bodfish & Dickey in a steam saw-mill. In the fall he went back to New Sharon, where he formed a partnership with Horace N. Plummer in the harness-making business. In the following year his connection was dissolved, Mr. Dutton being subsequently employed by Mr. Plummer for a year.

He now took up a branch of his trade, that of carriage trimming, of which he made an immediate success. So well did he do his work that he soon had the largest trade in this line in this section of the State of Maine. For a quarter of a century he carried on this lucrative business, increasing his finances each year. In 1866 Mr. Dutton bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, to which he moved. He lived there only two years, however, as he sold the property at an advance, the investment having been a wise one. In the fall of 1868 he purchased his present residence at the "Four Corners," as it is called.

He was united in marriage with Miss Mary



ASA W. DUTTON.



J. Lancaster, a daughter of Thomas Lancaster, of New Sharon, on the 21st of December, 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Dutton have one child, a daughter, Winnie F., born March 6, 1863, in New Sharon. Miss Dutton was graduated from Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College in 1883, with the degree of Bachelors of Arts, having taken a full college course, and three years later she received the degree of Master of Arts. Since the completion of her education she has spent most of her time at home with her parents, though for several terms she has taught in the district schools.

Mr. Dutton now holds the office of Justice of the Peace, and does a general law business, mostly in the Probate Courts. He was Town Treasurer one year, and was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in 1890 and 1892. He is a Congregationalist in religious belief, and is a strong Republican in political convictions. He has won for himself the esteem and respect of all who know him and his measure of worldly success is due to his industry and ability.

**F**RANCIS H. HOLDEN, who, after a number of years' experience in Western farming, is now extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Farmington, Franklin County, Me., was born in Lunenburg, Mass., March 26, 1826, son of William Warren and Sophia (Adams) Holden. Mr. Holden's father was a native of Shirley, Mass. He was born December 9, 1797, and learned the carpenter's trade in young manhood. Later removing with his family to Weld, Franklin County, Me., he bought a farm, and carried it on in connection with his trade until his death, which took place April 11, 1862. He was an able mechanic, a successful farmer, and a useful citizen. In his last years he acted with the Republican party in politics, and in his religious views he was a Methodist. His wife, formerly Sophia Adams, who was born in Massachusetts, February 23, 1798, became the mother of four children, as follows: Elbridge P., who was born November 3, 1821; Francis H., the subject of this sketch; William Milo, who was born March 3, 1834; and Sophia E., who was

born April 22, 1842. Mrs. Sophia Adams Holden died February 22, 1868.

Francis H. Holden was the second-born son of his parents. He acquired in his youth a common-school education, and for some time in early manhood he followed the sea, engaged in the coasting trade. He was also employed in the factories of Massachusetts, and worked at the carpenter's trade with his father, always being able to earn a good living at whatever he undertook, and giving perfect satisfaction to his employers. He accompanied his parents to Weld, and, buying a farm of eighty acres in that town, occupied himself with its management for five years, at the expiration of which time he sold the property, and, removing to Temple, continued to till the soil there for the same length of time. He then migrated to Kossuth County, Iowa, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, and carried on general farming with good results until the present year, 1896, when he returned East. Shortly after the arrival of the family in Maine, Mrs. Holden purchased the Almon Dyer farm of two hundred and eighty-five acres, which is one of the best located and most desirable estates in the town of Farmington, and here they are already engaged in conducting various branches of farming industry with their accustomed energy and success.

Mr. Holden and Rebecca Eades, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Staples) Eades, were married on November 15, 1854. Her father was born in Stoddard, N.H., September 10, 1783, and her mother was born in Durham, N.H., March 28, 1786. Joseph Eades was one of the early settlers and progressive farmers of Temple. He and his wife reared a family of seven children, as follows: Hannah B., who was born June 27, 1813; Joseph J., who was born June 23, 1815; Gideon, who was born October 22, 1818, and died August 31, 1819; Elizabeth, who was born August 22, 1820; Mary, who was born November 26, 1822; Catherine, who was born February 1, 1825; and Rebecca, now Mrs. Holden, who was born August 28, 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Holden have four children, namely: Charles H., who was born January 28, 1856, and Matilda F., who was born April 9, 1858, both of whom are

living at home; Joseph E., who was born December 30, 1861, and also resides with his parents; and Elizabeth S., who was born October 21, 1865, and is now the wife of Frank Rizner, a prosperous agriculturist of Farmington.

In politics Mr. Holden is a Republican, and in his religious views favors the Free Will Baptist church. Mrs. Holden is a Congregationalist.

**J**AMES L. CHASE, of Paris, a good representative of the younger generation of agriculturists in the county, was born in Portland, this State, June 11, 1861, son of William and Ellen (Eaton) Chase. Timothy Chase, his paternal grandfather, who was a native of Falmouth, Me., became a pioneer settler of Oxford County. He came here from Yarmouth, and, after working at the mason's trade for several years, returned to Portland. Thirty years after, he again came to Paris, where he subsequently died at the age of seventy-five. His first wife, Lucy (Porter) Chase, who was born in Falmouth, died in Portland, at the age of fifty years. His second marriage was contracted with Lucy Chase Doble. He reared the following children, all by his first wife: Sewall, Mary Ann, Susan N., Hannah, Edward, William, Anna P., and Granville N. Susan N. and Edward are living, the latter a resident of Portland.

William Chase was born in Paris, November 1, 1820. He was reared and educated in Portland, and was afterward one of its most substantial business men. He was an extensive importer of sugar and molasses for thirty years. In 1870, retiring from commercial life, he returned to Paris, and here purchased the old Hanibal estate. Here he lived until his death, March 12, 1876, caused by an accident, in which he was run over by cars, and lost both his legs. He was held in high estimation as an honorable, straightforward business man and a loyal citizen. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of the Congregational church, toward the support of which he was a generous contributor. His connection with fraternal organizations was

limited to membership in the Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, Ellen, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Trowbridge) Eaton, was born July 1, 1820, in Portland, where the marriage was performed November 2, 1843. They became the parents of ten children, two of whom are now living, namely: Edwin A., born in Portland, now a real estate dealer in Dedham, Mass.; and James L., the subject of this sketch.

James L. Chase was educated in the schools of Portland and Paris Hill. Since his early manhood he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. In addition to other property he has a fine farm of sixty acres, beautifully located, and commanding an excellent view of the White Mountains. He carries on general farming, hay and apples being his principal crops, and is somewhat engaged in dairying, keeping from ten to twelve head of full-blooded Jerseys. His house is a popular resort for boarders from the city during the summer season. Each year the applications to him for rooms far exceed the number of guests that he can accommodate. He entertains his boarders in a most genial and generous manner, making the house so pleasant for them that all are glad to come again. One family has spent fifteen consecutive summers with him.

Mr. Chase was married January 17, 1883, to Anna P. Rawson, a daughter of Job H. and the late Mary E. (Garland) Rawson. Mr. Rawson, born in Paris, September 30, 1833, was for thirty years the proprietor of the stage line running to South Paris, and was for many years in a mercantile business. He is now living in the village of Paris, where he is actively engaged as a veterinary surgeon, and in preparing the medicines, ointments, etc., used in connection with his business. Mrs. Rawson, who died in Paris, January 5, 1887, was born April 8, 1829, in Byron, this county. They had five other children; namely, Samuel H., Fanny, Nellie H., Charles, and Hiram J. After the death of his first wife Mr. Rawson married Mrs. Martha Weeks, of Paris. In politics he is a Democrat and in religion a Universalist. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have three children — William H., born March 20, 1887; Louisa E., born December 11, 1889; and

Susie T., born August 7, 1890. Three others are deceased, namely: Mary E.; and two that died in infancy. Mr. Chase is an earnest supporter of the Republican party. Both he and his wife are liberal in their religious beliefs.

**J**OHAN Y. WOOD, a wealthy farmer and fruit grower in the town of Buckfield, was born August 16, 1842, in Hartford, this county, son of Charles and Sarah (Thurlow) Wood, respectively natives of Gorham and Hartford. His grandfather, Charles Wood, Sr., was one of the early settlers of Gorham, whence he afterward removed to Hartford, dying in the latter place at a good age. Four of Grandfather Wood's children grew to maturity, but all have now passed away. Charles Wood, Jr., the youngest son, was a good, practical farmer, and spent the active years of his life in Hartford. He died at the home of his son in Buckfield, aged eighty-six years; and his wife died aged about fifty years. They were members of the Free Will Baptist church at Federal Corners. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. They had a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters. The daughters and one son are living, namely: Mary, the widow of Nathan Sampson, and now a resident of Aroostook County; Ruth T., who married William Woodbury, and resides in Turner, Me.; Amanda M., the widow of John S. Drake, of Auburn, Me.; and John Y., the subject of this sketch. The deceased children were: Albion, Charles V., and George H. George H. served as a soldier in the Civil War, and was accidentally killed while on his way home.

John Y. Wood, the youngest child, grew to manhood in Hartford, receiving his education in the common schools of that town. In 1864 he enlisted in the Thirty-second Maine Regiment, Company E, under Captain Keyes, and was in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. He served until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge in July, 1865. He then returned to his native town, and up to 1879 was engaged in carrying on the old homestead

farm. On leaving there, he moved to his present farm in Buckfield, containing two hundred and sixty-two acres, where he is engaged in general farming, fruit growing, and dairying. He has about ten acres planted with fruit, including apples, plums, and cherries; and in his dairy he keeps from thirty to thirty-five head of full-blooded and grade Jerseys. The rich meadow lands, well filled barns and storehouses, together with the neatly kept buildings and surroundings, all give evidence of intelligent management and unstinted labor.

In October, 1865, Mr. Wood married Almira S. Young, who was born in Hartford, daughter of Joseph Young. Three children were born to them, as follows: George V., Herbert H., and one who died in infancy. By his second marriage, contracted with Mary Phillips, there came four children — Edwin J., Forrest P., Mary B., and May. May died at the age of eight years. In his religious views Mr. Wood is liberal. He is a Republican in politics, and has membership in Nezinscott Lodge, No. 104, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Buckfield; and in Turner Grange, of Turner, Me.

**R**OSCOE F. STAPLES, Secretary and Treasurer of the S. E. King Company, Town Treasurer and Postmaster of Oxford, was born in this town, January 19, 1859, son of John G. and Sophia (Woodsum) Staples. His father, who was born in Oxford in 1818, during his active life was an energetic and industrious farmer. His mother, a native of Falmouth, Me., born in 1822, died at the age of fifty-three years. Of her nine children, Roscoe F., the subject of this sketch, is the only one living.

Roscoe F. Staples acquired his education in the district schools and at the Oxford High School. Having completed his studies in 1873, he entered the store of Silas E. King as an employee. For nearly twenty-five years he was in Mr. King's employ, rising to the post of confidential clerk, and gaining the confidence of his employer by his business ability and integrity. When the S. E. King Company was formed in 1896, he was ap-

pointed the Secretary and Treasurer of the corporation, Mr. King being made President and George L. Wilder Vice-President. The S. E. King Company, which includes among its stockholders several wholesale merchants of Auburn and Portland, conducts a large general store. Mr. Staples's long connection with the business enables him to fill his responsible position with ability. The company deals in merchandise of nearly every description, having ample facilities for supplying promptly such articles as are not in their stock. The establishment is divided into departments, which include groceries, hardware, dry goods, farming implements, flour, grain, and feed. The purpose of the management is to supply every article necessary for domestic, agricultural, and mechanical use.

On January 27, 1879, Mr. Staples was united in marriage to Mattie L. Everett, who was born November 30, 1858, in Casco, Me., daughter of Henry R. and Sarah E. Everett. He has one son, Everett C., who was born March 29, 1880. In public affairs Mr. Staples is very prominent. He was for one year a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is serving his fourth term as Town Clerk, his third year as Town Treasurer, and he has been Postmaster and Justice of the Peace for the past seven years. His political principles are Republican. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with the Blue Lodge at Mechanic Falls. He has also affiliation with Golden Rule Lodge, No. 73, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Lewiston; Pennesseewassee Lodge, No. 18, Knights of Pythias, of Norway, Me.; and Maple Lodge, No. 180, New England Order of Protection, at Welchville. In their religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Staples are Baptists.

**W**ILLIAM I. SARGENT, a prosperous farmer of Madrid, Franklin County, Me., and a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers, was born in this town, June 6, 1839, son of Isaac and Hannah (Davenport) Sargent. Mr. Sargent is of English descent. His grandfather, John Sargent, who was a native of New Hampshire, came to Maine when a young man, and lived upon the

coast for some time before coming to Madrid, where he was one of the first to take up land. He cleared a farm, and resided here until his death, which took place when he was seventy-three years old. He reared a family of four children, none of whom are living.

Isaac Sargent was a son of John Sargent. He was born in Damariscotta, Me., and came to Madrid with his parents at the age of four years. Having grown to maturity, he followed agricultural pursuits during the active period of his life, and was well and favorably known as an able, industrious farmer, and a worthy, upright man. He lived to be seventy-four years old. In politics he was a Democrat, but never interested himself in public affairs, beyond casting his vote. His wife, who was before marriage Hannah Davenport, became the mother of four children, all of whom are living in Madrid, namely: Joseph D.; John; William I., the subject of this sketch; and Sybil A.

William I. Sargent was educated in Madrid, and at an early age began to assist in carrying on the home farm. Eventually succeeding to its ownership, he has given his attention to the cultivation of general farm produce, including wheat and herd's grass seed, and the raising of excellent cattle and sheep. His property, which consists of one hundred and forty-three acres, is regarded as one of the best located and most productive farms in Madrid.

Mr. Sargent and his wife, Vesta Lufkin, of this town, with whom he was united in marriage on March 2, 1862, have reared a family of nine children, as follows: George E., born December 28, 1863, who is married and lives in Madrid; Herman O., also of Madrid, who on November 29, 1894, married Ora B. Williams; Charles A., who married Grace E. Davis on January 16, 1895, and resides in Fitchburg, Mass.; Samuel J., who on November 13, 1892, was united in marriage with Gertrude E. Monroe; Ada, wife of S. Gross, of Jay, Me.; and Mary E., William I., Anna B., and Nettie A., all living at the parental home. In politics Mr. Sargent is a Democrat; and he has rendered able service to the town as Highway Surveyor. The family attend the Free Will Baptist church.

George E. Sargent, oldest son of William I. Sargent, was born in Madrid, December 28, 1863. He attended school in Madrid, Phillips, and Rangeley, and, since completing his studies, has given his attention to agricultural pursuits at the homestead. On September 19, 1887, he was married to Dora B. Welts, of Madrid, who has become the mother of two children, namely: Carl E., aged nine; and Harold E., aged five years. In politics he votes with the Democratic party. He has served upon the School Board four years and upon the Board of Health for three terms. He is an active and progressive farmer and one of the leading young men of Madrid.

**S**AMUEL A. BUMPUS, an esteemed resident and farmer of the town of Paris, was born in this place, May 2, 1828, a son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Warren) Bumpus. His paternal grandfather, Morris Bumpus, was born and reared to man's estate in Taunton, Mass. After the close of the Revolution, in which Morris Bumpus was an active participant, he settled in the town of Hebron, this county, becoming thereby one of its earliest pioneers. The district was then in its original wildness. Game of all kinds was abundant, and the Indians far outnumbered the white settlers. The nearest market and mill were thirty miles distant. In going to the latter, the round trip was made on foot by a trail marked by blazed trees; and the grist was carried on the back. Grandfather Bumpus cleared a good farm from the wilderness, and lived here until his death, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, Huldah, attained the same venerable age. They had nine children, seven of whom reached maturity; namely—Morris, Nathaniel, Samuel, Jesse, Daniel, Martha, and Eliza.

Nathaniel Bumpus was the second son born to his parents. He learned the blacksmith's trade when a young man, and afterward followed it in conjunction with farming. Removing from Hebron, the place of his nativity, to Paris, he settled in the south-eastern part of the town, and purchased a farm, which he managed successfully for many years.

Here both he and his wife died, in the eighty-sixth year of their respective ages. He was a Democrat in politics and in religion a sincere Universalist. His wife, who was a native of Buckfield, Me., bore him nine children, of whom six are dead; namely, Morris, Axel, Ethel W., N. Greenleaf, John, and Jane. The survivors are: Phœbe, the widow of Orra Hall, of South Paris; Huldah, the wife of Erastus Cummings, of West Paris; and Samuel A., the subject of this sketch.

Samuel A. Bumpus was educated in the common schools of Paris and at the Hebron Academy. At the age of twenty years he went to Massachusetts, where he spent the succeeding five years in a woollen-mill. During the next six years he was engaged in the same occupation at South Paris. In all he was employed eleven years in the mills, having served for eight years of the time in the capacity of foreman. By economical management he saved much of his earnings, and in 1859 he bought the farm where he now resides. His first purchase of one hundred and forty acres of land has been increased to two hundred acres, and has been much enhanced in value by improvements. He pays especial attention to fruit growing, his vines and orchards yielding a large supply of fruits that grow in this northern climate. His taste for this branch of industry may have been inherited from his grandfather, who planted on his wild land in Hebron the first orchard seen in that town. Mr. Bumpus is a member of the Paris Lodge, No. 44, Patrons of Husbandry. In politics he is not a party man, but votes for the best men and measures. Both he and his wife are Universalists.

Mr. Bumpus was married November 16, 1854, to Julia A. Harriman, who was born January 18, 1834, in Litchfield, Me. Her father, Levi Harriman, after spending his entire life in Litchfield on the farm where he was born, died January 21, 1855, aged sixty-one years. He was one of the most respected farmers of the place and an active member of the Whig party. His wife, in maidenhood Mary Hale, who was born in Richmond, Sagadahoc County, in 1807, and died June 16, 1882, had eight children, three of whom are now living. These are: Julia A., now Mrs.

Bumpus; Mrs. Luella M. Googin, of Litchfield; and George W. Harriman, of Brighton, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Bumpus have three children, namely: Ella E., born August 21, 1856, who is now the widow of Edgar A. Tapley, and with her two children — Herbert W. and Edgar A. — lives at Quincy, Mass.; George F., born February 11, 1858, who was married December 29, 1885, to Georgia Stewart, and now lives in Brighton, Mass.; and Carrie L., born March 25, 1867, who lives with her parents.

**G**EORGE BERRY, who has spent his long and useful life of nearly fourscore years in the town of Paris, has been actively identified with the agricultural interests of Oxford County, and has materially assisted in maintaining its reputation as a superior farming region. He was born May 25, 1818, in the town where he now resides, son of William and Deborah (Drake) Berry.

William Berry was born April 16, 1783, and, when a young man, settled in Paris, Me., coming here when the country was new, finding his way by means of marked trees. With the energy and vigor of the true pioneer he felled the trees from a portion of the timbered land that he bought, uprooted the sod, and was thereafter successfully employed in tilling the soil, living here until his death, March 1, 1848. Deborah Drake was born January 30, 1786, and died in Paris, December 6, 1857. Both she and her husband were Baptists in religion; and in politics he was at first a Democrat, but in his later years he affiliated with the Republicans. They had the following children: Stillman, Harvey, Mary, George, Sarah, William, Olive, Elveci, and Zeri. Mary, George, and Zeri are the only ones now living.

George Berry, here numbered as the fourth child of his parents, was reared and educated in Paris, obtaining in his early years a fair, common-school education and a practical knowledge of agriculture. He began earning his own living when but a youth, for several years working for the neighboring farmers, who at first paid him for his services twelve dollars per month. By prudence and economy

he was enabled to save a portion of his wages each season, in the course of time having a sufficient sum to warrant him in buying a farm, on which he was engaged in his chosen occupation for many years. In 1874 he sold that property, and purchased his father's homestead. He now owns about one hundred acres of choice land, on which he has made the more valuable of the improvements. A self-made man, having steadily climbed the hill of success by his own industrious efforts, Mr. Berry is now numbered among the well-to-do farmers of this vicinity, owning other real estate besides his well-appointed farm.

Mr. Berry has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Melissa Buck, died in 1847, having borne him two children, namely: Cynthia, wife of Addison Abbott, of North Paris; and a child that died in infancy. On January 7, 1850, Mr. Berry married Mary Hannah Marshall, who was born in this town, April 9, 1831. Her father, Nathan Marshall, was a son of David Marshall, who emigrated from Scotland to America in Colonial days. David Marshall married Mary Mason, and settled first on land in Bethel, Me., but was compelled to leave that place on account of trouble with the Indians. His wife was the first white woman to spend a night in the town of Paris. Removing to Hebron, he became identified with the leading business interests of the town, building saw-mills, a grist and shingle mill, and a carding machine. He served in the Revolutionary War, and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He assisted in building the Baptist meeting-house of Hebron, he and his wife being among the original members of the church. Each lived to the age of fourscore years. They had twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity; namely, David, Walter, Miriam, Lucy, John, Nathan, Asahel, Aaron, and Moses.

Nathan Marshall, the fourth son as here mentioned, Mrs. Berry's father, was born in Hebron, January 16, 1795. In his early manhood he was interested in milling with his father. In 1818 he came to Paris, and, purchasing the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Samuel D. Marshall, was thenceforward engaged as a farmer and blacksmith



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until his death, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Zilpha Dunham, lived to the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Marshall was a staunch abolitionist, and he was a Deacon of the Free Will Baptist church; while his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had five children, two of whom are living—Samuel D. and Mrs. Berry. The others are: Nathan L., Eleazer D., and Hiram D.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Berry ten children have been born, as follows: Nathan L., who is deceased; Eleazer, also deceased; George W.; Frederick L.; Frank E.; Edwin R.; Ella Z.; Hiram M.; Jennie E., who died in 1886, aged eighteen years; and Clara. In politics Mr. Berry has always been identified with the Republican party since its formation. Both he and his wife are active members of the Free Will Baptist church. Mr. Berry is not connected with any of the social organizations of this locality, but Mrs. Berry is a member of the West Paris Grange.

**N**ON. JOHN A. ROBERTS, of Norway, Me., State Senator, recently elected, is a gentleman of liberal education, a lawyer by profession, also a practical farmer, and has had much experience in the conduct of local public affairs and in the leadership of social organizations. He was born in Gardiner, Me., on September 10, 1852, son of John M. and Mary E. (Potter) Roberts. His paternal grandfather was Simon Roberts, who settled in Waterboro, Me. He was a successful farmer; and he also followed the trade of carpenter and joiner, accumulating quite a large property. He lived to be seventy-three years of age, but his wife died at the age of sixty-nine. Their children were: May, Esther, John M., Sylvester, Abigail, Elmira, and Betsy.

John M. Roberts, the father, aforementioned, was a native of Waterboro, born on June 25, 1828. For some time in his youth and early manhood he worked in a saw-mill, eventually running a mill until his marriage, when he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Andover, Me. He built a new house, remodelling the barn; and he and his

worthy helpmeet are there living at this day in the enjoyment of good health. They have had four children—one who died an infant; John A.; Arthur M.; and Augustus F., deceased. Mr. John M. Roberts is a man of prominence in the Republican party and in the Congregational church.

At the age of eighteen, after being graduated from the high school, John A. Roberts, the special subject of the present sketch, entered the Oxford Normal Institute at South Paris, Me., and fitted for college, matriculating at Bowdoin College in 1873. He was graduated in 1877. During his college course and for several terms thereafter Mr. Roberts taught school, subsequently reading law with M. T. Ludden, of Lewiston. Being admitted to the bar of Oxford County in the fall of 1878, he began practice in Mechanic Falls; but a year later, his health having failed, he was obliged to seek life in the open air. In 1880 Mr. Roberts bought the Henry Pike place on the west side of Norway Lake. Here he still lives and manages the farm, though since 1890 he has been employed as book-keeper in the office of C. B. Cummings & Sons. The estate is beautiful for situation, and the buildings have been remodelled and improved until it is a model country home.

Politically a Republican, Mr. Roberts has shown marked ability in the management of town affairs, officiating as attorney for two years, as President of the public library, and as superintendent of schools. In 1893 and 1894 he was a Representative to the State legislature, and in the autumn of 1896 was elected State Senator, a merited honor, as he is undoubtedly well qualified for a seat in the upper house. Fraternally, he is prominently connected with the order of Patrons of Husbandry, having been Master of Norway Grange for six years, being now Master also of the county grange, and Overseer of the State grange, elected in December, 1893, and re-elected in 1895. In 1893 he was elected President of the Oxford County Agricultural Society, and in 1895 he was re-elected to this important post.

On August 24, 1881, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Pike, a daughter of Henry and Sarah E. (Forbes)



Pike and a member of one of the leading families in the town. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have one child, Thaddeus B., who was born on November 20, 1884, and is now a promising lad of twelve years.

**J**OSEPH W. HINES, of West Farmington, the proprietor and manager of one of the largest department stores in Franklin County, was born in Hartford, Me., March 6, 1850. He is a son of Hiram H. and Fanny (Woodsome) Hines, a grandson of Hollingsworth and Ruth (Hall) Hines, and a great-grandson of Richard and Abigail (Jenkins) Hines. The children of his great-grandparents were—Hollingsworth, John, Thaddeus, Polly, Abigail, Chitman, Prudy, and Richard. Hollingsworth Hines was born in Buckfield, Me., August 12, 1781; and his wife was born in the same place, February 17, 1788. Their children were—Enoch, Barnum, Hiram H., Phœbe, Calista, Mary, Joseph, Sarah, Emily, Clara, Zilpha, and Enoch H.

Hiram H. Hines, a native of Buxton, Me., was a man of large stature. During his early manhood he taught school in winter, working at farming in the summer. Having saved a considerable part of his earnings, he in time was able to purchase a farm in Hartford. Soon after he started a store, which he managed for eighteen years. He then sold his Hartford property, purchased a large farm in Buckfield, and carried it on for fifteen years, conducting a store for a part of this period also. At the end of that time he retired from active work; and, selling his farm, he purchased a home in Lewiston, Me., where he quietly passed his declining years, dying at the age of seventy-seven. He was an active Republican. While living in Hartford he was elected to the State legislature, and served the town as Selectman and Treasurer. His wife met her death in 1867, the result of falling down stairs, being then sixty years old. Both were members of the Free Will Baptist church. They had eight children, of whom two died in infancy. The others were—Rufus, Nancy, Catherine, Washington B., Joseph W., and Calista E.

Joseph W. Hines received a good practical education in the schools of Buckfield, at He-

bron Academy, and at Bates Commercial College at Auburn, Me. He was subsequently employed as clerk in his father's store until March, 1876, when he formed a partnership with A. F. Gammond; and they purchased the stock in trade of E. Searles, and started in business in the building at West Farmington, of which a lease was taken. The venture proving very successful, they afterward bought the building. In 1882 he purchased his partner's interest; and, before the railroad was built through the northern part of the county, he had probably the most extensive produce trade in this section. When the railroad changed the conditions of traffic, he met the change with a new line of goods to suit. He now has a large and varied stock, comprising groceries, dry goods, crockery, ready-made clothing, boots and shoes, paints and oils—in fact, everything found in a general store. He occupies two buildings for the sale of his goods, besides large storehouses. His trade has increased greatly since he started, and he has been obliged to enlarge the original building.

On December 25, 1877, Mr. Hines was united in marriage with Miss Emma H. Dodge, daughter of Andrew and Jessie Dodge, of West Farmington. Three children have blessed his union—Hiram Earl, Ralph G., and Joseph W. In politics Mr. Hines is a Republican. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to Maine Lodge, Franklin Chapter, the council, and Farmington Commandery. On religious subjects he holds liberal views. He has a handsome residence on Water Street, which was formerly known as the Ira Russell place. The house has been remodelled since it came into his possession.

**A**LBERT CASWELL, a prosperous general farmer of Waterford, now serving as Third Selectman, is a native of Winthrop, Me., born July 14, 1828. Richard Caswell, his father, was born in Mansfield, Mass., April 27, 1792, son of Bowden Caswell, who was engaged in farming in Mansfield until his latter days, which were spent with his son in Winthrop, Me. Richard carried on farming in Winthrop up

to 1840, at which time he removed to Mercer, Me., and was there engaged in farming until his death on July 20, 1858. He married Miss Sarah Hodges, who, born in Norton, Mass., March 1, 1794, died August 3, 1865. They were the parents of seven children, namely: George, born April 25, 1820, who died June 11, 1889; Almon, born April 28, 1822, who died November 12, 1892; Harriett, born April 9, 1824, now the wife of Stephen Messer, of Madison, Me., who died August 5, 1896; Charlotte, born April 17, 1826, who died February 13, 1847; Albert, the subject of this sketch; Edward, born July 9, 1831, living in Lynn, Mass., who married Miss Nancy L. Sanford, now deceased; Susan H., born March 23, 1835, who died September 16, 1868.

Albert Caswell received his education in the common schools of Mercer, Me. At the age of twenty-one he went to Belgrade, Kennebec County, to accept the position of station agent on the Maine Central Railroad, which he afterward held for nineteen years, giving the utmost satisfaction. In 1872 he went to Lewiston, Me., where he remained for four years, conducting a shoe business. From Lewiston in 1876 he came to Waterford, and settled on his present farm in the southern part of the town. He now owns about seventy-five acres of land, which he devotes to general farming and dairying.

On July 10, 1854, while in Belgrade, Mr. Caswell was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Swan, of Conway, N.H., where her birth occurred May 8, 1831. She died March 18, 1864, leaving five children, two sons and three daughters. These were: Ellen M., born October 6, 1855, who is now the wife of B. F. Yeaton, of Stark, Me.; Charles Dudley, born March 8, 1857, who married Miss Fannie Dyer, and is now living in Holbrook, Mass.; Alice Josephine, born February 27, 1859, who died February 6, 1883; Albert Danforth, born June 10, 1860, who married Miss Mary E. Varney, and is now living in Lebanon, Me.; and Mary Swan, born January 8, 1862, who married George Yeaton, and lives in Belgrade, Me. On November 6, 1864, Mr. Caswell was married a second time to Miss Mary P. Swan, of Waterford, who was

born November 3, 1836, daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Sanderson) Swan. Her father was born in Waterford September 11, 1810, and followed farming here throughout the active years of his life. He also engaged in the stone cutter's trade, and superintended the building of the roads in Oxford County. He died April 15, 1896, aged eighty-five years. Mrs. Swan, who was born in Sweden, Me., and became a resident of Waterford while young, died January 6, 1878. Mrs. Caswell's children are: Byron Sanderson and Fannie Eliza. The son, born September 24, 1865, married Miss Sadie Low, of New Bedford, Mass., and is now living in Boston, Mass. He is an electrician of that city. Fannie Eliza, born October 7, 1866, conducts a dressmaking shop in Harrison village, and makes her home with her parents.

The citizens of Waterford have shown their appreciation of Mr. Caswell's sterling character and ability by electing him to various positions of trust and responsibility. He now holds the office of Third Selectman, to which he was elected in March, 1896. In 1867 and 1868 he represented Belgrade in the State legislature. His political principles are Democratic. He is a member of Relief Lodge, No. 108, A. F. & A. M., in Belgrade; and of Oakland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Oakland, Me.

STEPHEN D. HUTCHINSON, a venerable and valued resident of Paris, bearing with ease and dignity his burden of fourscore and four years, has the distinction of being the oldest man actively engaged in business in Oxford County. He was born September 25, 1812, in the neighboring town of Hebron, son of Stephen and Asenath (Gilbert) Hutchinson, both natives of the State, born respectively in Gorham and Leeds. His grandfather, a native of Massachusetts, served in the French and Indian War, and afterward went to Nova Scotia, where he lived for a time. Returning to the States, Grandfather Hutchinson settled in Gorham, Cumberland County, purchasing a tract of timber land, from which he cleared a homestead. He

labored with the courage and perseverance characteristic of the sturdy pioneer, and also served as local preacher of the Free Will Baptist denomination. His children were: Joseph, Lydia, Samuel, Stephen, Betsey, Daniel, Henry, John, and Rebecca.

Stephen Hutchinson was a farmer throughout his life. When a young man he came from Gorham to this county, first locating in Hebron and afterward in Buckfield, where he died at the age of seventy years. He was an unswerving Democrat in politics. At first his religious faith was that of the Free Will Baptists, of whose church at Hebron he was a member; but later he became a Universalist, and belonged to that denomination at the time of his death. He was Selectman for many years, and also filled less important offices. His first wife, Asenath (Gilbert) Hutchinson, died at the age of forty-six years, leaving six children — Stephen D., Chandler, Horace, Mark, Albion P., and Betsey. Betsey died in infancy. Of the number, Stephen D. and Albion P. are the only survivors. After the death of his first wife the father married Jeanette Alden, daughter of Benjamin Alden, a Quaker. By this marriage there were four children — Jeanette, Augusta, Vesta, and Aseneth. Of these the eldest and youngest are living.

Stephen D. Hutchinson grew to man's estate in Buckfield, obtaining his education in the district school, and at home evenings by the light of pitch pine knots. He first worked at harvesting for one William Loring, receiving a third of a dollar per day for his labor. In 1835 Mr. Hutchinson entered into a partnership with H. H. Hutchinson, Jr., with whom he conducted a mercantile business in Buckfield for five years. In 1840 he leased a farm in the same town, and for a few years carried on general farming. At the same time he added to his income by taking boarders in the summer season and teaching school during the winter terms. In 1845, having been elected Registrar of Deeds of Oxford County, he removed to Paris, the county seat, and for eleven years retained that office. He next embarked in mercantile business at Paris Hill with Frank Bates, with whom he was associated two years. In 1860 he established his

present store, which he has since successfully conducted, building up a good local trade.

Mr. Hutchinson was married in June, 1835, to Mary Atkinson, who, born in Minot, Me., September 17, 1808, died at Paris Hill, July 18, 1874. She bore him five children — Mary Annette, John R., Winfield S., George W., and Kate W. John R., who was born April 11, 1840, died March 2, 1896. Mr. Hutchinson has witnessed many changes throughout this locality, and has contributed his full share as a good citizen toward the development of his native county. While living at Buckfield he served as Town Clerk and as a member of the School Committee. He is a firm adherent of the Democratic party.

CHARLES A. AND GEORGE W. WHIBLEY are well-known and exceedingly prosperous business men of East Wilton, Franklin County, Me., the former of the mercantile firm of Whibley & Brown, and the latter an extensive manufacturer of tinware and a dealer in stoves, hardware, paints, and oils. These successful merchants are sons of the late George and Julia A. (Morrison) Whibley.

George Whibley, their father, who was for some years engaged in trade here, was born in London, England, August 2, 1819. When a young man he emigrated to the United States with the view of obtaining a livelihood in a country where the opportunities for acquiring wealth were more equally distributed than in the Old World. After his arrival on these shores he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, upon the completion of which he began work as a journeyman in Skowhegan, Somerset County, Me. Having no friends or relatives in this country, he was obliged to make his way wholly through his own ability and perseverance, which he eventually succeeded in accomplishing by a strict adherence to principles of honesty and the faithful discharge of his duties as a workman; and when he had thoroughly mastered the trade in every detail he became ambitious to advance. Establishing himself in Skowhegan as a contractor and builder, he soon had a large and profitable business under his control; and dur-

ing his residence in that town he erected many of the principal buildings standing there to-day. As he advanced in years he grew stout of figure, which prevented him from climbing, as required in the work of construction; and, being obliged upon this account to relinquish the pursuit of his calling, he settled in Madison, where he was engaged in mercantile business until 1860. In that year, removing to East Wilton, he bought of John Perley the building now owned and occupied as a place of business by his son, Charles A.; and putting in a full stock of goods he conducted during his remaining days the largest general store in this section. His death took place July 21, 1879. His wife, Julia A. Morrison, who was born December 1, 1815, was a daughter of Mary and John Morrison, of Farmington. She became the mother of four children, as follows: Elizabeth, who was born November 18, 1846, and died September 13, 1866; George W. and Charles A., who are the subjects of this sketch; and Amerilla, who was born May 8, 1857, and died September 30 of the same year. Mrs. Julia A. Morrison Whibley died November 13, 1895, at the age of eighty years.

Charles A. Whibley was born in Skowhegan, Me., November 3, 1852. After finishing his education he began working as a clerk in the store, remaining in that capacity until his father's death, when he purchased the business, which he carried on alone for about sixteen years. In 1895 he formed a partnership with E. B. Brown, his present business associate. The firm of Whibley & Brown carry the largest stock of general merchandise, including groceries, grain, feed, crockery, and other wares, to be found in this section.

Charles A. Whibley wedded Rose E. Brown, daughter of Almon H. and Sylvia (Gould) Brown. By his honorable business methods Mr. C. A. Whibley has gained the confidence of his numerous patrons, and has attained merited success. Besides his mercantile interests he owns one-half of the late Fred Gordon farm. He is a member of Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is independent in politics and liberal in his religious views.

George W. Whibley, the elder of the two brothers, was born in East Madison, Me., De-

cember 28, 1848. He acquired betimes a good practical education, and while still in his youth began to learn the carpenter's trade. Not liking that craft, however, he relinquished it and learned the trade of a tinsmith; and after working as a journeyman for ten years he bought the Macomber place in this town, where he fitted up a small shop. Manufacturing tinware during the winter, he travelled through the country with a pedler's team, selling it in the summer season. Two years later he rented the Eastman store, which he stocked with a full line of stoves, general hardware, paints, oils, and various other articles of merchandise, in which he has a good trade. Aside from this he manufactures tin pails and pans, keeping a team upon the road; and he also is engaged in setting up furnaces and conducting a general plumbing and roofing business.

George W. Whibley married Elzoda Macomber, daughter of David and Hannah G. (Allen) Macomber, highly reputable and well-to-do farming people of this town. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Whibley, namely: Clarence M., who died at the age of six months; and George M., whose birth occurred on October 13, 1881.

PERSIAN V. EVERETT, of Hebron, a veteran of the Civil War, now engaged in general farming and fruit growing, was born in Hebron, July 5, 1847, son of Hiram M. Everett. Mr. Everett is a descendant of John Everett, a Frenchman by birth, who accompanied General Lafayette to America, and served during the Revolutionary War in the Continental army, losing an arm in the struggle. John Everett afterward settled among the pioneers of Norway, Me., where he died at an advanced age. His wife, who was probably the first school teacher in Norway, reared three children—John, Susannah, and Peter. Peter Everett, the grandfather of Persian V., was born in Norway, and was for many years a prosperous farmer of that town. His last days were passed in Poland, Me., where he died at the age of seventy-four years. He married Charlotte Parkhurst, who reached the age of

sixty-three years, and had eleven children, five of whom are living.

Hiram Millett Everett was born in Norway, November 2, 1818. While still young he learned the cooper's trade, which he followed during the winter season until he was twenty-six years old, spending the summer season at farm labor. With his savings he then bought his father's property in Norway. Afterward he resided for short intervals in Poland, East Hebron, and Minot Corners. He learned the trade of a shoemaker in the last-named place, and subsequently worked at it in Hebron, where also, having bought a farm, he cultivated it until his death in April, 1893. In politics he was a Republican, and he held for several years the offices of Constable and Collector. In religious faith he was a Baptist. Of his four children the only survivor is Persian V., the subject of this sketch. The others were: Anna Delphina, Justin, and Anna Bethany. The mother is still living, and resides in Hebron.

Persian V. Everett passed his boyhood in Hebron. At the age of seventeen, while attending the academy, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Thirtieth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, with which he served during the last years of the Rebellion. After he was honorably discharged in 1865, he resumed his studies at the academy for a time, and then engaged as a general storekeeper in Hebron. At the end of three years he sold his business; and, after working in a shoe factory for six and a half years, he went to Auburn, Me., where he engaged in the same business. In 1879 he moved his family to his present farm. He spent about fourteen years in Auburn, after which he returned to Hebron, where he has since resided permanently. As a general farmer he has been quite prosperous. He now owns one hundred and fifty acres of fertile land, which he devotes to dairying and fruit growing, while he makes a specialty of breeding fine horses.

On February 19, 1868, Mr. Everett wedded Ella H. Haskell, of Paris, Me., daughter of Joel and Margaret D. Haskell. Mrs. Everett has had four children, as follows: Minnie, who married O. W. Fernald, resides in Berlin, N. H., and has one daughter, Marion F.;

Ernest L., who died at the age of two years; Charles H. and Margaret L., who both reside with their parents. In politics Mr. Everett is a Republican. He is a comrade of Post No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic, of Mechanic Falls. Both he and Mrs. Everett attend the Baptist church, of which she is a member.

**J**OSEPH TREFETHEN, one of Wilton's able farmers and a well-known citizen, was born on Monhegan Island, Me., September 22, 1833, son of Henry and Ann (Baxter) Trefethen. The family is of French origin, and descends from early settlers upon the coast of Maine, who were mostly seafaring men and fishermen.

Mr. Trefethen's father was reared a fisherman, and in early manhood he engaged in fitting out vessels for the cod-fishing banks. He later became the owner of several vessels, and, erecting a fish-house on Monhegan Island, where he received, cured, and prepared the fish for market, conducted a very profitable business for many years. His death occurred at the age of eighty. He was three times married, and by his union with Ann Baxter, his third wife, had three children, of whom the first-born, a daughter, died in infancy. The others were: Joseph, the subject of this sketch; and Abraham Baxter. Mr. Trefethen's mother married for her second husband George Legrow, and, removing to Wilton, died here at the age of about seventy years.

Joseph Trefethen, the elder of her two sons, was reared and educated in Wilton. In young manhood he bought a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, which he improved; but after occupying it for some time he exchanged it for a smaller piece of property located nearer the village. This farm he has also improved, increasing its productiveness, and making various alterations in the buildings; and in connection with tilling the soil he has worked at the carpenter's trade to some extent.

On March 12, 1854, Mr. Trefethen was united in marriage with Susan B. Webster, who was born in Wilton, June 29, 1831, daughter of Thomas E. and Lois (Scales)

Webster. Mrs. Trefethen's father was a native of Weare, N.H. He settled in Wilton when a young man and became one of the most energetic and progressive farmers of his day. The present Webster homestead, which is one of the best estates in town, was cleared and improved by him. He was a man of much political prominence and social worth. He died in 1870, aged sixty-three years; and his wife died at the age of fifty-four years. She was the mother of six children, namely: Susan B., who is now Mrs. Trefethen; Annie M.; Henry, who is a leading farmer of this town, and occupies the homestead; Volina M.; Vannander; and Octavia C.

Mr. and Mrs. Trefethen have six children, as follows: Henry E., Professor of Languages at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kent's Hill, who was born June 10, 1855, married Alice Porter, and has six children—Evangeline, Henry P., M. Louise, Webster, Ruth, and an infant; Fred E., a resident of Wilton, who was born March 19, 1857, married Addie M. Bump, and has seven children—Lavinia A., Verner A., Harry J., Miriam E., Leon B., Lawrence W., and Irene F.; Ella S., who was born November 7, 1858; Annie, who was born March 22, 1861, and is now the widow of C. L. Snow, who died in 1896; William J., M.D., a graduate of the Baltimore Medical School, who was born October 20, 1866, married Sarah Smith, and is now a practising physician of New Portland, Me.; and Melvina, who was born January 12, 1871, married Herbert J. Ellsworth, and has two children—Vivian and Jennie.

In politics Mr. Trefethen is a Republican, and in his religious views he is liberal. He is a member of Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the encampment.

**C**HARLES T. MELLEN, who was a lifelong resident of the town of Paris, was born at Paris Hill, November 20, 1820, son of Alanson and Mary (Bisco) Mellen. Alanson Mellen was born in Hopkinton, Mass. In his early manhood he removed to this town, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits many years. He sub-

sequently made his home on Paris Hill, where he died December 9, 1851. For more than thirty consecutive years he was Registrar of Deeds, and he was Town Clerk for a long term of office. In religion he was very liberal, while in politics he was a staunch Democrat. His wife, Mary, who spent her life in this town, and died March 12, 1826, had six children, as follows: Leonard, born in 1813, who died in 1843; Jonas B., born in 1814, who died in 1824; Eunice F., born in 1816, who died in 1893; Mary M., born in 1818, who died in 1844; Charles T., the subject of this brief sketch; and George L., born in 1823, who is the only one now living.

Charles T. Mellen grew to man's estate in his native town, acquiring his education in the public schools. He worked with his father in the Registry of Deeds for several seasons, and was subsequently Postmaster at Paris for several years. In politics he was an active member of the Democratic party and in his religious views was liberal.

Mr. Mellen was married June 7, 1855, to Lucretia Jackson, who was born in the village of Paris, September 29, 1824, daughter of Joseph and Lucretia (Brett) Jackson. Her paternal grandfather, Lemitel Jackson, was the first person to settle and erect a house on Paris Hill. He cleared a good homestead, on which he and his wife, previously Miss Willis, spent their last days in the peaceful occupations of farm life. Joseph Jackson, who was also a farmer by occupation, after his marriage bought the farm where his son's widow, Mrs. Hiram Jackson, now lives. Here he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, he dying at the age of fifty-five years, and she at the venerable age of eighty-six. He was liberal in his religious belief, while she was a member of the Baptist church. They had four children—Eliza, Hiram, Lucretia, and Isabelle. Lucretia, now Mrs. Mellen, is the only survivor. Mr. and Mrs. Mellen have had two children—Charles J. and Mary I. Charles J., born February 20, 1857, was engaged in teaching until his accidental death by drowning while skating, December 17, 1881. Mary I., born May 2, 1860, has always lived at home. She was employed in the Registry of Deeds for thirteen years, but is now Post-

mistress at Paris, which appointment she received in November, 1893. The father died February 21, 1893. A man of sterling, upright character, he was highly esteemed throughout the district. Mrs. Mellen and her daughter attend the Universalist church.

**A**LPHEUS S. BEAN. — Striking instances of individual enterprise setting in motion wide circles of industrial life are found here and there in the State of Maine. The town of West Bethel, Me., largely owes its present prosperity to Mr. A. S. Bean, a self-made man, who has developed the lumber industry here to colossal proportions, established a large and prosperous general store, stimulated the building interest by erecting cottages for his employees, and increased the attractions of the place as a summer resort by building a first-class hotel, beautifully situated. Besides these local interests Mr. Bean is connected with financial enterprises in other parts of the State, and what he touches seems always to succeed. He was born in Bethel, January 18, 1846, and is a son of the late Daniel F. and Polly P. (White) Bean.

The Beans are one of the old established families of New England. Daniel F. Bean, who was a native of Bethel, spent his entire life in this town, attaining the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was a well-to-do farmer, and dealt largely in cattle. His wife, who was born in Gilead, this county, died at the age of seventy-five. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Bean were members of the Congregational church. They were the parents of six children, namely: Roy, who died at the age of fifty; Emily J., who was called to rest in her thirty-sixth year; A. S., the subject of this sketch; Fannie E., wife of Thomas B. Morrill, of Charlestown, Mass.; Susie E., wife of Fred W. Perkins, of Worcester, Mass.; and Daniel F.

A. S. Bean acquired a common-school education in his native town. He displayed some ability as a financier in his youth, managing quite a business in eggs and poultry; and when he was twenty-one years old he engaged in mercantile pursuits in West Bethel.

After trying this a year he went to California, but six months' residence in that State decided him that he could do better at home. Returning, he purchased the store in West Bethel which is now under his charge, and which under his able management has aggregate sales of over fifty thousand dollars a year. He owns twenty thousand acres of timber land in this vicinity, on which are seven mills, four run by steam, three by water. Of these five are birch-mills and manufacture spool stock, and two are saw-mills. He sells quantities of timber from his land for outside manufacture, cutting in one winter four million feet, two million of which he shipped to Scotland, and eight thousand cords of pulp wood for the Rumford Falls mills. He has lately shipped five million feet of spool stock to Scotland. He owns mills in different parts of this county, and has an interest in a bobbin-mill in Shelburne, N.H. Mr. Bean has a large number of men in his employ; and the cottages which he has built, uniformly painted, make a very pretty village at West Bethel. About three miles away is a charming little pond at the foot of Pine Mountain, and here Mr. Bean has made such improvements as have developed the place into a beautiful summer resort. He owns several large farms, including three hundred acres of grass land, from which he annually cuts hundreds of tons of hay; and he has the best farmer's barn in Oxford County.

Mr. Bean was married November 14, 1871, to Miss Lucinda Mason, of Gilead, this county, daughter of Moses and Martha (Walker) Mason. It is a notable fact that the wife's influence has much to do with making or marring a man's career. Mrs. Bean is always alive to her husband's best interests, and her intelligent co-operation smooths the road to success.

In politics Mr. Bean favors the Republican side. He has been Postmaster of West Bethel for twenty years, holding his office under both Republican and Democratic administrations. Though not a church member, he is in sympathy with religious enterprises, to which he liberally contributes. There has never been a church in West Bethel, the efforts, made principally by some devoted Christian women,



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to raise funds to build one having been unsuccessful; but the need of a house of worship will soon be met, for Mr. Bean is erecting a substantial edifice, which he intends to present when finished to the struggling little society. One of the wealthiest men in the county, he does not hoard the property which he has worked hard to accumulate, but contributes freely toward all worthy enterprises; and his large-heartedness and fine social qualities have drawn to him many friends.

**W**ILLIAM M. GREENE, who until 1892 had been an esteemed farmer of Norway township for more than twoscore years, was born February 11, 1819, in Portland, Me., son of Captain William M. and Hannah R. (Gould) Greene, both natives of Cumberland County. His father was for many years captain of a vessel, but he eventually settled in Portland, where both he and his wife spent their closing years.

Mr. Greene was bred and educated in Portland, and was there employed for some years as a clerk in a grocery store. Inheriting his father's love for the sea, he subsequently became master of a vessel. He was engaged in seafaring for more than thirty years, during which he visited many parts of the globe. He was shipwrecked twice, the last time in December, 1848, when he lost "everything." Not discouraged by this misfortune, however, he continued in his calling until 1850, some two years after his marriage. Mr. Greene then came to Oxford County, locating in North Norway. Here he purchased land, erected a row of buildings, and was afterward engaged in tilling the soil and working at the carpenter's trade for five years. Moving in 1855 to the western part of the town, he bought a farm, on which he lived for twenty-two years, successfully engaged in agriculture. Selling out there, he bought the present home farm occupied by his widow and her son, and here lived until his death, which occurred July 21, 1892. This farm is located near the centre of the town, and contains forty-two acres of land, well suited for grazing and dairy purposes. Mr. Greene was a staunch adherent of the Republican party. He was

a member of the Congregational church at Norway Centre, to which his widow still belongs.

On August 27, 1848, Mr. Greene was married to Miss Abiah L., born in Norway, January 26, 1829, daughter of Edmund and Annie P. (Lovejoy) Frost. Her parents were esteemed farming people of Norway, where they spent their last years. Her mother came here from Andover, Mass., where she was born and educated. Mr. Greene's children are: Frank T., born November 14, 1849, who married Mary A. Parker, of Waterford, this county, and is now a carpenter in Norway; Herbert W., born June 15, 1855, who married Alfretta Keith, and is now engaged in the grocery business at Boston, Mass.; Edmond F. C., born May 22, 1859; and Elfannah, born April 25, 1868, now living at home, who is a trained nurse. Edmond F. C. Greene has had charge of the home property for some years, his father's health having been poor a long time before his demise. He carries on general farming, paying a good deal of attention to his dairy. He sells cream throughout the county, and likewise deals largely in stock. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several of the minor offices of the township. He is a member of the grange at Norway village, and is an active worker in the Second Congregational Church. On the maternal side he is descended from a Revolutionary hero, his mother's grandfather, Jacob Frost, who received a bullet wound in the hip at one of the battles in that famous struggle, and was afterward pensioned.

**J**OHAN STEVENS, one of the worthy and respected residents of the town of Paris, where he has lived for nearly thirty years, was born January 22, 1818, in China, Kennebec County, son of Daniel and Almira (Stevens) Stevens. His grandfather, Thomas Stevens, served three years in the Revolutionary army, participating in the battles at Brandywine, Monmouth, and other engagements. Thomas subsequently removed to this county, locating at Paris, where for the rest of his life he worked at the carpenter's trade and at farming.

Daniel Stevens, a son of Thomas, was born in Worcester, Mass., where his father was then living. He came with his parents to Paris, where he resided in his early life. After receiving a general education he studied medicine, and in due time began the practice of it. Shortly after he settled in China, Me., which was then in its infancy, and was there engaged in his profession until his death, at the age of sixty years, having been successful and popular as a physician. He was a public-spirited and patriotic citizen, and served in the War of 1812. A man of prominence in his adopted town, he was a Selectman and Trustee of the Academy. He was an active member of the Baptist church, in which he frequently preached. His first wife, Almira, who was born in Paris, died in China, aged thirty-two years. She was a daughter of Cyprian Stevens, a pioneer physician of Paris, and one of its prominent early settlers. His second wife, whose maiden name was Sally Stimpson, lived to the age of forty-two years. Daniel Stevens became the father of seven children by his first marriage and of five more by his second. Of the whole number two are living, namely: John, the subject of this sketch; and Thomas, a ranchman of California. Of the others, four reached maturity; namely, Stowell, Harriet, Mary, and Jane.

John Stevens remained under the parental roof-tree until nineteen years of age. He then went to Old Town, Penobscot County, where he obtained employment at cutting logs in winter and working in a saw-mill when not otherwise engaged, his compensation being ten dollars a month. He subsequently worked for other people for twenty-five years before settling in life for himself. Being prudent and economical, he accumulated some money, with which in 1863 he bought fifty acres of land in China, where he carried on mixed husbandry four years. Coming then to Paris, he purchased his present farm, containing seventy-five acres of land. Here he has made many of the improvements, and has since carried on general farming and fruit growing with marked success, of recent years hiring most of the manual work done.

Mr. Stevens was married in November,

1866, to Mrs. Sarah (Buck) Merrill, who was born in Norway, this county, December 18, 1824. She is a daughter of Jared M. and Sally (Stevens) Buck. By a previous marriage, contracted with Charles Merrill, who died, she had one child, Charles D. Merrill, who died at the age of twenty-two years. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Stevens was a girl, Sarah L., who lived but seven years. In politics Mr. Stevens is a staunch Republican, while regarding religious matters he holds liberal views. He has served his fellow-townsmen in several of the minor offices of his district, and is a member of the South Paris Grange.

**E**UGENE M. DUDLEY, the enterprising and popular proprietor of the Lake House at Waterford Flat, was born in Bridgton, this State, June 1, 1854. He is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Earle) Dudley, both natives of Maine, the former born in Waterford, the latter in Plymouth. Joseph Dudley lived in his native town until after his marriage with Elizabeth Earle, when he established a home in Bridgton. He was a competent farmer, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Bridgton up to the time of his death, August 20, 1876. His wife passed away in September, 1890. They had seven children, namely: Ada, the wife of Sumner Spurr, now of Otisfield, Me.; Eugene M., the subject of this sketch; Mary, in North Bridgton; Walter and Albert, residents of Harrison, Me.; Nellie, now deceased; and Fred, residing in Hollis, N.H.

Eugene M. Dudley received a common-school education in his native town. At the age of fourteen he obtained employment as a weaver in a woollen-mill of Bridgton. Subsequently he set about learning the tinsmith's trade in Cornish, Me.; but, after six months of his apprenticeship had expired, he took a position in a harness shop, where he continued employed about three years. He then opened a harness shop of his own in Harrison, Me., where he conducted a successful business for ten years, accumulating sufficient money to start in hotel keeping. He did this by purchasing the Lake House, an old and famous

hostelry. Since then he has made many improvements in the building and surroundings, developing the place into a model summer hotel. While it is open all the year round, its most prosperous season is the vacation time. Mr. Dudley has a good livery in connection with the hotel. He also owns a farm of seventy-five acres, one of the best estates in the locality. An alert and enterprising man, one who does well whatever he undertakes, he also seems to have the enviable faculty of making and keeping friends. Under his management the Lake House has attained a remarkable degree of prosperity, and his fame as a host has spread through Oxford and Cumberland Counties.

Mr. Dudley was married February 14, 1882, to Judith C., daughter of Edwin Jackson, a farmer now living in North Bridgton, Me. Mrs. Jackson died some time since. Mrs. Dudley, who is a native of Springfield, Me., has two children—Guy E., born March 11, 1886; and Annie L., born October 6, 1889. In politics Mr. Dudley is a staunch Democrat. He belongs to one social organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Ossipee Lodge, No. 54, of Cornish, Me. He is one of the self-made men of Oxford County, having won his way from a hard-working boyhood to a maturity of established prosperity.

**W**ILLIAM A. BOYINGTON, a well-known and respected resident of New Sharon, Franklin County, was born in Stark, Me., November 30, 1828, son of John S. and Jane (Witham) Boyington. His grandfather was William Boyington, a native of Wiscasset, Lincoln County, from which place he removed to New Sharon about the year 1780, being one of the first three settlers of the place. Here the grandfather bought about one hundred and sixty acres of land, built a log cabin, and cleared a patch of about ten acres, which he forthwith proceeded to cultivate. His children were: Jeremiah, William, Joshua, John S., Benjamin, Rebecca, Susan, Sally, and Martha.

John S. Boyington was born in New Sharon in 1801, and was educated at the common

schools of the town. At a maturer age he learned the trade of barn building, and this he carried on for a number of years in connection with farming. When twenty-four years old he went to Stark, and there bought a farm. This he sold in 1837, and moved back to his native town of New Sharon, where he purchased another farm of sixty acres in extent. Here he was engaged in general farming for the rest of his life, which closed in 1855, when he was fifty-four years old.

He was joined in matrimony with Jane Witham, a daughter of Jesse Witham, of Fairfield, Me., and by her became the father of eight children, six of whom are living. They were—Jesse, William A., Samuel, Leonard, Elizabeth, Mary J., Perluma, and R. Frances.

William A. Boyington spent his early boyhood on his father's farm in Starks, and received his early education in the same town. He went with his father to New Sharon in 1837, and attended school there until he was eighteen years of age. Beginning then, he worked with his father on the home farm until he attained his majority. After this he was employed on adjoining farms and in logging camps until he was twenty-four. After his marriage he took the farm of Almond Saunders for a year, at the end of which he moved with his wife to Lewiston. Here he worked for another year, hauling wood on contract from the forest with his own oxen. During his second summer at Lewiston he helped to haul the stone with which the new court-house and jail of the town were built. A short while after he returned to New Sharon, where he bought a farm of forty-five acres, which he successfully conducted for five years. Then he sold it, and bought the place where he now lives. He tore down all the old barns that stood upon this property, and built more commodious ones. He also made considerable improvements in the residence, including the flagging of his cellars and laying pipes from his well into the house. The place is now one of the finest and most modern estates in this part of the county. He has carried on general farming for many years. Owing to the fact that he has removed all rocks and stones from the land, the farm is easily worked. He owns eight head of handsome cattle and a large

flock of sheep. He also moves and builds barns, a business at which he is an expert, and which brings him a good income.

On November 30, 1853, his twenty-fifth birthday, Mr. Boyington married Miss Adaline S. Gordon, daughter of Ithiel Gordon, a farmer of New Sharon. Like his father he is a Republican in politics. His religious faith is that of the Free Will Baptists. He has been a notoriously hard-working man all his life, and all his success is due solely to his own efforts.

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**A**SA PACKARD, a well-known farmer and carpenter, residing in Greenwood township, was born here, June 19, 1830, son of Asa Packard, Sr., and Eleanor (Bradbury) Packard. His paternal grandfather, James Packard, who came from Bridgewater, Mass., was the first of the family to settle in this locality. After carrying on farming here for a few years, Grandfather Packard removed to the adjoining town of Norway, where he spent his last days.

Asa Packard, Sr., was born and reared in Oxford County. In his younger days he worked at the shoemaker's trade, but afterward turned his attention to agriculture, buying the farm on which his son Asa now lives. He subsequently moved to Harrison, Cumberland County, where he died June 17, 1870. His wife, in maidenhood Eleanor Bradbury, who was a native of Norway, died in 1857. She bore him ten children, namely: James, who died in infancy; Malinda, who died at the age of seventy years; James (second), now engaged in farming in Norway; Nathaniel Morrill, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Charles, also deceased; Amos, an attorney-at-law, who resides in Baltimore, Md.; Asa and Eleanor, twins, the former being the subject of this sketch, and the latter the wife of Henry Porter, of Norway township; George, who lives in Bridgton, Me.; and Henry C., who is a resident of Harrison, this State.

Asa Packard acquired his education in the common schools of his native town. In his early manhood he worked as a farm laborer in Paris township. Going thence to Hing-

ham, Mass., he was employed with his father for a time in that village. Soon after his return to Greenwood he married and settled on a farm, where for ten years he was successfully engaged in agriculture. He then bought his present estate, containing one hundred acres of land. It lies in Norway and Greenwood townships, the residence being within the limits of Greenwood. Mr. Packard carries on general farming and dairying, and is somewhat interested in poultry raising. He learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, and has worked at it more or less during his life. In 1878 he built his present comfortable and convenient dwelling. Politically, he is a strong advocate of Democratic principles. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of West Paris and to the Patrons of Husbandry of Norway.

Mr. Packard was married February 27, 1855, to Miss Sarah E. Doughty, who was born March 25, 1835, in Greenwood township. Her parents, Major Charles and Jemima (Young) Doughty, were lifelong residents of this town, where they were engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Packard have four children; namely, Frank S., Emma, Dora A., and Edward D. Frank S., born April 21, 1857, married Lizzie Fogg, of Norway, and they live on the home farm; Emma, born March 7, 1859, is the wife of Frank H. Hill, a barber in West Paris, and has one child, Dora Irene; Dora A., born November 16, 1861, died at the age of eighteen years; and Edward D., born February 27, 1863, married Elvesa D. Curtis, and they also, with their little son, Elmer D., live on the home farm.

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**R**OLLIN TOWNE, who has been closely identified with the agricultural interests of Norway township throughout the greater part of his active life, was born February 17, 1829, on the farm where he now resides. His father, Daniel Towne, was a son of Peter Towne, who was a farmer and a lifelong resident of Andover, Mass. During the Revolutionary War Peter Towne was a teamster in the army, and received a serious injury while serving in that capacity.

Daniel Towne was born and educated in Andover, from which place he came to Oxford County in 1808. He settled in the northern part of Norway township, where he cleared and improved a homestead, worked at the blacksmith's trade, and lived here until his death in 1859. He married Susan Gurney, a native of Minard, Me., who, having survived him a few years, died in February, 1865. Their eight children were: Daniel G., who was a successful physician of Lowell, Mass., and died in Lovell, Me.; Fannie, who is the widow of P. D. Judkins, and lives at Newtonville, Mass.; Abiah, who is the widow of Louis Frost, and resides in Lowell, Mass.; Honor P., who married Joel W. Chadborn, of Waterford, Me., both now deceased; Jonathan G., who married Abbie Crockett, also both deceased; Eshburn P., now a resident of Mississippi, who married the late Caroline Dresser, of Lovell, this county; Rollin, the subject of this sketch; and Andrew Jackson, who died at the age of ten years.

Rollin Towne acquired his education in the district schools of Norway, and on the home farm obtained a practical knowledge of agriculture. On attaining his majority he went to Milford, Mass., where he worked at farming for a year. His services being needed at home, he returned there; and from that time until the death of his parents he cared for them, at the same time conducting the farm. He has since assumed possession of the homestead property, which contains seventy acres of land, and is in a fine condition, owing to his diligent and persevering efforts. Mr. Towne did much of the manual labor himself, working early and late, until 1880, since when rheumatism has obliged him to depend largely upon hired help. He has been a staunch Republican since casting his first Presidential vote for Franklin Pierce in 1852. He has never been an office-seeker, but has served in several of the less important town offices. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational church near their home.

On September 26, 1852, Mr. Towne married Miss Nancy J. Hayes, who was born June 7, 1830, in Poland, Me., which was also the birthplace of her parents, Isaac and Martha (Swett) Hayes. After working for many

years at the carpenter's trade in Poland, where he resided until 1864, Mr. Hayes purchased a farm in Greenwood township, and lived there for ten years. Coming then to Norway, he was engaged in general farming for some time. Subsequently he removed to Lewiston, this State, and there lived with a daughter until his demise in 1884. He had survived his wife, who passed away in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Towne have six children, namely: Charles H., who married Lillian Barstow, and is overseer of the Bates Mills at Lewiston; George R., who died at the age of twenty-four years; Carrie I., who is the wife of Samuel J. Caldwell, the manager of a large stable at South Boston, Mass.; Fannie E., the wife of Horace G. Dinsmore, an enterprising farmer of Norway township; William Frank, who married Nellie Merrill, of Gardiner, Me., and is now running a milk wagon in Arlington, Mass.; and Emma E., the wife of Gilbert Upton, of Tulare, Cal., where he has a large ranch.

CHARLES E. PERKINS, an enterprising young farmer of New Sharon, was born at the family homestead in this town, July 16, 1866, son of Samuel F. and Annette (Smith) Perkins. His grandfather, Samuel Perkins, who was a native of Woolwich, Me., came here from that town and bought the land now owned by his grandson. This property Samuel cleared and improved into a good farm, which he cultivated with industry during the rest of his active period. His last days were spent in this town, where he died in 1869, aged seventy-nine years.

Samuel F. Perkins, who was born in Woolwich, June 1, 1825, accompanied his parents to New Sharon, being then fifteen years old. Beginning at the age of seventeen, he assisted on the farm until 1862. In that year he enlisted as a private in the Twenty-eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, and afterward served one year in the Civil War. After returning to civil life he resumed his former occupation. At his father's death he succeeded to the homestead, and conducted it prosperously until a year previous to his death,

when he sold it to his son and retired from active labor. He died February 27, 1889, aged sixty-four years. In politics he acted with the Republican party, while his religious beliefs were those of a liberal. His wife, Annette, whom he married December 21, 1863, was born in New Sharon, June 11, 1836, daughter of William and Mary (Dyer) Smith, both natives of this town. She became the mother of three children, as follows: Mary C., born October 11, 1864, who married Corydon Bailey, of Industry, and has three children — Charles, Leon, and Clarence; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; and Lura M., born August 25, 1873, who married Frank M. Tebbetts, of Norway, Me., and has one son, Ray. Mr. Perkins's mother is still living, and resides with her son at the homestead.

Charles E. Perkins was educated in the schools of New Sharon, and was reared to farm life. He has always resided at the homestead, which he now owns, having purchased it from his father, as already stated. The farm is well located, and takes rank among the most productive in this part of the county. Besides raising the usual crops, he cultivates an orchard containing seven hundred grafted fruit-trees, and keeps a large flock of coarse-wool sheep, four head of cattle, and three excellent horses. Since taking possession of the property he has improved the buildings and much increased the fertility of the soil. Progressive and enterprising, he is constantly alert to avail himself of all opportunities for advancement. In politics Mr. Perkins takes an independent course. He is regarded as one of the rising young men of this town.

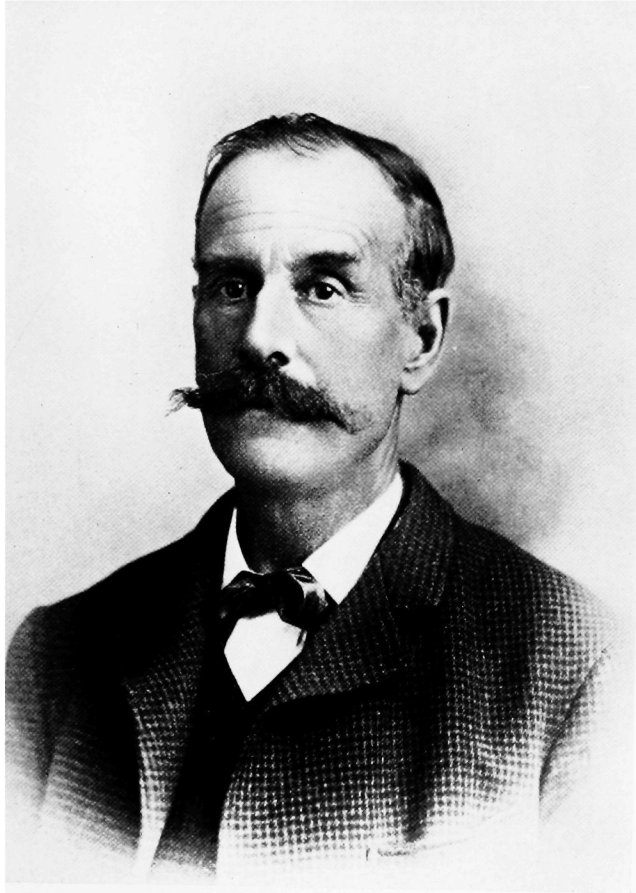
CHESLEY H. FERNALD, of Albany, Oxford County, Me., is one of the representative citizens of the town, who by toiling industriously from early boyhood has attained prosperity and position. He was born in Lincoln, Me., March 18, 1833, the son of George W. and Mary (Kneeland) Fernald.

George W. Fernald, who was a native of Lincoln, Me., and in early manhood was there engaged in farming, removed from Lincoln to Albany when his son, Chesley H., was

about five years old, settling on a farm in the southern part of the town. At the time of the Civil War he left his pleasant home and family for the disease-breeding fields of the South; and he never greeted his wife and children again, for he was taken ill in the army and died. His wife breathed her last in Albany, Me. Seven children were born to this couple, namely: Chesley H., whose name appears at the head of the present sketch; Nancy Jane, widow of Clark C. White in Raymond, N.H.; Oliver N., who is in the shoe business in Danvers, Mass.; George W., a dentist, in Bethel Hill village, Me.; Julia E., who was born April 9, 1850, and died December 3, 1867; Hersey E., an engineer in Pennsylvania; and an unnamed child, who died in infancy.

Chesley H. Fernald in his boyhood received a limited common-school education. He helped about the home farm in early manhood, and remained in his native town until 1876, when he went to Milton, N.H., staying there three years, engaged in making shoo; and he was subsequently in Ebensburg, Pa., seven months, engaged in the same industry. He then returned to Albany, where he has since resided; and in 1880 he erected a saw-mill near his home, forming a partnership with Parker N. Flint. The firm makes a specialty of spool lumber, and has a growing, prosperous business. Mr. Fernald is extensively engaged in farming, owning some five hundred acres of land, much of which is highly improved, and also raising live stock. A hard-working and persevering man, he has added to his property little by little until he has become one of the foremost manufacturers and real estate owners in the town of Albany.

He was married on November 22, 1855, to Elizabeth J. Meader, of Stoneham, this county, the daughter of George P. and Martha (Cross) Meader. George P. Meader, who was a Massachusetts man, settled in Stoneham at an early day, and was there engaged for years in the pursuit of agriculture. He died in 1893, and his wife also has passed to the world beyond. Mr. and Mrs. Fernald have two children — Alton, the elder, born October 12, 1859, who lives with his father, married Miss Lydia Marshall; Nellie A., born in September, 1862, is



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the wife of Parker N. Flint, Mr. Fernald's business partner. Mr. Fernald is a Republican, and though he is not an office-seeker, he served as Third Selectman of Albany one year. He is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford.

**O**LIVER P. FARRINGTON, a well-known horse dealer of Oxford County and an influential citizen of the town of Greenwood, was born September 16, 1851, in Andover, Me., son of Samuel Farrington, Jr. His grandfather, Samuel Farrington, Sr., who was born and reared to man's estate in Stow, this county, subsequently became a resident of Andover, where he cleared and improved a homestead, living there until his demise. Grandfather Farrington's wife, whose maiden name was Dresser, had four children; namely, Matilda, Hannah, Abigail, and Samuel, Jr. Hannah became the wife of Lorenzo Hanson, of Andover.

Samuel Farrington, Jr., who died in 1862, was a native of Andover, where he owned a farm for many years. From childhood he had a strong tendency toward religious work, and for many years travelled throughout his native State as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, preaching in the country towns. He married Susanna Coffin, a native of Milan, N.H. She survived him, and is now the wife of John Abbott, a retired farmer of Bethel, this county. Her children by Samuel Farrington are: Jennie, the wife of Calvin Sanborn, of Bethel, Me.; Oliver P., the subject of this sketch; Abbie, the wife of Gilbert Coffin, living at Locke's Mills, this county; Charles, a resident of Brockton, Mass.; and, Earl P., a farmer, living at Greenwood, who married Mabel Herrick. By her second marriage she has one child, Morton T. Abbott.

Oliver P. Farrington attended school until eleven years old, when, his father dying, he began to fight life's battles by himself. Until seventeen years old he worked on neighboring farms, and then went to Locke's Mills, where he obtained a position in the spool factory, and for ten years or thereabout was engaged in turning spools. He has continued his resi-

dence at this place, but has since been engaged in horse dealing and general farming. He owns a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres in Bethel township, where he raises many horses of the Patchen stock. In his speculations, which have been very successful, he deals in all breeds. A lover of horses and well acquainted with their characteristics, he has little trouble in breaking and training them, developing their good qualities, and controlling their refractory tendencies.

Mr. Farrington was married August 18, 1878, to Miss Alice M. Crooker, who was born in Bethel, this county. She is a daughter of Washington and Serena (Bartlett) Crooker, lifelong members of the farming community of Bethel. In politics Mr. Farrington actively supports the principles of the Democratic party. He has served acceptably in many of the local offices, including that of Collector, which he held for three years. He is now a member of the Board of Selectmen.

**J**OHN O. STAPLES, one of the prosperous general farmers of Temple, Franklin County, was born April 6, 1827, upon the farm in this town now occupied by his brother, Gideon K. Staples, son of Gideon and Sarah (Oakes) Staples. His grandparents, Gideon and Susannah (Staples) Staples, who originally resided in Dover, N.H., moved from there to Maine, first settling in North Berwick, and later removing to Temple. The township was but thinly settled when they arrived here. They settled upon the hill where their grandson, Gideon K., now resides; and there Grandfather Staples cleared a good farm from the wilderness. He died here aged seventy years. His wife lived to the age of ninety-eight. Their children were: Susannah, Nathaniel, Gideon, Susannah (second), Susannah (third), Betsey, Gideon (second), Hannah, William, George, Daniel, and Joanna.

Gideon Staples, Mr. Staples's father, was born in Dover, N.H., December 1, 1785. When a young man he bought and cleared one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining his father's property, and also worked at the carpenter's trade. His land was originally



covered with pine and spruce timber. He took advantage of the fact by building a small saw-mill on the creek near by, and manufacturing from this timber the material for a frame house, which is still standing. He tilled the soil successfully for many years. When not needed at home it was his habit to go to the coast towns and engage in the work of a ship-carpenter. His last job at the carpenter's trade was the construction of the frame of the house now occupied by his son, Gideon K. His death occurred here in November, 1872. His wife, Sarah, who was a daughter of John Oakes, became the mother of seven children; namely, Hannah B., Mary M., Gideon K., Sarah P., Eleanor, Jotham S., and John O. She died January 19, 1877. Both parents were members of the Congregational church.

John O. Staples acquired his education in the district school. When old enough to be of use he began to assist upon the farm. He resided at home until he was thirty-one years old, and then bought the Lock farm of one hundred and sixty acres, where he has since lived. Beginning improvements soon after taking possession of the property, he set out an orchard of three hundred trees, the most of which were grafted, rebuilt the barn and other out-buildings, and in 1869 erected his present residence. He has been quite successful in raising abundant crops of an excellent quality.

On November 29, 1858, Mr. Staples wedded Cordelia Cook, who was born in Madrid, Me., daughter of Nathaniel and Matilda (Doyen) Cook, the former of whom was a carpenter and a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Staples have had three children, as follows: William, who died in infancy; Eva C., born February 26, 1865, who married Henry C. Norton, and has one daughter, Blanche I., whose birth occurred September 10, 1889; and Blanche L., who died at the age of sixteen years. Both parents are members of the Congregational church. In politics Mr. Staples is a Republican. He served the town as a Selectman for six years and as head of the School Committee for eleven years. He takes a warm interest in all matters relating to the general good of the community.

**J**OSHUA C. HEALD, who, in company with his brother, conducts a saw-mill and block manufactory at North Buckfield, was born in Buckfield, March 24, 1830, son of Washington and Eliza (Allen) Heald. His grandfather, Benjamin Heald, who was a native of Massachusetts, served in the Revolutionary War when he was seventeen or eighteen years old. Benjamin moved from Carlisle, Mass., to Sumner, this county, of which place he was a pioneer. He tilled the soil of a good farm with industry for many years, was one of the first saw-mill operatives in Sumner, and died there in 1842 at a good old age. The maiden name of his wife was Rebecca Spaulding.

Washington Heald was born in Sumner in 1803. In young manhood he began to work in the mills in his native town. In the course of time he became an expert mill man, and subsequently, in 1835-36, having settled in Buckfield, he built the saw and grist mills at North Buckfield. A stirring, energetic business man, who did much toward developing the industrial resources of this locality, he carried on a thriving business until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-four years old. He was a Democrat in politics, and held the appointment of Postmaster here for several years. His wife, Eliza, who was born in Plymouth, Mass., became the mother of nine children, six of whom are living; namely, George W., Joshua C., Caroline D., Benjamin F., William P., and Enos D. The others were: Betsey, Rebecca, and Eliza Jane. The mother reached the age of eighty-three years. Both parents attended the Universalist church.

Joshua C. Heald was educated in the district schools, and grew to manhood in Buckfield. When a mere boy he began working in the mills with his father, acquiring a general knowledge of every part of the trade. At the present time he is one of the best all-round mill men and one of the finest wood turners in this section of the State. He and his brother, Benjamin F. Heald, succeeded to the ownership of the mill property, which they now carry on, making a specialty of producing blocks of a superior quality, and doing an extensive general saw-mill business. On Octo-

ber 22, 1854, Mr. Heald wedded Olynthia A. Swallow, who was born in Buckfield, November 12, 1835, daughter of Larnard and Drusilla (Keen) Swallow. Mr. Swallow was an industrious farmer of Buckfield, which was his native place; and he died at the age of fifty-four years. His wife, who was born in Sumner, lived to be eighty-two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Heald have had six children, as follows: Fred E., born July 25, 1855, who is married, lives in North Buckfield, and has one daughter, Nellie M., born September 25, 1895; Clinton S., born June 10, 1858, who died November 19, 1862; Anna R., who, born May 18, 1861, died October 1, 1891, having married C. A. Bonney, of West Sumner, by whom she had one daughter, M. Elizabeth, born August 24, 1887; Preston C., born December 19, 1864, who is a miller at North Buckfield; Harry M., born December 14, 1870, who is now a student of the Maine Medical School at Brunswick; and Isa Maud, born July 5, 1873, who is an accomplished teacher and musician, and resides at home.

In politics Mr. Heald is a Democrat, and has served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen for one term. The saw-mill and block factory conducted by him and his brother constitute the leading industry in this vicinity. He is counted among the prominent and representative residents. Both he and Mrs. Heald are Universalists.

**J**OHN W. BENNETT, one of the largest lumber dealers in the State of Maine, present Postmaster at Gilead, Oxford County, his place of residence, has carved his fortune with his own hands; and his career strikingly illustrates what may be accomplished by persevering and honorable ambition. He was born in Portsmouth, N.H., March 28, 1847, and is a son of Stephen and Sarah A. (Berry) Bennett.

Stephen Bennett, his father, was born in Stanstead, Canada, but was reared and educated in Wakefield, N.H. In early manhood he settled in Portsmouth, opening a carriage shop, which he operated for a great many years, winning fair success. In 1863 he removed to Jefferson, N.H., where for some time

he was engaged in carriage work and also in farming; and in 1881 he purchased a farm in Gilead, Me., on which he is now living, having attained the advanced age of eighty-two years. In politics he is a stanch Republican. His wife, who was born in Milton, N.H., is an esteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Gilead. Five of the seven sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett died young. Of the living, John W. is the younger. The other, Albert, is a farmer in Gilead.

John W. Bennett acquired the greater part of his education in the common schools of Portsmouth. He started to earn a livelihood when nineteen years of age, and worked for a few years in a starch factory. In 1872 he settled in Gilead, and engaged in the lumber business, establishing the nucleus of his present colossal trade. Two years later he opened the general store which is still operated in his name, and which is now one of the largest and best-equipped stores of the kind in this section. He now owns two thousand acres of land in Gilead, a part of which is under cultivation and part grass land, about one hundred and fifty acres in New Hampshire, large tracts of pine timber in Alabama, and has mining interests near Helena, Mont. He buys and sells a great deal of pulp timber, logs, cord wood, and hemlock bark, and owns four saw-mills in this county and New Hampshire. He makes a specialty of spool stock, shipping great quantities to Bowling, Scotland, and is one of the largest handlers of that kind of lumber in the State, buying a great deal from other manufacturers. He also manufactures hard-wood shook for sugar hogsheads, which he ships to the West Indies.

On August 10, 1886, Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Laura J. Nuttnall, of Manistee, Mich. One daughter has blessed this union, Mildred E. As one of the trustees of the large estate of his wife's father in Michigan, Mr. Bennett has cares in addition to those of his own business interests, which he manages with equal efficiency and promptitude.

A Republican in politics, he served two years as Treasurer of Gilead, but has declined to serve again in public office, his business requiring all his attention. As a Mason

he belongs to Blazing Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Rumford, Me.; and as an Odd Fellow he is a member of Mount Abram Lodge of Bethel, Me.

**W**ILLIAM S. SEWELL, a lumber dealer and bridge builder of Keith's Mills, Franklin County, was born in Chesterville, June 5, 1824, son of Oliver and Betsey (Sylvester) Sewell. The Sewell family is of Puritan origin. Its founder, who was Mayor of Coventry, England, came to this country at an early date in the Colonial period. The descent comes from him, through his son Henry, John, Nicholas, and Henry, to the Rev. Jotham Sewell, grandfather of William S. Sewell.

The Rev. Jotham Sewell, born in York, Me., January 1, 1760, was at an early age thrown upon his own resources. Although he learned the mason's trade, he was desirous of entering the ministry, and saved his earnings in order to defray the expenses of his education for that calling. He attained his wish, and was ordained an evangelist, January 18, 1800. His labors were begun in Chesterville, Me., and were afterward continued in various Congregational churches in New England and the Southern States. Returning finally to Maine, he settled upon Locke Hill, in the town of Chesterville, where he bought a tract of land mostly in a wild state. He was successful in converting this into a good farm, and subsequently erected upon it a set of substantial frame buildings. The rest of his active period was passed in the avocations of an industrious farmer, and he died at the advanced age of ninety-one years. In politics he supported the Whigs. His wife, who reached the age of seventy, gave birth to twelve children; namely, Oliver, Nathan, Jotham, Henry, Jennie, Julia, Sarah, Mary, Otis, Rachel, Betsey, and David.

Oliver Sewell was born in Chesterville, July 10, 1788. He acquired a good education, became a land surveyor and a general conveyancer and writer of deeds, which occupations he followed for several years. He also worked for some time at the carpenter's trade. Later in life he bought a farm of seventy acres

in his native town, and thereafter conducted it with success until his death, which occurred May 29, 1861. He was one of the most prominent citizens of Chesterville in his day. The town enjoyed the benefit of his services as Selectman for twelve years. He was also Town Clerk for a time, and he represented his district in the legislature. In politics he followed the majority of the old Whig element into the ranks of the Republican party at its formation. He was a member of the Congregational church, and acted as a Deacon for many years. His wife, Betsey, who was born in 1788, bore him six children; namely, Harriet G., Eliza J., Maria, George O., Calvin D., and William S.

William S. Sewell was educated in the town schools. He remained with his parents at the homestead until his majority. After serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, he has followed it as a journeyman more or less, in connection with other lines of business. Some time ago, with funds saved from his earnings, he bought an interest in a mill. He has been engaged in repairing mills and in bridge building. He has built several well-known bridges in this part of the county, including the Red Bridge in Farmington, two at Fairbanks, and one at Russell's Mills. For some time past he has given his attention to the lumber business, keeping in his yards at Keith's Mills a good supply of all kinds of manufactured stock for building purposes. In 1857 he erected his present comfortable residence and spacious barns.

On January 14, 1858, Mr. Sewell wedded Augusta P. Allen, daughter of Reuben and Joanna (Harris) Allen. Mrs. Sewell's grandfather, William Allen, who was a native of Massachusetts, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, settled at Poland Springs, Me., where he reclaimed a farm from the wilderness. He was an extensive farmer and a progressive citizen, and he lived to be eighty-seven years old. He married Peggy Woodworth, who was seventy-five years of age when she died. Their children were: John, Reuben, Zadock, William, Peggy, and Mary. Reuben Allen, Mrs. Sewell's father, born in Poland Springs, inherited the homestead containing one hundred and twenty-five acres,

and became a prosperous general farmer. In politics he was a Whig. In his religious convictions he was a Congregationalist, and he died at the age of fifty-five years. He married Joanna Harris, and reared, besides Mrs. Sewell, six other children; namely, Charles G., John H., Mandana, Sarah W., Samuel C., and Abbie A. The mother lived to be seventy-three years old. Mr. and Mrs. Sewell's children are: Cora M., a music teacher, who resides at home; and Nettie, who is also engaged in teaching. Mr. Sewell's political sympathies are given to the Republican party, and he takes a liberal view of religion. He has been one of the most stirring and energetic business men in this locality.

**L**EWIS M. MANN, the proprietor of the wood-working mills at Paris and West Milton, was born in Jaffrey, N.H., December 6, 1848, son of Edwin and Caroline M. (Sibley) Mann. Edwin Mann, who was born in Troy, N.H., September 20, 1820, was for some years the owner of the Mountain House in Jaffrey, N.H. Besides conducting this establishment he was also engaged in farming and manufacturing. After a time he retired from the hotel business, and gave his exclusive attention to his manufacturing enterprise in Troy, whither he removed with his family. He was accidentally drowned at his mills in 1856, leaving a widow and four children. Enterprise and business ability were his distinguishing characteristics. In politics he supported the Whig party. His wife, Caroline, who was born in Troy, September 3, 1827, had four children, namely: Melissa, the wife of John Beals, of Leominster, Mass.; Lewis M., the subject of this sketch; Ella C., who is now the widow of William F. Reed, and resides in Somerville, Mass.; and Walter E., who died at the age of thirty-nine.

The subject of this sketch, Lewis M. Mann, acquired his education in the schools of Troy. Since young manhood he has been identified with his present business. He began by making pail handles by contract in Troy. He entered upon his first business venture in

1870 at Norway, Me., by engaging in the manufacturing of pail handles and clothes-pins, which he carried on for two years. Then, moving to Snow's Falls, this county, he continued the enterprise there for two years more, after which he removed to West Paris, this county. In 1880 he again changed his location, going this time to Milton Plantation, where, in company with his brother, the late Walter E. Mann, he carried on business until 1892. He then re-established his business in West Paris, and since his brother's death in 1894 he has conducted manufactories in both places. Besides his specialties, clothes-pins and pail handles, he turns out other wooden articles. In 1895 thirteen hundred cords of white and yellow birch and poplar were used in the production of boxes alone; and his two mills, which employ thirty hands, finished and shipped an output of twenty thousand dollars' worth of goods during the same year. The mills are equipped with the latest improved machinery. That in the West Paris plant includes apparatus of his own invention. A progressive and energetic business man, he is much esteemed by the residents of Paris.

On November 19, 1872, Mr. Mann was united in marriage to Mary A. Towne, who was born in Norway, Me., in 1847. She died March 31, 1893, leaving two sons, namely: Arthur L., who is now attending Bryant & Stratton's Business College; and Edwin J., who is a student of the State college at Orono, Me. Both in society and business circles Mr. Mann is very popular. In being a self-made man his success in life is particularly meritorious. He is a Republican in politics, is connected with the lodge of Odd Fellows in West Paris, and attends the Universalist church, as did his late wife. The family occupies a very pleasant residence in West Paris.

**G**EORGE W. THOMAS, a successful farmer of Oxford, was born in Hebron, Me., June 12, 1832, son of George W. and Margaret A. (Blankenberg) Thomas. The family descends from Colonial ancestry. Holmes Thomas, the grandfather of George W., was born in Plymouth, Mass., June 12, 1755. He served as a soldier in the

Continental army during the Revolutionary War, afterward receiving a pension in recognition of his services. About the year 1788 he settled upon one hundred and sixty acres of wild land situated in the south-east part of Oxford, which was then in the township of Hebron. Having cleared a farm, he cultivated the land and made shoes until 1812. He then sold his property and moved to Dixfield, Me., where he cleared and improved another farm from the wilderness. He spent his last years at the home of his son, George W. Thomas, Sr., where he died March 26, 1836. He was a sturdy and industrious man, who attained prosperity through hard work; and he was a Deacon of the Baptist church. On July 10, 1777, he married Susannah Churchill, who was born January 19, 1758. She reared eleven of her twelve children, none of whom are living, and died September 19, 1839.

George W. Thomas, Sr., was born in Oxford, April 20, 1801. Following the occupation of farmer, he spent the most of his life in East Oxford, where he owned a good farm of eighty acres. He was widely and favorably known throughout this locality as one of its most prominent and useful residents; and his death, which took place August 17, 1876, was the cause of general regret. In politics he was originally a supporter of the Whigs; but he joined the Republican party at its formation, and adhered to its principles throughout the rest of his life. In religious belief he was a Baptist, and for many years was an active member of that church. His wife, Margaret, who was born in Portland, Me., March 15, 1808, became the mother of ten children, all of whom are living. They are: George W., the subject of this sketch; Simeon P., who was born November 6, 1833; Cyrus, who was born April 20, 1835; William W., who was born June 4, 1838; Helen M., who was born December 28, 1840; Mary C. and Robert C., twins, who were born February 10, 1843; John F., who was born June 24, 1845; Adelaide C., who was born September 6, 1847; and Lenora, who was born September 20, 1851. The mother died January 14, 1886.

George W. Thomas attended the district schools of his native town. When seventeen

years old he began earning his living by working in a stone quarry for his uncle, William Thomas, receiving fifteen dollars per month for his services. From 1849 to 1870 he followed various occupations in Massachusetts and elsewhere, his last employment, previous to his return to Maine, having been that of ship calker. At this he worked all along the coast from Portsmouth, N.H., to Brooklyn, N.Y. Having saved a considerable portion of his earnings, he in 1872 bought his present farm in Oxford. He has one hundred acres of well-improved land, desirably located and exceedingly fertile. Here he carries on general farming, keeps several cows, and sells milk and cream to good advantage.

On November 1, 1858, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Abbie P. Thayer, his first wife, who was born in Oxford, June 17, 1838. She died October 22, 1863, leaving one son, Elmer E. The latter, who was born July 8, 1861, married Minnie Wormwell, and is now clerk at Swett's Hotel in Portland. Mr. Thomas's present wife, Nancy S. (Dresser) Thomas, whom he wedded October 9, 1876, was born in Stoneham, Me., January 4, 1835. She has had one child, Abbie M., who, born January 4, 1878, died January 28, 1896. Mr. Thomas is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of South Paris Lodge, No. 92. In politics he is a Republican. An able and progressive farmer, he is held in high regard by the community.

**E**LI COOK, formerly a well-to-do farmer of New Sharon, was a native of Brunswick, Me., where he was born in the year 1810. His father, Eli Cook, Sr., served for eight years and eight months in the Continental army, directly under General Washington, and was wounded several times. Settling at Brunswick immediately after the war, Eli, Sr., resided there until he reached middle age. He then moved to a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in the town of New Sharon, where he passed the rest of his life.

Eli Cook, Jr., was a youth when he accompanied his parents to New Sharon. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and subsequently began life for himself when a young man.

Industrious and energetic, he was able by farming to accumulate a considerable amount of property before his death on December 22, 1891, at the age of eighty-one years. He was highly respected, and served with ability as Road Surveyor for a number of years.

In February, 1838, he was united in marriage with Margaret J. Johnson, who survives him. She was born in Harpswell, Me., on April 14, 1818, daughter of Captain Isaac and Betsey (Nichols) Johnson. Her grandfather, also named Isaac, who was a sailor and was lost at sea, left a family of five children, among whom were Margaret and Jane. Captain Isaac Johnson was born in Harpswell, and in early life began to follow the sea. Becoming a capable ship-master while still a young man, he was engaged in the West India trade, in which he realized a good fortune. He owned the ship in which he sailed, together with the large farm in Harpswell, which was carried on by hired assistants. He died at the age of thirty years. His wife, Betsey Nichols, whom he married in 1817, became the mother of two children, namely: Margaret J., who is now Mrs. Cook; and Harlow, who died young.

After the settlement of the estate, following upon her father's death, Mrs. Cook removed with her mother from Harpswell to Portland, where she was educated. She first met Mr. Cook while upon one of her visits to her aunt, Lucy Lake. She has had eight children — Isadore, Adeliza, Alphonso B., Ella H., Scott F., Howard C., Addie O., and Etta J. Isadore successively became the wife of Charles O. Lord, of Washington, D. C., and Edwin M. Truell. Ella H. Cook married for her first husband Henry W. Richardson, and for her second Wallace W. Campbell, of Foxcroft, Me., and had five children. Addie O. became the wife of Albert S. Upham, a prosperous agriculturist of Farmington. Etta J., born May 7, 1858, at the homestead, where she is now residing, married on July 3, 1879, Frank Collins, of this town, who is carrying on the farm successfully. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have two children, namely: Bertha M., who was born November 8, 1880; and Olan T., who was born July 4, 1895. Mrs. Cook resides at the homestead, and is widely known and respected throughout this district. She

has a large circle of friends, who, knowing her worth and many admirable qualities, entertain for her a sincere affection.

**H**ENRY JOHNSON BANGS, one of the most enterprising and successful tradesmen of Norway, Oxford County, Me., a leading dealer in groceries and provisions, was born in Wayne, in this State, on October 20, 1869, son of Robert and Sarah Gilson (Johnson) Bangs. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Bangs was Sylvanus Bangs, born in Buxton on June 17, 1780. He married Anna Fogg, who was ten years younger than himself, having been born in 1790.

Their son, Robert Bangs, was born in Wales, Me., on April 15, 1827. He learned, when he had arrived at an age of maturity, the trade of blacksmithing, which he carried on in his native town for some time. In connection with this he also learned the art of building wagons, by which he made quite a good deal of money. After some little time he sold out and moved to Wayne, where he worked at making shovel handles for a number of years. Then he came to Norway, where he finally settled, carrying on his old business of blacksmithing in the heart of the village, in Crooke's shop, until his health gave way under the stress of hard work. He purchased a home on Water Street, and also built a tenement-house there.

On October 7, 1853, he married Mrs. Sarah Johnson, the widow of a prominent citizen, and the daughter of Homan Gilson, of Wayne. Three children were the result of this marriage — Judson, born March 16, 1856; Sumner, born September 22, 1859; and Henry Johnson, born October 20, 1869. Robert Bangs was a Republican in political principles, and in religious faith a Baptist. He was a very hard-working, earnest man, and thoroughly deserved the measure of success that he attained. He died in the year 1893. His wife followed him two years later, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Henry Johnson Bangs, the latest-born of their three sons, received his early education in the public schools of Norway, and then went as a boy clerk into the grocer's store that he now owns and runs. At that time it was

in the possession of and managed by F. H. Noyes, who shortly after sold out to A. C. Green. Both of his employers found the young clerk faithful almost to a fault, a first-class salesman, and always ready and anxious to do what was required of him. He stayed on with Mr. Green, officiating as his clerk until 1891, when he bought out his employer, and immediately enlarged his place. He acquired the stores adjoining on each side and reconstructed them, fitting them up in the best possible manner for his own business. The one on the south side of his old shop he rents. In the Frost Corner store on the north side he has made extensive improvements. Mr. Bangs has so extended his patronage with the sensible increasing of his stock in trade and the added facilities for the better advantage of his customers that he now keeps two clerks to assist him, and also has found it necessary to get a delivery wagon. He carries an excellent line of groceries, provisions, and crockery.

He is undoubtedly one of the most alert, active, and capable young business men in the county, and has earned all his prosperity with the labor of his own hands and brain. His integrity is unquestioned. Mr. Bangs and Miss Minnie C. Dean, the daughter of Romanzo Dean, of Buckfield, Me., were married on January 1, 1890. They have two children—Mildred, born May 7, 1891; and Helen Vaun, born July 13, 1894.

Mr. Bangs is a Republican in politics, and takes a genuine interest in the important issues of the day, being always willing and anxious as a citizen to do the best he can to promote the common weal. He was elected Town Treasurer in March, 1896. He is a member of the local lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a communicant of the Baptist church. He and his wife are prominent, not only as church people, but also as factors in the social circles of Norway.

**B**ENJAMIN TUCKER, a prominent agriculturist and extensive landholder of Oxford County, Maine, proprietor of Norway Lake Milk Farm, was born March 11, 1831, in Buckfield, only a few miles from his present place of resi-

dence. He comes of Massachusetts ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Benjamin Tucker, first, having been born and bred in Canton, Norfolk County, in that State. From there he came to the town of Norway, Me., about the year 1800. He was a harness-maker by trade, and, having opened a shop in the village, continued in business until his demise.

Benjamin Tucker, second, son of the first Benjamin, worked at harness-making in his early years, and eventually succeeded to the entire business of his father, which he continued at the old stand throughout his years of activity. He married Miss Sarah Millett, a native of Norway, and the following children were born to them: Benjamin, third, the special subject of this sketch; Melissa, who died in 1866; William, a harness-maker in Marlboro, Mass.; Angelia, widow of the late James M. Favor, living in Norway village; Cyrus S., who is engaged in harness-making in Norway village, and of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume; Henry, a harness-maker and dealer in carriages in Logansport, Ind.; and Mary Alice, widow of Frank Oxnard, of Norway village. The father died in 1876, and the mother has also departed this life.

Benjamin Tucker, the third of the name, acquired his education in his native town, concluding his school life at the village academy. Naturally energetic and ambitious, he was habitually employed in his later youth at some profitable labor; and for seven years after attaining his majority he was engaged in freighting between Norway and South Paris. Soon after his marriage Mr. Tucker bought a farm in the neighboring town of Waterford, where he carried on general husbandry for fifteen years or more. In 1875 he returned to Norway, and here bought his present homestead property, which is beautifully located near Norway Lake. This estate contains about two hundred and thirty-five acres of land, and in addition Mr. Tucker owns six hundred acres of land in Waterford and seventy-five acres in the town of Oxford. He carries on general farming, but makes dairying his specialty, keeping on an average forty milch cows and selling milk daily to regular customers in Norway village. Politically, Mr. Tucker is a staunch Republi-



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can, actively working for the best interests of his party. While living in Waterford he served as Selectman two years, and he has held the same office in Norway one year. Fraternally, he is a member of Oxford Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 18, of Norway, and of the grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of Norway village. Of Bear Mountain Grange of Waterford, instituted in 1874, of which he was a charter member, he was elected first Master; and he has kept his membership in the order ever since. Religiously, he and his wife may be classed as liberal Christians, attending the Universalist church.

On December 1, 1858, Mr. Tucker married Miss Hannah E. Merrill, who was born in Gray, Me., on November 15, 1835, a daughter of James H. and Mary (Bodge) Merrill, both natives of Gorham, Me. Mr. Merrill was an overseer in a woollen-mill in Gorham for many years, and was also during the course of his life connected with mills in different parts of the State. He finally established himself in mercantile business in Norway village, where both he and his wife spent their closing years. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have six children — Fannie M., Frank L., Arthur, Ada H., Alton B., and Wilbur M. The two elder children and the youngest two are at home. Arthur Tucker, a can-maker by trade and the manager of a corn-canning factory at Strong, Me., married Miss Effie Marston. Ada H., now living in New York City, is the wife of Edwin Stiles, a Free Baptist missionary, who is devoting himself to his work in India. Alton B. Tucker is an insurance agent.

**H**IRAM RAMSDELL, of Farmington, one of the oldest and most extensive dry-goods dealers in Franklin County, was born in this town, February 12, 1829, son of Abner and Hannah (Corbett) Ramsdell. Mr. Ramsdell's great-grandfather, Richard Ramsdell, was a resident of Truro, Mass.; and his grandfather, Abner Ramsdell, was born in Truro in 1758. About the year 1796 the grandfather came to Farmington, and purchased the Church Brainard River lot, No. 38, on the east side, which is now owned by Mr. Manter. He died Septem-

ber 4, 1802. His wife, whose maiden name was Jerusha Collins, survived him many years, and died in 1857, at the age of eighty-three. Their ten children were severally named: Richard, Rebecca, Jerusha, Abner, John, Benjamin, William, James, Sarah, and Joanna.

Abner Ramsdell, the father of Hiram, who was born in Truro, November 17, 1795, was brought to Farmington by his parents when an infant. In early manhood he settled at the homestead, where for many years he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of brick. He finally retired from that business, and moved to Farmington village. Here he built a house, in which he dwelt for the rest of his life, and died April 22, 1884. He was an able, energetic, and exceedingly prosperous business man and a worthy, upright citizen, who gained the respect and esteem of his fellow-townsmen. His wife, Hannah (Corbett) Ramsdell, whom he married February 15, 1819, was a daughter of John Corbett, of this town. She became the mother of eight children; namely, Cyrus C., Angeline, Sylvester, Hiram, Abner C., John C., Joel W., and Sarah H. She had attained an advanced age at her death.

At the age of thirteen Hiram Ramsdell went to live with his brother-in-law, Peter P. Tuffs, with whom he remained until he was twenty-one years old. He obtained his education in the district school and at the Farmington Academy. During the two years succeeding the completion of his studies he was engaged in teaching school and assisting his brother Cyrus in brick-making and farming. He then went to Columbus, Ohio, and was employed there as an assistant in an asylum until failing health caused him to seek some out-door occupation. With this object he went to Jasper County, Iowa, where he took up a large tract of land, and was engaged in farming and school teaching for seven years. In that time he erected a good set of buildings upon his farm. After regaining his health he decided to return once more to his native State. Thereupon he sold his property, and came back to Farmington. In 1863 he and W. H. Hutchinson bought a half-interest each in the old Cutler store, and together conducted it for six

years, when his associate sold out to him. At a later date he admitted H. H. Rice as a partner, but after some years became again the sole proprietor. Since 1876 he has occupied his present store in Belcher Block, having two entrances, one on Main Street and the other on Broadway. The establishment embraces probably the largest amount of floor space used in similar enterprises in this county. It is heavily stocked with a varied line of dry goods, including cloaks and dresses. Ramsdell's Dry-goods Store is widely known throughout a broad district, with Farmington for its centre, as a reliable and satisfactory place to deal with. By closely adhering to the rule of showing courtesy and an accommodating spirit to all, and seeking his profit by quick sales, the proprietor has amassed a handsome fortune. He has also dealt in real estate quite extensively.

On May 28, 1867, Mr. Ramsdell wedded Sarah C. Boardman, daughter of Melzer and Sarah (Davis) Boardman. Mrs. Ramsdell, from her own choice and a natural aptitude toward business pursuits, ably assisted her husband in his business. She is an accomplished saleswoman and a general favorite with customers. Their residence, which is situated at the corner of High Street and Broadway, is a fine brick structure built by Cyrus C. Ramsdell in 1858. Since it came into his possession, Mr. Ramsdell has remodelled the house; and he has otherwise improved the estate by purchasing and beautifying the adjoining land. He has also dealt in real estate quite extensively, and his many profitable transactions have brought him into prominence as one of the most wealthy and influential capitalists here. Politically, he is a firm believer in Republican principles, supporting that party with vigor. Both he and Mrs. Ramsdell attend the Congregational church.

**C**HARLES B. ATWOOD, a leading merchant and prominent resident of Buckfield, Me., in the south-eastern part of Oxford County, was born in this town, April 8, 1825, son of Nathan and Ruth H. (Rogers) Atwood. The family is an old and highly reputable one in these parts,

Mr. Atwood's father, who was born in Livermore, Me., in the adjoining county of Androscoggin, in May, 1800, having become a stirring and successful business man of Buckfield.

Commencing life for himself at an early age as clerk in a general store carried on by Deacon Barrell in Livermore, Nathan Atwood came to Buckfield when he was twenty-one years old, and for a short time was employed in the same capacity by a Mr. Phelps. In company with Zadoc Long he next went into business for himself, later conducting the store alone; and, finally selling out, he was engaged in the cutting and sale of wood for fuel purposes, until his buildings were destroyed by fire. Once more entering mercantile business, he continued in trade for some time, or until his retirement. He died in Buckfield at the comparatively early age of forty years. He acquired a wide reputation as an able and upright business man and a worthy citizen. He supported the Democratic party in politics, and in his religious views he was a Universalist. His wife, Ruth H. Rogers, who was born in Berwick, Me., May 17, 1797, became the mother of five children, of whom the only survivor is Charles B., the subject of this sketch. His sister, Helen M., was the mother of George M. Atwood, one of the proprietors of the Oxford *Democrat*. Mrs. Ruth H. Atwood lived to reach the age of eighty-seven years.

Charles B. Atwood resided at home and attended school until he was in his twelfth year, when he shipped as a cabin boy on board the whaling-vessel "Columbia," commanded by Captain Thomas R. Hussey. The "Columbia," which was fitted for a two years' cruise, sailed from New York, September 26, 1836, and on December 25, 1838, was wrecked on the coast of Chile, both ship and cargo becoming a total loss. Happily rescued from the fury of the waves, young Atwood was on January 3, 1839, placed on board of the ship "Edward Quesnell," of Fall River, which was homeward bound; but, strange to say, on May 9 of the same year that ship and cargo met a similar fate six miles west of Montague, L.I., eleven of the twenty-three souls on board being drowned. Reaching home on June 26, 1839, after passing through a series

of disasters quite sufficient, one would think, to deaden his ardor for sea life, he remained on shore until 1841, when he shipped as a harpooner on the bark "Minerva," of New Bedford, Captain Horton, for a whaling voyage in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Returning after a successful cruise of twenty months, he next made a voyage to the west coast of South America on board the brig "Samos," of Salem, Mass., Captain Horton; and, after coming back with a cargo of guano, he went to Africa and up the Congo River with Captain Wood on another Salem bark, the "Seamen," which returned after a voyage of eight and one-half months. His last voyage was as second mate of the bark "T. O. Brown," Captain Horton, bound from Portland, Me., to Cienfuegos, Cuba. Arriving in Philadelphia in 1846, the cruise having been a prosperous one, he relinquished a seafaring life. Returning to Buckfield, he on September 5 of that year engaged with a partner in mercantile business, later carrying on trade alone until 1851, when he went to California, where, however, he did not long sojourn. From the time of his leaving the Pacific Coast till 1884, with the exception of about eight months, in which he was engaged in business in Chicago, he conducted mercantile enterprises in Portland and Auburn, spending five years in each city. Since 1884 he has carried on a successful business at his present stand in Buckfield, being now in partnership with his son, under the firm name of C. B. Atwood & Co. They have a large and well-stocked general store, which receives a most liberal patronage from the people of this town and the out-lying districts.

On August 20, 1847, Mr. Atwood was united in marriage with Emily D. Irish, who was born in Buckfield, June 27, 1827, daughter of Joshua Irish. Six children have been born to them, namely: Horace, Charles, and Harold, who are no longer living; Sarah E., wife of John E. Moore, of Buckfield; Fred H., a member of the firm of F. H. Atwood & Co., grocers and provision dealers of Rumford Falls, Me.; and Edwin F., who is in company with his father.

■ Energetic, capable, and accommodating, Mr. Atwood is highly esteemed and respected

by his fellow-townsmen; and his success in business is the just reward for honest dealing. Socially, he is very popular with a large circle of friends and acquaintances; and he is a charter member of Evening Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of this town. In politics he acts with the Republican party, and both he and Mrs. Atwood attend the Universalist church.

GEORGE B. RICE, a prominent citizen of Waterford, Me., and a member of one of the first families of the town — first in standing as well as in point of settlement — was born in Waterford, October 30, 1841. His parents were Eber, Jr., and Elizabeth (Frye) Rice. His paternal grandfather, Eber Rice, who was born in Northboro, Mass., was one of the pioneer settlers of Waterford, making a clearing in the wilderness and developing a homestead. He worked early and late to improve the property, undergoing all the hardships of frontier life, and carrying his corn and rye ten miles to the mill to be ground. He was one of the wealthiest and ablest men of the town, a justice of the Peace, and was known as Squire Rice. He died in 1853. His wife, Rebecca, was a native of Massachusetts. Five children were reared by this couple; namely, Betsey, Eber, Jr., Rachel, Samuel, and Sophia, all of whom have passed to the world beyond. Betsey was the wife of Asa Foote. Rachel, who always made her home in the house where she was born in 1794, was a teacher in her youth, and was widely known and esteemed. She was a lady of more than ordinary intelligence, and toward the close of her long life no one was better known in this part of Oxford County than "Aunt Rachel Rice." She lived through the changes of over a century, passing away January 24, 1895.

Her brother, Eber Rice, Jr., was likewise a native and lifelong resident of Waterford, and from the time of his marriage until his death, which occurred on the 23d of December, 1863, was engaged in farming near the homestead. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Frye Rice, a native of Fryeburg, this county, who passed away on March 13, 1880. She was the mother of nine children, namely:

John F., born December 14, 1824, a farmer and spool manufacturer of Waterford village, who married Miss Mary Ann Irish; Sarah F., born June 26, 1826, who died September 19, 1827; Sarah E., born December 6, 1827, wife of John Henry Millett, of Norway, Me.; Harriet L., born December 14, 1829, now living in Albany, Me., widow of Joseph L. Rand; William R., born March 29, 1832, a resident of Albany; Mary A., born April 12, 1834, who died September 12, 1834; Isaac F., born July 12, 1835, who died March 1, 1838; Charles H., born August 26, 1837, who married Elizabeth Green, and is living on the homestead in Waterford; and George B., the subject of this sketch.

George B. Rice in his boyhood received a common-school education, remaining in his native town until twenty-one years of age. In 1862 he went to Boston, Mass., where his first position was as coachman in a private family. He was engaged in that capacity for a year and a half, during the year following was employed as conductor on the Metropolitan Street Railroad, Boston, and the two years ensuing was driver for the Adams Express Company. About 1869 he returned to his native town, settling on the old Rice farm, where he is now living. This is a fine estate of about a hundred acres, all improved; and Mr. Rice has achieved marked success as a farmer. He has a number of cows, and manages a small dairy business.

Mr. Rice was married October 15, 1868, to Harriet E. Marsh, of Boston, who was born December 14, 1843, the daughter of Rufus C. and Sarah (Choate) Marsh. Rufus C. Marsh was a well-known citizen of Boston, where he was superintendent of hacks and carriages for over thirty years. He died in that city, July 4, 1883. His wife is now living with a son in Waltham, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have five children, as follows: Mary E., born September 8, 1869, wife of Llewellyn Millett, of Waterford; Rufus, born May 30, 1871, now in Windsor, Vt.; Lillian G., born May 21, 1873, wife of George W. Kneeland, a mill man of Newry, Me.; Vernon W., born May 7, 1875, employed in a mill in Shelburne, N.H.; and Florence E., born July 29, 1877, who has not yet left the shelter of the parental roof.

Mr. Rice votes the Republican ticket. He and his wife are active members of the Congregational church in North Waterford village, of whose Sunday-school he was superintendent for eight years. He is an industrious and law-abiding citizen, and has the regard of all who know him.

**D**AVID W. PRESSON, an industrious and highly respected resident of Farmington, was born July 5, 1828, in East Strong, now West New Vineyard, Me., son of James and Elizabeth (Hall) Presson. His grandfather, James Presson, who was a native of Ireland, emigrated to America, and settled at Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, where for a time he followed agricultural pursuits. Grandfather Presson subsequently moved to West New Vineyard, and there partially cleared a new farm. He spent his declining years with his children, living to the age of seventy. His wife, in maidenhood a Miss Weston, who was born in Ireland, died in 1820, aged thirty-eight years, carried off by the epidemic known as "cold fever" that then prevailed in Maine. She and her husband reared seven children; namely, James, Peter, Thurston, Hiram, Leonard, William, and Betsey.

James Presson, Mr. Presson's father, bought the homestead. Finding, after giving a fair trial, that it was not what he wanted, he sold it again, and purchased a tract of one hundred and fifteen acres of land, which was covered with heavy timber. This farm, which is now owned by E. Mosher, he cleared and improved into a state of cultivation, and erected on it a good set of buildings. In 1837 he sold it, and moved to a farm in New Sharon, where he resided two years, after which he returned and bought the Butler place, located one mile from the village. He sold that property in 1854, and went to Strong, from which place he moved to a farm near Franklin Bridge. In this last place he continued occupied in farming until old age compelled him to retire. In politics he was in his early days a Democrat, but later became a Republican. His religious belief was the Methodist creed. His first wife, Elizabeth,

who was born March 23, 1787, died November 8, 1856, leaving five children, namely: Rachel F., who was born July 16, 1812; Mary H., who was born October 27, 1814; Harvey T., who was born June 9, 1820; Priscilla B., who was born January 26, 1824; and David W., the subject of this sketch. The father's second marriage was contracted with Rhoda Harding.

After acquiring a good practical education, David W. Presson was engaged in agriculture in this locality until 1854. In company with a party composed of M. Homer, M. Leak, N. Bean, and others, he then went to Eureka, Cal., and engaged in mining. In 1861 he returned East, and, settling in Farmington, bought the Church property, comprising a pleasant residence and a corner lot on Cottage Street, and has lived there since. He is now well established in the business of painting and paper-hanging, at which he does a large amount of work annually, employing a great deal of help. Still strong and vigorous, he has not been obliged to remain indoors two days in succession for fifty years. His political principles are Democratic, while in religious belief he is a Unitarian.

On February 27, 1859, Mr. Presson wedded Dorris Pettengill Hillman, who was born February 18, 1833, daughter of Alexander and Thankful (Pettigill) Hillman. Mrs. Presson's grandfather, Uriel Hillman, with his family, moved in 1807 from Tisbury, Mass., to Farmington, where he was a prosperous farmer. Her father, a native of Tisbury, born February 4, 1804, was one of the largest and most progressive agriculturists of this county. Her mother, who was born in 1805, died in 1851, leaving six other children; namely, Uriah, Abel, Isaiah, Gilbert, Alexander, and Elizabeth A.

Mr. and Mrs. Presson have had four children, namely: Mary Elizabeth, born February 10, 1860, who died June 9, 1868; Lillie Belle, born September 4, 1861, who died March 14, 1862; George McLellan, born August 4, 1864, now proprietor of a flourishing jewelry store in Farmington, who married Genevieve Huston, and has two children—Dorris M. and Cora P.; and Alexander Hillman, born January 16, 1873, who is now an assistant in his brother's store.

CHARLES H. GEORGE, a leading resident of the town of Hebron, Oxford County, Me., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Plymouth, N.H., September 3, 1834, son of William and Mary (Darling) George. His grandfather, King George, was an early settler in Plymouth, where he owned and cultivated for many years a good farm. He died there at the age of about eighty-seven. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist, and in politics he supported the Whig party. The maiden name of his two wives was Eaton, he having married sisters. He reared four sons; namely, Asa, David, Eaton, and William, afore-mentioned as the father of Mr. George, of Hebron.

William George was a native of Plymouth, and there grew to manhood. Having a natural genius for mechanical pursuits, he became very skilful in general handicraft. The greater part of his industrious life was passed in his native town; and he was well known and highly respected as a worthy, upright citizen. His wife, Mary Darling, who was born in Campton, N.H., became the mother of nine children, namely: Daniel, the first-born, who died in infancy; William; Washington; Asa K.; Charles H.; Daniel E.; Mary E.; Martha A.; and Joseph P.

William George married Harriet Thayer, a native of Oxford County, Maine, and died November 16, 1849, leaving one daughter, Wilhemina. Washington George died in 1859, aged twenty-nine years. Asa K., who resides in Rumney, N.H., and is reporter for the Plymouth *Record*, married Abbie Mansfield; but she and her five children are no longer living. Daniel E. George was born March 26, 1837, and is now residing in Natick, Mass. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, First Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, with which he served during the Rebellion, taking part in many of the most important battles from the first Bull Run fight to the time of his discharge in 1864. He is now an express messenger on the Boston & Albany Railroad. In politics he is a Republican; and he has been Commander of Wadsworth Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 63, of Natick, Mass. He was married September 19, 1857,

to Adeline Rockwood, who was born in Sherborn, Mass., March 3, 1837, and has had three children, namely: Hattie E.; Emma M.; and Leonard F., who died at the age of eighteen months. Mary E. George first married Henry Dakin, by whom she had one daughter, Geddie. She afterward became Mrs. Woodward, and is now a widow, residing in Natick, Mass. Her daughter, Geddie O., is now Mrs. George Howe. Martha A. George married Frank P. Simonds, a caterer of Chicago, Ill., and has had two children, of whom the survivor is named George. Joseph P. George, a carpenter of Pasadena, Cal., married Clara Cushman, a native of Auburn, Me., who has departed this life. She was the mother of five children, namely: Minnie; Herbert; Fred; Edna; and Frank, who is no longer living. Mrs. Mary D. George lived to reach the age of sixty years.

Charles H. George, the fifth son, is the special subject of this biography. He was educated in the schools of Plymouth, and at an early age began life for himself. Going to Massachusetts, he resided successively in Boston and Natick, and was engaged in the express business and shoemaking until 1860, when he removed to Hebron, Me., which has since been his place of residence. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company E, Sixteenth Maine Volunteers, and, going to the front with his regiment, was in active service until, having lost the use of his right arm at the battle of Fredericksburg, he was honorably discharged in February, 1863. Returning to Hebron, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has steadily advanced in prosperity, owning at the present time a valuable farming estate, consisting of one hundred and eighty acres, lying within the limits of Oxford, Paris, and Hebron, on which he has made various improvements, including the erection of new buildings. Besides giving his attention to general husbandry, he takes care of an orchard embracing eight acres of choice apples and smaller fruits, the shipment of which is the source of considerable profit; and he also runs a well-equipped dairy. In public affairs he has for many years been one of the leading spirits in the town, having served with ability as a member of the Board of Se-

lectmen for three years, as Constable for some time, and as Collector and Deputy Sheriff for ten years. He is a Republican in politics.

On November 25, 1854, Mr. George was married to Ruth A. Gurney, who was born in Minot, Me., December 6, 1838, daughter of Samuel and Lucy Gurney, of that town. Mrs. George has been the mother of five children, as follows: Arthur E., who was born March 13, 1860, is married, and carries on mercantile business and farming in Hebron; Herman E., who was born March 8, 1865, married Alida Graves, and is now a carpenter of this town; Nettie Frances, who was born October 30, 1868, and died January 24, 1870; Minnie B., who was born January 7, 1879, and Gertie M., who was born December 13, 1881, both of whom are residing at home.

In business and in fraternal circles Mr. George is both prominent and popular. He is at the present time Secretary and Treasurer of the Patrons of Husbandry Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with which he has been connected for thirteen years; is a member of South Paris Lodge, No. 92, A. F. & A. M.; and is a comrade of W. K. Kimball Post, No. 94, Grand Army of the Republic, of South Paris. For thirteen years he has been Master of Hebron Grange, No. 43, Patrons of Husbandry, with which his wife is also connected; and Mrs. George is a member of the Baptist church.

WALTER NICHOLS, a retired business man and highly esteemed resident of Farmington, was born in Searsport, Me., December 14, 1812, son of James and Nancy (Fowler) Nichols. His great-grandfather, who was a native of Ireland, settled in Londonderry, N.H., among the early pioneers, and cleared a farm, which was located upon the site of the present village. James Nichols, the grandfather of Walter, was born in Londonderry in 1733. He inherited the homestead, and followed general farming during the active period of his life. He was a man of unusual physical strength and one of the most energetic and successful farmers of his day. He died in 1818, at Searsport, Me. His first wife, in maiden-

hood Dinah Woodbury, died leaving six children — William, David, Annie, James, Woodburn, and Thomas. His second wife, Hannah Cadwell before marriage, bore him seven children—Alexander, Samuel, Hannah, Dinah, Nancy, Mary, and Margaret.

James Nichols, Mr. Nichols's father, also a native of Londonderry, born March 3, 1766, settled in Searsport when a young man, bought a farm of one hundred acres, and was thereafter profitably engaged in its cultivation until stricken with typhoid fever, which caused his death in 1833. He possessed the characteristics of the early pioneers, and was in consequence able to make progress in the face of difficulties that would conquer weaker men. In politics he united with the Whig party, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Nancy, became the mother of ten children, who were: William, James, Nancy, Jane, Abigail, Woodburn, Rufus, Walter, John F., and Betsey A. She attained the age of sixty-six years before her death.

In the district school Walter Nichols made the most of his opportunities for obtaining an education. Afterward by his personal efforts he became proficient in some of the higher branches. In young manhood he engaged in teaching, and successfully followed that profession for ten winters. In that time he had charge of some of the schools most difficult to manage in his locality. Having learned the house carpenter's trade, he worked at it in the summer season, holding the position of foreman for ten years, when on account of failing health he was obliged to abstain from laborious occupation. By this time he had accumulated some capital, which he invested advantageously in Western lands. In 1868 he and Mr. Morrell bought a half interest each in the water-power privilege of Farmington Falls, and engaged in the manufacture of spools. A short time after, he sold his interest in the factory and removed to Farmington village. His residence having been burned in the fire of 1886, he bought the Captain Childs house on Main Street, and remodelled and enlarged it, making of it the commodious and fine-appearing dwelling that has since been his home. In Farmington for a consid-

erable period after his arrival he was profitably employed as a surveyor of land. He retired from that business in favor of the more active aspirants of a younger generation.

In 1850 Mr. Nichols wedded Rosina Witham, a daughter of John A. Witham, of Starks, Me. Mrs. Nichols has had three children, namely: Elaora, who is the wife of J. M. S. Hunter, editor of the *Farmington Chronicle*, and has one daughter, Mabel E.; Albion, who died at the age of six years; and John W., a practising physician of this town. In politics Mr. Nichols is a firm supporter of the Republican party, with which he has been united since its formation. His religious faith is that of the Adventists. He is regarded by his fellow-townsmen as one of the most able and successful business men and financiers in this part of the State; and the prosperity which has resulted from his busy life of industry and toil is amply merited.

John W. Nichols, M.D., was born in Searsport, August 4, 1859. He fitted for his collegiate course at Wendell Institute, and, after graduating from Bowdoin College with the class of 1881, was for a short time employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company in Minneapolis, Minn. Deciding to adopt the medical profession, he subsequently pursued a thorough course of instruction at the Maine Medical School in Brunswick, from which he graduated in 1887. Excluding two years spent in Montpelier, Vt., he has since practised continuously in Farmington. On June 7, 1892, he was united in marriage with Bertha E. Johnson, daughter of George W. Johnson, of Industry, Me. He is a Republican in politics. He has served with ability as superintendent of public schools in this town, and he is a member of the Maine State Medical Association. As a physician he is held in high esteem by the entire community; and, socially, both he and Mrs. Nichols are very popular.

JOSHUA JONES McALLISTER, late an enterprising farmer of Stoneham, Oxford County, Me., who died on the 12th of October of the present year (1896), was born in Lovell, an adjoining town

of the same county, June 6, 1849. He was a son of Josiah H. and Nancy (McKeen) McAllister, and was the eighth in a family of eleven children. The father, who was a native of Lovell, passed there all his days in pursuit of the honored vocation of farming, being also employed somewhat as a mechanic. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy McKeen, was born in Stoneham, Me. She died in 1858, and he in 1868, having survived her about a decade.

J. Jones McAllister remained at the old homestead until he was about eighteen years of age, when, on the death of his father, he went to work as a farm hand in Bethel, Me. He subsequently continued that form of employment on various farms in Bethel for four years, after which he returned to Lovell, and worked in a saw-mill until his marriage in 1878. He then took up his residence at Stoneham, and, having purchased the old McAllister saw-mill, he was occupied for four years in the manufacture of staves and spool stock. Removing his mill to Albany, Me., he engaged in business there for ten years, and then moved it back to Stoneham, where he established the mill permanently. From that time on he gave his attention to husbandry and milling, sawing shooks and spool stock for the firm of Elliot & Bartlett, of Lynchville, Me. At the time of his departure Mr. McAllister owned a farm of three hundred acres, besides almost a thousand acres of wild land.

On October 13, 1878, Mr. McAllister married Miss Nettie A. Bartlett, a native of Stoneham, where she was born January 9, 1859, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bartlett. Her father was a farmer of that place, but now resides at Naples, Me. The union of Mr. and Mrs. McAllister was blessed in the birth of seven children, as follows: Clinton B., Albert J., Clarice, Harold Leroy, Ella May, Lynn A., and Lyde Dell, the last two being twins.

Mr. McAllister affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Kezar Valley Lodge, No. 66, of Lovell. Politically, he was found in the ranks of the Republican party. In religious faith and fellowship he was connected with the Congregational Church of Stoneham, of which his wife, who survives him, remains a valued member.

Mr. McAllister was always a hard-working man, and his diligent efforts were crowned with a gratifying degree of success. Well known throughout the community, he commanded the respect and confidence of all. He has left his children the inheritance of a good name.

HENRY D. HAMMOND, one of the foremost of the younger agriculturists of the town of Paris, Me., is prominently identified with the business, educational, and social interests of this section of Oxford County. A son of Henry E. and Adaline M. (Chase) Hammond, he was born June 7, 1857, in the house where he now resides. This homestead was redeemed from the forest by his great-grandfather, Benjamin Hammond, Jr., who came to Paris from New Gloucester, Me., at an early day, when settlers were few and far between, and the woods that surrounded the log house which he erected in a small clearing were filled with wild animals. He was the eldest son of Benjamin Hammond, Sr., a soldier in the Revolution, who acquired more than a local reputation as a hunter and Indian scout. After residing here a few years, the pioneer replaced the log house, which was the birthplace of his three elder children, by the present substantial residence. Eight children were born to him and his wife, Rebecca Smith Hammond; namely, Rebecca, Esther, Benjamin (third), Moses, Sally, Ezra, Olive, and Bela, all of whom, with the exception of one, married and reared families.

Ezra Hammond, born May 21, 1796, who was the sixth child and third son, was the next in line to own the homestead. He was an industrious and progressive farmer and a worthy citizen. With the exception of four years in which he resided in Andover, Mass., in order to educate his children, he here spent his entire life. He died March 22, 1863. Ezra Hammond was a Democrat in politics, and in religion both he and his wife were Baptists. Her maiden name was Betsey Towne. She was born in Albany, Me., in 1806, and died in March, 1876. The record of their three children is thus given: George



F., born June 16, 1825, lives in Paris; Henry E. was born September 12, 1827; and William G., born May 4, 1830, lives at Paris Hill.

Henry E. Hammond was the second son of Ezra. He acquired his education in the district schools of Paris and at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. During his early manhood he taught school nine winter terms, and from the age of twenty-one years until the present day has had charge of the home farm. He has worked with untiring energy in continuing the improvements begun by his father and grandfather, and has watched with gratification its gradual development into one of the finest and most productive pieces of farming property in this vicinity. At the same time he has not been unmindful of the interests of the public, having served his fellow-citizens with ability and fidelity in the office of Town Clerk fifteen years, as Selectman two years, as Representative to the State legislature in 1870 and 1871, as Trial Justice, and as Crier of the Court thirty years; and he is now Deputy Sheriff of Oxford County. Although fast approaching the milestone marking his seventieth year, his mental vigor is unimpaired, and his usefulness unabated. He was at one time President of the Oxford County Agricultural Society, and is now a Trustee of the South Paris Savings Bank. In politics he is a Republican, and he is an attendant of the Baptist church.

The union of Henry E. Hammond with Adaline M. Chase, who was born in the neighboring town of Sumner, May 1, 1831, was solemnized September 7, 1851. They have four children living, namely: Addie I., born July 7, 1852, who is the wife of J. A. Kimball, of Boston, and has one child, Henry S.; Alice K., born March 24, 1854, who lives in Paris; Henry D., the special subject of this sketch; Lizzie P., born November 24, 1861, now the wife of Frederic E. Shorey, of Gorham, N.H., having two children—Frances H. and Stanley K. Their fifth and youngest child, named Charlie, born May 27, 1871, died September 13 of the same year.

Henry D. Hammond completed his education at the Oxford County Normal Institute at South Paris, being there fitted for a teacher;

and for ten years he was engaged in that profession. Continuing his residence on the Hammond homestead, he now assists his father in its management. They have two hundred and sixty-five acres of land, on which they carry on general farming on an extensive scale after progressive modern methods; and they occupy a deservedly high position among the leading farmers of the county. Politically a staunch Republican, Mr. Hammond has filled most acceptably the office of Selectman for six years, having been Chairman of the Board two years; and one year he was superintendent of the School Committee. He is a member of Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, Knights of Pythias, of South Paris; of Paris Grange, No. 44; and is Vice-President of the Oxford County Agricultural Society. He is likewise Vice-President and a Trustee of the Paris Hill Academy.

Mr. Hammond was first married on September 15, 1885, to Ella L. Dudley, who died July 26, 1886. On August 29, 1887, he married her sister, E. Gertrude Dudley, who was born in Paris, August 29, 1867, a daughter of J. Smith and Lydia H. (Stearns) Dudley. Mr. Dudley was born in Woodstock, May 8, 1827, and died in Paris in February, 1883. Mrs. Lydia H. Dudley was born in Paris, June 2, 1835, a daughter of William and Joanna (Porter) Stearns. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Dudley married Jairus Keith Hammond, who died February 1, 1892. A sketch of his life will be found on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond have no children. Both are liberal in their religious belief.

ISAAC H. BERRY, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Denmark, Oxford County, was born here, January 12, 1857, son of Isaac and Emily (Fuller) Berry. Mr. Berry's grandfather, Henry Berry, who was a native of Middleton, Mass., born October 3, 1779, settled upon a tract of wild land in Denmark, and cleared the farm now owned by his grandson. He afterward resided there until his death, which occurred November 11, 1836. By his wife, Sally (Jewett) Berry, he became the father of four-

teen children; namely, Mial, Catherine, Henry, Elias, Isaac, Joseph, Ruth, Lorenzo, Patience J., Sarah S., Ann Bixby, Mial (second), Aaron R., and Amos S., none of them now living. The mother died June 1, 1852.

Isaac Berry was born in Denmark, September 6, 1803. In June, 1836, he took charge of his father's farm, and subsequently succeeded to its possession. He resided all his lifetime at the homestead. In addition to conducting the farm he surveyed timber, and engaged quite extensively in lumbering. He was quite prosperous both as a farmer and a business man; and he died August 26, 1880, leaving the reputation of an upright and worthy citizen. His wife, Emily, born in Hampton, Conn., January 15, 1813, became the mother of eight children, as follows: Laura, who was born October 12, 1836, and died April 22, 1848; Mial, who was born January 8, 1840, and died September 19, 1855; Jared F., of this town, who was born September 21, 1842, married Lydia Bucknell, and has two children—Bertha M. and Mary Helen; Mary A., who was born January 12, 1845, married James A. Head, of Denmark, and has four children—Gertrude J., Eva Maud, Owen Berry, and Ethel M.; William W., depot master at Perley's Mills, born May 9, 1848, who married Nettie S. Lord, whose birth occurred in September, 1873, and has one daughter, Nettie M.; Lorenzo, who was born July 7, 1851, and died August 7, 1858; John P. P., who was born December 13, 1854, and died August 7, 1858; and Isaac H., the subject of this sketch. The mother, now eighty-three years old, is a member of the Congregational church, and resides with Isaac H.

Isaac H. Berry acquired a common-school education. His early manhood was spent working upon the neighboring farms and in the lumber-mills. After his marriage he took charge of the homestead farm which he now owns. While he does considerable logging during the winter season, he devotes the greater part of his time to agriculture. The farm contains one hundred and forty acres of well-located land, and produces large crops of hay, corn, and potatoes. On it is a fine orchard having several choice varieties of

apple-trees. The proprietor also owns six hundred acres of land located in Cumberland and Oxford Counties.

On October 15, 1874, Mr. Berry wedded Mary A. Lord, a native of Fryeburg, Me., who was born December 14, 1856, daughter of William and Mary A. (Potter) Lord. Mr. Lord, who was born in Alfred, Me., moved after his marriage to Lovell, Me., and then to Denmark, where he now resides with his daughters. His wife, now deceased, was a native of Bridgton, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have two children, namely: Emily Fuller, who was born October 25, 1875, and is now a teacher; and Mary A., born August 16, 1879, who was engaged in educational work for some time, and who on November 8, 1896, married Irving K. Ingalls, of this town.

Mr. Berry takes an active interest in political affairs. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for the past ten years, and he is at the present time Chairman of that body. The Republican Town Committee also avails of his services as Chairman. He is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Denmark; of Denmark Lodge; the encampment at Bridgton, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of Hiram Lodge, Knights of Pythias. An able and progressive business man and one who takes an earnest interest in the general welfare, he is highly regarded in the community.

**G**EORGE G. WHITMAN, an extensive farmer of Sumner, Oxford County, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Woodstock, Me., May 13, 1841, son of Zeri B. and Mary (Dale) Whitman. Joshua Whitman, his great-grandfather, was one of the first settlers of Buckfield, this county. Jacob Whitman, a son of Joshua and grandfather of George G., was a native of that town, an industrious farmer, and a well-known local preacher of the Calvinist Baptist doctrine in his day. He died in Hebron, at the advanced age of ninety years. Zeri B. Whitman was a native of Woodstock, born in August, 1807. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in connection with farming during his active period.

He moved from Woodstock to Hebron, where he subsequently died at the age of fifty-seven years. He was an active member of the Calvinist Baptist church and a teacher in the Sunday-school for a long period. In his later years he gave his political support to the Republican party. His wife, Mary, who was born in Norway, Me., May 3, 1811, became the mother of nine children, two of whom are living. These are: Frank M., a lawyer of Haverhill, Mass.; and George G., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Whitman's mother lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years.

George G. Whitman grew to manhood in Hebron, and acquired his education at the academy in that town. On October 7, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Fifth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, under Captain H. T. Buckman, of Mechanic Falls. During his three years of active service in the Civil War he participated in the second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, and Winchester, and was honorably discharged in 1864. After his return from the army he was engaged as a contractor in the shoe manufacturing business at Haverhill, Mass., for eight years, when, his health becoming poor, he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Paris, Me., where until 1885 he followed the more healthful employment of tilling the soil. In 1889 he moved to Sumner, where he now owns two hundred and seventy acres of desirable land, constituting one of the largest farms in this vicinity. Here he carries on general farming and dairying, and keeps from six to ten full-blooded and graded Jersey cows. He has made various improvements upon the land and buildings, which are in first-class condition; and his energy is fast bringing him to the front rank among the well-to-do agriculturists of the neighborhood.

On November 15, 1872, Mr. Whitman wedded Amanda E. Hill, who was born in Conway, N.H., daughter of Wentworth and Asenath Hill. The only child of the union, Fred A., was born in Paris, February 18, 1882, and is now attending Hebron Academy. In politics Mr. Whitman is a Republican. He is connected with South Paris Grange,

Patrons of Husbandry, and is a comrade of William K. Kimball Post, No. 148, Grand Army of the Republic, of South Paris. Both he and Mrs. Whitman are liberal in their religious views.

ADELBERT ELROY DEAN, a prominent and influential farmer of Paris, Oxford County, was born April 25, 1854, in the neighboring township of Peru, son of Edmund Sylvester and Hannah (Brown) Dean. His great-grandfather was one of the very earliest settlers of Paris. His grandfather, Edmund Dean, who was born here, and was a Democrat in politics, married Esther A. Allen, a native of Hartford. Both the grandparents lived a full century, were liberal in their religious creed, and active members of the Universalist church.

Edmund Sylvester Dean, also a native of Paris, born February 5, 1820, was here reared and educated. Arriving at the years of maturity, he started for Boston, where he worked at the carpenter's trade nearly ten years. Returning then to his native county, he there carried on general farming for three years. After this he purchased a farm in Peru, where he remained until 1856, when he again became a resident of Paris. While living in Buckfield, he married Hannah Brown, of Turner, Me., where her birth occurred February 6, 1830. Both are now living in South Paris, retired from active work. They have six children—Nellie E., Adelbert E., Elmer, Georgia A., Albert E., and Isa B.

Adelbert Elroy Dean was but two years of age when his parents brought him to Paris. He received his education in the schools of this town and at the Oxford County Normal Institute. During the first ten years of his business life Mr. Dean worked in the shoe factory of B. F. Spinney & Co., of Norway, Me., being "second hand" in the stock department. Receiving a fair compensation for his labor, he was able to save enough of his earnings to buy and stock his present farm in 1892. The estate contains one hundred and sixty acres. Besides general farming Mr. Dean is engaged in dairying, keeping graded Jersey cattle. By his energy, ability, and

push he has won a prominent position among the agriculturists of this section of the county. In religion he is a Universalist and in politics an unswerving Democrat. He was Supervisor of Schools in Paris from 1886 until 1888. An esteemed member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he belongs to Norway Lodge, No. 16, Wildey Encampment, No. 21, and Wildey Canton, No. 8, of Norway. He has also affiliation with the Paris Grange, No. 44, Patrons of Husbandry.

On February 22, 1881, Mr. Dean married Mary A. Hussey, daughter of Samuel A. Hussey, prominently identified with the social and official life of Waterford, Me., where he resides. Mr. and Mrs. Dean have three children, namely: Arthur E., born June 21, 1883; Henry A., born August 27, 1888; and Myrtle, born June 13, 1895.

**W**ILLIAM MORRISON, one of Farmington's retired business men, who was for many years identified with the lumber manufacturing industry of this locality, was born upon the site of his present residence, October 8, 1821, son of John and Sarah (Tufts) Morrison. The Morrison family, which is of Scotch-Irish stock, descends from Robert Morrison, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, who emigrated to America during the Colonial period, and settled at Bridgewater, Mass., where he followed the trade of a general mechanic. His son, William, Mr. Morrison's great-grandfather, married Sarah Montgomery, by whom he became the father of four sons—William, Robert, John, and James.

William Morrison, Mr. Morrison's grandfather, who was a blacksmith by trade, resided for a time in Middleboro, Mass. From there he came to the District of Maine in 1805, making a settlement in Farmington, where he bought two hundred acres of the Sewell tract. Here he cleared a farm, erected a large house, spent the remainder of his life occupied in farming and working at his trade, and died at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a man of great physical strength and energy. He took a broad and liberal view of religious subjects, while in politics he supported the

Whig party. In 1772 he married Hannah Benson, with whom he reared a family of seven children—Robert, William, John, Sally, Betsey, Hannah, and Jane. The mother, who attended the Baptist church, reached the age of seventy-seven years.

John Morrison, who was born in Massachusetts, March 3, 1784, assisted his father in clearing and improving the farm. He subsequently inherited the property; and he became very prosperous as a general farmer and lumberman, owning a half-interest in the saw-mills at North Chesterville, then one of the principal industries in this locality. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for the years 1821 and 1822, and he served with ability in other town offices. He maintained a lively interest in public affairs and in the industrial development of the town until his death, which occurred in 1857. He was a Universalist in his religious belief, and he contributed generously to relieve the necessities of the poor and needy. His wife, Sarah, who was a daughter of Francis Tufts, Jr., became by him the mother of seven children; namely, Sarah, John B., William, Hannah, Robert M., Benjamin F., and Elizabeth C. She died in 1852, aged fifty-five years.

William Morrison acquired his education in the town schools, and subsequently learned the trade of a blacksmith. He inherited thirty acres of the homestead property and the old family residence that stood on it. In 1848 he replaced the residence with a more modern and spacious dwelling. In the same year he bought an interest in the North Chesterville mills, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. The enterprise was profitable to him and beneficial to the work-people of this locality. He displayed excellent business ability, and gained in his dealings the reputation of an honorable and upright man. His prosperity continued unabated throughout his long period of activity. Since his retirement he has passed his time pleasantly at his farm, which he enlarged some years since by the purchase of adjoining land. He still superintends his farm, is remarkably well preserved and healthy for one of his years, and is a most entertaining conversationalist. He attends the Universalist church, and is a member of

Franklin Lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On December 12, 1848, Mr. Morrison wedded Mrs. Esther H. Woodworth, who was born January 3, 1818, daughter of Stephen and Esther (Harris) Allen. She died July 13, 1862, leaving two sons, as follows: William H., born November 4, 1850; and Joseph A., born October 10, 1852. William H. Morrison, who completed his classical course at Tufts College in 1875, graduated from the Divinity School connected with that institution in 1878, and is now a Universalist minister in Manchester, N.H., married Alice N. Bickford, and has two children—Grace and Harry. Joseph A. Morrison, who is now a jeweller in Pittsfield, Me., married Anna Ney, and has three children—Elmer J., Esther, and Robert W.

CHANDLER GARLAND, Deputy Sheriff, and a popular resident of Paris, Oxford County, was born on Paris Hill, November 1, 1850, son of John L. and Clara (Rawson) Garland, and grandson of John L. Garland, Sr. His father grew to manhood in Andover and Rumford, this county, acquiring his education in the common schools of these towns. When a young man he came to Paris, purchased a farm, and by his industry and upright dealings became a successful agriculturist, and earned the respect of his townsmen. He was a Republican in politics, and filled a number of the minor town offices. He died on March 15, 1893. His wife, Clara, now living with her son, bore him four children, two sons and two daughters. These were: William E., who died at the age of seventeen years; Clara E., who is the wife of Charles E. Waterman, the editor of the *Mechanic Falls Ledger*; Chandler, the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Belle M. Merrill.

After acquiring his education, which was completed at the South Paris Normal School, Chandler Garland entered the printing-office of the *Oxford Democrat*, and there spent three years. The business proving uncongenial to his tastes, he then abandoned it; and, in company with S. U. Hawkes, under the firm name

of Hawkes & Garland, he started a mercantile business at Paris, and continued it for six years with good success. Mr. Garland then removed to Cambridge, Mass., and opened a grocery store. This he sold out after two years, and came to South Paris as book-keeper for the Paris Manufacturing Company. He was with this firm six years, when the state of his health obliged him to seek outdoor employment. In 1888 he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, in which capacity he received charge of the county jail, then, together with the court-house, located at Paris Hill. In addition to these duties he also discharged those of Tax Collector and Constable for six years. He has been in charge of the new court-house and jail at South Paris since they were erected, proving himself by his able and careful management the right man for the place.

On May 20, 1876, Mr. Garland was united in marriage with Miss Flora E. Whittemore, daughter of Albion A. and Sophia (Cole) Whittemore. Her father is a well-known blacksmith and farmer of Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Garland have three daughters, namely: Minnie J., born September 29, 1878; Alice M., born April 14, 1881; and Mabel S., born February 18, 1883, who died May 25, 1884. Mr. Garland adheres to the Republican principles in which he was reared. He also continues in the religious faith of his father, being, like him, a communicant of the Baptist church. He is a member of Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of South Paris.

CHARLES EDWIN DYER, keeper of the jail and janitor of the Franklin County court-house at Farmington, was born in New Sharon, Me., November 5, 1850, son of Dr. Parmenas and Hannah W. (Baker) Dyer. Dr. Dyer was born May 20, 1822, in Corinna, Penobscot County. Ambitious to attain a useful position in life, he eventually accomplished his aim through his own personal exertions. By observing the most rigid economy he managed to complete his preparatory education. Then he studied medicine with Dr. Hill, of Augusta, and graduated from the Maine Med-

ical School at Brunswick in 1846, having paid his expenses with the earnings derived from such work as he was able to obtain. The first five years of his professional life were passed in New Sharon. He then moved to Lewiston, where for a time he was engaged in editing a newspaper published in Auburn, on the opposite side of the river. After the office with its contents was destroyed by fire, he removed to Leavenworth, Kan., where for the succeeding six years he practised medicine and surgery, and acted as a government agent in looking up farming lands. In 1861 he returned East, and, settling in Farmington, successfully followed his profession until his death, which occurred in 1891. His reputation was that of a skilful and reliable practitioner. He is remembered by his numerous patients in this locality, who were benefited by his careful treatment. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious belief he was a Unitarian. His wife, whom he wedded in 1847, is a daughter of Colonel D. J. Baker, of New Sharon. Her children were: Charles E., the subject of this sketch; and Frank, who married Josie Farrington, and resides in Livermore Falls. She still survives her husband.

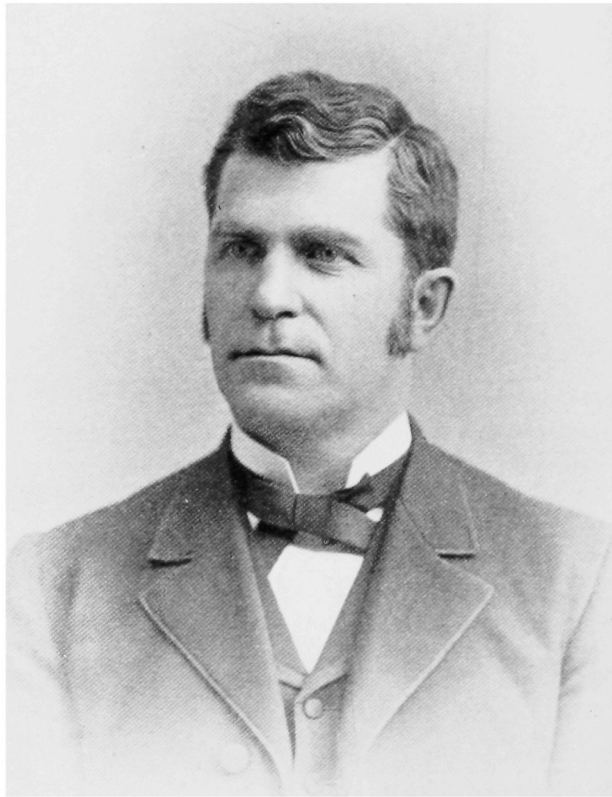
Charles Edwin Dyer acquired the principal part of his education in the schools of Farmington. After completing his studies he began life for himself as a workman in a tannery. At a later date he became a clerk in a grocery store. Afterward going to Auburn, he was for a time employed as clerk in a hotel. Returning to this town subsequently, he resumed clerking in a grocery store, where he continued engaged until September 15, 1890. He was then appointed keeper of the jail, Supreme Court messenger, and janitor of the Franklin County court-house, positions which he has since filled satisfactorily. The county jail, a securely built structure, erected in 1887, is carefully kept with a due regard for the health of the inmates, among whom best of order is maintained. The court-house, which was built in 1885, under the direction of Messrs. F. W. Patterson, J. Chick, and Samuel K. Wellman, County Commissioners, also shows evidence of the care and attention it receives at Mr. Dyer's hands.

On January 22, 1887, Mr. Dyer was united in marriage to Ella L. Perkins, daughter of Orrin Perkins, of Carthage, Me. He is an Odd Fellow of high standing, being Past Grand of Franklin Lodge, No. 58, and Past Chief Patriarch of the Sandy River Encampment, No. 9. In politics he is a Republican. He attends the Baptist church, of which he has acted as usher for the past twelve years.

**G**EORGE H. EASTMAN, an enterprising and prosperous farmer and a prominent citizen of Lovell, Oxford County, Me., was born in this municipality, March 9, 1850, his parents being Isaac and Katherine (Page) Eastman.

His father was a son of Phineas Eastman, an agriculturist of Lovell, and was one of a family of nine children. Isaac Eastman after his marriage settled in the southern part of the town of Lovell, where he carried on farming, and also engaged in lumbering, until his decease. He married Miss Katherine Page, a native of Burlington, Me.; and they became the parents of four children—George H., Mellen, Alva, and H. Walter. Mellen Eastman married Miss Nellie M. Gerry, and they now reside with his mother on the old homestead at South Lovell. Alva wedded Miss Alice Eastman; and they now make their home at St. Cloud, Minn. He is a prominent man of that city, and is the editor and proprietor of the *St. Cloud Journal Press*. H. Walter Eastman still resides in his native town, and is engaged in general farming. Mr. Isaac Eastman passed away in December, 1895.

George H. Eastman grew to manhood on the paternal estate, obtaining his education in the common schools of Lovell and in the Bethel and Fryeburg Academy. At the age of twenty-one he began to teach; and for about six years he had charge of the district schools in Lovell, North Waterford, and Fryeburg. During that time he married; and soon after he assumed charge of the homestead of his father-in-law, which was known as the Pottle farm. On this estate, now embracing about two hundred and twenty-five acres, which he has very much improved during his



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proprietorship, he is successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits, devoting less attention, however, to stock raising and dairying than to the cultivation of the land.

On November 14, 1874, Mr. Eastman married Miss Lizzie M. Pottle, a native of Lovell and one of the five children of the Rev. John S. and Mrs. Nancy H. (Hamblen) Pottle, to whom she was born May 17, 1851. Mr. Pottle was a native of Stratham, N.H., and his wife of Limington, Me. Prior to his marriage he removed to Stoneham, Me., where he resided about four years, changing his home then to Lovell, settling on a farm near the centre of that town. He conducted husbandry thereon until 1850, when he located on the estate now occupied by his son-in-law, Mr. Eastman, and on which he resided until his decease. The Rev. John S. Pottle and his wife became the parents of five children, namely: Albanes M.; Lizzie M., now Mrs. Eastman; Francina; Lydia H.; and Carrie M. Albanes M. Pottle, who still resides in Lovell, and is engaged in farming and teaching, married for his first wife Miss Nellie H. Heald, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Heald, of Lovell, and after her death wedded Miss Mary Heald, a native of Lovell; Francina Pottle is now the wife of C. Adelbert Heath, who is a dealer in dry goods at Brayton, Ia.; Lydia lives at Lovell as the wife of Henry W. Palmer, who prosecutes there farming and carpentering and also the blacksmith trade; Carrie is now Mrs. Ezra Heald, whose husband is a farmer of Stow, Me. Mr. Pottle departed this life on January 10, 1892. His wife still survives, residing with her daughter, Mrs. Eastman.

Mr. Eastman is one of the most influential citizens of Lovell, though he has never been a solicitor for public office. He takes a leading part in town and county enterprises, and is an earnest advocate of every wise project looking to the welfare and advancement of the community. For two years he officiated as Supervisor in Lovell. Mr. Eastman is in affiliation with Kezar Valley Lodge, No. 66, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, located in Lovell. His political views bring him into fellowship with the Republican party, to which he has always given his allegiance.

Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church of Lovell Centre. Mr. Eastman is of a genial disposition, and he commands the respect and confidence of a broad circle of acquaintances.

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**H**ARLAN P. DENNISON, of South Paris, Me., the Treasurer of the Paris Manufacturing Company, is one of those men who have made American enterprise proverbial throughout the world. He is a native of Freeport, Me., born April 10, 1849, son of Joseph and Caroline (Blackstone) Dennison. Joseph Dennison was a leading farmer of Freeport, where he died in 1862, when fifty-eight years old. His wife, Caroline, bore him five children, of whom one died in infancy. The others, who all attained maturity, were: Hannah, Ann J., Harlan, and Lucilla. The mother lived until 1891, reaching the age of seventy-two years.

Harlan P. Dennison, left fatherless at the age of thirteen, was then obliged to aid in maintaining the family by going to work in a shoe factory. Possessed of a natural aptitude for any mechanical labor requiring skill, he learned the trade quickly, and was soon earning wages that caused him to be looked to as the chief support of his mother and sisters. Subsequently, becoming expert in the work of all the departments, he demanded and obtained the highest remuneration paid. When thirty years old he joined the firm of Dennison & Lamont, manufacturers of boots and shoes in Freeport. Shortly after he bought out his partner, and conducted the establishment alone for a brief period. Then he took R. A. Lewis into partnership, the business being carried on for four years under the name of Dennison & Lewis. Again he became sole proprietor by purchasing his partner's interest; and in the ensuing years he made shoes, principally ladies' hand-turned shoes, at the rate of thirty-five thousand pairs per year. In 1891 he came to South Paris to settle, as executor, the estate of his father-in-law, who had recently died. This work brought him into relations with the Paris Manufacturing Company, of which the father-in-law had been a shareholder at his death to



the amount of eighty-four thousand dollars, and finally led him to abandon the manufacture of shoes and invest largely in that company's stock. At the same time he took up his residence in South Paris. In the following year he was elected Trustee of the company, and thenceforth he became more and more identified with its interests.

The business of the company was first started in 1870 at Paris Hill, under the management of H. F. Morton and G. B. Crocker, with capital raised by the people of the town. In 1883 a new and more commodious building was erected in South Paris, and the plant removed hither. Two years after it was destroyed by an accidental fire, but no time was lost in rebuilding. The structure covers an area of thirty-nine thousand square feet, has a height varying from one to two and a half stories, and is furnished with the best and most improved machinery, all of which is operated by steam-power. In the large storehouse adjoining and in several others in the village the manufactured goods are kept in readiness for shipping. Over two hundred hands are employed, including a number of the best mechanics in special departments. The articles made here are hand-carts, carriages, sleds, sleighs, desks, chairs, step-ladders, and so forth, for which the timber is bought in the log, and afterward cut and kiln-dried on the premises. It is claimed that no other factory in the country produces these goods in such large quantities or of so high a quality. The company supplies an extensive territory, within which it fears no competitors. Every year for some time past it has been obliged to run the factory for a season at night as well as day to keep even with its orders.

In 1872, October 2, Mr. Dennison was united in matrimony with Miss Esther Cushing, daughter of Charles and Martha (Brewer) Cushing. Mr. Cushing, who was a native of Freeport, in his youth learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed for a number of years. Subsequently he became associated with the firm of Briggs, Cushing & Means, of Freeport, with whom he built several noted vessels, including the "Norwegian," "Oasis," "John De Caster," "Gen-

eral Fairchilds," and the "Wilna." He continued in the ship-building business until 1885, when he retired from active occupation. He first became interested in the Paris Manufacturing Company in 1878. Afterward he continued to buy shares until he was the largest stockholder of the company. He died in 1892, aged seventy-two years. Mr. Dennison and his wife have three children, namely: H. Walter, born June 27, 1874; Charles P. and Martha E. (twins), born September 18, 1878. H. Walter Dennison married Madge Stuart, and is the book-keeper of the Paris Manufacturing Company. Both parents are members of the Baptist church. When a resident of Freeport, Mr. Dennison was Selectman of the town for a time. He is Chancellor Commander, Hamlin Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Treasurer of the local Board of Trade.

**H**EZEKIAH G. MASON, an ex-soldier of the Army of the Republic, who at the close of the war with the South gladly exchanged rifle and cartridge-box for plough-share and spade, and was thereafter for a number of years actively engaged in farming in the town of Mason, is now virtually retired from active pursuits. He was born here, March 28, 1835, his parents being Artemas and Betsey (Bartlett) Mason.

Artemas Mason was a native of Gilead, Oxford County, and spent the early years of his life on a farm in that town. Coming to Mason when a young man, he purchased a farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life. Naturally energetic and industrious, by careful management he was able not only to support his family in comfort, but to lay by for the days of enforced idleness. From the formation of the Republican party he was one of its staunch supporters. He served as Selectman of Mason several years. His wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Bartlett, was born in Cumberland County, Maine. For her first husband she married Hezekiah Grover, who died leaving her with two children—Amos A., residing in Norway; and Mehitabel J., wife of E. G. Wheeler. Three children were born of her union with Mr. Artemas Mason, of whom Minerva Ann died at twenty-eight

years of age, and Francis at seventeen, the only survivor being Hezekiah G., of this sketch. Artemas Mason died at eighty-three years of age, and Mrs. Mason in middle life. Both were members of the Congregational church.

Hezekiah G. Mason lived at home until some time after the outbreak of the Civil War. In 1863 he enlisted in the Seventh Maine Battery, with which he went out as a private, and was gone about two years, most of the time being spent in Virginia, the seat of many of the severest battles of the war. Among those in which he participated were the battle of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and Spottsylvania, besides many smaller engagements. At Petersburg he was wounded in the left hand, and for two months he was in the hospital at Washington. At the close of the war Mr. Mason returned home, and engaged in agriculture on the farm where he has since resided. He has, however, recently sold the farm to his son-in-law, Ernest Morrill; but he continues to live here, having laid by ample means for all his requirements.

On January 2, 1861, Mr. Mason was married to Miss Susanna Watson, of Norway. She died January 20, 1879, leaving three children, namely: Luella, wife of Rufus Morrill, of Norway Lake, Me.; Willard H.; and Betsey B., the wife of Ernest Morrill. The Republican party has in Mr. Mason a loyal supporter. He is a member of Pleasant Valley Grange of West Bethel and of G. Brown Post, No. 84, Grand Army of the Republic, of Bethel.

**E**DWIN SAWYER, an ex-member of the Maine legislature, now living in retirement at West Farmington, was born July 5, 1831, in Temple, this county, son of Nathaniel and Polly (Richards) Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer's father, who was a native of Hancock, N.H., resided there until he was eleven years old, when he accompanied Thomas Russell to Temple, and worked for him as a farm assistant for ten years. He then entered the employ of Benjamin Abbott, with whom he remained for the same length of time. After that he purchased a tract of land that included three small clearings, and engaged in farming

on his own account. In time, by perseverance and hard work, he became the owner of three hundred acres of fertile land, most of which was cleared for tillage purposes. Through his unabated toil and the assistance of his sons he accumulated a competency sufficient to insure a comfortable subsistence for his declining years. He passed his last days in retirement, and died at the age of eighty-five years. Besides an unusual amount of energy he possessed extraordinary physical strength. He has left a monument of his industry in a stone wall sixteen feet broad and five feet high, which still stands upon the farm. His kind and agreeable disposition, besides endearing him to his family, made him a general favorite with his neighbors. In politics he supported the Democratic party, while his religious views were liberal. His wife, Polly, who was a daughter of Mitchell Richards, bore him nine children; namely, Mary, Pamela, Leonard, Albion K., Abiel, Sophia A., Dennis, Edwin, and Phirilla. All of them attained maturity, and several are still living. The mother died at the age of seventy years.

Edwin Sawyer was educated in the town schools. At an early age he began to assist his father in carrying on the farm. He resided with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-seven years, when he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in his native town. Here he entered upon the life of an independent farmer with a spirit of determination that foreshadowed the success he has achieved. He set out a fine orchard, completely remodelled the buildings, and made other improvements which greatly added to the convenience, as well as to the value, of his property. For many years he was considered one of the ablest and most successful agriculturists in the town of Temple. In politics he is an active supporter of the Republican party, and his prominence in public affairs has been the means of creating for him an extended acquaintanceship throughout this section of the county. For ten years he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was Town Treasurer for eight years; and he represented his district with marked ability in the legislature during the years 1879 and 1880.

On March 27, 1859, Mr. Sawyer wedded Aphia J., daughter of Warren and Lucy Voter, who represented an old and progressive family of Farmington. Mrs. Sawyer, who has in a great measure contributed to her husband's advancement, is the mother of four children, as follows: George E., born January 16, 1860, who died June 3, 1865; Persia E., born September 3, 1861, who is now the wife of Charles R. Hall, an extensive farmer and stock dealer of Wilton, and has two children — Edwin S. and Orié L.; Ernest G., born February 17, 1867, who died July 18, 1873; and Bernice E., born May 20, 1876, who is now the wife of Charles B. Goodwin, of Livermore Falls. Retiring from active labor in 1896, Mr. Sawyer sold his property to Mrs. Harriet F. Cony, and moved to West Farmington, where he bought the Greenwood stand, one of the best and most desirably located residences in the village. Here he is passing his time in comparative leisure after a busy and successful career. He has always possessed a robust constitution; and, with the exception of rheumatism, contracted through hard work, he enjoys good health, and is as active as a much younger man.

**H**ENRY W. PARK, a prosperous merchant in the village of Mexico, Oxford County, Me., is widely and favorably known in these parts, having long been prominent, not only as a successful business man, but as a political leader in the Republican ranks and as one of the town officers. He was born in Dixfield, the town adjoining Mexico on the east, on March 13, 1834, son of Isaac and Emeline (Smith) Park.

Isaac Park was born at the residence of his parents, near the corner of Franklin Street, Boston, Mass. After attending school in that city until he was fourteen years of age, he went to Newton, Mass., to learn the trade of carpenter. Going with his employer soon after to Paris, Me., he there remained until the completion of his apprenticeship, when he removed to Dixfield, to work at his trade. He served as Captain of the old State militia, and officiated for nearly twenty years as

Sheriff, being subsequently a member of the legislature. In politics he attained honor and distinction in the ranks of the Democratic party. Captain Park was a public-spirited citizen and a man of liberal views, being in religion a Universalist. His busy career was ended by death at the age of fifty-seven. His wife, Emeline, who shared his cheerful religious faith, was a daughter of John Smith, of Readfield, Kennebec County, Me. She died at the home of her son, Henry W. Park, on January 28, 1878, at the age of seventy-two years.

Henry W. Park was the eldest of the three children born to his parents. He spent his early life at home, attending the common school and later the high school in the village until the age of fifteen, and during the next three years being employed in his father's general merchandise store in Carthage, Franklin County, Me. When he was eighteen he went to Boston, there serving four years as salesman in a clothing house. After his father died he returned to Dixfield, and worked at the carpenter's trade till 1859, when he came to Mexico, and rented a farm. The following year he moved to Mexico Corner, where he now resides. In March, 1861, Mr. Park purchased the store that he now owns, continuing in trade until the early part of 1864, when he sold out and went to Washington, D.C., where he served as clerk of the Ordnance Department until the close of the war. Returning to Mexico in July, 1865, he bought back his old store at the corner, and revived his trade, which is now (1896) in a flourishing condition.

In politics Mr. Park is a decided Republican, ever alive to party interests. His high standing in the estimation of his fellow-citizens is shown by his frequent election to important offices. He has served as Crier of the Courts four years, Selectman of Mexico three years, Town Treasurer twenty-five consecutive years, and in 1875 he was Representative to the State legislature. He has been for twenty-one years a member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., of Rumford Falls; and he is a charter member of Tuscan Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Dixfield, which he named at the time of its

organization. Besides being a store-keeper, Mr. Park is an active temperance worker and an able correspondent of the local papers. It is hardly needful to add that he has an extensive acquaintance and a large circle of excellent friends.

Mr. Park has been three times married. His first wife, Ellen R. Phelps, of Dixfield, with whom he was united in June, 1857, died in August, 1862, leaving two children—Albert Dexter, who is now Register of Probate for Oxford County; and Henrietta, who married John E. Richards, and resides here. His second wife, formerly Miss Ellen C. Reed, of this place, whom he wedded on July 3, 1865, died in January, 1875, leaving one son, Ellery C., who became a lawyer in Bethel, Me. The maiden name of his present wife, to whom he was married in August, 1875, was Enna L. Gleason. Four children have been born to them, namely: Helena O. and Lucy E., both of whom are teachers; and Henry W., Jr., and Eva Grace, who are still at home. Mrs. Park is a native of Mexico, Me.

**J**ERE H. WINSLOW, a retired farmer and cattle dealer of South Paris, Oxford County, Me., was born in the town of Paris, January 18, 1823, son of Jacob and Betsey (Pratt) Winslow. Mr. Winslow's father was a native of Fryeburg, Me., where he was brought up in the family of a Mr. Hutchins; and in young manhood he settled upon a tract of unimproved land in Paris. He cleared a portion of his property into a good farm, which he cultivated during the rest of his active period. His wife died in 1869; and he spent his last days at the home of his son, Luther P., where he died in 1877, aged eighty-nine years. He was an energetic, hard-working man; and he was highly respected as a worthy citizen. In politics he was originally a Democrat, later supporting the Republican party. He was an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Betsey Pratt, was a daughter of Luther Pratt, who came from Middleboro, Mass., to Paris, and was among the most enterprising and progressive of the early settlers of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Winslow had

three children, namely: Luther P.; Albert; and Jere H., subject of this sketch, who was the youngest-born.

Jere H. Winslow resided at home until he was nineteen years old, when he went to Massachusetts, and engaged in farming and teaming. Being a strong and capable man, he received good wages wherever he worked, always giving satisfaction, remaining in one place until a better one presented itself; and by carefully saving his earnings he at length amassed a sufficient sum to make a start in life for himself. His father being already well advanced in years, Mr. Winslow returned to his native town to care for his parents, and here engaged in farming on his own account. He advanced rapidly in prosperity, from time to time adding more land to his possessions; and he improved the homestead farm by rebuilding the house and erecting two new barns. Dealing in cattle was his principal pursuit for many years; and in that business he realized financial success, buying good stock, and selling it on time to farmers in this vicinity. He has also carried on lumbering operations to some extent with profitable results, and, being naturally of a stirring and energetic disposition, has never lost an opportunity to advance his material interests. Besides his original estate he bought two other farms.

In 1877, selling his farms in Paris, with the intention of retiring permanently from active labor, he bought the Samuel Deering place, situated on High Street in South Paris; and he has since enlarged and remodelled the buildings, and otherwise improved this property. He has erected two houses upon his large lot here for investment purposes, one double and the other a single tenement, which yield him a good income. His early-acquired habits of activity preventing him even now from being idle, he still keeps busy at some useful employment. During the past winter, 1895 and 1896, he sawed and prepared seventeen cords of wood, "just to pass away the time," as he expresses it. It is scarcely needful to say that he enjoys good health. He has considerable capital invested in financial enterprises, has been a Director of the Paris Savings Bank and a Trustee of the

Oxford County Fair, and is well known as one of the substantial residents of this section.

On May 1, 1853, Mr. Winslow was united in marriage with Lucetta M. Swan, a daughter of William, Jr., and Hannah (Locke) Swan. Mrs. Winslow's father was born in Paris, May 18, 1792, and, when a young man, settled upon a farm in Woodstock. He finally returned to his native town, where he long continued to till the soil. His death took place at the advanced age of ninety-one years. He was held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen as an active, intelligent, and progressive citizen. He married Hannah Locke; and their children were: Lodiska, Urania, Lucetta E., William R., Leander S., Lucetta M., and Hannah E. The mother died at the age of sixty-one years.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow have had three children, as follows: Ella J., who was born February 10, 1856, married Franklin Burbank, an architect and builder, and has one son, Frank W., born March 6, 1886; Lizzie A., who was born July 19, 1859; and Nellie, who was born February 1, 1867, and died July 1, 1889.

As a man of good judgment in financial matters and of recognized integrity, Mr. Winslow commands the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townspople; and he has been employed to settle several estates. In politics he has always been a Republican since the formation of the party, and both he and his wife are Methodists in their religious views.

**C**APTAIN SILAS D. PERHAM, of Farmington, Me., a progressive and prosperous farmer, was born at his present home, August 6, 1814, the son of Silas and Hannah (Jennings) Perham. He is of the fifth generation of his family in this country, the first having been represented by John Perham, an Englishman, who settled in Chelmsford, Mass., and whose son, John, Jr., was Captain Perham's great-grandfather.

The next in line, Lemuel Perham, fourth son of John, Jr., was born near Dunstable, Mass., in 1727. He served in the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War

while living in Massachusetts; and shortly after the close of the Revolution he accompanied his son Silas to Farmington, where he died in 1795. His wife's name was Mary Butterfield. Silas Perham, Captain Perham's father, was born in Dunstable, Mass., February 10, 1770. In the spring of 1787, when only seventeen years of age, he took up lot No. 24 in the township of Farmington, the site of Captain Perham's present home, made a clearing, built a log house, and planted a crop. The following winter he returned to Massachusetts for the rest of the family; and the father, mother, and children made the long journey hither on a sled, with one pair of oxen and a horse. They were twenty-three days on the way, stopping in woods to cook their simple meals, which, perchance, were often augmented by a fresh-caught fish or some wild game. There were few roads, and the route was mostly traced by blazed trees. We can imagine the pride of the youthful pioneer as the little caravan drew up at last before his log cabin, and gazed with delight on what he had accomplished, and the sense of restful ownership with which they slept that night under the primitive roof. Father and son were soon busily at work, felling the heavy hemlock, maple, and beech, some of which they burned to enrich the ground; and before long they had one of the best farms in the township. Silas Perham was a carpenter by trade, and in course of time he erected frame buildings in place of the early log house and barn. He was a man of large, strong frame, and was a tireless worker. For some years he was connected with the militia, and commanded the North Company of Infantry. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Free Will Baptist. He died at the age of seventy-four. His wife, who was a daughter of Eliphalet Jennings, of Farmington, died at the age of fifty-one. They had two children — John F., born April 11, 1808, who died in California in 1880; and Silas D., of Farmington, now to be further mentioned.

Silas D. Perham received a good education in his childhood and youth, attending the public schools and Farmington Academy. He remained on the home farm, and proceeded

with the work of its development, clearing the land from which his father had cut the timber, and evolving valuable pasture and tillage from rough fields. He set out a fine orchard; and he also purchased more land, so that his estate now includes two hundred acres. In 1865 he built a large house, and he has also erected a fine barn. Probably no man in Farmington has labored harder or longer than Captain Perham; and yet in his eighty-second year he is straight as an arrow, and is still at work.

He was married February 2, 1837, to Mary Ann, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Hobbs, of Industry, Me. Five children blessed this union, namely: Hannah, born January 20, 1838, whose filial love and devotion have kept her in the home of her infancy, caring for her father and mother in their declining years; Joseph H., born October 17, 1842, who married Miss Mary S. Norton, and is a prosperous citizen, owning a farm in this town; Georgiana, who lived but two years; Silas A., who died in infancy; and Silas F., born July 11, 1850. Mrs. Mary A. Perham died May 13, 1874, aged sixty years. In early life Captain Perham was a Democrat; but when the Republican party was formed he was one of the delegates to the convention at Strong, and since that time he has supported the Republican platform. In religious belief he is a Free Will Baptist.

**A**LBIION P. MARSH, a former business man of Dixfield, now retired, was born here, August 8, 1823, son of David and Asenath (Parks) Marsh. The first ancestor of the family in America was John Marsh, who emigrated from England in 1634, and settled in Massachusetts. He followed the trade of a wool-carder or weaver, and died November 16, 1673. In 1635 he married Susanna Skelton, and with her subsequently reared a family of eleven children. Andrew Marsh, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Sutton, Mass., June 2, 1769. He was an early settler of Dixfield, where, after clearing a farm, he spent the rest of his life occupied in its cultivation. On April 9, 1788, he married Rebecca Stone, of whose children by him there were reared John,

Nancy, David, Joshua, and Lawson, none of whom are living.

David Marsh, Mr. Marsh's father, also a native of Sutton, born May 19, 1792, was quite young when his parents moved to Dixfield. In early manhood he engaged in logging to some extent, and was also a teamster. He eventually turned his attention to farming, which he followed with energy and success for the rest of his active period; and he died February 27, 1867. He was liberal in his views of religious matters, and in politics he supported the Republican party in the latter part of his life. His wife, Asenath, who was born April 19, 1796, bore him six sons and six daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. Five are living; namely, Albion P., Liva L., Mattie L., Annette, and Matilda. The others were: Andrew, Caleb, Leonora, Pauline, David M., Jerome, and Chestina. The mother died in September, 1882.

Albion P. Marsh was educated in the district schools, and resided at home until he was twenty-one years old. He then went to Rhode Island, where he was for a time employed at a chemical manufactory. From there he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and was there similarly engaged with his brother, David M., for ten years. Failing health caused him to relinquish that occupation; and, returning to his native State, he became a dealer in country produce in Weld. Having done a large and successful business at this for several years, he retired, and has since resided in Dixfield.

Mr. Marsh has been three times married. His present wife, in maidenhood Matilda D. Newton, whom he wedded in 1870, is a daughter of Burleigh and Sarah Newton, of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have had five children—Norman D., Chestina, Harry B., Lutie M., and Owen. The last-named lived but one year. In politics Mr. Marsh is a free coinage Democrat. He has been quite prominent in local affairs, having taken a deep interest in educational matters, and having served the town as Collector. He is a member of King Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and his social relations are of the pleasantest character. The family occupies one of the hand-

somest residences in the village, and its members are respected as worthy representatives of one of the old and reputable families.

**F**RED A. PORTER, Sheriff of Oxford County, who resides upon a large farm in Rumford Falls, was born in Roxbury, Me., December 30, 1850, son of William V. and Eliza M. (Taylor) Porter. His grandfather, Francis Porter, was an early settler of Roxbury, where he owned a good farm reclaimed by him from the wilderness, and resided for the rest of his life. William V. Porter, a native of Roxbury, was reared in that place. In young manhood he went to Boston, and was there employed as clerk in a store for a few years. He afterward returned to his native town, and followed agriculture successfully until his death, which happened when he was fifty-eight years old. He was a Democrat in politics, and he served for many years as a member of the Board of Selectmen in Roxbury. His wife, Eliza, who was also born in Roxbury, still active and well preserved at the age of eighty years, resides in Rumford Falls.

Fred A. Porter in his boyhood attended the common and high schools of his neighborhood. In young manhood he went to Wisconsin, where he worked upon a farm for a year. He then returned East, and, settling in Chelsea, Mass., was there employed as a clerk in a dry-goods store for nine years. On account of poor health he relinquished mercantile occupations, and, returning to Oxford County, bought his present farm of five hundred and fifty acres in this town, where he has since resided. He carried on general farming and lumbering until 1892, when he was appointed Deputy Sheriff. Since that time he has devoted his attention to his public duties. He was one of the first to clear land upon the site of the present thriving settlement of Rumford Falls; and his property, which adjoins the village, is now quite valuable.

On April 22, 1877, Mr. Porter wedded Mary E. Green, of Rumford, and now has two sons — Fred A., Jr., and Charles N. In politics Mr. Porter is a staunch Republican and a

leading spirit in the politics of this locality. He was for seven years a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he has been Tax Collector of the town. His appointment to the office of Deputy Sheriff was made when the town was incorporated, and he served in that capacity until elected High Sheriff of the county. In this responsible position he has shown a thorough competence, and has given full satisfaction. He is the present Secretary of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M.; a member of Rumford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of this town; Noble Grand of Penacook Lodge, No. 130, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and a member of Metalluc Lodge, No. 99, Knights of Pythias. His prominence in public affairs has gained for him a large acquaintanceship and much popularity throughout the county.

**D**AGGETT BROTHERS, ALBERT AND WASHINGTON L., enterprising general merchants and prominent citizens of Strong, are natives of New Vineyard, in Franklin County. Albert was born June 13, 1827, and Washington L. was born May 6, 1835. Their parents were Captain Plamentin and Hannah (Snow) Daggett, the former of whom was born in Industry, Me., May 5, 1795, and the latter in New Vineyard, September 12, 1799.

Peter Daggett, the father of Plamentin Daggett, was a native of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., where he was born January 17, 1770. He located at New Vineyard in 1793, being the first member of the Daggett family to settle in this county. Five years later he moved to Industry, where he settled upon what is now known as the Lowell strip farm, and erected the first frame residence in the town. A well-to-do farmer, he died at his home in Industry on November 5, 1833. His wife, whose maiden name was Damaris Luce, died August 3, 1810.

Their son, Plamentin Daggett, served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and in young manhood settled in New Vineyard, where he cleared and improved a farm. He followed agricultural pursuits in connection with the carpenter's trade, and became identified with

the early growth and development of the town and its political affairs. He held various town offices, to which he was first elected by the Democratic party. He later cast one of the first votes in his town in favor of the Free Soil party, and he was a member of the convention which met in Strong for the purpose of organizing the Republican party in this locality. He was prominent in the early State militia, in which he served for several years as a commissioned officer; and as Commander of the New Vineyard Light Infantry the name of Captain Plamentin Daggett was long a familiar one in connection with the military affairs of Franklin County. In 1862 he removed to Strong; and he died in this town, March 28, 1866. In his religious belief he was a Methodist.

His wife, Hannah Snow, who was a woman of unusual ability and force of character, became the mother of six children, as follows: Ezekiel Snow, who was born February 7, 1823, and died February 25, 1858; Plamentin, Jr., who was born May 3, 1825, married Nancy T. Vining, of Strong, and died December 12, 1884; Albert, of the firm of Daggett Brothers, of Strong; Oliver Cromwell, who was born April 20, 1830, and died April 3, 1847; Washington L., also of the firm of Daggett Brothers; and Hannah Snow, who was born January 14, 1839, and is the wife of George W. Luce, a retired jeweller of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Hannah Snow Daggett died in 1862.

Albert Daggett, senior member of the firm of Daggett Brothers, acquired his education in the common schools of his native town and the high schools in this county. When a young man he taught school for a time, and then settled upon a piece of agricultural property in Farmington. In 1863 he removed to Strong; and in the following year he went to Mariposa County, California, and from there to Nevada. After spending a year and a half in the mining district he returned to Strong, and, in company with his brother, engaged in general mercantile business. His business ability has been fully demonstrated; and aside from this he possesses a natural genius for mechanics, which he has recently turned to good account by inventing a machine known

as the Daggett road rake. His model, which was patented on January 28, 1896, is constructed for the purpose of cleaning streets and roads and removing loose obstructions. It is shaped like a snow-plough, but has spring steel teeth, and is believed to be the best and most feasible machine of its kind yet invented.

For his first wife Albert Daggett wedded Sarah M. Porter, of Strong, who died May 3, 1886. By this union there were three children—Willie, who died at the age of two years; Minnie W. and another child, both of whom died in infancy. His present wife was before marriage Ada Eldora Pottle. She was born in Freeman, Me., December 23, 1853, daughter of the late Jeremiah Pottle, a prosperous farmer of Strong and formerly a member of the Board of Selectmen and many years Town Treasurer. Mr. Daggett is a Republican in politics, and he and Mrs. Daggett are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Washington L. Daggett attended the common schools of New Vineyard, where he acquired a good knowledge of the elementary branches of learning. He later attended the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, where he pursued more advanced studies; and for eight years thereafter he was engaged in teaching school. During the Civil War he was drafted for service, and, being ordered to the paymaster's department, served in that office in Portland for some nine months. He then taught school in Strong for one winter, after which he entered a mercantile establishment as a clerk; and a year later he, in company with his brother, bought out the business, thus establishing the firm of Daggett Brothers. In 1886 their store was destroyed by fire; but a portion of the stock was saved, and, moving into their present building, they have since continued to do a large and profitable business. They carry a varied line of groceries and dry goods; and, as they are widely and favorably known as honorable, upright men and reliable merchants, they have a numerous and steady patronage.

On September 20, 1868, Washington L. Daggett was united in marriage with Reliance C. Dickey. She was born in Avon, Me., Oc-



tober 27, 1841, daughter of the late John Dickey, of that town, and a niece of the well-known Major Dickey, of Fort Kent.

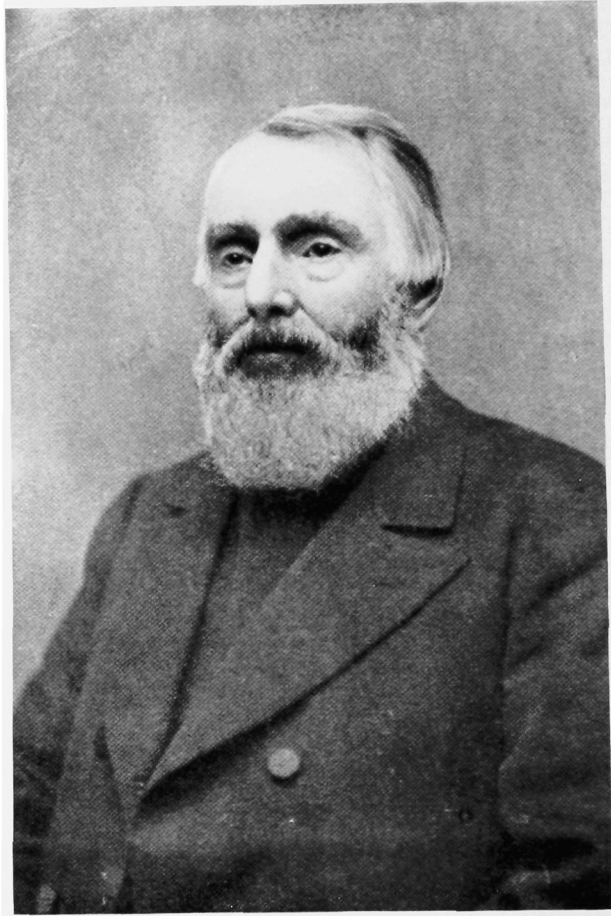
In politics Mr. Daggett acts with the Republican party. He was a Representative to the legislature in 1870, and for nine years he served with ability as Town Clerk. He is one of the best-known and most active members of the Methodist Episcopal church here, and has also acquired a high reputation throughout the State for his interest and efficiency in church and Sunday-school work. He is probably the oldest Sunday-school superintendent in Maine at the present time, is a leading spirit in the State department of church work, and has been President of the Franklin County Sunday-school Association for over ten years. For three years he has served as County Secretary of the Maine State Sunday-school Association, during which time he was accorded high honor for having furnished the model annual report. He is a forcible speaker, and in response to urgent invitations has lectured upon Sunday-school work before county and State societies and other important gatherings, and, aside from his personal efforts in the churches of Strong, has rendered much valuable aid to the work throughout the State.

**T**HOMAS J. WHITEHEAD, who has been an important factor in advancing the agricultural and educational interests of the town of Paris, is a native of the town, having been born October 17, 1816, son of John Whitehead, on the farm where he now lives. His father was born and bred in Woodbridge, N.J., whence in his early manhood he came to Oxford County, seeking for a desirable locality in which to settle. Selecting the town of Paris, he purchased the present Whitehead homestead, where with his family he lived for a number of years in true pioneer style, depending upon the scanty productions of the soil and the wild game of the district for the maintenance of all. He cleared a portion of his one hundred and fifty acres, and engaged in general farming. He also kept a public house in Paris for twenty years, and was known as a genial host. He

married Mary Lovell, of Mansfield, Mass., by whom he became the father of three children, namely: Nancy, who is the widow of Henry R. Weber, of Paris; Thomas J., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Mary Ann Haskell, now deceased. Both parents died on the old homestead, the father passing away at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother at the age of seventy-five years. Both were liberal in religion. In politics he was a Whig.

Thomas J. Whitehead was educated in the schools of Paris and at the Norway High School. Afterward he followed the profession of teacher in this vicinity for thirty terms, and at one time served as superintendent of schools. Subsequently for about thirty years he devoted a portion of his time to canvassing the country, with considerable success, as agent for different firms, dealing in nursery goods or lightning rods. The old homestead is now owned by Mr. Whitehead and his sister, Mrs. Weber. Mr. Whitehead has a good farm of eighty acres, a part of which he devotes to fruit raising, his orchard being very productive. In 1876 he invented and patented a cooking range, which he subsequently sold to good advantage. In the settlement of a dispute between the towns of Paris and Norway regarding a cemetery located between the two places, Mr. Whitehead, associated with Judge Woodbury, of Bethel, obtained a decision in favor of Paris.

Mr. Whitehead was married April 5, 1848, to Caroline B. Jordan, who was born in Albany, Me., December 25, 1819. She was one of the eleven children, noted for their musical talent, born to Timothy and Mercy (Pike) Jordan. Of Mr. Whitehead's five children, four have died; namely, Eugene, M. Caroline, Herman M., and Mary E. Granville M. Whitehead, the only living child, born November 17, 1861, resides with his parents, assisting in the management of the homestead, and also working in the Norway shoe factory. His first wife, formerly Sadie Stiles, died in 1893, leaving one child, Alton Eugene, born August 30, 1891. On June 15, 1895, he entered a second marriage, contracted with Sadie M. Chase, who was born April 9, 1876, at Milton Plantation, Me., daughter of Charles and Clarissa (Godwin) Chase, both



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of whom are now residents of South Paris. In politics Mr. Whitehead is a Populist, while both he and his wife accept the teachings of Spiritualism. They have the distinction of being one of the oldest couples in this locality, and are held in high esteem throughout the community.

**W**ILLIAM C. BEAN, a progressive farmer and one of the leading young men of Hiram, Oxford County, was born in Denmark, Me., October 5, 1863, son of William and Sarah Jane (Warren) Bean. Mr. Bean's paternal grandparents were Abraham and Hannah (Burley) Bean, residents of York County, Maine.

William Bean, the father, whose portrait accompanies this biographical sketch, was born in Hollis, Me., May 11, 1805. In 1835 he settled upon the Joshua Osgood farm in the town of Denmark, where he engaged in farming and lumbering during the rest of his active period. He died April 21, 1894. A man of intelligence, energy, and public spirit, he took a leading part in town affairs; and he represented his district in the legislature three terms. His first wife was Sarah F. Blunt, who was born in Kennebunkport, February 2, 1808, and died January 10, 1862. She was the mother of four children, namely: George R., who died in Denmark, January 30, 1896; Ellen S.; Jane N.; and Frances Augusta. William Bean wedded for his second wife Sarah Jane Warren, who was born in Epping, N.H., October 15, 1829, and who became the mother of two children, namely: William C., the subject of this sketch; and Charles R., who was born November 15, 1871, and now resides with his brother. Mrs. Sarah J. Warren Bean died February 19, 1889.

William C. Bean was educated in the public schools of Denmark, and resided at home until becoming of age. In 1884 he came to Hiram, settling upon the Morris Clark farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres, where he still resides; and since taking possession of the property he has greatly enhanced its value by making numerous improvements. He devotes his time to general farming, corn,

hay, and potatoes being his principal products; and he raises some excellent cattle for his own use.

On October 6, 1884, Mr. Bean was united in marriage with Victoria L. Allen. She was born in Denmark, Me., August 9, 1859, daughter of Hosea and Mary Jane (Hartford) Allen. Her father was a prosperous farmer of Denmark, his native town, where he died, July 13, 1892; and her mother, who was a native of Hiram, is now residing in Denmark.

In politics Mr. Bean acts with the Republican party. He takes an interest in the general welfare of the community, being ever ready to aid in town improvements; and as a leader among the young men of this locality he is very popular. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of Denmark Lodge, No. 49.

**S**AMUEL F. PERKINS, formerly a prosperous farmer of New Sharon, Franklin County, who died at his home in this town, February 27, 1889, was born in Woolwich, Me., June 1, 1825, son of Samuel Ford and Sarah (Carter) Perkins. The father, who was a native of Woolwich, moved to New Sharon about 1840, and, purchasing a tract of land, founded the Perkins estate here. He died in 1869, at the age of seventy-five years.

Samuel F. Perkins (second) attended the schools of Woolwich and New Sharon until he was seventeen years old, when he began work on the home farm. In 1862 he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Regiment of Maine Infantry, with which he served one year in the Civil War. Returning home, he resumed work upon the homestead farm, which he carried on with prosperous results until one year previous to his death, when he sold the property to his son, Charles E. Mr. Perkins was a Republican in politics, liberal in his religious views, and was a highly respected citizen. He died, as above stated, at the age of sixty-four years. On December 21, 1863, he wedded Annette Smith, of New Sharon. She was born January 11, 1836, daughter of William and Mary (Dyer) Smith. Mrs. Perkins has had three children — Mary C., Charles E., and Lura M. Mary C., who was born Octo-

ber 11, 1864, married Corydon Bailey, of Industry, and has three children — Charles H., born August 3, 1888; Leon A., born March 15, 1890; and Clarence E., born in 1892. Charles E. Perkins, who was born July 16, 1866, now owns and resides upon the homestead farm. Lura M., who was born August 25, 1873, married Frank M. Tebbetts, of Norway, Me., and has one child, Ray, who was born December 15, 1895. Mrs. Perkins is an active, intelligent, and highly respected lady, one who fully merits the esteem in which she is held by her numerous friends and acquaintances.

**C**HARLES B. CUMMINGS, of the well-known manufacturing firm of C. B. Cummings & Sons, of Norway, Oxford County, Me., was born here on December 18, 1834. His parents were Stephen and Fanny (Whitney) Cummings.

His paternal grandfather, Dr. Stephen Cummings, a native of Andover, Mass., son of Jonathan Cummings, was a prominent physician and surgeon, first in Waterford, Me., and later in the city of Portland. He died in 1854, a little past fourscore years of age. He and his wife, Eleanor Hale, were the parents of six children — Nathan, Sarah, Sumner, Stephen (second), John M., and Fitz Henry. The first three were natives of Waterford, the last three of Portland. Sarah Cummings, born in 1798, became the wife of Charles Bradley. John M. Cummings, M.D., was the only one of the sons who adopted the father's profession.

Stephen Cummings, the second of the name in direct line and the father of the subject of this biographical sketch, was born in Portland in 1803. When he attained his majority, his father, Dr. Cummings, gave him one hundred and fifty acres of uncultivated land in the northern part of Norway, which he cleared and sold, afterward buying the same number of acres in Bethel, a neighboring town in the county, where he was a resident for twenty-five years. Later he sold that farm also, and, buying a house in Norway village, retired from active business. A Democrat in poli-

tics, he was actively interested in party measures until the close of his life. Stephen Cummings married Fanny, a daughter of William C. Whitney; and their union was blessed by seven children — William C. W., Sumner, Frances E., Stephen H., Charles B., John M., and Harriet. The father died of apoplexy on April 11, 1863, at sixty years of age; and the mother lived to the age of seventy, her death occurring on January 10, 1873.

Charles B. Cummings, the fourth of the five brothers in this family, received his education in Bethel, but in 1854 returned with his parents to Norway, where without means, but with plenty of energy, grit, and application, he has pushed his way from the smallest beginnings to his present commercial prosperity. He was for some time in the employ of his maternal grandfather, William C. Whitney, and later learned the trade of cabinet-maker, beginning business for himself in a small shed adjoining Squire Whitman's stable, where he manufactured the furniture with which he went to housekeeping, also making by hand articles of furniture, which he sold to the neighbors. Step by step, by industry, frugality, and perseverance, Mr. Cummings was enabled to enlarge his business until he attained prominence in various industries. In 1861 he moved his workshop to a small room in the Hathaway Block, keeping house in the tenement over the store. Here his trade increased steadily, so that in 1865, in order to meet its requirements, he erected the commodious building now occupied by his son and successor to that branch of the business.

Previous to his retirement therefrom, in 1877, he had embarked in various enterprises, including the manufacture of clothes-pins on a large scale at Steep Falls, besides furniture. He carries on saw-mills at the head of the village, manufacturing long and short lumber, and also utilizes the same water privilege for grist-mills. Below, on the site of the old foundry, he has erected a commodious structure, the lower part of which is used for the manufacture of short lumber, boxes, and staves. The second story is used for the extensive manufacture of shoe findings, and in this department alone Mr. Cummings employs from sixty to seventy skilled operatives. From

twenty to twenty-five men are usually needed in the lumber department, and for manufacturing and storage he uses twenty-five buildings.

Although Mr. Cummings owns large tracts of growing timber in this town, Oxford, Paris, and Greenwood, he purchases large quantities of lumber on the stump to supply his various mills and factories. He is extensively interested in real estate, being the owner of many valuable building lots and water privileges in the village limits. In 1894 Mr. Cummings was burned out; but such was his ability to overcome difficulties that in thirty days he was again on his commercial feet, doing business with several men. As fast as possible he rebuilt, putting in an eighty-horse-power boiler, heating several blocks three stories high from his plant. He also built a large grist-mill and grain house, sixty-four by one hundred feet, at the railway station, so that freight cars can be run in and emptied.

In January, 1861, he was united in marriage with Frances E., daughter of Moses and Experience (Powers) Staples, of Bethel. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have six representatives to the family name and fortune, who will have to make tall strides in the march of life if they keep pace with their father's speed on the commercial highway. These children are: Charles S., who was born on January 26, 1862, and married Ella H. Haskell, she being now deceased; Stephen B., born April 27, 1863, who married Mattie M. Jordan on February 12, 1887, and has one child, Ruth; Frederick H., born September 24, 1865, who is a dry-goods clerk; George I., born March 30, 1869; Edwin S., born October 7, 1873; and Fanny W., who was born on May 19, 1878. Four of the five sons, or all except Frederick, are associated with their father in business. Mr. Cummings owns and occupies with his family one of the finest dwellings in Norway. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion he holds to the liberal form of faith.

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**A**LBERT H. ADAMS, a progressive and successful farmer, who owns and conducts a model dairy farm in Wilton, Franklin County, Me., was born in this town, September 6, 1857, son of

Elbridge G. and Abby H. (Thomas) Adams. His great-grandparents were Moses and Martha (Kinney) Adams; and his grandparents were John and Phebe (Chase) Adams, of Wilton.

Elbridge G. Adams, Mr. Adams's father, was a native of Wilton, where he grew to manhood as a farmer. At the age of thirty years he bought his father's farm, which he carried on for three years; and then, selling the property, he removed to a farm in the town of Jay, where he resided for some length of time. In 1881 he purchased the estate where his son now resides, and erected new buildings to replace those which were burned. In connection with agricultural pursuits he engaged in the corn and apple canning business, building a factory with a capacity for packing one hundred and fifty thousand cans per year. Retiring from business two years later, having accumulated a comfortable competency as the result of his labor, he passed the remainder of his days upon his farm in the town of Jay, where he died at the age of sixty-two years. His industrious and ambitious nature had prompted him to work far beyond his physical ability, thereby undermining his constitution; and this was the direct cause of his death. In politics he supported the Republican party, and in his religious views he was a Universalist. His wife, who was before marriage Abby H. Thomas, was a daughter of Spencer Thomas. She became the mother of seven children, namely: Albert H., the subject of this sketch; Loreda M.; Clara, who died in infancy; Henry J.; Cora, who did not live to grow up; Gideon C.; and Fred L. Mrs. Abby H. Adams is still living, and is now seventy-two years old.

Albert H. Adams was educated in the public schools and at the Wilton Academy. His boyhood and youth were passed upon the home farm, acquiring practical knowledge and experience that has been of great value to him in his chosen occupation. At the age of twenty-five he entered into partnership with his father in the canning business, the firm having bought of George Eastman a piece of land near East Wilton, upon which they erected a large factory; and for two years they packed upon an extensive scale the E. G.

Adams brand of apples and sweet corn, which acquired a high reputation in the metropolitan markets. Two years later he purchased from his father the farm of one hundred acres where he now resides, to which he has since devoted his attention; and, as the property lies within a valley, thus making it exceedingly well adapted for dairy purposes, he makes a specialty of this branch of agriculture. He cuts from seventy-five to eighty tons of hay annually, has excellent pasturing facilities, keeps twenty-one head of high-bred Jersey stock, which is said to be the finest herd of dairy cows in town, and he owns six horses. Mr. Adams has also been engaged in selling the McCormick mowing machine. In politics he acts with the Republican party. In religious views he is a staunch Universalist. He is connected officially with Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is likewise a member of the Foresters and the Patrons of Husbandry, and is recognized as one of the leading farmers and enterprising citizens of Wilton.

Mr. Adams married Persis Adams, daughter of John W. and Dorcas (Adams) Adams, representatives of entirely different families. Mrs. Albert H. Adams is a descendant of Elisha Adams, an early resident of Bethel, Me., who moved from that town to a farm in Temple, where he passed the rest of his life. His children were: Elias, John, Silas, Persis, Polly, Dorcas, and Loren. Loren Adams, Mrs. Adams's paternal grandfather, was born in Bethel, February 18, 1803. He bought his first real estate in Wilton when a young man, later removing to the farm where his son John W. now resides; and this property, which was formerly owned by John Ditson, he improved by erecting new buildings throughout, increasing the fertility of the land, and setting out a large orchard, making it one of the best farms in this section. He married for his first wife Ruth Libby, who was born in 1799, daughter of Abraham Libby, and by this union he had two children; namely, John W. and Mary. Mrs. Ruth L. Adams died in 1837, and for his second wife Loren Adams wedded Eliza Adkins. He died February 6, 1892.

John W. Adams, Mrs. Adams's father, was

born in Wilton, March 5, 1835. He resided at home, assisting his father in carrying on the farm, later taking charge of the property, which he now owns. He has a fine dairy, and may be considered a model farmer. On January 1, 1857, he married for his first wife Ellen, adopted daughter of J. C. Phillips, of Wilton. She died at the age of eighteen, leaving a daughter, Ellen, who was born December 20, 1859, and married Leroy Brown. On January 27, 1861, John W. Adams wedded for his second wife Dorcas, daughter of Jephthah Adams; and she died at the age of sixty-four years, leaving three children, as follows: Charles W., who was born April 20, 1863, and resides at home; Persis, who is now Mrs. Albert H. Adams; and Charlena R., who was born May 29, 1874, and is now engaged in teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Adams have four children, namely: Bernard L., born October 2, 1886; Jennie M., born November 6, 1889; Vera L., born January 13, 1892; Merle R., born July 4, 1894.

**H**ENRY SAWIN, Second Selectman of Waterford, Oxford County, Me., has been active in the town government for nearly twenty years. He was born in Waterford, May 13, 1837, the son of Thomas and Sallie (Johnson) Sawin, the former a native of old Marlboro, Mass., the latter of Waterford, Me.

His grandfather, General Benjamin Sawin, who came from Marlboro, was the first of the Sawins to locate in Oxford County, Maine. About 1805 he settled in what is now known as Lynchville, in the town of Albany, where he managed a saw-mill some three years, moving then to Waterford. He cleared the farm on which his grandson is now living, and devoted the rest of his life to the pursuit of agriculture, dying in Waterford, February 9, 1817, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Thomas, second son of General Benjamin and Martha (Howe) Sawin, succeeded his father as manager of the home farm in Waterford, and took a prominent part in town affairs, serving on the Board of Selectmen for many years. He died May 29, 1870. His wife

survived him a little more than eight years, passing away October 19, 1878. They were the parents of the following children: Miranda, born October 18, 1825, who was the wife of Captain Moses Rand, and is now deceased; Lewis H. (deceased), born August 16, 1827, who married Lydia Abbott, of Albany, now a resident of her native town; George, born May 29, 1830, who died at the age of five years; Sarah Ann, deceased, born August 18, 1832, wife of James Miller, who is now in the West; Thomas Hubbard, born November 27, 1835, a retired trader, living in the village of Norway, Me., who married Lizzie Sampson; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

Henry Sawin received a common-school education, and, while acquiring a knowledge of the rudiments of learning, was also becoming accustomed to farm labor. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Norway, Me., for a year, and with that exception has spent the time since 1859 on his present valuable farm near North Waterford village. With an estate of seventy acres of land, he is engaged in general husbandry, dairying, and stock raising, and has made many improvements on his property. He is one of the leading farmers of the locality, and is agent in Waterford for the McCormick mowers.

Mr. Sawin was married October 12, 1859, to Maria C. Upton, who was born in Albany, Me., and grew to womanhood in Norway, this State. She was the daughter of Micah and Ruth (Abbott) Upton, formerly respected members of the farming community of Albany, both of whom have departed this life. Mrs. Maria C. Upton Sawin died February 26, 1883. She was the mother of four children, namely: Etta A., born September 8, 1860, who died May 20, 1895, the wife of George Cummings, a farmer in Albany; Lillian J., born October 13, 1864, who died March 22, 1865; Harry T., born February 13, 1867, who was married May 5, 1896, to Cora Bean, of Albany, Me., and now lives in Windsor, Vt.; Agnes E., born November 28, 1871, who resides with her father on the homestead. Mr. Sawin was married September 22, 1895, to Mrs. Rowena J. Bird Holt, of Bethel, Me., the daughter of Lyman and Eliza (Young)

Bird. This lady was born July 6, 1843. Her father was a farmer of Bethel, and later of Paris, Me., where he died. Her first husband, Arthur D. Holt, a farmer of Bethel, died August 21, 1893, leaving four children — Etta Mabel, wife of Eugene C. Holt, of Hanover, Me.; Llewellyn B., residing in Andover, Me., who married Miss Adeline Proctor; Winona L., wife of Burton Patterson, of Hanover, Me.; and Herman E., who is with his mother and step-father on the Sawin homestead.

Mr. Sawin has long been prominent among the Democrats of Waterford. He was first elected to the office of Second Selectman in 1878, and his efficiency as a member of the town government is such that he has been re-elected several times. He belongs to Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford; also to Evergreen Lodge, No. 15, Daughters of Rebecca, of the same place; and he is a very popular member of society. Mrs. Sawin is an esteemed member of the Baptist Church of Bethel, Me.

**FLORATIO** WOODBURY, M.D., a successful physician of South Paris, Oxford County, was born in Danville, Me., July 12, 1852, son of William and Hannah (Sturgis) Woodbury. His paternal grandfather, True Woodbury, who was a native of Cape Elizabeth, this State, in early life settled upon Vine Hill in Danville. A farmer by occupation, the grandfather became a prominent man in that town, and resided there for the rest of his life. Both he and his wife lived to be over eighty years old.

William Woodbury, Dr. Woodbury's father, was born in Danville, Me., in March, 1795. He adopted agriculture as his life occupation, and purchased a farm in his native town. Subsequently he became the proprietor of a store, which he also carried on for some thirty years. His last years were spent in retirement, and he died in 1864. A staunch Democrat, he took a leading part in local politics. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for ten years and Town Treasurer for twenty-three years. His religious belief was that

of the Universalists. By his wife, Hannah (Sturgis) Woodbury, he became the father of four children — George William, Nathaniel, Adelaide, and Horatio. The mother died in 1876.

Horatio Woodbury acquired his elementary education in the schools of Danville and at the Auburn High School, graduating from the latter in 1872. He afterward entered Bates College at Lewiston, Me., where he graduated with the class of 1876. He taught school for the next three years, and then began the study of medicine with Dr. Isaac Rounds, of South Paris. Later he entered the Maine Medical School, and, after pursuing the usual course of study, took his degree at Brunswick. In 1882 he began practice at Wiscasset, Lincoln County; but a short time after, desiring a wider field, he came to South Paris, locating at 5 Market Square, where he was welcomed by many old friends of his student days. Beginning practice here under such favoring circumstances, he was soon able to give ample proof of his skill and professional knowledge. He now enjoys a wide patronage as a physician, and at the same time he occupies a prominent place among the leading men of the town. While he is a Republican in politics, his interest in public affairs is broad, and not narrowed by mere party exigency. He is interested in educational matters, and he helps all practical measures and movements designed for the moral and physical welfare of the community. He has served his fellow-townsmen for six years as School Committeeman and for two years as Secretary of the Board of Health. He is connected with Androscoggin Lodge, No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Auburn; with Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, Knights of Pythias, at South Paris; with the order of the Golden Cross, and the New England Order of Protection; and at present he is Secretary of Paris Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., and a member of its Board of Trustees.

**S**TEPHEN CHARLES, manufacturer of monuments, headstones, and all kinds of marble and granite work, whose place of business is in North Fryeburg, Oxford County, Me., was born in

Lovell, Me., April 10, 1838, son of Stephen and Sarah (Bemis) Charles.

The family is an old and highly respected one in Oxford County; and John Charles, grandfather of the special subject of this sketch, was a pioneer farmer of Lovell. John Charles was born in Fryeburg, in April, 1772, and died in Lovell, March 17, 1831. He married, in Fryeburg, Hannah Carlton, who was born in 1777, and died January 22, 1869. They had eleven children, as follows: Stephen, first, who married Sarah Bemis; John, who married Charlotte Chandler, of Lovell; Isaac, who married Sarah Knight, of Sweden, Me.; Caleb, who married Sally Charles, of Lovell; Carlton, who married Betsy Kilgore, of Lovell; Jonathan, who married Rowena Bannister, of New York; Warren, who married Abbie Page; Seth, who married Hannah Andrews, of Lovell; Hannah, who married James Merrill, of Lovell; Ruth, who married Elbridge G. Kimball, of Lovell; and James, who married a lady in New York.

Stephen Charles, first, son of John and father of the present Stephen, was born in Lovell, June 7, 1798. He was a farmer, and he also carried on the lumbering business for twenty winters. He resided in Lovell till 1847, when he removed to Fryeburg, where he was prosperously engaged in farming until his death, which occurred on September 5, 1855. His wife, Sarah Bemis, was born in Fryeburg, October 26, 1798, daughter of Thaddeus Bemis, an early speculator in real estate and an extensive agriculturist of this town. Mr. Bemis was born in Billerica, Mass., in 1760, and died in Fryeburg, Me., in 1843. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His wife, Judith Day, was born in Fryeburg in 1767, the first female child born in this town. She died here in 1843. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bemis were: Hannah, who married John Swain; Betsy, who married Amos Andrews; Joseph, who married Mehitabel Kilgore; Thaddeus, who married Nabby Eastman; Amos, who married a Miss Whiting; Mary, who married Issachar Andrews; Sarah, who married Stephen Charles; Benjamin, who married Esther Webb; Judith, who married Mason Hastings; and Isaac, unmarried.



Stephen and Sarah (Bemis) Charles were the parents of eight children, as follows: Albion, who was born June 30, 1820, and died September 4, 1824; Alsina, who was born July 13, 1823, and is now the widow of Elbridge Evans, late of Stow, Me.; Judith B., who was born August 25, 1825, married Lorenzo Walker, of Fryeburg, and died September 13, 1855; Sarah, who was born December 10, 1827, and is now the wife of Joseph Pitman, a surveyor and farmer of Bartlett, N.H.; Ursula, who was born March 8, 1831, and died March 20, 1834; Diana, who was born January 12, 1835, married Randall Hastings, of Fryeburg, and died March 4, 1883; Stephen, the subject of this sketch; and Lyman R., who was born August 6, 1840, married for his first wife Joan M. Putnam, daughter of G. W. M. Putnam, of Bartlett, N.H., and married second Orra Drew, of Richmond, Me., and is now a carpenter of Fryeburg. Mrs. Sarah B. Charles lived to reach the advanced age of nearly ninety-two years, and died June 4, 1890. She and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Six of these children were living when the parents removed with their family to Fryeburg, Stephen, the younger of the two sons, being then a lad of nine years. In the public schools he obtained a knowledge of the common English branches, and at home he was trained to habits of useful industry. As his father began to feel the infirmities of age, he gradually relieved him from all cares in the management of the farm. Succeeding eventually to the possession of the homestead, Mr. Charles resided there until 1866, when he engaged in the marble-cutting business in Fryeburg, where he has since carried on a profitable enterprise. He employs two skilled assistants, besides working at the bench himself; and he receives many orders from different parts of this county, as well as from some of the adjacent towns in New Hampshire. He also owns and cultivates a valuable farm.

Though frequently tendered the nomination for important offices, Mr. Charles, who is a firm supporter of the Republican party, has invariably declined the honor of candidacy. He has always made it a point to attend strictly to business; and, as he travels through

the county a great deal, he is widely and favorably known by the leading residents, who regard him as an honorable, upright, and progressive citizen.

LEWIS B. ANDREWS, a member of the firm Noyes & Andrews of Norway, was born in Otisfield, Me., January 23, 1856, son of Solomon L. and Sarah (Frost) Andrews. His grandfather, Samuel Andrews, was a native of Wiscasset, Lincoln County, born February 8, 1771. When a young man Samuel came to Norway, and settled on Frost Hill, where he purchased a good farm and was successfully engaged in agriculture during the remainder of his life. He married Miss Eunice Frost, of Gorham, Me., and by her became the father of nine sons and a daughter, respectively named—John, David, Samuel, Asa, Molly, Nathaniel, Robert, Solomon L., Moses D., and Ebenezer.

Solomon L. Andrews, who was born in Norway, August 17, 1821, and reared to a farm life, chose farming for his life occupation. He first purchased a place in Harrison, and later owned and lived on one in Otisfield, Me. In addition to his farming he followed to some extent the business of a drover. He married for his first wife Miss Sarah Frost. She died aged thirty-three years, having given birth to two sons and two daughters; namely, Lucy J., Isabelle, Bertrand M., and Lewis B. Isabelle and Bertrand M. are deceased. The maiden name of Mr. Andrews's second wife was Nancy W. Frost.

When sixteen years of age, Lewis B. Andrews, the youngest child of his parents, began his business career as a commercial traveller, and followed that occupation until 1876. Then he commenced clerking for S. B. Locke & Co., who conducted a general store at West Paris. Two and a half years later he purchased the business of Locke & Co., and, with A. J. Curts, under the firm name of Andrews & Curts, carried it on for five years. Buying out his partner at the end of that time, Mr. Andrews conducted the store alone for two and one-half years. After this he sold out to Mr. Curts, and embarked in the manufacture of chairs, establishing the Pioneer Chair Com-

pany, which did an extensive business for three years, giving employment to fifty hands. Mr. Andrews next went to Lynn, Mass., and engaged in the manufacture of shoe machinery, becoming a member of the firm of C. P. Stanbourn & Co. At the end of a year he sold his interest and returned to Norway, where, in company with F. H. Noyes, he opened a dry-goods store, and the present firm of Noyes & Andrews was established. In 1894 the firm bought the blue store and added to its stock gentlemen's furnishings and a custom department. They are now among the largest dealers in this part of the State, employing from eight to ten clerks.

On June 17, 1891, Mr. Andrews was married to Miss Clara C. Cole. In politics he is a Republican, in religious belief a Unitarian. His name is enrolled with the following fraternal organizations: Granite Lodge, No 83, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a Past Master; Union Chapter of Norway, Royal Arch Masons; St. Auburn Commandery, Knights Templars, of Portland; and Norway Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**H**ORATIO STEARNS, a model farmer, who has a valuable farm and a very pleasant residence at Lovell's Pond, was born in the town of Lovell, Oxford County, Me., July 25, 1829. His father and mother, David and Sarah (Andrews) Stearns, were small children when they came to this town with their respective parents from Billerica, Middlesex County, Mass., not far from Boston.

John Stearns, father of David, was the first of the Stearns family to locate in Lovell, where he was one of the pioneer settlers. He devoted the latter part of his life to clearing and cultivating a farm in this town. David Stearns here grew to manhood, and spent his life engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He died about 1856, his wife surviving till 1861. They were the parents of eleven children, three of whom died in infancy. Of the others the following is recorded: Stephen (deceased) married Miss Mary Russell, and after her death Miss Mary Gordon (deceased), of Lovell,

a daughter of Dr. John Gordon. Caleb died in 1861; and his wife, formerly Miss Eliza Russell, of Lovell, is now living in Lovell Centre. Mary was the wife of Abel Heald, of Lovell (both deceased). Timothy died at the age of twenty-three. Mehitable is the wife of Samuel Gilkey, a carpenter of Portland, Me. Henrietta and Harriet were twins. The former, now deceased, married Thomas Tibbetts, who lives in Groveton, N.H. Harriet married Abel Heald, and is now a widow living in Lovell. Horatio is the subject of this sketch.

Horatio Stearns in his early years received a limited common-school education. He remained with his parents, caring for them in their old age, and after their departure only left home in answer to the call for the defence of the Union. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-third Maine Regiment, under command of Captain Noyes. Fortune shielded him from the rigors of war; for his regiment was stationed for a while in Washington, and then placed on guard duty along the Potomac. Here a soldier on picket dropped occasionally, picked off by the bullet of a rebel in ambush; but the regiment engaged in no serious battle. Mr. Stearns received his discharge at Portland, Me., July 15, 1863, and returned home. Selling the parental farm at Lovell Centre, to the ownership of which he had succeeded, he purchased a farm in Colebrook, N.H., where he lived some four years. He then sold that estate and bought the farm on which he now resides, which was known as the Caleb Stearns place, Caleb Stearns being his brother. Mr. Stearns owns some three hundred acres of land, and is engaged in general husbandry. He has a small dairy and raises some stock. His homestead is beautifully situated, and he takes pride in keeping the place in such condition that it delights the eye of the traveller.

In April, 1863, he was married to Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Brackett. Her father was a farmer of Colebrook, N.H. Mrs. Stearns was born in Hillsborough. She died in January, 1872, leaving three children. The eldest, George, who was born April 18, 1866; is principal of the high school in Rumford, Me., and is one of the prominent men of the town, having served as First Selectman and

held other public offices of trust. He married Miss Mertie A. Butters, of Stoneham, Me., and has one child, Luzetta. The second son, Herbert, was born October 17, 1868. The third, Fred, who was born October 21, 1869, lives with his father, who is practically retired from active work, leaving to him the management of the farm. He was married in September, 1894, to Miss Daisy Hall, of Lovell, Me., a daughter of Isaac and Samantha Hall. Mr. Hall also is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stearns have one child, Sarah B., born March 26, 1896. Mr. Horatio Stearns is a staunch Republican. He is an active worker in the Congregational church, of which he has long been a member. His son Fred belongs to the Sons of Veterans of Lovell Centre.

**H**ORACE B. PRESCOTT, a well-known and much respected resident of New Sharon, was born here, on the paternal homestead, September 2, 1812, son of Samuel and Eliza (Mayhew) Prescott. Mr. Prescott's grandfather, Samuel Prescott, lived in New Sharon until about ten years before his death. He then moved to Hallowell, Me., where he died. On February 8, 1781, he married Miss Betsey Whittier, whose children by him were: Benjamin, Samuel, Betsey, Mary, Nancy, Warren and Clarry. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and he afterward received a pension from the government for valuable services rendered in the war. At one time he was a resident of Epping, N.H., where his son Samuel was born. He afterward moved with his family to Winthrop, Me., and a short time later to New Sharon, where in 1806 he and his son Samuel bought the present homestead. He was a strong believer in democracy, and carried his belief into his politics. His religion was that of the Baptist church.

Samuel Prescott, the father of Horace B., received his later education in the schools of the town. He subsequently became a school teacher, and was Town Clerk and Selectman for a number of years. On October 7, 1810, he was married to Eliza Mayhew, a daughter of Hebron Mayhew, of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. They had eight children; namely,

Theodore, Horace B., Irving M., Calvin S., Samuel D., Gustavus G., Elizabeth C., and George B. The only survivors are the subject of this sketch and Gustavus G. The latter has been for the last forty years a resident of Boston, Mass., where he is engaged in the millinery business.

Horace B. Prescott received his education at the public schools of his native town and at Farmington Academy. At the age of eighteen years he engaged in school teaching, which he afterward continued for twelve years. He then went into the lumber business in Somerset and Piscataquis Counties, and followed it for about ten years. On October 18, 1838, he was married to Cordelia Johnson, a daughter of Robert Johnson, of North Yarmouth, Cumberland County. They had five children—Caroline E., Henrietta C., Ellen A., Alice A., and Lissie May. Ellen A., who is the only one living, married George McLaughlin, and has two children, namely: Horace P., born November 9, 1879; and Alice May, born January 1, 1883. Mrs. Prescott died September 6, 1894.

Mr. Prescott is a Republican in his political belief, and belongs to the Congregational church. He has been a Justice of the Peace for forty years and Judge of Probate for nine years. He was elected to the State legislature in 1850, and was a member of the Council in 1863, and again in 1869. He now carries on general farming and stumping. His fine farm of three hundred and ten acres originally contained but one hundred and twenty-five. Like his father, he has a fondness for cattle; but, unlike him, he is not a dealer in them. However, he owns a number of fine Jersey cows and some handsome horses.

**J**USTIN E. McINTIRE, a retired lumberman and cattle dealer of Waterford, Oxford County, Me., was born in North Reading, Mass., July 22, 1837, son of Richard G. and Fanny (Cross) McIntire. Hezekiah McIntire, Mr. McIntire's grandfather, who was a native of North Reading, removed thence to Norway, Me., where he settled upon a farm, and resided there for the rest of his life.

The family is evidently of Scottish origin. There is a tradition that the Highland clan of MacIntyre was descended from the MacDonaldis. Sullivan's "History of the District of Maine," published in 1795, records the fact that, at the time of the Civil War in England in the middle of the preceding century, Oliver Cromwell defeated the troops from Scotland who fought for King Charles I. in the north of England, and, taking them prisoners, afterward sent them to America, the "Donalds and M'Intires" being among those thus transported. They settled in Maine, in what became the second parish of York, and was called Scotland. Rufus M'Intire, a descendant, was a member of Congress. One Philip McIntire — whether of that branch of the family or not is unknown to the present writer — was doubtless the progenitor of all of this name in Reading, Mass., where he settled at an early date in the North Precinct. The "History of Reading" mentions a son, Philip, born in 1666; John, in 1679; David, in 1688; and others. His posterity intermarried with the Haywards, Flints, and other prominent families of that vicinity. They seem to have inherited an unusual share of martial and patriotic spirit, as six of the name from the old town of Reading are recorded as having served in the French and Indian wars, 1745, 1759, and 1760, seven in the Revolution, and fourteen from North Reading fought under the stars and stripes in the War of the Rebellion.

Richard G. McIntire, father of Mr. McIntire of Waterford, Me., was born in North Reading, where in his youth he learned the shoemaker's trade, which was his principal occupation through life. He resided for a while in Norway, Me., but eventually returned to his native town in Massachusetts, where he followed his trade for many years. Becoming interested in the reform movements of the day, he connected himself with a temperance society in North Reading. His religious faith was of the liberal type, and led him to attend the Universalist church. He died at his home in North Reading, June 30, 1879, survived a few years by his second wife, now deceased, who had no children. His first wife, Fanny Cross, a native of Pelham, N.H., died in 1845. She was the mother of four children, as follows:

George, who is no longer living; Justin E., the subject of this sketch; Fanny, who died at the age of seven years; and Maria, who is the widow of John Washburn, and resides in Boston.

Justin E. McIntire acquired in his boyhood but a limited common-school education, as he practically began to support himself at the age of seven years. For some three years the little lad did such work as he was able to do upon farms in Norway; and he then learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for four years. After his marriage he settled upon a farm in the neighborhood of his present property. Later he went into the meat business, opening a shop in Harrison and running a cart upon the road. He was thus employed for about three years, at the expiration of which he bought his present farm, and, continuing in the meat trade, also followed farming for about sixteen years. He then engaged in buying cattle, which he shipped to Brighton, Mass., and was for five or six years in partnership with Newell A. Trafton. The firm of McIntire, Trafton & Co. then began to deal in pulpwood, which they shipped to Cumberland Mills, a business which proved exceedingly profitable; and, after remaining at the head of this firm for ten years he withdrew from active business pursuits, and has since lived practically in retirement. He owns five hundred acres of land situated in Waterford and Norway, and, as a means of passing his leisure time, busies himself by cultivating a small farm.

As a self-made man who started in life without capital and with only his own energy and ability to depend upon, Mr. McIntire stands at the head of an honorable class in this locality; and his successful career is well worthy of a much more extended account. As a worthy, upright, and conscientious citizen he is held in the highest repute by the farmers and business men of Oxford County, among whom he has a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He is connected with Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford. In politics he supports the Democratic party, and for two years he served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

On October 24, 1857, Mr. McIntire was



JAMES MORRISON.

married to Amanda Johnson, who was born in Norway, September 17, 1834, daughter of Ira and Mary (Towne) Johnson, the former of whom is a retired business man of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. McIntire have two children, namely: Leslie E., who was born September 5, 1858, married Edith R. Sawin, and resides in Waterford; and Bertrand G., who was born October 27, 1866, married Alice Sawin, and resides with his parents. The sons married sisters, whose father, Thomas H. Sawin, was formerly a prosperous farmer of Waterford. Messrs. Leslie E. and Bertrand G. McIntire are well-known cattle buyers, who carry on a large and profitable business in this county.

**HON. JAMES MORRISON.**—James Morrison was born in Madrid, Franklin County, Me., March 14, 1841. His father was Captain James Morrison, who was born in Candia, N.H., February 10, 1814, and was a descendant of that numerous Scotch-Irish clan of Morrisons a part of whom migrated from the north of Ireland, and settled in Massachusetts and New Hampshire in the latter part of the seventeenth and early part of the eighteenth centuries. The immigrant ancestor of this branch of the Morrison clan was Daniel Morrison, who lived in Newbury, Mass., in 1690. His descendants afterward lived in Candia, Epping, Tilton, and Sanbornton, N.H., and in Palermo and Madrid, Me. The wife of Captain James Morrison and the mother of the subject of this sketch was Mary Leach Doten, born in Buckfield, Oxford County, Me., May 13, 1807.

Reared on the frontier of North-western Maine, without wealth to aid or experience to guide, James Morrison from his youth was largely dependent upon his own resources for any advancement beyond the sphere of ordinary back-woods life. When he was six years of age his parents moved into the town of Phillips; and most of the time from then until he was twenty-one was spent in the laborious work of the farm and mill, with the usual limited privilege of attending the country district school. Always desiring something beyond this, he would save up the earnings from

odd jobs, and occasionally attend a term at the village high school. No seminary was within reach, no college opened wide its doors; and the larger part of his educational capital was acquired, unaided and alone, by "burning the midnight oil."

Surmounting difficulties which would have discouraged many, he became a very successful teacher, and was thus engaged at the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion. At twenty-two he enlisted in the Second Regiment, Maine Cavalry, and served in the Department of the Gulf. He was at New Orleans, Thibodeaux, and Brashear City, La., Pine Barren Creek and Milton, Fla., Pollard, Ala., and the taking of Mobile, and was with the cavalry detachment that led the Sixteenth Army Corps up through Alabama, and occupied the city of Montgomery.

Honorably discharged after the close of the war, he came home, resumed the occupation of teacher, and began the study of law. He was admitted to the Franklin County bar in September, 1869, was superintending School Committee, and one of the Selectmen of Phillips for about twelve years, represented the Phillips district in the legislature of 1877, was elected Senator from Franklin County in 1878 and 1879, serving one term as Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs and one term on the Judiciary. He was appointed Judge of Probate for Franklin County by Governor Robie in 1883 to fill a vacancy, elected for four years in 1884, re-elected for another term in 1888, again in 1892, and again in 1896. The close of this last term will make seventeen years' continuous service as Judge. He continued in the active practice of law for about five years after admission to the bar; but failing health, the result of malarious fever contracted in the South, compelled him to partially abandon office life and practice. Preferring to be a live farmer rather than a dead lawyer, he has in late years devoted his energies to agriculture, only occasionally taking an important case at law. By pluck, economy, and perseverance he has succeeded where many others have failed, and has become one of Franklin County's prominent stock raisers. He is also interested to quite an extent in timber lands.

A thorough Republican from Mr. Lincoln's time, Judge Morrison has labored incessantly to uphold the principles of his early and only political faith. He served six years on the Republican State Committee, and has since done considerable work in the field and on the stump. A total abstainer, he is a radical temperance advocate, practises what he preaches, and believes in the Maine law.

On March 14, 1871, he married Miss Louisa E. Chick, of Madrid. She was born at said Madrid, December 14, 1850. The result of this union is three children, namely: two girls, Grace Winnifred, born January 25, 1872; Cassandra Mary, born September 20, 1880; and a boy, born August 10, 1884, in the midst of the political campaign of that year, and named for James G. Blaine.

**L**EMUEL W. JACKSON, who died at his home in Paris, Oxford County, Me., May 25, 1885, is well remembered by the inhabitants of the town as a prosperous farmer and a man of sterling integrity. He was born April 1, 1818, and was a son of Lemuel and Nancy (Foster) Jackson. His father was born in Paris, March 17, 1784, and his mother in Newry, Me., May 5, 1792.

Mr. Jackson's great-grandfather, who also bore the name of Lemuel, was among the first settlers of Paris, here taking up his abode in 1782, when he was somewhat advanced in years, and had accumulated quite a little fortune for those times, being a successful man of business. He had previously bought several entire proprietary rights in this territory, "No. 4," as it was known, paying for the land in cash; and he brought with him a considerable sum of money, fourteen hundred dollars in silver, representing a much larger amount in the depreciated currency of the day. He was a great help in the new settlement. Making subsequent purchases, he became the largest landholder in the town, owning more than one-eighth of the entire acreage, including the whole site of South Paris, where he erected the first mill in 1793. The first log house was also built by him. His influence was almost unbounded; and he may be said to

have been the father of the town, being in so many respects the foremost citizen. He was one of the seven members of the Baptist church in Middleboro, Mass., who received letters of dismissal to join the church in Paris, Me. He married Jemima Sampson, daughter of Seth and Ruth (Barrows) Sampson, of Plympton, Mass.

Their son, Lemuel Jackson, second, the grandfather of Lemuel W., was a hard-working and successful farmer. He spent his life in Paris, where he died April 12, 1816. The first frame house erected in town was built by him in 1789. He married for his first wife Susanna Hammond, and by this union had five children—Lemuel, Jr., the third of the name; Sylvanus; Benjamin; Charity; and Jacob.

Lemuel Jackson, third, the father of the special subject of this biographical notice was a man of good business abilities. He was engaged in general farming throughout his life here in Paris. His wife, Mrs. Nancy Foster Jackson, bore him seven children—Charity N., Harriet S., Lemuel W., Ezekiel C., Hannah F., Vesta H., and Abner F., the three now living being Ezekiel, Hannah, and Abner. Mr. Lemuel Jackson, third, died in September, 1830; and Mrs. Jackson was married a second time to Thomas Frost, of Bethel. She died in 1860. In religious views the early representatives of the Jackson family were Baptists, and in politics they were Democratic.

Lemuel W. Jackson, whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch, was the third child and eldest son born to his parents. He grew to manhood in Paris, and was educated in the schools of this town. When only twelve years old he began to work out, and from that time on he practically supported himself, attending school only in the winter months. He devoted his attention to general farming, at which he was successful; and in time he acquired a good property. In 1873 he purchased the farm to which he removed three and a half years later, and from that time forward during the remaining years of his earthly life he was engaged in its cultivation. His death, at the age of sixty-seven years and two months, was mourned by many

outside his immediate circle. As one of the old residents of the town, an honest, upright man, he was widely known, and was honored and respected by all. In religion he was a Methodist, and for over forty years he was a member of the South Paris church. Politically, he was a Republican, and a strong advocate of the temperance cause. The Jackson homestead is now owned by his widow, who leases it.

Mr. Jackson was first married on March 26, 1840, to Miss Hannah B. Lunt, a daughter of John Lunt, of Woodstock. She was born in March, 1813, and died July 29, 1868, aged fifty-five years. Five children were the fruit of their union, namely: Asaph K., born April 13, 1841, now living in South Paris; Lewis L., born February 25, 1843, residing in Gorham, N.H.; Eliza J., born September 24, 1845, who died March 28, 1868; Lemuel W., Jr., and Alice J., twins, born May 18, 1851, the latter of whom died August 23, 1860, and the former on August 3, 1894. On November 18, 1869, Mr. Jackson was joined in matrimony with Miss Evelina A. Hackett, who was born in Minot, Me., October 28, 1827, daughter of William and Hannah N. (Bradbury) Hackett.

Mr. Hackett was born in Minot, Me., September 5, 1792, and his wife in Bowdoinham, Me., June 23, 1795. He was a stirring, energetic man, and engaged in farming and lumbering in Minot throughout his life. Five of their nine children are living, namely: Jacob M. Hackett, a lumberman in Augusta, Wis.; Lucius W., a general business man of Auburn, Me.; Edwin A., a farmer on the old home place in Minot; Samuel W., residing in Biddeford, and engaged in the threefold occupation of a cooper, carpenter, and farmer; and Evelina A., Mrs. Jackson. The departed are: Horatio N., who died in 1838, at twenty years of age; Charles M. F., who died in 1838, at eight years of age; Frances M. S., who died in 1856 at twenty-four; and Flora R., who died in 1867 at thirty. Mr. Hackett died at his home in Minot, Me., November 18, 1871, survived by his wife, who died October 28, 1873. They were Universalists in religion, and in politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat. In early womanhood, after completing

her course of study in the high school, Mrs. Jackson taught school for a time. Later she engaged in the millinery business, which she followed successfully in Biddeford for two and one-half years and in South Paris for fifteen years.

**F**REEMAN ANDREWS, a successful agriculturist and a prominent citizen of Lovell, Oxford County, Me., was born in this town, September 3, 1845, son of Thaddeus B. and Hannah E. (Farnum) Andrews. He is a representative of one of the old families of this vicinity, his ancestors having been among the original settlers of Lovell. They were so numerous at one time that there was a school in the district where Mr. Andrews now resides, which comprised a teacher and forty scholars, all of whom were of blood relationship, and most of them actual members of the Andrews family.

The paternal grandfather, Mr. Freeman Andrews, was Issacher, who was born in Lovell, November 23, 1788, and here spent his life in general agricultural pursuits. He and his wife, Mary D. Bemis, a native of Fryeburg, Me., became the parents of five children, namely: Jacob, who was born September 23, 1815, and whose decease occurred December 11, 1852; Thaddeus B., born April 11, 1818; Sallie, who was born April 1, 1820; Thomas H., born February 22, 1824; and Mason H., born April 17, 1832. Mr. Issacher Andrews passed away December 2, 1870, at his home in Lovell, at the venerable age of eighty-two years, having survived his wife very many years, she having departed this life October 14, 1847.

Thaddeus B. Andrews was their second son. Having grown to manhood, he settled first on a farm in the eastern part of Lovell; but he subsequently removed to the estate now occupied by his son Freeman, and here engaged in husbandry during the remainder of his life. He wedded Mrs. Hannah E. Farnum Durgin, a native of Hiram, Oxford County, Me. She was the widow of William Durgin, who had lived only a short time after his marriage. As the wife of Mr. Andrews she became the mother of six children, namely: William



Henry, who died in infancy; Freeman, of whom further mention is to be made; Mary, who still lives in Lovell, the wife of A. S. Kendall, a farmer and mason; Caroline, who is now the wife of A. D. Rowe, a husbandman of Lovell; Sarah and Hannah, who both died in infancy. Mr. Thaddeus B. Andrews died on May 25, 1868, at the age of fifty years, one month, fourteen days, and his wife on April 8, 1891, aged seventy-one years, one month, and six days.

Freeman, growing to manhood as an only son, was early called to help his father in the lighter labors of the farm, and for that reason obtained but a limited education in the district schools. He remained at home until the attainment of his majority, when he worked out for two months. Longer than that he could not well be spared. He accordingly returned, and assumed the management of the homestead, caring for his parents until their decease; and here he has ever since followed general farming. The farm now consists of about eighty acres, a part of which he devotes to the cultivation of garden vegetables and a part to stock raising and dairying. Mr. Andrews also owns one hundred and fifteen acres of wild land in the same township.

He was first married on November 25, 1880, to Miss Fannie Durgin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Durgin, of Hiram, Me., to whom she was born in Porter, November 26, 1852. Mr. Durgin was a farmer of that town. Both he and his wife are now deceased. On February 9, 1882, Mr. Andrews was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife; and on December 3, 1891, he wedded Mrs. Susia Bemis Brackett, widow of Dennis Brackett, late of Lovell, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bemis, both of whom are still living. Her father is a farmer of Stow, Oxford County, where she was born November 26, 1855. By her first husband, who died about a dozen years after their marriage, she had three children, namely: Nelson B., born March 30, 1875, now deceased; Bert W., born January 4, 1879, and who now resides with the subject of this sketch; and James R., who was born June 12, 1880, and who now makes his home at the same place. The second marriage of Mr. Andrews has been blessed in the birth of

one child, a daughter, Isabelle by name, who was born November 2, 1892.

Mr. Andrews is one of the prominent citizens of Lovell; and, though he is not an aspirant for social or political distinction, he has served his fellows in several minor public positions. In national politics he has always been affiliated with the Republican party, of the principles advocated by which he is a vigorous supporter. Mrs. Andrews is a member of the Christian Church of Lovell village. Mr. Andrews has ever been an enterprising, industrious man; and his efforts have been crowned by a gratifying degree of success. He enjoys a very numerous acquaintance, and commands the respect and trust of all.

CHARLES D. HILL, M.D., of Bethel, Me., is an eminent and popular physician, connected with the leading medical societies of the day. He was born in Fryeburg, Oxford County, Me., March 19, 1855, a son of Cyrus K. and Charlotte S. Hill, and comes of an old family, dating back to Colonial days in New England.

Cyrus K. Hill was born in Limerick, York County, Me., and, with the exception of the four years in which he served as a Union soldier in the late Civil War, passed his life in that place. He was a painter, and, besides working at his trade, followed the pursuit of agriculture for a number of years. He died at the age of sixty-nine. His wife, whose family name was Hill, but who, so far as known, was not of his kin, was born in Chatham, N.H. She lived to be seventy years of age.

Through his mother Dr. Hill traces his ancestry back to Peter Hill, planter, who came from Plymouth, England, in 1633, and settled on Richmond Island, belonging to Cape Elizabeth. In 1644 he removed to Winter Harbor (Biddeford Pool), and in 1648 he was a member of the court of Lygonia. His death occurred in 1697. Many of his descendants figured conspicuously in the early history of Saco and Biddeford, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus K. Hill were members of the Congregational church. They reared two sons—Erastus G. and Charles D. The elder is a

real estate broker, residing in Bradford County, Florida.

Charles D. Hill, the younger son, acquired his early education in the common schools and Limerick Academy. He worked at book-keeping three years, and then took up the study of medicine with Dr. S. O. Clark, of Limerick. In 1880 he was graduated at the Medical School of Maine in Brunswick, Me. Before entering on private practice Dr. Hill had some valuable hospital experience, serving, for eight months prior to his graduation, as steward in the United States Marine Hospital service, port of Portland, and subsequently one year as house surgeon in the Maine General Hospital at Portland. In September, 1881, he opened an office in Bethel; and since that time his practice has yearly increased. He has been surgeon for the Grand Trunk Railroad for a number of years.

Dr. Hill is a Fellow of the Maine Academy of Medicine, a member of the Maine Medical Association, charter President of the Oxford County Medical Association, and a member of the American Medical Association, and of the National Association of Railway Surgeons. He is interested in politics as a Republican, and was one of the original members of the South Paris United States Examining Pension Board, with which he was connected three years, the establishment of a Democratic administration ending his term of service. Dr. Hill is Chairman of the Bethel Board of Health. As a Mason he belongs to Bethel Lodge, No. 97; and he is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias. He is a very popular member of the community, his fine social qualities, as well as his professional excellence, attracting all with whom he comes in contact. Dr. Hill is unmarried.

**L**EMUEL GURNEY, of Hebron, Oxford County, an extensive farmer and fruit grower and a manufacturer of evaporated apple and maple syrup, was born in West Minot, Me., March 16, 1826, son of Samuel and Lucy (Bryant) Gurney. Samuel Gurney was a native of Bridgewater, Mass., who in young manhood settled in West Minot, where he was engaged in farming upon

shares for several years. His last days were spent in Hebron, where he died at the age of seventy-six years. He was an upright, industrious farmer and a worthy citizen. He acted with the Whig party in politics, and he was drafted for service in the Aroostook War. His wife, Lucy, who was a native of Hebron, bore him eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Eunice C., the wife of W. W. Hardy, of Paris; Ruth, the wife of Charles H. George; Israel R. and Augustus D., who are residing in Natick, Mass.; and Lemuel, the subject of this sketch. The others were: Eunice, Charles, and Ansel. The mother was about seventy-five years old when she died. Both parents were members of the Baptist church.

Lemuel Gurney passed his youth in Minot, where in the district school he received his elementary education. He subsequently attended the Hebron Academy for one term. For a time during his young manhood he was engaged in farming. At a later date he went to Natick, Mass., and was there employed for several years in a large shoe manufactory conducted by Henry Wilson, who at one time was a candidate of the Free Soil Party for the office of Vice-President of the United States. In 1846 Mr. Gurney returned to Maine, and, settling in Hebron, bought a farm of eighty acres, which forms a part of his present property. Since then he has added to his acreage by the purchase of more land, owning at the present time some one hundred and sixty-five acres. On it he erected his present residence with other buildings, and has otherwise greatly improved the property. His large fruit orchard, which he has brought into a fine condition, contains some excellent specimens of apple-trees, including some samples of grafting, besides forty different varieties of plums and small fruits. He is quite an extensive manufacturer of evaporated apple, which finds a ready sale in the home markets, and makes a specialty of producing cider and vinegar of a superior quality, which are in great demand. In addition he markets from three to five hundred barrels of fancy grafted apples annually. Upon his premises are excellent facilities for the manufacture of maple sugar and syrup, which he produces in large quantities. These, together with his fruits and

their products, have taken several premiums at the Maine State and Oxford County fairs.

On August 14, 1853, Mr. Gurney wedded for his first wife Calista C. Barrows, of Hebron. She died in 1881, aged forty-six years, three months, and twenty-three days, leaving no children. On January 19, 1892, he married for his second wife Mrs. Lovina J. Haskell. She was born in Poland, Me., January 3, 1844, daughter of Nathaniel and Keziah (Hardy) Haskell. By her previous marriage with Freeman B. Haskell, who died February 10, 1879, she has two children, namely: Mary E., wife of C. D. Herrick, of Greenwood, this county; and Edith L., the wife of F. S. Pike, of Hebron. Mr. Gurney has an adopted son, Fred E., who was born in Lewiston, Me., in November, 1866. He is now married, and resides in this town. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gurney attend and liberally support the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Gurney has acted with the Republican party since its formation. He is connected with Hebron Grange, No. 43, Patrons of Husbandry; and he has been Secretary and Treasurer of both the Hebron and State Granges. His business reputation is high and widely extended, and he has fully earned the success he now enjoys.

**J**OSEPH KEITH, a well-known wool-carder and formerly the Postmaster of North Chesterville, was born in this town, February 6, 1829, son of Joseph and Betsey (Cornforth) Keith. His grandfather, Adam Keith, who was a native of Middleboro, Mass., married Sally Morrison, also a native of Massachusetts. Her father, William Morrison, who settled in Maine in 1805, was the original possessor of the homestead in Farmington, this county, now occupied by Mrs. J. B. Morrison.

Joseph Keith, Sr., resided with his parents until he reached manhood, at which period he applied himself to learn the trade of a wool-carder and cloth-dresser. In 1812 he went to Unity, Waldo County, where he remained for six years. Returning in 1818, he settled at the Keith homestead in Chesterville. Here he erected a house and other buildings, placed the land in a good state of cultivation, and

followed his trade as well as general farming throughout the rest of his active period. He died in 1869, aged seventy-three years. He was a prominent figure in public affairs, serving as Selectman and Town Treasurer for many years. He was also the first Postmaster at Keith's Mills, a position which he held as long as his age permitted him to serve. In politics he was a Whig, in religious belief a Universalist. His wife, Betsey, whom he married in 1820, bore him four children; namely, Harriet, Leonard, Betsey, and Joseph. She died in 1872.

Joseph Keith was educated in the common schools of Chesterville and at the Farmington Academy. While still a youth he began to learn the trade of a wool-carder with his father, and, becoming an expert workman, has followed it to the present day. The old mill, which was destroyed by fire in October, 1884, was rebuilt in the following year, and thoroughly equipped with modern machinery. The present carding machine has a capacity of one thousand pounds of wool per week. Favoring the Republican party, Mr. Keith takes no active part in politics. For forty-two years he was identified with the post-office here as Assistant and Postmaster.

On January 18, 1854, Mr. Keith wedded Mercy B. Gale, a daughter of William R. Gale, of Palmyra, Me., who died when Mrs. Keith was a child. Her mother afterward became the wife of A. P. Haskell, of Chesterville. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keith have reared five children, namely: William G., born December 22, 1855; Linton J., born March 17, 1857; Irving E., born September 28, 1858; Leonard S., born February 7, 1862; and Alvin H., born March 20, 1865. William G. Keith, who is now a member of the firm of Keith & Hiscock, hardware dealers of East Brookfield, Mass., married for his second wife Mildred Fay, daughter of Warren D. Fay, of that town. Linton J. Keith, who carries on the home farm, married Laura Goodrich, daughter of David Goodrich, of Chesterville, and has seven children; namely, Georgie, Harriet A., Betsey B., Edith M., Marion G., Mildred, and Cony. Irving E. Keith, who learned the tailor's trade, and became a well-known salesman of Augusta, Me., is now trav-

elling in the West. Alvin H. Keith, who was for four years station agent on the Boston & Albany Railroad at Ware, Mass., and is now connected with large plumbing concerns in Manchester, N.H., married Emma Martin, a daughter of Emerson Martin, of Manchester.

Leonard S. Keith, who is a prominent business man and a civil engineer of Chesterville, received his education in the town schools and at the Wilton Academy. At the age of eighteen he went to East Brookfield, Mass., and there worked at the tinner's trade for two years. Returning then to Chesterville, he took up the study of civil engineering, and subsequently entered upon that business. His first work as a surveyor was upon J. W. Morse's farm in Jay, Me. Since that time he has surveyed land in Maine, Massachusetts, and Florida, having remained in the last-named State for a season. He now manufactures carriage lifters and all kinds of wood work, runs the carding and grist mills here, and does custom sawing and planing at the saw-mills. The present mills were erected by him in place of the old ones which were destroyed by fire in 1884; and in 1893 he built a fine residence upon the site of the former one, which was occupied by Jonas Davis, while he was the grist miller at Keith's Mills. On February 16, 1893, Leonard S. Keith married Cora G. Fellows, of Fayette, Me., a daughter of Eugene Fellows, whose great-grandfather was one of the first settlers of Chesterville. She has one daughter, Geneva R., who was born June 16, 1895.

**D**ANA O. COOLIDGE, Deputy Sheriff and the proprietor of a thriving livery business in Jay, was born in Livermore, Me., October 12, 1852, son of Elisha and Celia B. (Bradford) Coolidge, both natives of Livermore. His great-grandfather and grandfather, Thomas and Daniel Coolidge, who were natives of Watertown, Mass., settled in Livermore in the early part of the present century, and resided there for the rest of their lives.

Elisha Coolidge was born and reared upon a farm. From 1856 to 1859 he was engaged in

the provision business in Augusta, Me.; but his principal occupation was farming, which he prosperously followed in Livermore. He was highly respected, and he took an active interest in the progress and development of the town. He died June 29, 1896. His wife, Celia B. Bradford, became the mother of eight children, as follows: Martha C., now residing in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the widow of Joseph M. Merserve, who died in 1861; Charles, a resident of Jay, who married Angie M. Nickerson, now deceased; Lizzie, who died at the age of twelve years; Edward, who died in infancy; Caroline M., now living in Jay, the widow of E. S. Kyes, who died in Washington, D.C., in 1888; Hiram B., a prosperous agriculturist of Farmington, who married Emma C. Leland; Dana O., the subject of this sketch; and Frank W., who is married and resides in Portland, Me. Mr. Coolidge's mother died in March, 1891.

The school days of Dana O. Coolidge ended with a course at Westbrook Seminary. At the age of twenty-two he went to Boston, where he became a salesman in the cigar and tobacco trade, and remained there for seven years. In the spring of 1883 he returned to his native State, and, settling upon a farm in North Jay, was engaged in general farming there for ten years. In 1893 he moved to North Jay village, where he established himself in the livery business, to which he has since devoted his attention. He keeps at an average fourteen good driving horses, with first-class equipments. In addition to furnishing the public with excellent turnouts, he buys and sells good horses at every favorable opportunity.

Mr. Coolidge has been twice married. The first ceremony took place June 30, 1880, while he was residing in Boston. By it he was wedded to Ada C. Nickerson, daughter of the late Ensign Nickerson, of Cotuit, Mass., who died in Jay, March 10, 1887. His second marriage was contracted July 3, 1891, with Edith Idella Bean, daughter of George H. and Augusta (Bean) Bean, the former of whom is a well-known livery man and hotel-keeper at Jay Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge have two children — Cordana E. and Georgia May. Mr. Coolidge was a Selectman of Jay in 1885, and

has acted as Deputy Sheriff for the past four years. He supports the Republican party, and is a charter member of Franklin Lodge, No. 94, Knights of Pythias, of North Jay, and attends the Universalist church.

**J**AMES M. FARRIS, who occupies the old Farris homestead in Hebron, and is one of the most able and successful farmers in this town, was born where he now resides, January 26, 1837, son of Joseph G. and Basha (Irish) Farris. The homestead was originally settled by his great-grandfather, James Farris, who cleared a portion of the property, and spent the rest of his life there among the early settlers, prosperously engaged in farming. His grandfather, also named James, who was born upon the farm, inherited the property, and cultivated it during the active period of his life. He also did a large business in cutting timber by contract. He was a prominent man in Oxford County, which he served in the capacity of High Sheriff. His death occurred when he was forty-four years old. He married Margaret Monk, who attained the age of eighty years, and had nine children. Of the latter, the father of James M. Farris was the second-born.

Joseph G. Farris came into the world at the homestead, and was a lifelong resident of Hebron. He succeeded to the ownership of the farm, which he carried on successfully for many years, keeping the soil in a fertile condition. He also had a very profitable business as stone contractor, supplying a great deal of material for public works. He continued in active occupation until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-three years old. In politics he was a Republican, and he was a member of the Baptist church. His wife, Basha, a native of Buckfield, Me., had six children, as follows: Olive, Saphronia, and Ellen, all now deceased; Alexander, who is a carpenter and resides in Minot, Me.; Washington, who lives in Boston, and is also a carpenter; and James M., the youngest, and the subject of this sketch. The mother died at the age of forty-four years.

James M. Farris was educated in the district schools. In young manhood he became an op-

erative in a shoe manufactory, and continued in that occupation for eleven years. After his father's death he bought the homestead property, on which since 1874 he has carried on general farming very successfully. His improvements, which include a new set of buildings, have made the property one of the most desirable farms in this section. Besides the seventy-five acres comprising the original estate, he owns some outlying land. On September 6, 1858, Mr. Farris wedded Eliza Ann Peterson, who was born in Oxford, this county, June 14, 1841, daughter of Andrew Peterson, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Farris have three children, as follows: Fred. J., a resident of Minot, who is married and has two children—namely, Ida M. and Charles; Adelbert L., of Auburn, Me., who is married and has one son, Roy; and Ada E., the wife of B. M. Pratt, of Oxford, having two sons—namely, Harold M. and Adelbert S.

None of the many progressive farmers of this vicinity are regarded with more respect than Mr. Farris. In politics he acts with the Republican party, while both he and Mrs. Farris are liberal in their religious views.

**H**ENRY FOBES, who has been successfully engaged as a tiller of the soil during the larger part of his active life, was born May 8, 1831, in Paris, Oxford County, Me., on the homestead which he now occupies. His grandfather, Daniel Fobes, was born in 1742, in Bridgewater, Mass., and was a great-great-grandson of John Fobes, who was one of the original proprietors of that town.

In 1802 the grandfather removed with his family to Maine, settling in Oxford County. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in what was then the new town of Paris; and, with the assistance of his children, he cleared quite a large tract, placing it in a state of cultivation. An industrious, law-abiding, God-fearing man, he won for himself a leading position among the citizens of the place. In politics he was a representative Democrat and in religion a Baptist, serving for many years as Deacon of the first church of that denomination established in Paris. His wife, whose

maiden name was Hannah Standish, was a direct descendant in the fourth generation of Miles Standish, the stalwart Captain of Plymouth. They had the following children: Azariah; Daniel; Sarah; Amasa; Seth; Hannah; Luin, a soldier in the War of 1812, who died while imprisoned at Halifax, N.S.; Beza; Mehitable; and Billings. Daniel Fobes lived until he was about seventy-three years old, and his widow attained the venerable age of ninety-two years.

Billings Fobes was the youngest of the family. He was born August 7, 1792, in Bridgewater, Mass., but from the age of ten years lived at the present homestead, continuing throughout his life in the occupation to which he was reared. Among the substantial improvements that he made on the farm are numbered the present dwelling-house and other farm buildings. He carried on advantageously the various branches of general agriculture. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion a Baptist. He was actively interested in military matters, being for a number of years Commander of the Rifle Company of the Paris militia. His death occurred in 1866, at the age of seventy-three years. Captain Billings Fobes was twice married. His first wife, before marriage Harriet Stevens, was a native of Paris. She died on the homestead at the early age of thirty-five years, leaving an only child, Henry, the special subject of this sketch. The father subsequently married Paulina Robinson, also of this town, who lived to the age of seventy-seven years.

Henry Fobes grew to manhood in his native town. He was educated in the public schools; and he learned to work on his father's farm, which eventually came into his possession by inheritance. He has one hundred acres of land, and carries on the various branches of his industry with signal success, reaping large crops of hay, potatoes, corn, and other farm products, and in addition supporting a small dairy and raising considerable fruit. Brought up, as it were, Republican, Mr. Fobes has never swerved from party allegiance. He is connected with two fraternal orders, namely: Mount Mica Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of South Paris; and Paris Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a religious man

and is an active member and Deacon of the Congregational church, both he and his wife having united with it many years ago.

On November 4, 1857, Mr. Fobes married Frances P. Webster, who was born January 3, 1831, in Freeport, Me., a daughter of Captain Benjamin Webster, of that town. She died January 8, 1896, leaving three children, as follows: Hattie S., the wife of A. W. Pratt, formerly a sea captain, but now superintendent of the electric railway at Orange, N.J., who has four children—Harland A., Henry F., Margaret, and Ruth; Annie B., who is the wife of Walter H. Swett, a manufacturer of tin cans at South Paris, and has one child, Eva F.; and Eunice W., a teacher.

**H**ENRY D. PARKER, a prominent farmer of Jay, was born in this town, July 2, 1847, son of Henry and Nancy (Tuck) Parker. His grandfather was Jonathan Parker, who moved from Roxbury, Mass., to Jay; and he resided here until his death. His grandfather, Scarborough Parker, who was born September 3, 1767, in Roxbury, Mass., and settled in Jay in 1789, owned a farm in the south-east part of the town, where he resided until his death on May 13, 1814. Scarborough Parker married Hannah Goding, and by her became the father of ten children, as follows: Hannah, who was born May 27, 1796; Susannah, born August 27, 1797, who died in 1889; Joel, born March 10, 1799; Henry, born May 8, 1801; Jonathan, born August 1, 1802; Abigail, born April 14, 1804, who died November 10, 1857; Cyrus, born August 17, 1805, who died September 24, 1892; Rhoda, born June 6, 1808, who died in August, 1889; Harriet, born May 24, 1810; and Amos, born October 20, 1811.

Henry Parker was born in Jay. In early manhood he cleared and improved the farm now owned by his son, Henry D. An industrious and successful farmer and a worthy citizen, he had the sincere good will of his neighbors, and died February 18, 1872. His first wife, Nancy (Tuck) Parker, who was a native of Fayette, Me., died January 14, 1859. The only child of that union is Henry D., the subject of this sketch. For his second wife he

wedded Mrs. Patience (Sylvester) Harrington, of Durham, Me., now deceased, who was then the widow of the Rev. James Harrington.

Henry D. Parker acquired a common-school education in Jay, and resided at home until he was twenty-one years old. He then went to Lynn, Mass., where he was subsequently employed in a planing-mill for three years. At the end of that time he returned to Jay, and settled at the homestead. Since then he has given his attention to general agriculture, owning a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which he has greatly improved, and shipping the fruit of his large orchard to Boston. He is also interested in the Livermore Falls Trust and Banking Company, of which he is a Director.

On June 22, 1881, Mr. Parker was united in marriage with Clara Grinnell. She was born in Exeter, Me., May 19, 1851, daughter of William and Mahala (Irish) Grinnell, who were natives respectively of Exeter and Union, Me. William Grinnell resided upon a farm in Exeter until his death, March 19, 1876. His wife's death happened March 23, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have one son, Howard H., who was born September 19, 1889. A Republican in politics, Mr. Parker takes an active interest in public affairs, but has never aspired to office. He is a member of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M., of Livermore Falls. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES M. DORR, whose widow, Mrs. Charlotte Morse Dorr, a native of Waterford, owns and occupies a very pleasant residence in South Waterford village, Me., was at one time prominent in the lumbering industry in the Pine Tree State. He was born in Boston, Mass., June 2, 1799, the son of Captain William and Lucinda (Davis) Dorr, both of that city.

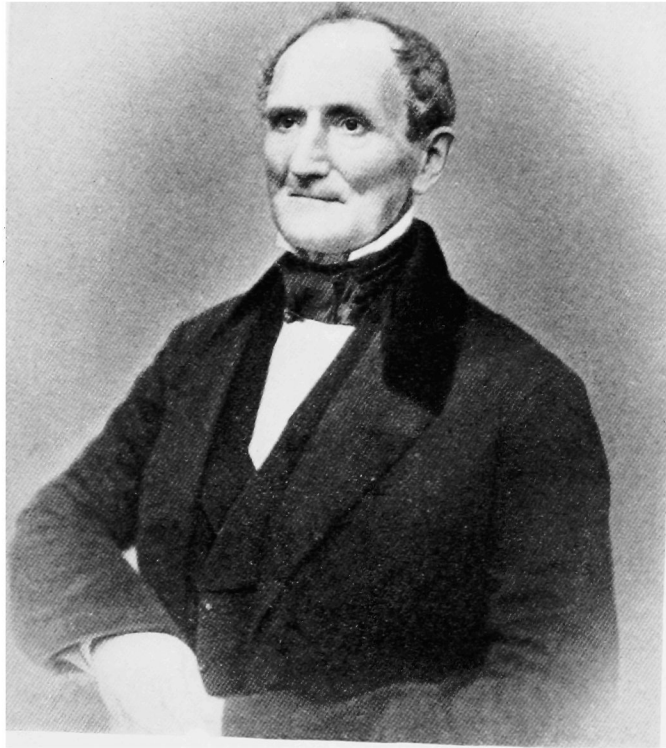
Captain William Dorr, who was master of a vessel, and spent much of his life on the high seas, always made his home in Boston; and he died there in 1845. His wife had gone before him, passing away in 1843. They were the parents of seven children — of whom the

youngest only is now living — namely: Caleb; William; Charles M., the subject of this sketch; Lucinda; Elizabeth; James; and Sarah, who resides in Roxbury, Mass., the widow of Edwin Lemist.

Charles M. Dorr was educated in Boston, remaining with his parents until the time of his first marriage, when he went to Dorchester to live. After a residence of some years in that place he removed to Bradley, Me., and engaged in the lumber business. This was in the early forties, when there was not so much competition in that line of industry as at the present day, and when timber could almost be had for the cutting; and Mr. Dorr accumulated a fortune within the space of a quarter of a century.

In 1865 he became a resident of Milford, Me., retiring from active business; and in that town he died, June 9, 1866. He was an energetic, capable, and persevering man, never shirking a task, no matter how heavy; and he won the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Dorr was married in Dorchester to Miss Ann Morse, of Dedham, Mass., who died in 1844 in Bradley, Me. By this union he had six children — Albert H. (deceased); Caleb Davis, a lumberman in Minneapolis, Minn.; Ann, wife of Symond J. Murphy, of Detroit, Mich.; Sarah E., widow of William Garland, residing with her sister in Detroit; William, of Milford, Me., who married Miss Lena Doe; and Temple E., who married Miss Malvina Eddy, and lives in East Saginaw, Mich. On August 18, 1845, the year following the death of his first wife, Mr. Dorr was married in Bradley, Me., to Miss Charlotte Morse, of Waterford, Me. She was born July 21, 1816, the daughter of Jonathan and Chloe (Willard) Morse. Her parents were born in Massachusetts, the father in Stow, the mother in Harvard. They removed to Waterford in the early part of this century; and Mr. Morse was here prosperously engaged in farming for a number of years, and he was also a drover. He died in Waterford in 1833, the year following the death of his wife. They were the parents of twelve children, all but three of whom died in infancy. Of these three, the



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eldest is Mrs. Dorr. The second, Augustus G., died in 1864; and the third, Sarah, who was the wife of Dr. Z. Jodon, died July 9, 1884.

After her husband's death Mrs. Dorr went West, and was in Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio for two years, visiting her step-children. Returning to Milford, Me., she resided there a year, and then came to her native place to spend her declining years amid the scenes familiar to her childhood. Although Mrs. Dorr has passed the eightieth milestone in life's journey, she does not seem old; and her friends are sanguine that she will spend many succeeding seasons in her beautiful home. She is a member of the Congregational church in Waterford.

**A**LVIN W. JUDKINS, a successful blacksmith and carriage builder of West Farmington, was born November 29, 1856, in Carthage, Me., son of Willard and Malissa (Mitchell) Judkins. His grandfather, Phillip Judkins, who was one of the first settlers in Carthage, married Rachel White, and died at the age of seventy-five, leaving seven children. His widow's death occurred in September, 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Their children were: Orrin, Asaph, Willard, Irena, Eastman, Benjamin, and Mercey A. Asaph was killed in the late war.

Willard Judkins learned shoemaking in early life, and subsequently worked at it for a while in Stoughton, Mass. Not liking the trade, he then turned his hand to carpentering. Some time after, a part of his father's farm became his by inheritance; and he returned home to take charge of it. He built some new buildings on the property, and he carried on general farming until his death in 1876. He was a Republican in politics. He represented the town for a time in the State legislature, and served it acceptably as Selectman. In religious belief he was an Adventist. His wife, a daughter of Joshua Mitchell, of Carthage, bore him six children. Preston died young. The survivors are: Alvin W., Everett P., Orrin S., Morris T., and Evander C. The mother is also living.

Alvin W. Judkins was educated in his native town. Upon arriving at maturity, he bought his father's farm and cultivated it for a period of four years. Selling it then, he went to West Farmington, and took charge of the Elm Hotel, which he ran for a short time. After this he conducted a boarding-house for a spell, during which he learned the blacksmith's trade. He subsequently worked at this craft for two years in West Farmington, and then moved to Madison, Me., where he rented a blacksmith's shop, and started in business for himself. Some time after, he bought a shop, which, on finding it unsuitable for his purpose, he sold. Then, in partnership with Mr. H. H. Steward, he bought some land, built a first-class shop and house on it, and was there prosperously engaged at his trade until 1893. In that year he disposed of his share in the business, came back to West Farmington, and bought a half-interest in the Whitney blacksmith shop. Here he has since carried on general blacksmith work and carriage ironing with much success, employing skilled workmen to assist him. He also deals in wagons and in carriages. Some time ago he purchased the fine old residence on Water Street known as the Ed Greenwood estate, and has much improved it since.

Mr. Judkins was married September 17, 1880, to Miss Flora B. Hutchinson, a daughter of Reuben and Isabel (Pratt) Hutchinson, highly respected farming people. Their four children are: Florence H., born November 11, 1881; La Forrest E., born March 10, 1883; Gertrude B., born June 19, 1889; and Lucy W., born September 4, 1895. Like his father, Mr. Judkins is a Republican, and in religion an Adventist. He is also a member of Euclid Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Madison, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

**C**HARLES E. WILSON, M.D., an esteemed physician of East Hiram village, Oxford County, was born in Limerick, Me., September 9, 1853, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Cole) Wilson. The family, which is of Scotch origin, descends from Gowen Wilson, its

founder in America. Moses Wilson, Dr. Wilson's grandfather, who was a native of Kittery, Me., settled upon a farm in Parsonsfield, Me., previous to 1800, and some years later removed to Cornish, Me., where he resided for the rest of his life.

Jonathan Wilson, who was a native of Parsonsfield, was twelve years of age when he moved with his parents to Cornish. In young manhood he settled in Limington, Me. At a later date he went to Limerick, and subsequently to Sweden, this county, where he died September 3, 1890. His wife, Elizabeth, who was a native of Cornish, had nine children, as follows: Harriet, born April 2, 1837, who died November 6, 1858; John, born December 25, 1838, who died June 26, 1896; Fanny N., born April 22, 1840, who died March 5, 1875; Moses B., born April 2, 1842, who died March 16, 1864; George F., born July 15, 1844, who died March 14, 1882; Sarah E., born July 28, 1846, who died April 19, 1847; Sarah E. (second), born May 12, 1848, who died February 9, 1888; Daniel W., born August 11, 1850, who died October 18, 1862; and Charles E., the subject of this sketch. Her death occurred on January 1, 1892.

Charles E. Wilson received his early education in the public schools. He subsequently attended the North Bridgton Academy and Gray's Business College for a time; and then he fitted for Bowdoin College at the Norway Institute, where he graduated as class orator. After teaching school in Norway, Waterford, Sweden, and Lovell for eighteen terms, he entered Bowdoin College Medical School, from which he graduated with the class of 1885. Upon receiving his diploma, he entered upon his profession at Kineo, Me. In the following November he located in East Hiram, where he has since resided. During the winter of 1894-95 he took a post-graduate course at the Post-graduate Medical College of New York City. His practice extends over a wide circuit, including several towns in Oxford and Cumberland Counties. The duties of Secretary of the Board of Health and of a member of the Board of United States Examiners in pension cases are also discharged by him. He has been a member of the Maine

Medical Association since 1886, and is also connected with the Maine Academy of Medicine and Sciences.

On June 16, 1885, Dr. Wilson was united in marriage with Frances Ella Chadbourne, daughter of Francis S. Chadbourne, a prominent resident of Oxford, who died in 1893. They have one son, Charlie Louville, who was born November 10, 1886. A Democrat in politics, the Doctor is too much occupied with his professional duties to take a prominent part in public affairs. At present he is rendering valuable service to the town as a member of the School Board, and he was Supervisor of Schools during six years of his residence in Hiram. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Mount Tire'm Lodge, No. 132, of Hiram; of Aurora Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Cornish. He has also membership in Hiram Lodge, No. 16, Knights of Pythias. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson attend the Congregational church, and occupy an important social position in the community.

**E**RASTUS W. DEERING, a native of Denmark, Oxford County, represents an old county family. He was born September 11, 1819, upon the farm he now owns and occupies, son of Robert and Rhoda (Whittemore) Deering. Mr. Deering's father, who was a native of Saco, Me., born October 22, 1789, came in 1808 to Denmark, where he settled upon the farm which has since been the homestead of the family. He continued to till the soil with success during the rest of his active period, and died June 3, 1864. His wife, Rhoda, who was born in Hebron, Me., July 2, 1788, became the mother of seven children, of whom two are living, namely: Erastus W., the subject of this sketch; and Sarah Jane, who married Myron H. Mansfield, and is now residing in Nebraska. The others were: Deborah W., Robert, Jairus M., Mary J., and Eunice Eliza. Deborah W. died at the age of seventeen, and Mary J. and Eunice Eliza also died before reaching maturity. The mother died August 28, 1854.

Erastus W. Deering acquired a common-school education, and was reared to farm life

at the homestead. Some time after his marriage he went to McLean County, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming for a year. Returning then to Denmark he has since given his attention to carrying on the home farm, which he inherited at his father's death. The property consists of two hundred acres of desirable land, the tillage portion of which is in a good state of cultivation. His principal crops have been hay, corn, and potatoes. He has been exceedingly active and industrious, making the most advantageous use of his opportunities for advancement. Some time since he practically retired from labor, leaving the management of the farm to his son.

On March 23, 1843, Mr. Deering wedded Joann I. Jewett, who was born in Denmark, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Jewett, the former a thrifty farmer of this town. Born of the marriage were four children, namely: Annie H., who is the wife of Nathaniel Wiggins, of Baldwin, Me.; Jairus M., who died at the age of sixteen; Alice A., who is now a teacher in the public schools of Chicago; and Arthur M., whose birth occurred August 18, 1857, and who is now in charge of the home farm. Arthur M. married Mary S. Lowell, daughter of Daniel Lowell, late of this town, and has five children; namely, Jennie E., Arthur L., Walter P., Helen I., and Ralph O. His mother died February 11, 1860; and on October 11 of the same year his father married for his second wife Mary A. Jordan, who was born in Denmark, August 30, 1829, daughter of Mial and Mehitable Jordan, former residents of this town, both now deceased. In politics Mr. Deering is a Republican. He has voted with his party since its formation, but has never aspired to public office. He is, however, deeply interested in all matters relative to the general welfare of the town, and is well informed regarding the principal questions of the day. Mrs. Deering is a member of the Methodist church.

**W**ILLIAM AUGUSTUS MANNING, manager of the Elliott & Bartlett spool-mills of North Waterford, Oxford County, was born in Eaton, N.H., December 12, 1850, son of Dr. William A.

and Nancy (Atkinson) Manning. Dr. William A. Manning, who was a native of Ipswich, Mass., entered on the study of medicine in his native town, finishing his professional training in Philadelphia. He began practice in Dover, N.H. Subsequently he pursued his profession in Springvale, Me., South Berwick, Me., and Eaton, N.H.; in Stoneham, this county, where he remained several years; and in Weld, Me., for two years. His death occurred March 26, 1876, in Weld. He was married in Eaton, N.H., to Miss Atkinson, a native of that town, who is now living in Eaton with her sister. They had five children, namely: William A., the subject of this sketch; Allegra, in Ellsworth, Me.; John F., a practising physician in Ellsworth, Me., who married Miss Maude Saunders; Ida H., deceased, who was the wife of Dr. Charles M. Coolidge, a physician of North Waterford; and Hattie, who lived but three summers.

William A. Manning received a common-school education, supplemented by one term at the Bridgton (Me.) Academy. He left home when about twenty years of age, going to Albany, Me., where he worked in the timber some two months. He then obtained employment in a saw-mill in Milton, N.H., remaining four months. The three months following he was employed in a saw-mill in Stoneham, this county. In 1872 he entered the employ of Elliott & Bartlett, whose favor and confidence he won by his industry and the conscientious discharge of his duties. He has now been manager and overseer of the mill for nearly a quarter of a century. The Elliott & Bartlett spool-mill, located at Lynchville, about a mile north of the village of North Waterford, is one of the largest and most prosperous concerns in this part of the county. Mr. Manning is also engaged to some extent in farming, and owns some real estate near North Waterford village.

He was married June 13, 1881, while on a visit to Pittsfield, Pa., to Miss Lizzie M. Bartlett, of that town. She was born at Stoneham, Me., January 17, 1860, daughter of Enoch M. and Mary (Ayers) Bartlett, both natives of Maine, born respectively in Newry and Stoneham. Mr. Bartlett, who is a farmer, living in Naples, Me., has been three times

married. His first wife died at Pittsfield, Pa., June 24, 1883. His second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Sarah Gray, of Thomasboro, Ill., and his third with Mrs. Sophia Leavitt, of Naples, Me., who is still living. Mr. Manning has four children, all natives of North Waterford, namely: Fonti E., born July 15, 1882; Robert L., born January 21, 1885; Mary A., born August 12, 1888; and Arthur B., born July 4, 1891. Mr. Manning votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford village. Keeping on friendly terms with all conditions of men, "Gus Manning" is one of the most popular men of the town.

**A**LBION K. P. JONES, of Jay, Franklin County, was born here, March 2, 1829, son of Hiram and Betsey (Tuck) Jones, both natives of Fayette, Me. His grandfather, Captain Sylvester Jones, a native of Taunton, Mass., who was a ship-master at one time, settled upon a farm in Fayette, and resided there for the rest of his life. Hiram Jones came to Jay in 1826. He purchased a farm here, which he cultivated industriously during the rest of his active period, and died about the year 1870. His wife, Betsey, became the mother of seven children, namely: Mary A., who is still residing at the homestead in Jay; Albion K. P., the subject of this sketch; Harriet, who is now the widow of Otis Richardson, and lives in Livermore Falls; Albert F., who married Jane Gordon, and occupies the old homestead; William B., who is no longer living; Ann Elizabeth, who married John Peterson, and now resides in California; and Charles H., Ann Elizabeth's twin brother, who died in the Civil War. The mother reached the age of eighty years before she died.

Albion K. P. Jones was educated in the common schools of Jay, and resided at home until he was nineteen years old. He then went to Lowell, Mass., where he remained for three years employed as a watchman. In June, 1851, he joined a party bound for the mines in California, and with them, on the 28th of the month, left New York City for

the Isthmus. On arriving there they crossed to Panama in a log boat; and, after waiting in that city seven days for a vessel, they started on the voyage up the coast, which occupied seventeen days, and arrived at San Francisco on August 6. Mr. Jones went to the diggings in Northern California, and there obtained employment in a mine at seven dollars per day. He lived in a hut made of brush, boarding himself at seven dollars per week; and his sojourn there was productive of good financial results. After making considerable money he finally left the mines, and engaged in agriculture upon a farm in Suisun Valley for two years. He then returned to Jay, and bought the farm where he now resides. He owns two hundred and forty acres of fertile land, which he has brought to a good state of cultivation, and much enhanced in value by erecting new and substantial buildings.

On January 10, 1854, Mr. Jones was first united in marriage with Emily Bigelow, who was born in Corinna, Me., daughter of John Bigelow. She died November 10, 1863, leaving two children, namely: Fannie, now the wife of Albert Wing, of Fayette, Me.; and Emma J., who is the widow of Bradford F. Parker, and resides at the Parker homestead, having two children — Horace A. and Bradford S. By a second marriage on April 4, 1866, Mr. Jones was wedded to Mrs. Mary E. (Reynolds) Porter. She was born in Belfast, Me., November 25, 1830, daughter of William and Mehitable (Trundy) Reynolds, now deceased, who were prosperous farming people of that town. In politics Mr. Jones acts with the Republican party. Both he and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have the warm esteem and good will of their neighbors.

**J**OHAN WESTON, of Fryeburg, an extensive dealer in live stock and one of the largest timber land owners in Oxford County, was born in Fryeburg, January 13, 1834, son of Edward and Rachel (Ward) Weston. Edward Weston was a native of Lincoln, Mass., came to Fryeburg in March, 1800, and settled upon the farm where his son John now resides. He was a farmer and a

cattle drover; and for many years he carried the United States mail from Fryeburg to Portland. In his day he figured prominently in public affairs, and was Deputy Sheriff for several years. He died April 3, 1853. His first wife, in maidenhood Jane Webster, of Conway, N.H., who died in 1829, bore him five children—Ann, James, Charles, Edward, and John, none of whom are living. By his second marriage he was wedded to Rachel Ward, a native of Concord, N.H. Her father, Jonathan Ward, came to Fryeburg when she was six months old, and resided here for the rest of his life. She became the mother of four children, as follows: John, the subject of this sketch; George Ward, who was an extensive cattle dealer in South America, where he has since died; Jane W., who resides at the homestead in this town; and Edward Payson, who married Frances Hunt, and is a general merchant in Fryeburg. She survived her husband nearly forty years, and resided at the homestead until her death, which occurred January 3, 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

John Weston acquired his education at the Fryeburg Academy. After his father's death he began life for himself, first working in the lumber camps, and later employed in handling stone. Being a great admirer of live stock, he naturally drifted into that business, commencing in a small way by shipping to the cattle markets. Since then he has become one of the largest dealers in this county. He is also extensively interested in lumbering, and owns over four thousand acres of timber land. This property is located as follows: five hundred acres in Fryeburg; five hundred in Fryeburg and Brownfield townships; three hundred in Mason; one thousand in Conway, N.H.; thirteen hundred in Madison and Eaton, N.H.; three hundred in Bartlett, N.H.; two hundred in Freedom, N.H.; and other tracts in Maine and New Hampshire. His homestead property contains one hundred acres of excellent tillage land with a substantial residence, and occupies a pleasant location near the village of Fryeburg.

On January 13, 1859, Mr. Weston was united in marriage to Abbie F. Glines. She was born in Eaton, N.H., daughter of Thomas

Glines, now deceased, formerly a prosperous farmer of that town. She became the mother of five children, as follows: Edward, born October 23, 1859, who married Sadie Gordon, a native of Canada, and is now in the grain business in Fryeburg; James Herbert, born November 3, 1861, who died at the age of two years; Mary, born February 9, 1866, residing at home; Susan, born March 12, 1868, who is now a teacher in the public schools of this town; and George Ward, born September 3, 1870, also residing at home. Mrs. Weston died May 28, 1895. In politics Mr. Weston is a Republican, and, though actively interested in all measures calculated to secure the party's success, he has never sought public office. Highly esteemed by the community, he exercises a wide influence in all public matters. He and his daughters are members of the New Jerusalem Church of Fryeburg.

ALBERT GUY HOWARD, M.D., a popular and successful physician and surgeon of Farmington, Me., was born in the town of Rangeley, Franklin County, October 20, 1846, the son of Guy C. and Mahala (Howland) Howard.

Guy C. Howard was born in the town of Phillips, Me., and reared to farm life. His first independent venture was the purchase of a farm in his native town, which he tilled for a few years; and then selling it he engaged in trade and manufacturing, purchasing a store at Bragg's Corners and also the potash-mills. He subsequently moved to the town of Rangeley, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of heavily timbered land near Quimby Pond and erected a log house. After clearing most of the land in the pioneer fashion, he sold it at an advantage and purchased some property in the town of Phillips. There he remained but a short time, next purchasing a farm in the town of Weld. In 1864 he sold his farm and bought a house in the village of Weld, retiring from active business. In 1879 his home was broken by the death of his wife; and, selling his effects, he went to live with his daughter in Lynn, Mass., where he died at the age of eighty years. He had been a man of remarkable physical vigor, and at the time

of his death there was not a gray hair in his head. Mr. Guy C. Howard was a Democrat in his early manhood, but after the formation of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance to that. In religious belief he was a Baptist. His wife, who was a daughter of Briggs S. Howland, died in 1879, at the age of sixty-nine. Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Howard were the parents of the following children: James G.; Briggs H.; Abigail, who died young; William B.; Frank S.; Helena M.; Della R.; Albert Guy; and Mary E.

Albert Guy Howard, the youngest son and the special subject of this biography, spent his boyhood years in acquiring his education in the public schools. After leaving the high school he learned the trade of harness-making; and then opening a shop he carried on the business some ten years, at the same time studying medicine under the tuition of Dr. J. J. Linscott, of Farmington, and Dr. S. P. Warner, of Portland. He subsequently took a practical course at the Medical Institute of Vermont, graduating in 1881. In July of the same year he began to practice at New Sharon, Me., where he remained two years, and he next settled at Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland County; but, the salt air not agreeing with him, he removed to Kingfield, where he established himself, August 16, 1883. There he soon had a large practice, the frequency of accidents in the woods among the lumber camps and mills keeping him busy as a surgeon and physician; and his skill and success soon gave him a favorable reputation. On May 7, 1891, he moved to Farmington; and although there were a number of old established physicians here, he soon won his way to favor, as his practical experience in surgery especially made his presence desirable in cases of emergency. He has a large practice in Farmington and vicinity, and is often called in consultation long distances away. His residence and office are at 22 High Street.

Dr. Howard and Miss Ella L. Wilkins, daughter of Abial and Elizabeth (Howe) Wilkins, of Wilton, Me., were married on April 30, 1870, and now have three children. It was to give these children better educational advantages that he removed to Farmington. The eldest, Guy C., who was born December 29,

1873, and is at present a Junior in Bowdoin College, has taught sixty-four weeks as first assistant of the Farmington High School; the next, Maud E., who was born January 16, 1875, is a graduate of the State Normal School at Farmington in the class of 1894, and is now teaching in Groveland, Mass.; and the youngest, Ethel L., born December 12, 1879, is in the classical department of the Farmington High School, fitting for college. In politics Dr. Howard favors the Republican party.

**J**OHAN C. PIKE, formerly a resident of Waterford, where he will be long remembered as a man of sterling worth and character and a prominent agriculturist, was born here, September 28, 1827. He was a son of John and Hannah (Prince) Pike, respectively natives of Waterford and Massachusetts. Grandfather Pike was the first of the name to settle in this town.

John Pike, who was engaged in farming here throughout the most of his lifetime, was one of the leading agriculturists of the town. He subsequently removed to Sweden, Me., where his busy life closed. His first wife, Hannah (Prince) Pike, died December 21, 1833; and he afterward married Miss Esther Richardson, of Sweden, who was born May 10, 1804. The fruit of his first marriage was four children, namely: Mary A., deceased, born April 8, 1825; John C., the subject of this sketch; Susan Augusta, born July 29, 1829, and Hannah M., born December 21, 1833, who died September 27, 1844. By his second wife he had: Elias, born June 28, 1837, who died December 28, 1862; Alvin, born April 28, 1841, now living in Sweden; and Gilman, born February 11, 1845, who died December 17, 1862.

When seventeen years of age John C. Pike left home, and went to California and to other points in the West, where for several years, until 1858, he was engaged in mining and logging. After his marriage he settled on the farm now occupied by his widow, and was there successfully engaged in general farming until his death, which occurred December 6, 1891, at the age of sixty-four years. The farm, which is now carried on by one of his

sons, contains about three hundred acres of productive land. It came to its present owners in a high condition.

On June 28, 1854, Mr. Pike was married to Miss Eliza A. Williard, who was born in Waterford, August 16, 1821, daughter of Louis and Mary (Plaisted) Williard. Mr. and Mrs. Williard were respectively natives of Harvard, Mass., and Gorham, Me. When Mr. Williard came to Waterford, he settled on the farm where his daughter, Mrs. Pike, now lives. She has had two sons and a daughter, namely: Sarah M., born July 7, 1855, now the wife of Henry Wentworth, of Waterford; Bion H., born March 18, 1858, who married Miss Edith Nevers, and is living near the old homestead; and Ernest L., born November 24, 1859, who resides on the homestead farm with his mother, and is successfully engaged in general farming, lumbering, and stock business. The latter is now one of the leading men of the town, a member of the grange at Waterford, and a stanch Republican, having always voted with that party.

**G**EORGE A. VIRGIN, a lumber manufacturer of Hanover village, Oxford County, was born here, November 15, 1851, son of Jonathan A. and Nancy K. (Elliott) Virgin. When a young man Rufus Virgin, the father of Jonathan A., came to this county from Concord, N.H., and settled in Rumford Falls. Jonathan A. was born at Rumford Falls, and there spent his early years, receiving his education in the common schools. He began his business career as manager of a grist-mill at Rumford Falls. About the year 1844 he came to Hanover, and purchased the old grist-mill and rebuilt it. At a later date he bought the old saw-mill and refitted it. He ran both successfully, and carried on a successful business until about 1874, when he bought the old woollen-mill. This he tore down, and erected the mill now owned by his son. After renting it one year he sold out. In 1892 he again bought the woollen-mill, and, in company with his son, altered it into a saw-mill. He died September 1, 1893, at the age of seventy-six years. In politics he was an adherent of the Republi-

can party. His opinion on matters pertaining to the public welfare was much valued, and for several years he served as Treasurer of the town of Hanover. Although not a member of any church, he rendered material assistance in the erection of the Universalist church at Rumford Point. Nancy K. (Elliott) Virgin, his wife, who was born in Livermore, Me., died at the age of forty-five years, leaving two sons — George A. and Rufus J. R. J. Virgin resides now at South Bethel, this county, where he is engaged in manufacturing lumber.

After attending the schools here in Hanover, George A. Virgin took a supplementary course at Gould's Academy in Bethel and at Hebron Academy. After attaining his legal majority, he rented his father's saw-mill for a few years, and then bought it. He leased the grist-mill some time later, and thereafter conducted the two together until 1892. Since his father's death he has purchased the new saw-mill here in Hanover village, where he carries on quite an extensive business in general lumber and box manufacturing.

On May 30, 1874, Mr. Virgin was united in marriage with Miss Emma G. Brown, who died January 26, 1887, leaving two children — George Lee and Dwight M. Both are now employed with their father in the mill. In politics Mr. Virgin is a Republican. He is a member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, of F. & A. M., at Rumford Centre; and of Oxford Bear Lodge, No. 54, Knights of Pythias, of Hanover.

**E**LIAS H. MORSE, one of the most progressive farmers of Jay, Franklin County, was born September 7, 1830, upon the farm he now owns and cultivates, son of John and Sally (Monroe) Morse. Nathan Morse, his grandfather, an Englishman by birth, after following the sea as master of a vessel in his younger days, settled upon a farm in Weld, Me., still owned by a member of the family, and resided there for the rest of his life. John Morse, who was born in Weld, settled at the age of eighteen in Jay upon the farm where his son, Elias H., now resides, and spent the remainder of his active period occupied in its cultivation. He

died February 18, 1872. His wife, Sally, who was a daughter of Abel Monroe, a prosperous farmer of Livermore, Androscoggin County, bore him six children, as follows: Sally and Julia M., who are no longer living; Martha M., the wife of Dr. Bartlett, of East Dixfield; Elias, also deceased; Elias H., the subject of this sketch; and Melvina C., who died November 6, 1842. The mother's death occurred on February 23, 1879.

Elias H. Morse was educated in the common schools of Jay, and has always resided at the homestead. He succeeded to the property, which is now a well-improved farm of two hundred acres. Besides the usual farm products, he makes a specialty of raising fruit. His prosperity has been achieved by good sense, industry, and perseverance. On October 8, 1857, Mr. Morse was first united in marriage with Ann Coolage Phinney, who was born in Jay, September 21, 1838, daughter of Deacon Jonas and Eliza (Lampkin) Phinney, late of this town. She died May 28, 1885, leaving four children, as follows: Mary Eliza, born August 19, 1858, who married Wilbur Libby, and resides in North Falmouth, Me.; Jonathan Everett, born January 3, 1864, who married Carrie Bolster, and resides in Lynn, Mass.; Carrie P., born January 13, 1867, who is now the wife of Stillman B. Harlow, of East Dixfield, this county; and Ernest Clifford, born December 8, 1877, who resides at the homestead. On April 2, 1890, Mr. Morse wedded Mrs. Eleanor (True) Ramsdell, widow of Augustus Ramsdell. She was born in Phillips, Me., January 31, 1843, daughter of the late Captain John True, formerly a well-known and highly respected citizen of that town. Mr. Morse is numbered among the stanch Republicans of Jay, having upheld the principles of that party since reaching his majority. He has always given his close attention to his farm, and is held in high estimation by his neighbors and fellow-townsmen.

**A**LBION EMERY BRADBURY, one of the largest real estate owners and most prominent residents of the town of Canton, Oxford County, Me., was born in Byron, Me., in the same county, on

March 8, 1822, son of Thomas and Dolly (Morse) Bradbury. He comes of old Colonial stock, being a worthy representative of the family founded in America by Thomas Bradbury, who emigrated from England in 1634, and, settling in the District of Maine, became the possessor of a large tract of land. Some of his descendants were men of note during the Colonial period.

Mr. Albion Bradbury's grandfather, Daniel Bradbury, who was a native of Buxton, Me., and was a Quaker, settled in early manhood in Athens, Me., of which town he was a pioneer farmer and one who made good progress. An upright man and a highly respected citizen, he labored diligently and without selfish motives to secure the development of the town. He died in Athens at the age of eighty-six years. He reared a family of fourteen children, of whom Thomas, Mr. Bradbury's father, was the second-born.

Thomas Bradbury grew to manhood upon a farm in the town of Buxton, his native place. He early displayed a capacity for both agricultural and business pursuits, and aside from tilling the soil he became a very prominent cattle dealer. He made his home in Byron for a time; but on March 25, 1828, he settled in Canton upon the farm where his son now resides. He was very successful both as a farmer and a business man, becoming one of the wealthiest men of this town; and he resided here until his death, which took place October 15, 1857, at the age of sixty-six years. In politics he was originally a Whig, but joined the Republican movement at its formation, and was one of the first supporters of that party in this section. His wife, Dolly Morse, who was a native of Concord, N.H., became the mother of four children, two of whom are living, namely: Albion E., the subject of this sketch; and Fannie, who is the wife of Amos Childs and resides in Canton. The others were: Cynthia, who died April 29, 1857, aged thirty-two years; and Charles D. Bradbury, M.D., a successful physician, who died in 1893, aged sixty-one years. Mrs. Dolly M. Bradbury lived to reach the age of eighty-seven years, and died November 4, 1882. Both she and her husband were Universalists in their religious belief.





ALBION E. BRADBURY.

Albion Emery Bradbury accompanied his parents to Canton when but six years of age. He was educated partly in the public schools of this town, including the high school, and partly under the direction of a private tutor. Having grown to manhood he still continued to live with his father and mother, and for some time previous to his father's death he had entire charge of the business affairs of the estate. He now carries on general farming at the old homestead, of which he has come into possession, and where he has been a resident for nearly sixty-nine years. His agricultural operations are not necessarily on a very limited scale, as he is the owner of over five hundred acres of valuable land. Mr. Bradbury has, however, not confined himself to labor in the fields, but has travelled extensively through the United States, visiting all notable points of interest to an intelligent sightseer; and he is well-informed in regard to the natural resources and the industries of this country. Mr. Bradbury is unmarried. In politics he acts with the Republican party, but has never aspired to public office. In his religious views he is a Universalist.

**H**ON. SAMUEL P. CUSHMAN, one of the town fathers of Hebron, Me., born March 16, 1829, on the farm which is now his home, is a son of Ansel and Eliza (Pratt) Cushman. His grandfather, Caleb Cushman, an active and industrious farmer in his lifetime, was one of the early settlers of Hebron. Caleb died on the homestead at an advanced age. His family consisted of nine children, five daughters and four sons, all of whom have long since passed away. Ansel Cushman spent his life on his father's farm, and was one of the representative farmers of the town. In politics he was originally a Whig. Upon the formation of the Republican party he gave his adhesion to its principles. He was a member of the Baptist church in Hebron. His death occurred in his eighty-third year, and that of his wife at the age of eighty-two. Six children were born to them, namely: Nancy, the widow of the late Lauren A. Bumpus; Henry M., deceased; Samuel P., the subject of this

sketch; Horatio A., a resident of Hebron; Charlotte P., the wife of Jacob M. Drew, of Auburn; Maria E., now in Los Angeles, Cal., the widow of Henry Ricker, who died in the late war.

Samuel P. Cushman grew to manhood in Hebron, acquiring an education in the common schools and the academy. After leaving the academy he taught school for a short time, and then turned his attention to agriculture on the home farm. This property covers some eighty acres of land, and has neat and substantial buildings, which Mr. Cushman himself erected.

Mr. Cushman was married September 5, 1856, to Mary B. Cushman, daughter of Major Albert and Rosetta H. (Curtis) Cushman. She was born in Hebron, September 7, 1833. She has borne her husband three sons—Friederick W., Hartley F., and Albion K. P. The eldest, who was born December 1, 1858, acquired a good education, studying at Hebron Academy. For some time he has given his attention to carpentry and general farming in his native town, where he owns a farm of one hundred acres. He is a member of Hebron Grange, No. 43, Patrons of Husbandry, of Hebron. In politics he is a Republican, in religious belief a liberal. He was married February 4, 1891, to Edith L., daughter of Zibeon L. Packard, and has two children—Dwight P. and Edelle. His wife is a member of the Baptist church. Hartley F. Cushman, born July 24, 1864, who is in trade in Auburn, Me., married Miss Lillian E. Thomas. Albion K. P. Cushman, born February 11, 1870, who is as yet unmarried, and lives with his parents, follows the pursuit of agriculture. Mr. Samuel P. Cushman, who is a Republican, has been elected several times to the Hebron Board of Selectmen, and has served for a number of years as Chairman of the Board. He was Town Clerk and Treasurer for ten years, having previously filled minor offices. He has been a Justice of the Peace for many years, and in 1874 he represented the district in the State legislature. He is a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M., of Buckfield, and is very prominent in social circles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cushman are members of Hebron

Grange, No. 43, Patrons of Husbandry, of Hebron. They are also members of the Baptist church at Hebron.

ALFRED A. OAKES, a member of the Board of Selectmen of Chesterville, Franklin County, Me., was born at the Oakes homestead, where he now resides, April 16, 1851, son of David and Marinda (Arnold) Oakes. Mr. Oakes is a descendant of a Revolutionary patriot, his great-grandfather, John Oakes, having been among the minute-men who took part in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, and died from the effects of exposure some three months after the last-named struggle.

The wife of John Oakes married for her second husband Jonathan Knowlton, a native of Massachusetts, whom she met while he was on one of his trips to Maine, which he made by packet from Salem, being five months on his last voyage from that place to Hallowell. In 1780 Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton settled upon a tract of new land in Farmington. John Oakes, Jr., who was born in Massachusetts in 1770, son of the first-named John, accompanied his mother and step-father to Farmington, being, it is said, the first white boy brought by any settler to that town. Shortly afterward he removed to New Vineyard; and he eventually settled upon one hundred and sixty acres of wild land, which he improved into a good farm. He resided there for a few years, and then removed to Chesterville, where he bought of his brother Eben and John Corbett the farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres, which has since been known as the Oakes homestead. A hard-working, thrifty farmer, he survived the vicissitudes of a pioneer's life, and lived to see the locality become a thriving agricultural district. He died at the homestead in Chesterville, September 7, 1839, aged sixty-nine years. In politics he acted with the Democratic party. He was widely and favorably known throughout this section as Deacon John Oakes, from his official connection with the Baptist church. He married Wealthy Crapo, a native of Massachusetts, who was born in 1771, and they reared a family of eight children;

namely, Wealthy, John, Mary, David, Jere, and Elkanah, who were born in New Vineyard; and Frances and Weighty, who were born in Chesterville. Grandmother Oakes lived to be eighty-three years old, dying May 8, 1854.

David Oakes, Mr. Oakes's father, was born April 13, 1802, and was the second son. His boyhood and youth were spent at the homestead, acquiring a practical knowledge of farm work and attending the district school; and at the age of twenty-one he became his father's hired help. On the death of his father he and his brother John inherited the homestead, which they carried on together till 1854, when he bought his brother's interest; and John went to Minnesota, where he died ten years later. Continuing to improve the property, David Oakes became a prosperous general farmer and stock raiser; and, as he was especially partial to good-blooded animals, he always kept the best of horses and oxen. The active period of his life was spent in toiling industry. He died October 21, 1879, aged seventy-seven years. In politics he was in his last years a Republican, and on religious matters he held broad and liberal views. His wife, Marinda Arnold, whom he married in 1833, was a daughter of John Arnold, of Augusta. They reared four children, namely: David, who died at the age of twenty; Augusta, who is living at the present time; Alfred A., the subject of this sketch; and John. The mother died April 5, 1855, aged forty-two years.

Alfred A. Oakes was educated in the town schools of Chesterville, and resided at home until he was twenty-one years old, when he went to Foxboro, Mass., where he was engaged in the manufacture of straw hats for three years. He then returned to the homestead, a third of which he inherited; and, having purchased the interests of the other heirs, he has since carried on the farm with energy and success. He deals largely in stock, keeps sixteen Durham and Guernsey cows, sending his milk and cream to the Turner creamery at Auburn; and for some years he was quite an extensive breeder of Durham cattle for the market.

On October 17, 1875, Mr. Oakes wedded

for his first wife Georgia A. Goodrich, daughter of David Goodrich, of Wilton. She died March 17, 1879; and in 1885 he was united to his present wife, who was before marriage Brendena L. Russell, being a daughter of Charles A. Russell, of Temple. By this union there have been four children, namely: Arthur A., who was born May 5, 1886; Ralph G., who was born November 28, 1887; Percy B., who was born October 14, 1890, and died April 19, 1891; and Fannie E., who was born February 25, 1892.

In politics Mr. Oakes is an active supporter of the Republican party, and his natural ability has placed him in a position of prominence in public affairs. Besides serving in the various minor town offices he was a member of the Board of Selectmen during the years 1881, 1882, and 1883, and has served in the same capacity for the past three years. He is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen both as an agreeable, kind-hearted neighbor and as an able and faithful public official.

**G**EORGE LEVITT MELLEN, a retired resident of Paris, Me., who was for many years identified with the Oxford *Democrat*, was born at Paris Hill, January 28, 1823, son of Alanson and Mary (Bisco) Mellen. Mr. Mellen's father, who was a native of Hopkinton, Mass., came to Paris at an early date in the town's history, as agent for the Bemis family, who were at that time the owners of a large estate in this county.

Alanson Mellen was an exceedingly able and upright business man. He took a prominent part in developing the natural resources of Paris, it being through his instrumentality that the great possibilities of this town as an agricultural centre were brought to the notice of investors and farmers. Soon after his settlement here he became connected with public affairs, and his valuable official services extended through a period of many years. For several years he was Town Clerk, and for thirty-five or thirty-six years he was the Registrar of Deeds of Oxford County, being the second man to fill that position. He was also County Treasurer for a number of

terms. A man of advanced ideas, he labored diligently and effectively in securing the growth and prosperity of this section of the State, his active endeavors for the general good of the community being maintained until his death. He entertained broad and liberal views upon religious subjects; and, politically, he was an earnest and influential supporter of the Democratic party, in which he figured as a recognized leader in this county. Alanson Mellen died at his home in Paris Hill, December 9, 1851. He and his wife, Mary Bisco, whom he survived some twenty-five years, were the parents of six children, as follows: Leonard, who was born January 20, 1813; Jonas B., who was born December 7, 1814; Eunice F., who was born October 17, 1816; Mary M., who was born November 1, 1818; Charles T., who was born November 20, 1820; and George Levitt, whose birth is mentioned above. Mrs. Mary B. Mellen died March 12, 1826.

George Levitt Mellen, the fourth son, who is the subject of this sketch, acquired his early education in the district schools of his neighborhood, and advanced in knowledge and mental discipline by attending the Yarmouth and Bridgton Academies. After completing his studies he served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in the office of the Oxford *Democrat*, later being engaged at various places, including Lowell and Boston, Mass. While residing in the New England metropolis, he, in company with Mr. C. A. Putnam, purchased in 1849 a literary newspaper, called the Boston *Museum*, which they conducted for a short time, and then sold. Returning to Paris, Mr. Mellen early in 1850 bought a half-interest in the Oxford *Democrat*, the office and publishing-room of which had been destroyed by fire in December, 1849. Re-establishing that journal upon a firm running basis, Mr. Mellen, in company with George W. Millett, carried it on until October, 1850, when he with others purchased Mr. Millett's interest in the enterprise. The *Democrat* continued to flourish under his management, with Mr. Emery, of Portland, as editor, until after the election of Franklin Pierce as President of the United States in 1852, when Mr. Mellen sold his interest in the paper, and re-

tired permanently from journalistic enterprises.

Soon after President Pierce took his seat, Mr. Mellen was appointed United States mail agent between Portland and Waterville, later having his route extended to Bangor upon the completion of the Maine Central Railway to that city; and he continued in the postal service until the change in the federal administration which accompanied the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He was subsequently appointed freight and ticket agent and depot master of the Portland & Rochester Railroad at Portland, in which position he continued a few years. In 1868 he formed a partnership with G. G. Waterhouse for the purpose of opening and carrying on the Dewitt House in Lewiston, which was at that time one of the largest and best appointed hotels in Maine. He was connected with the Dewitt House for about six years, at the expiration of which time he withdrew; and after spending two years in Pensacola, Fla., he engaged with Mr. Burgess in the lumber business. Since retiring from active business pursuits, about the year 1878, he has resided in Paris.

On July 5, 1852, Mr. Mellen married Nancy Norris Wing. She was born in Wayne, Me., February 19, 1821, daughter of James and Nancy (Norris) Wing. Her father was born in Wayne, September 9, 1792; and his wife was born May 24, 1794. James Wing was a prosperous farmer and prominent resident of Wayne, being an upright, conscientious man, possessing intellectual ability of a high order. He represented the district which included Wayne and Leeds in the Maine legislature during the years 1840 and 1841. The date of his death was March 20, 1864, he having survived his wife, who died November 24, 1836. Of their six children four are living, namely: James M., a resident of Wayne; Orrin, residing in Harvard, Mass.; Eliza Seaver, wife of John R. Miller, of Concord, N.H.; and Frances Charlotte, whose home is in Paris. The others were Mrs. Sally Wing Burgess, who died September 2, 1874; and Nancy Norris, who became Mrs. George L. Mellen, and died November 8, 1890, leaving no children.

In his younger days Mr. Mellen was promi-

nently identified with local politics, which made him an eligible candidate for public office; and he served as Town Clerk in Paris, and was Postmaster for two terms at different times. Although he has not coveted political notoriety, he has been a firm supporter of the Democratic party since attaining his majority. In his religious belief he is a Universalist. He has had a long and successful career as a business man, and is now enjoying a well-earned period of rest and recreation at his pleasant home in Paris, where he is regarded by his fellow-townsmen with the utmost respect and esteem.

**S**OLOMON S. HALL, who died at his homestead in Waterford, Oxford County, Me., January 8, 1896, was identified with the agricultural interests of this vicinity for nearly three decades, having removed here in 1868 from the neighboring town of Norway, where he was born June 10, 1821. He was the eldest son of Jonathan Hall, and was a grandson of Jedediah Hall, a lifelong resident of Falmouth, Me.

Jonathan Hall, after arriving at man's estate, left his native place and came to Oxford County to engage in agricultural pursuits. Buying land in the western part of Norway, he labored with tireless energy to clear a homestead, meeting with such success that before his death, whose date was April 30, 1842, he had a well-improved farm. His wife, Mary Smith, whom he had married after settling in Norway, survived him a few years, passing away January 18, 1845. They had seven children, as follows: Emeline Maria, who was born December 12, 1818, and died in March, 1887, the wife of Daniel Pierce; Solomon S., the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; Aaron Oliver, born February 8, 1823, who died August 1, 1824; Oliver A., who was born March 28, 1825, and married Clara A. Stanley, who has lived in Cambridge, Mass., since his death, which occurred February 6, 1890; Albert Edwin, born March 29, 1827, who died July 29, 1827; Helen, born June 3, 1828, who died the following day; and Albert Edwin, the second, who was

born July 31, 1829, and died November 28 of the same year.

Solomon S. Hall, the first-born son, grew to maturity, and was educated in Norway, this county, and subsequently was there engaged in shoemaking and market gardening for a number of years. He resided in the village of his native town until October, 1868, when he purchased the old McWain farm in Waterford, where he engaged in general farming, dairying, and raising garden produce until his decease, by good management realizing a handsome yearly income from his well tilled fields. Politically, Mr. Hall was a steadfast Republican, true to the interests of his party; and, religiously, he and his wife were esteemed members of the Universalist church of Norway.

Mr. Hall was three times married. His first wife, formerly Miss Ruth B. Smith, died leaving no issue. His second wife, Emily A. Warren, was born April 22, 1834, and died August 29, 1861. His third wife, Olivia G. Warren, a sister of his second wife, was born September 16, 1836, and died in June, 1894. He had three children by his second marriage, namely: Mary, born March 6, 1854, now the wife of G. H. Shedd, M.D., a prominent physician of North Conway, N.H., and mother of one child, George Harold, born November 1, 1882; Julia, born October 2, 1856, who died December 24, 1891; and Lizzie E., born August 26, 1859, who lives with her brother on the old homestead. This brother, Sidney S. Hall, born June 21, 1866, was the only child of the third marriage of Mr. Hall. He is one of the leading young men of Waterford, and with his sister now owns the old farm of two hundred and thirty-three acres. They are carrying on the various branches of agricultural industry with unquestioned success, keeping some stock, but making a specialty of raising and marketing garden truck and fruit.

**J**OHAN MINOT SOULE HUNTER, the well-known editor of the *Farmington Chronicle*, of Farmington, Me., was born in this town on the 14th of December, 1846, the son of Thomas and Sarah C. (Soule) Hunter.

The Hunter family is of Scotch descent, and settled in Sandy River Valley in 1767. James Hunter, the grandfather of the editor, was born in Bristol, Me. Later he removed to the town of Strong, where he finally settled, taking up a large tract of new land, clearing it and building upon it. Mr. Hunter was of a very strong constitution, and lived to a ripe old age. His wife, Rachel Dodge, was equally vigorous. Her death at the age of eighty-three years was caused by an accident. She was about to step from her carriage at the door of her church, when the horse, startled by the ringing of the church bell, ran away, and she was thrown out and fatally injured.

Their son Thomas, the editor's father, was born on the 30th of April, 1807, in the town of Strong. Arriving at a mature age, he began to earn his living by teaching school; but preferring a more active life, and being possessed of considerable mechanical ingenuity, he gave up this profession, and devoted his time to various trades. Diligent and versatile, as a blacksmith, stone cutter, carpenter, millwright, and house joiner, he was a skilled workman. He became a "boss" builder in Farmington in a few years; and several houses which he built are still standing to-day, witnesses of his skill and thoroughness. At one time he took a contract, and erected a large sugar-mill, which was taken to Hawaii, Sandwich Islands. He framed the mill in Farmington, and got it all ready to set up, then transported it by teams to Hallowell, where it was loaded on a sailing-vessel, and thence carried to its destination. Mr. Hunter went with the mill, and set it up on its arrival there, and ran it for one year. At the expiration of the term of his contract he returned to Farmington, and followed his trade of a master builder until his death.

He married Sarah C., the daughter of Zachariah Soule, and by this union he became the father of six children—James T., who died in infancy; Marcia S.; Julia S.; Susan C.; John Minot Soule, of whom this short biography is written; and James T. Mr. Thomas Hunter was a staunch Republican in his politics, and in religious belief followed the doc-

trines of the Congregational church, of which both himself and wife were active and consistent members.

John Minot Soule Hunter received his education in the public schools of his native town and at Farmington Academy. He early in life entered upon a business career, becoming a clerk in Farmington and at a later date in Bath and in Boston. He continued thus engaged until September 15, 1867, when he entered the *Chronicle* office in Farmington, in order to learn the printer's trade and the profession of a journalist. Shortly after this he temporarily left the office of the *Chronicle*, having been appointed Deputy to Andrew C. Phillips, Esq. (then editor of the paper), who was appointed United States Consul at Fort Erie, Ontario. Later he resigned, and returned to the *Chronicle*, where he became foreman of the office under editor A. H. S. Davis; and, upon the sale of the *Chronicle* by the latter to Captain C. W. Keyes, Mr. Hunter became foreman and general assistant, occupying those positions several years, or until June 20, 1877, when he removed to Portland, where he became foreman of the Portland *Daily Press* composing-room and later telegraph editor of the same paper.

In June, 1886, Mr. Hunter resigned his position on the Portland *Press*, and returned to Farmington, having bought one-half of his old paper, the Farmington *Chronicle*, and leased the other half, of Captain Keyes. Four months later — in the great fire of October 22, 1886 — the office and its fine machinery were completely destroyed. The paper was, however, published regularly every week, the publishers of the Lewiston *Journal* generously volunteering to print and send the papers to Mr. Hunter, which they did for two weeks. In the meantime he had a new office and outfit prepared, and in a little while the paper was on its feet again. The Farmington *Chronicle* is now in the fifty-seventh year of its existence, has a circulation of about three thousand copies, and is universally admitted to be not only the largest but the best paper in the county; and it ranks among the leading weekly papers of Maine. The *Chronicle* always has been and still is the organ of the Republican party in Franklin County, though

many of its firm friends and patrons are found in all the parties. It is, perhaps, needless to say Mr. Hunter is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Hunter was married on the 14th of December, 1874, to Miss Eldora Nichols, the daughter of Walter Nichols, of Searsport, Waldo County, Me. They have had three children — John Walter, Mabel E., and Charles W. Keyes; but only the daughter is living, their two sons having died in infancy.

Mr. Hunter is a very popular man, not only in his native town, but wherever he is known. His friends and acquaintances are many, both in the social and business world; and all speak of him in the pleasantest manner. He is a member of numerous societies and fraternities, among them being the following: Past Master, Maine Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 44, Royal Arch Masons; Jephthah Council, No. 17, Royal and Select Masters; Pilgrim Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templars; Kora Temple, N. M. Shrine; Maine Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; P. N. G., Franklin Lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; also P. C. P., Sandy River Encampment, No. 9, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also one of the incorporators of the Franklin County Savings Bank; a Trustee of the Public Library, as well as Secretary of the Library Association; and in 1894 he was appointed by Governor H. B. Cleaves a Trustee of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home in Bath, Me.

ARTHUR E. MORRISON, Trial Justice of Rumford Falls and an enterprising real estate dealer, was born in Rollinsford, N.H., January 27, 1862, son of John W. and Abbie (Cates) Morrison. The father, a native of Alton, N.H., was reared upon a farm in that town. He is now a successful stone contractor of South Berwick, Me., an able, conscientious, and progressive man; and he enjoys the respect of all with whom he has dealings. His wife was born in Groveland, N.H., and she is the mother of five children, as follows: George E., who is in the marble and granite business in Saco, Me.; Arthur E., the subject of this

sketch; John H., a business man of South Berwick; Nancy, the wife of George W. Tibbetts, of South Berwick; and Mary Etta, who resides at home. Both parents are members of the Baptist church, of which the father is a Deacon.

Arthur E. Morrison began his education in the common schools of South Berwick. At the age of twelve years he commenced to work in a store, devoting to his duties therein his mornings and evenings and the summer vacation. With his earnings here he paid his tuition at the Berwick Academy, from which he graduated in 1882. In the autumn of that year he went to Biddeford, Me., where he secured a position as clerk in a dry-goods store. A year later the firm for which he worked established at Norway, Me., a branch store, of which he was appointed manager; and he remained in that capacity four years. He then went to Dover, N.H., where he clerked for a year; and in the spring of 1888 he opened an insurance agency in Sanford, Me., remaining in that town two years. Having sold out his business there, he returned to Norway, and was employed by Freeland Howe in the insurance business. In 1892 this firm established a branch office in Rumford Falls, erecting the first business block on Congress Street, which is now the principal thoroughfare of the town. Under Mr. Morrison's able management the business has been placed upon a firm and profitable basis. Since taking up his residence here he has been identified with the business development of the town; and his ability and sound judgment have been instrumental in forwarding several important enterprises, which are of much benefit to the general community. He was one of the organizers of the Rumford Falls Publishing Company, of which he is a Director, was a principal mover in the formation of the Village Corporation, and is an incorporator and Director of the Rumford Falls Building and Loan Association.

On March 10, 1885, Judge Morrison was united in marriage to Fannie Robertina Howe, daughter of Freeland Howe, of Norway. They have now two sons—Robley Howe and Freeland John. In politics Judge Morrison is a Republican. He was appointed

Trial Justice here in 1892, being the first to hold that office in Rumford Falls. He is connected with Oxford Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M., of Norway; and with Penacook Lodge, No. 130, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this town. Both he and Mrs. Morrison are zealous workers in the Universalist church. The Judge is a progressive and active business man. His courteous and affable manners have made him popular, and he has already laid the foundation of a successful career.

**C**ARROLL E. PROCTOR, M.D., the only physician in the town of Weld, Franklin County, was born in Canton, Me., July 20, 1858, son of the Rev. Roscoe A. and Betsey R. (Smith) Proctor. On the father's side he is of English descent, and on the mother's side he is of Scotch origin. The Proctor family was founded in America by two brothers who came from England and settled either in Salem or Merrimac, N.H. One of the brothers was the great-great-grandfather of Dr. Proctor. The grandfather, Uriah A. Proctor, was born in Merrimac, July 18, 1791. In early manhood, leaving Bethel, Me., he descended the Androscoggin River upon a raft, and settled at Jay Bend, where he engaged in farming. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812. In January, 1813, he was married in Jay by Seth Carpenter to Abigail Fenno, who was born in Bethel, Me., August 18, 1791. He was a prominent man in his day in Canton, and was a member of the Baptist church. His children were: Mary F., Rebecca B., Emeline B., Oliver F., Charles A., Uriah A., Abigail, Abigail (second), Anna L., Uriah (second), and Roscoe A. Abigail (first) died in infancy.

Roscoe A. Proctor was born in Hartford, Oxford County, Me., November 10, 1833. He became a clergyman, and preached in Canton and Sumner, Me., for some time. He was subsequently called to Rangeley, Franklin County, where he remained eleven years. His last years were passed in Weld as pastor of the Free Will Baptist church; and he died December 2, 1891. He was a Republican in



politics, and was quite prominent in public affairs. His wife, Betsey, whom he married in Canton, July 20, 1852, was born in Livermore, Me., in 1834. She was a daughter of Jesse and Betsey A. (Knowles) Smith, the former of whom was born at Moose Hill, Livermore, Me., in 1800. Jesse Smith was a son of Deacon Jesse Smith, who was born in 1764, and died at Moose Hill, Livermore, Me., November 18, 1843. Deacon Smith's wife, Betsey A., was born in 1767, and died at Canton, Me., aged seventy-one years. Roscoe A. and Betsey R. (Smith) Proctor were the parents of two children, namely: Carroll E., the subject of this sketch; and Gerry A., a merchant who lives in Rangeley. The mother died in Weld, June 7, 1896.

Carroll E. Proctor acquired his early education in the common schools of Canton and at the Hebron Academy. He began the study of medicine with Dr. Yates, of West Paris, and subsequently entered Dartmouth College Medical School, from which he graduated with the class of 1880. He entered upon his profession at Weld, where he has since resided. He is the only medical practitioner here, and attends patients over a territory within a radius of twelve miles. On February 14, 1876, Dr. Proctor was united in marriage to Martha E. Bradeen, daughter of Theodore Bradeen, of Wilton, Me. Mrs. Proctor has had four children, three of whom are living, namely: Roscoe G., aged nineteen, who is fitting for college; Eva B., aged seventeen, who is also attending school; and Bessie, aged six years. In politics Dr. Proctor is a Republican, and has been superintendent of schools for the past three years. He is highly respected both socially and professionally, is connected with Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, A. F. & A. M., of Weld, and is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

**S**AMUEL B. LOCKE, wholesale and retail dealer in flour, grain, and feed at West Paris, Me., where he is accounted one of the most stirring and enterprising citizens, was born at Locke's Mills in the adjoining town of Greenwood, April 18, 1840. He is the third in

direct line to bear the name Samuel B. His grandfather, Samuel Barron Locke, first, settled in Bethel, Me., about 1796. He married Hannah Russell, of Fryeburg, and was the father of nine children who grew to maturity, five sons — John, Luther, Samuel B. (second), James, and Charles Russell — and four daughters. All have now passed away. Grandfather Locke was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Whig in political affiliation.

Samuel Barron Locke, second, the father of the special subject of this sketch, was born in Bethel in 1801. He was a self-made man. A millwright by trade, he became a mill-owner; and he also followed farming to some extent. He settled at Locke's Mills about the year 1839. Many of the mills for miles around were built by him, the one now conducted by his son having been erected in 1857. During the last years of his life, which were spent in West Paris, where he settled about the year 1860, he carried on a large milling business. His death took place in 1870. In politics he was a Republican, in religion he was liberal. His wife, Mrs. Lucetta Edgerly Locke, who was born in Buxton, Me., in 1806, died June 1, 1888, aged eighty-two years. Their six children are all living, namely: Mary Ellen, wife of C. M. Morgan, of Portland; John Locke, a trader, residing in Fryeburg, Me.; Charles R. Locke, a mill-owner and lumber manufacturer at North Chatham, N.H.; Frank Locke, a millwright in Fryeburg; George W., residing in Norway, Me.; and Samuel B., third, of West Paris.

Until sixteen years of age Samuel B. Locke, third, now to be further mentioned, lived at Locke's Mills. His education was completed at Gould's Academy in Bethel. He first went to work as a clerk for his brother John, whom he afterward bought out; and he was then in trade here for seventeen years, keeping a general store. After disposing of that he removed to Norway, Me., where he went into company with W. H. Whitcomb, and carried on quite a large mercantile business. Two years later, in 1885, he sold out, and returning to West Paris took up the milling business. He owned the mills

for a number of years. He does custom grinding, besides keeping feed, flour, grain, and fertilizers for sale at both wholesale and retail.

Mr. Locke was first married in June, 1865, to Miss Linnie H. Plummer, who died in 1868; and second, in 1875, to Miss Elva E. Libby, who was born in Standish, Me. By the first marriage there were no children. By the second there are three children, a son and two daughters. They are: Linnie E., born March 2, 1876; Mary L., born September 6, 1882; and Samuel B., born October 2, 1885.

Mr. Locke was elected on the Republican ticket as a Representative to the lower house of the State legislature for the term of 1874-75, and served very creditably. He has also served as Selectman of the town one term. He is President of the Oxford County Loan Association, and is a member of Granite Lodge, No. 182, A. F. & A. M., at West Paris; Lewiston Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templars; and of West Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at West Paris. His wife is a member of the Universalist church. Mr. and Mrs. Locke have a pleasant, attractive home, and are esteemed members of society.

**G**EORGE M. ATWOOD, of Paris, senior member of the firm of Atwood & Forbes, publishers of the *Oxford Democrat*, was born in Buckfield, Oxford County, Me., October 6, 1860. His parents were William H. and Helen M. Atwood; and it appears that they were ambitious for their son, giving him the best educational advantages within their reach.

After assimilating the benefits to be derived from the public schools and Hebron Academy, he entered the Law School of Columbia College, New York, having determined to adopt the legal profession as his life work. With this end in view he also read law under the direction of Messrs. Bisbee & Hersey, both well-known lawyers, and was admitted to the Oxford bar in October, 1885.

Very shortly afterward he purchased a half-interest in the *Oxford Democrat*, associating himself in this enterprise with Arthur E. Forbes, of Paris, Me., under the firm name of

Atwood & Forbes. Messrs. Atwood & Forbes have been more than ordinarily successful as journalists and editors, and since they moved their office to the Billings Block in South Paris, have enjoyed increased facilities in their special line of journalism. This change was made November 1, 1895; and they now occupy the handsomest newspaper office in the State of Maine.

Mr. Atwood has not confined himself entirely to editorial work since his residence in his present home, but has been actively interested in business and educational affairs, and has filled a number of important offices as a result of his energetic efforts in behalf of the community's welfare. He was elected County Treasurer of Oxford County in 1888, and was re-elected in 1890, 1892, 1894, and again in 1896. He is also President of the Trustees of Paris Hill Academy and Chairman of its Executive Committee, Trustee of the South Paris Savings Bank, and a member of the Paris School Board. In 1894 Mr. Atwood and Mr. John Pierce, of Paris, constructed the Paris-Norway and Buckfield telephone lines and exchanges, under the name of the Paris Electric Company, and now own and operate them.

Mr. Atwood was married to Miss Anna Harlow, a daughter of the Hon. Elbridge G. Harlow, of Dixfield, April 5, 1886. Two children were born to bless this union: William E., whose birth date was January 9, 1888; and Raymond L., who made his advent May 8, 1895. A successful business career, a prominent and honored place in the regard of his fellow-citizens, and a happy home life leave little to be desired by the senior member of the editorial firm of Atwood & Forbes; while both gentlemen may justly feel that they, through the organ of their paper, have been, and are, able to accomplish much for the community whose best interests they advocate and support.

**A**RTHUR E. FORBES, of Paris, Me., the junior member of the firm of Atwood & Forbes, was born near Paris Hill, May 30, 1862, son of Elbridge and Angeline (Thayer) Forbes. His father

was at one time a printer, but afterward became a farmer in Paris. Mr. Forbes learned the printer's art in the Oxford *Democrat* office, working up to the position of foreman and afterward proprietor of the paper. He was educated in the public schools and at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y. After finishing his education he became engaged in editorial work, and has been active in behalf of the *Democrat's* interests. Although an unmarried man, Mr. Forbes is influential in social as well as business circles, and is a favorite in Paris, where he has served with credit upon the School Board. He is also prominently identified with the Universalist denomination, and is a highly respected citizen.

**J**OHAN JANETT MORTON, an esteemed resident of South Paris, Me., his birthplace, and conductor and freight agent of the Grand Trunk Railroad between South Paris and Norway, Me., was born on October 20, 1830, son of Richard and Hannah (Perry) Morton. His father, who is supposed to have been a native of Raymond, Cumberland County, came to South Paris from Otisfield, in that county, two brothers, Joseph and Ebenezer, accompanying him.

A good mechanic, Richard Morton engaged in the manufacture of ploughs. At first, in deference to the popular belief that iron ploughs were easily broken, he made wooden ploughs furnished with steel points, the mould-boards being of wood plated with thin strips of sheet iron. Later he substituted a cast-iron mould-board. The first plough used on many of the farms of this county was the handiwork of Richard Morton. After having carried on this industry alone for a considerable time, he entered into partnership with Hersey Brothers, who were engaged in the same manufacture, he taking into his special charge the woodwork department. He continued occupied in this way until his health failed, when he retired from active employment, taking up his residence on a farm previously purchased by him. Here he died September 28, 1861, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, who was a daughter of James Perry, survived him until January 24, 1867, when she died at the age of

sixty-seven years. Their children were—Freeman C., James P., Angeline, Richard L., Ann M., John J., Newell J., and Horace J. The father was a member and class leader of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his earlier years his political opinions were Democratic; but, when the Republican party was formed, he joined it, and thenceforth supported that party.

John Janett Morton, whose name occupies the sixth place in this list, was reared and educated in South Paris. After leaving school he went to Roxbury, Mass., where he was employed three years, at first learning the business of manufacturing cut nails, and then working at that calling. Subsequently he worked for his brother, Freeman C. Morton, who was a contractor and builder, until 1850. Then he joined the crowd of gold-seekers at that time going to California. Near Acapulco, Mexico, the steamship "North America," on which he had embarked, was wrecked on a sand-bank. The disaster caused a detention of six weeks, and obliged him finally to ride to the next port on a mule, the distance being eighty miles. Here he took ship again; but before reaching his destination a further delay was occasioned by the breaking down of the engine, so that he was one hundred days upon the journey. On arriving in Sacramento, he engaged in carpenter's work for a short time; and then he went mining, visiting several places. Not liking his experience in this occupation, he at length gave it up and returned home. Soon after he was appointed freight agent of the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad, now known as the Grand Trunk Railroad. In 1883, when the road connecting South Paris with Norway was built, he received the further appointment of conductor of the trains running upon this branch. In both capacities he has given entire satisfaction, alike to his employers and the public at large.

On November 11, 1856, he was united in matrimony with Hannah B. Morse, a daughter of Nathan, Jr., and Mary (Crockett) Morse. Her father and mother were natives of Maine, born respectively in Lewiston and Danville, in the year 1788. The parents of Nathan Morse, Jr., were Nathan and Sarah (Bacon) Morse, natives of Dedham, Mass., who settled

in Lewiston. Their son, Nathan, Jr., removed to Danville, where he was a prosperous farmer. When advanced in years he bought a home in Norway, and there dwelt in retirement until his death, which occurred in 1871, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife died in 1869, having borne him twelve children. Of these nine attained maturity; namely, Joseph, Sally, Judith, Edwin, Jennie, Lucinda, Benjamin F., Julia, and Hannah B. Both parents were members of the Baptist church. In politics the father was at first a Whig and subsequently a Republican.

Mr. Morton and his wife have had four children, as follows: Ada May, born May 1, 1858; Ralph W., born October 28, 1859, who died March 7, 1887; Harry R., born October 23, 1861; and Helen T., born January 17, 1869. Ada May is now the wife of N. Dayton Bolster, the leading merchant of South Paris, and has four children—Elsie M., Morton V., Ruth M., and Philip C. Harry R., who conducts the night-lunch car at Auburn, Me., married Mina Daicy, and has one child, named Grace. Helen T. is the wife of George Hargrave, of Portland. In politics Mr. Morton supports the Republican party. During the entire period of his employment in the service of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company he has lost but six months on account of sickness. He and Mrs. Morton reside at 29 Pleasant Street, in a house erected by him on a lot purchased in 1860. Few men of the town are so well known and esteemed as Mr. Morton.

**G**EORGE R. BEAN, who was a well-to-do farmer and a prominent resident of Denmark, Oxford County, was born in Hollis, Me., July 3, 1834, son of William and Sarah F. (Blunt) Bean. The family was founded by John Bean, an emigrant from Scotland, who settled in Exeter, N.H., antecedent to the year 1660. Mr. Bean's grandparents were Abraham and Hannah (Burley) Bean, both residents of York County. Giles Burley, the founder of the Burley family, came from England and settled in Ipswich in 1648.

William Bean, born May 11, 1805, in Waterboro, York County, having been reared a

farmer, in 1835 settled in Denmark, where he bought a large tract of land known as the Joshua Osgood farm. Dealing extensively in lumber, he resided here until his death, which occurred April 21, 1894. His religious belief was that of the Universalists. For many years he figured prominently in public affairs, having represented his district in the legislature for three terms. He was twice married. His first wife, Sarah F., who was born February 2, 1808, in Kennebunkport, Me., and died January 10, 1862, had four children, as follows: George R., the subject of this sketch; Ellen S., born December 13, 1838, who is now the wife of R. G. True, a prosperous farmer of Hiram, Me.; Jane M., born September 12, 1841, who successively married Almond Perry and George P. Hoyt, of Baldwin, Me., and is now a widow residing in Old Orchard, Me.; and Frances A., born September 8, 1849, who is now the wife of the Rev. S. R. H. Biggs, a preacher and publisher of Lincoln, Mass. The father entered a second marriage, contracted with Sarah J. Warren, who was born in Effingham, N.H., October 15, 1827. She died February 19, 1889, leaving two children, namely: William C., born October 5, 1863, who married Lucy V. Allen, and is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Hiram, Me.; and Charles R., born November 15, 1871, who resides with his brother in Hiram.

After receiving his education in the schools of Paris Hill and Waterville, George R. Bean taught school in Denmark for eight years. Throughout the rest of his life he was prosperously engaged in general farming at the home-stand. A great admirer of good cattle, he also bred stock extensively. He died at his home, January 30, 1896, aged nearly sixty-two years. The estate left by him comprises the home-stand proper, containing two hundred and thirty acres; twelve hundred acres of outlying land; and the Red Mill in Hiram, erected by him in 1895. In politics he was an active supporter of the Republican party, by which he was elected to the offices of Supervisor and Collector. He was prominent in all movements conducive to the general good, and was highly respected by the community.

On September 26, 1860, the late Mr. Bean

was united in marriage with Sarah M. Jordan, of Portland, Me., who, born June 13, 1836, came to reside in Denmark when she was five years old. Her parents, William M. and Almira P. (Harmon) Jordan, now deceased, were both natives of Maine, born respectively in Gray and Biddeford. Mrs. Jordan passed some years of her life in Brownfield, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Bean have had five children, as follows: Jennie, born February 23, 1863, who married E. W. Bosworth, the present proprietor of the Red Mill in Hiram, and has one daughter, Bethesda I., born December 13, 1893; Anna Maud, born July 6, 1865, who is now the wife of Fernando W. Witham, of Denmark Corner; Fred Roy, born December 30, 1867, who resides at home; Mildred May, born February 1, 1870, who died December 11, 1894; and Mahlon, born August 24, 1872, who died March 14, 1873. The father was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M. The farm is now carried on by Fred Roy Bean, an intelligent and progressive young man. He raises horses and cattle, runs a dairy, and sells a large amount of cream. Mrs. Bean is a member of the Universalist church. Her many admirable qualities endear her to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

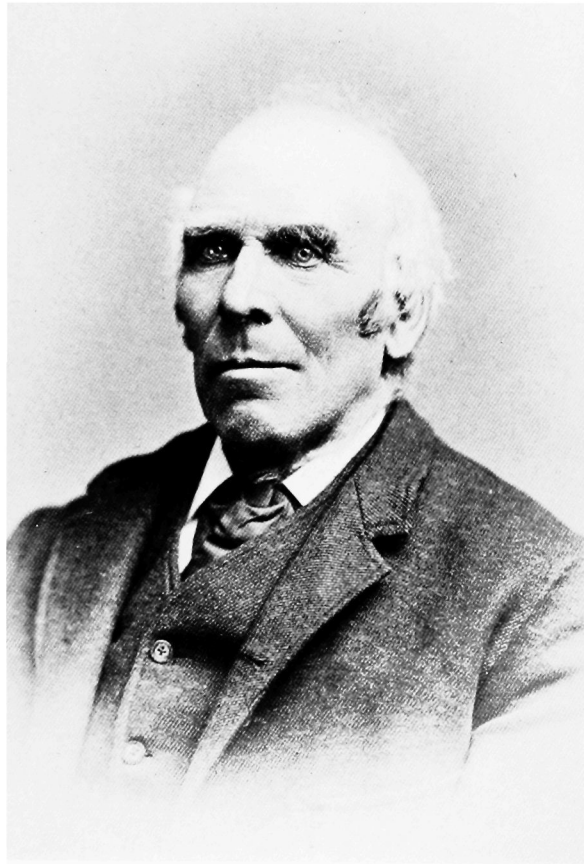
**C**APTAIN WILLIAM TRUE, a retired carpenter of Farmington, Me., formerly a commissioned officer in the State militia, is one of the most venerable and highly respected citizens of this town. He was born in Temple, Franklin County, Me., June 10, 1815, son of William and Hannah Abbott (Russell) True. He is a descendent of the Yarmouth Trues, a prominent Cumberland County family, who settled there at an early date in Colonial history.

Zebulon True, Captain True's grandfather, son of William True, was born in Yarmouth, Me., May 21, 1765; and when a young man he resided for some time in Augusta. He served as a private in the Continental Army during the latter part of the Revolutionary War; and in 1791 he settled upon lot No. 18 in Farmington, which was then an almost unbroken wilderness, but few white men living here at

the time. A few years later he sold his Farmington property; and in 1799 he bought another tract of wild land in the town of Temple, where he cleared a good farm, being one of the pioneer agriculturists of that locality. He died February 4, 1830. His wife, formerly Martha Kennedy, who was born in Ireland, October 26, 1770, became the mother of twelve children; namely, William, Betsey, Zebulon, Martha, Polly, Sally, James K., Josiah L., John, Thomas, Roxaillany, and Jacob B. Captain True's grandmother died February 9, 1858.

William True, son of Zebulon and Martha True, was born in Farmington, Me., April 12, 1789. Upon reaching manhood he cleared a farm situated upon Porter's Hill, later selling and clearing a part of another tract containing one hundred and sixty acres, making two farms which were reclaimed by him from a wild state. From this it appears that he was a strong, able-bodied, exceedingly energetic man, capable of much physical endurance and hard work. He also followed the carpenter's trade in connection with his other labors; and he was one of the most successful among the early settlers of Temple, where he lived to become an octogenarian. He died at the home of his son, May 9, 1869. In politics he was a Democrat, and in his religious views a Congregationalist; and by his industrious and exemplary life he gained the respect and esteem of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. He married for his first wife Hannah Abbott Russell, who was born May 4, 1794, daughter of Thomas and Phebe (Abbott) Russell. She died March 16, 1838, leaving seven children, as follows: Sumner, who was born October 6, 1813; William, the subject of this sketch; Hannah A., born May 22, 1817; Julian, born March 7, 1824; Octavia, born February 4, 1828; Marilla, born June 14, 1832; and Philip, born October 5, 1835. Captain True's father married for his second wife Elizabeth P. Haskell, who lived to reach the age of eighty-one years, and died in 1880, and whose only daughter, Octavia, was born December 3, 1839.

William True, the subject of this sketch, attended school in his boyhood; and when old enough he began to learn the carpenter's trade, working with his father. At the age of



WILLIAM TRUE.

twenty-four he settled in Phillips, where he bought a farm which he carried on in connection with his trade for four years. At the expiration of that time he sold his property, and, moving to Worcester, Mass., worked as a journeyman carpenter in that city for three years, when his health failed. For the next seven years he kept a public house, for four years managing a hotel on the west side of the river, and for the succeeding three years being proprietor of the Blue Mountain House, which stood upon the site now occupied by the present Farmington Exchange. Retiring from the hotel business, he bought the Butler homestead, which was the oldest residence in the village, and, having remodelled it and placed it in a substantial condition, has since resided here. He continued to follow his trade with energy and prosperity for several years, but has now practically retired from regular labor, although he is able at his advanced years to spend considerable time at his bench daily.

On March 29, 1839, Captain True wedded Mary S. Smith, who was born in Farmington, December 19, 1815, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Sprague) Smith. Mrs. True died July 24, 1886, leaving no children.

While residing in Temple, Captain True was prominent in the State militia, and received his commission, the title of which he has since borne. In politics he is a Republican. For the past thirty years he has had charge of the house of worship of the Old South Congregational Church, of which he is an active member. He enjoys good health; and there is not a citizen here who is more widely and favorably known than this venerable octogenarian, or more entitled to the respect and veneration which is extended to him by the entire community.

**B**IAL FRANCISCO BRADBURY, M.D., a brilliant young physician of Norway, Me., son of one of the most eminent medical and surgical practitioners in Oxford County, was born in Springfield, Me., February 5, 1861. He is a son of Dr. Osgood N. and Ellen R. (Scribner) Bradbury. Dr. Bradbury's immigrant ancestor, from whom he is eighth in descent, was

Thomas Bradbury, who was baptized at Wicken Bonant, Essex County, England, on February 28, 1610-11, and in 1634 appeared in Agamenticus (now York, Me.) as agent of the proprietor, Sir Ferdinando Gorges.

Thomas Bradbury afterward settled in the town of Salisbury, Mass., and married Mary Perkins, of Ipswich, who was convicted of witchcraft, but escaped execution. Thomas, the immigrant, and his wife, Mary, had a son William, who was a land-owner in Salisbury. William Bradbury married Rebecca Maverick (*née* Wheelwright), and their son Jacob married Elizabeth Stockman. Moses, the son of the couple last named, settled in North Yarmouth, Me., and later removed to New Gloucester. He married Abigail Fogg; and his fourth child and second son, Benjamin, located in 1777 in the town of Minot, Androscoggin County, on Bradbury Hill. He married Eleanor Fellows; and his descendants are found in Oxford, Androscoggin, and Franklin Counties.

Benjamin's son Joseph, who settled first in New Gloucester, in 1790 moved to Minot, in 1794 to Poland, and in 1807 to Norway, locating to the south-west of Pike Hill, where he purchased one hundred and five acres of land of Joshua Smith. This land he cleared for farming purposes, in the mean time working as a carpenter when opportunity offered. He was interested in political matters, voting with the Whigs, and in religious progress serving as Deacon of the Congregational church for a number of years. He died April 4, 1836, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, Tabitha Cotton before marriage, died in 1845. Their children were: Charles A., Sophia, Ruth, Eleanor, Betsey, Jacob, Nathan A., Moses, and Nathaniel M.

Jacob Bradbury, last named, who was the grandfather of Dr. B. F. Bradbury, was born June 25, 1799. He inherited the homestead, and, as a farmer, took a leading place in the community; while as a schoolmaster he had a long and successful record, teaching thirty-three winters—twenty-seven winters in succession. He died in Norway, August 2, 1880. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally K. Ripley, was a daughter of Uriah Ripley, of Paris, Oxford County, Me. She died October

20, 1880. The children of this couple were — Sabina E., Matilda A., Nathan O., Osgood N., Henry A. M., Harriet N., Sarah A., Euphemia J., Jacob F., Nellie F., James G. B., and Ida E.

Osgood Nathan Bradbury, son of Jacob and Sally K. Bradbury, was born in Norway, October 28, 1828. He finished his preliminary studies at the Norway Liberal Institute, and when he was eighteen years old took charge of the high school of Springfield, Me. In 1852 he entered the counting-room of S. W. Pope & Co., of East Machias, as clerk, and in 1856 went to California and into the mines. He soon after located in San Francisco, where he was in business until July, 1860. On his return to the East he took up the study of medicine under Dr. P. C. Jones, of Springfield, Me.; and after completing the curriculum of the Maine Medical School, where he was graduated June 4, 1864, he entered the Cony United States Military Hospital at Augusta as executive officer and assistant surgeon. In January, 1866, he was made surgeon-in-charge, and was in office until the hospital was abolished. During the ensuing years, until 1873, Dr. Osgood N. Bradbury conducted a successful practice as physician and surgeon at Springfield, Me.; and in that year he moved to Norway, where he has since been an active factor in all progressive movements.

While a resident of Springfield, Dr. Bradbury, the elder, was elected to the House of Representatives, entering on his duties in 1863; and the two years following he was Senator from Penobscot County. He was a member of the Committee on Education for three years, and also served on other important committees; and in 1864 he was Chairman of the joint special Committee on the Death Penalty, which found the state of popular feeling such that public hearings were held during every week of the legislative session. Dr. Bradbury has been a Mason for more than forty years, is Past Master, and has taken all the degrees of the York rite; and as an Odd Fellow he is a charter member of Norway Lodge and of Wildey Encampment, and has presided over the deliberations of the lodge and encampment. He has been United States Examining Surgeon for pensions thirteen years.

In 1886 he commenced the publication in the *Norway Weekly Advertiser* of a series of recollections; and he has broadened the scope of his writing until it has embraced a careful and extremely valuable compilation of the history of all the early settlers, extending down to the youngest descendant. Dr. Osgood N. Bradbury was married June 13, 1852, to Miss Ellen R. Scribner, who was born in Springfield, Me., July 10, 1832. Three children blessed their union: Nellie R., who died in infancy; Bial F., the subject of this sketch; and Guy, who was born March 24, 1872, and died May 17, 1876.

Bial F. Bradbury was graduated at the Norway High School, and first took up the study of medicine with his father. He continued his studies in the Maine Medical School at Brunswick, and later in Atlanta, Ga., where his father, whose health was failing, spent a year, and two years in South Carolina (1881-84), with beneficial results. The young man was graduated at the Southern Medical College of Atlanta, highest in his class, taking the first prize, seventy-five dollars in gold. This was in 1882; and in the spring of that year he began practice in Norway, Me. Though he had taken the polyclinic course in Atlanta, he did not consider his preparatory studies finished; and in 1885 he pursued an advanced course in the Post-graduate Medical College of New York City. Since then Dr. B. F. Bradbury has been gradually taking his father's place, having practised in conjunction with him at first; and he is already one of the most successful physicians and surgeons in the county. In 1885 he was appointed Assistant Surgeon and First Lieutenant of the First Regiment, National Guard of Maine; in 1894 he was promoted to the rank of Captain; and in April, 1896, to that of Major and Surgeon.

Dr. B. F. Bradbury was married March 22, 1882, to Mabel F., daughter of Dr. George P. Jones, of Norway. He has no children. In politics he is a Democrat. The young Doctor is a member of the Town Board of Health, and actively interested in all projects for the improvement of the town. He is a thirty-second degree Mason; Master of Oxford Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Norway; has taken all the degrees of the York rite; is a member of



Kora Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Lewiston; and as an Odd Fellow he is Medical Director of the Odd Fellows Graded Relief Association, and a Knight of Pythias, in which he holds the rank of Colonel and Assistant Surgeon-general in the Uniform Rank, Maine Brigade. In the town of Norway no man is more popular than Dr. Bial F. Bradbury.

**W**ILLIAM E. COOPER, an esteemed agriculturist of Paris, was born here, December 19, 1855, on the farm where he now resides. His father, William Cooper, was also born on this homestead; and his grandfather, Benjamin Cooper, was one of the early settlers of the town. Benjamin Cooper came to Paris when it was but a mere hamlet. Buying one hundred acres of land, he cleared a homestead for himself. A skilful carpenter, he also assisted largely in the building up of the place, remaining here until his death at a good old age. He was a man of upright principles, a stanch Democrat in politics, and a firm believer in the Universalist religion. To him and his wife, Susan Cooper, six children were born, of whom but one, Mrs. Miranda Cole, of Paris Hill, is now living. The others were—Harriet, John, Hannah, Sarah, and William.

William Cooper, the youngest member of his father's family, succeeded to the home farm, where he was busily engaged in farming for many years. He spent the last few years of his life in retirement at Paris Hill, and died there aged seventy-eight years. He married Charity Kyle, who was born and reared in the adjacent town of Peru. She survived him, and is now occupying their Paris Hill home. They had nine children, of whom two, Charles and Albert, have joined the silent majority. Those living are—Luella, Rowena, Herbert, Frederick, William E., Charles, and Della. In politics the father was an unswerving Democrat and in religion a faithful Universalist.

William E. Cooper grew to manhood on the old homestead, obtaining his education in the district schools, and assisting in the care of the farm. The homestead is now his property. It is one of the best cared for farms in this part of the county. It contains one hundred acres of

land, which yield abundant crops of hay, corn, potatoes, and grain. Inheriting those traits of character that distinguished his ancestors, Mr. Cooper has won the regard of the community. In politics he is a thorough Democrat. On December 26, 1885, Mr. Cooper married Miss Cora E. Tucker, who was born October 2, 1862, in Buckfield, Me., daughter of Isaac and the late Esther Tucker. Her father, a farmer by occupation, still resides in Buckfield.

**P**HINEAS WHITTIER, a prominent resident of Chesterville, extensively engaged in fruit growing, was born December 1, 1823, at the old Whittier homestead in this town, son of Peter and Deborah (Gordon) Whittier. Mr. Whittier's great-grandfather, Thomas Whittier, whose father was also named Thomas, resided in New Hampshire. Phineas Whittier, the grandfather, who was a native of that State, came to Chesterville among the very earliest settlers, and acquired a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of wild land. He lived in a log house until he had cleared and improved his farm. Then he erected a frame dwelling, which he occupied until his death in 1828, at the age of fifty years. His wife, in maidenhood Mehitable French, who survived him some forty years, died at the age of eighty. Her children were: Josiah, Enoch, Peter, Mehitable, and Lucretia.

Peter Whittier was born at the homestead in Chesterville about the year 1800. He passed his boyhood assisting upon the farm and attending the common school. Succeeding to the property after his father's death, he successfully carried on general farming during the rest of his life. The old house built by his father was destroyed by fire in 1845, and in the following year he erected a new residence. All of his seventy years of life was passed upon the homestead. His wife, Deborah, whom he married in 1822, became the mother of the following children, namely: Phineas, the subject of this sketch; Newell G., who married Harriet Tilton; Charles, who died during the Civil War; Daniel, who married Caroline Dyke; Josiah, who died in in-

fancy; Eleanor G., who married W. H. Manning; Waty E., who became Mrs. Butterfield, and died in 1884; and Hattie, now deceased, who became the wife of David Thompson. Mr. Whittier's mother died in 1867. Mrs. David Thompson inherited the homestead; and it is now owned by her son, Charles H. Thompson.

Phineas Whittier obtained his education in the town schools of Chesterville and at the Farmington Academy. At the age of twenty-one he bought ninety acres of pasture land, now a part of his present farm. On this he erected a frame house, which is still standing, and began life for himself. Here he was steadily engaged in general farming until 1854, when he went to Foxboro, Mass. After spending about three years in that town, employed at Carpenter's bonnet factory, he returned to the farm, which he has since carried on with unusual success. His estate now contains about three hundred and fifteen acres, including tillage, orchard, pasture, and wood land. His orchard, covering an area of eighty acres, has six thousand trees, which annually yield two thousand barrels of apples, chiefly Baldwins. For the past twenty years he has shipped all of his number one fruit to Hall & Cole, Faneuil Hall Market, Boston. He disposes of surplus fruit by evaporating and canning, for which he has ample facilities upon his premises. His evaporator has a capacity of forty bushels per day. Any further surplusage is utilized to make vinegar. Mr. Whittier has a large storehouse, whose lower floor has space for three thousand barrels, while the upper floor will hold five thousand empty barrels. Upon the site of the old barn built by him in 1848 he has erected a large modern structure, having storage for seventy-five tons of hay and stabling for five horses, six cows, and one hundred and fifty sheep.

On August 31, 1848, Mr. Whittier wedded Sarah Maddocks, daughter of Richard and Esther (Knowlton) Maddocks. Mr. Maddocks was a native of Chesterville and a son of Richard Maddocks; and his wife was a daughter of Samuel Knowlton, of Farmington. Mr. and Mrs. Whittier have three children, as follows: Emma Vodisa, born March 8, 1851, who married Joel Maddocks, and resides in

Foxboro, Mass.; Grace, born November 6, 1858, who married Frank H. Rollins, resides upon a part of her father's farm, and has three children—Dean W., Kenneth A., and Ruth; and Sarah I., born October 13, 1862, who married Chester Greenwood, of Farmington, and has four children—Lester, Donald W., Vodisa, and Clinton. In politics Mr. Whittier acts with the Republican party. For a number of years he has served on the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee. In his religious views he is liberal. His good health must be largely due to the fact that he has not tasted a drop of intoxicating liquor in his lifetime.

**J**OHAN J. PIKE is a prosperous dairy farmer of Fryeburg, Me., where he was born on February 17, 1833, son of Elder John and Hannah (Hubbard) Pike. Mr. Pike's father was a native of Cornish, York County, Me. He came to Fryeburg in 1819, and, settling upon the farm where his son now resides, became widely and favorably known as a Free Will Baptist preacher. He was first commissioned a Justice of the Peace in 1821; and, being for many years the only resident of the town having the authority to witness and legalize civil acts, he attended to all such matters, and also solemnized marriage. Elder Pike died in November, 1877. He and his wife, Hannah Hubbard, a native of Limington, Me., were the parents of six children, as follows: Lydia H., who was born in July, 1822, and died in August, 1823; Lydia H., second, who was born in 1825, and died in Wisconsin in 1893; Hannah T., born in 1827, now the wife of Stephen Gowen, of Biddeford, Me.; Dollie M., who was born in 1829, and died on April 11, 1883; John J., aforementioned; and another child who died in infancy. Mrs. Hannah H. Pike died in 1881.

It was the fifth-born child that was named for the father, and, now well advanced in manhood's years and achievements, is the direct subject of this biographical notice. John J. Pike in his early years acquired a common-school education, and after finishing his studies he began to work upon his father's

farm. He took charge of the property previous to his father's death, and eventually succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, which consists of two hundred acres. Mr. Pike is still actively engaged in general farming, his principal products consisting of hay, corn, and potatoes; and he pays special attention to his dairy, keeping thirty cows and making a fine quality of butter, which finds a ready sale in Boston and Lynn, Mass.

In 1857 Mr. Pike wedded for his first wife Mary J. Wiley, of Fryeburg, daughter of Enoch W. and Miranda Wiley, the former of whom is no longer living, and his wife is residing in Fryeburg. By this union there were six children, namely: John W.; Hannah H., wife of Frank Howe, of Boston, and Miranda J., her twin sister, who married J. G. Severance, of Lowell, Mass.; Enoch W., who is living at home; Minnie M., who resides in Lowell, Mass.; and Winnie S., her twin brother, who is no longer living. Mr. Pike's first wife died in 1883; and he married for his second wife, May 20, 1885, Mrs. Francena B. (Benton) Wiley, widow of Sullivan J. Wiley, late of this town.

In politics Mr. Pike is a Republican, and though not an office-seeker he has ably filled some of the town offices. He takes an active interest in political affairs, and has never missed a national, State, or local election since becoming a voter. He is connected with Fryeburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Pequaket Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He enjoys the independent life of a farmer, and is regarded with the highest respect by his fellow-townsmen.

**E**DWIN N. HASKELL, of South Paris, a member of the firm of N. D. Bolster & Co., dealers in general merchandise and groceries, who do as large a retail business as any similar firm in Oxford County, was born here on July 25, 1862, son of Ezekiel W. and Harriet (Rideout) Haskell.

Peter Haskell, father of Ezekiel W., was born in New Gloucester, Me., and spent his life in that town. He owned a farm of many acres, and was an industrious and progressive agriculturist. He married for his first wife

Sally Pulsifer, by whom he had two sons and a daughter; namely, Jacob W., Ezekiel W., and Mary P. He married for his second wife Betsey Hawes, by whom he had two sons—Charles P. and Thomas H. The grandparents were communicants of the Congregational church.

Ezekiel W. Haskell, the second son, was born in New Gloucester on July 3, 1831. At twenty-seven years of age, in 1858, he came to South Paris and went to work for the Grand Trunk Railroad. A few years later he purchased a wood-sawing machine, with which he prepared fuel for use on the railroad, employing several men; and he carried on this business very successfully until by the introduction of coal engines the demand for the wood was cut off. He next engaged in teaming and trucking for the Paris flouring-mill, owning several draught-horses. He was carrying on this business at the time of his death, July 5, 1871. His wife, Mrs. Harriet Rideout Haskell, survived him fourteen years, dying in 1885. Both were earnest, devoted Christians and communicants of the Congregational church. Their home was at 7 Main Street, the residence previously owned by Abijah Hall. A son and two daughters were the fruit of their union, namely: Emma Whitman, born April 18, 1860; Edwin Nelson, born July 25, 1862; and Hattie Lufkin, born December 23, 1864.

When eighteen years of age Edwin Nelson Haskell left school and went to work as a clerk for N. Dayton Bolster, continuing in that position for fourteen years, during which time he gained a practical and thorough knowledge of the business. He was then, in 1893, received into partnership by Mr. Bolster. They have a large trade, employing several clerks and delivery wagons; and in South Paris the name of N. Dayton Bolster & Co. stands for straightforward business transactions. Mr. Haskell and his sisters own the old homestead, upon which they have made numerous general improvements. He is a member of the Congregational church, and is connected with the following fraternal organizations: Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, Knights of Pythias—both of South Paris.

ZACHARIAH NORTON, a retired railroad conductor of Farmington, Franklin County, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Phillips, this county, Me., June 20, 1843, son of Zebulon and Abigail (Hartford) Norton. Mr. Norton is a descendant of Zachariah Norton, a native of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, who served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War, and settled in Farmington at an early date in the history of the town, where the records show that he was taxed for a house and lot in 1798. Zachariah bought a farm located upon what is now known as Norton Flats, became one of the progressive men of this locality, and contributed generously toward building the Centre Meeting-house in 1803. He was active in public affairs of both the town and county, serving as Town Treasurer in 1805 and as Representative to the legislature in 1807. Later in life he sold his property here, and, moving to Madison, Me., took up a squatter's claim and became one of the leading citizens of that town. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age. Their children were: Dehave, Peter, Zebulon, Abigail, Hannah, Marshall, Elihu, and Abraham.

Zebulon Norton accompanied his father to Farmington. As it was intended that he should enter the legal profession, he was given a good education. After studying law for a time, he concluded that his chances for success in life lay in another direction; and, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, he bought the homestead here. The good judgment and industry with which he subsequently managed this property soon placed him among the most prosperous residents of the place. He was one of the number who contributed five thousand dollars for the establishment of the Farmington Academy. He displayed his patriotism by enrolling himself as a private and serving in the War of 1812. After his return to civil life he sold his property and moved to the northern part of the town, then to Industry, and still later to Phillips, this county. The rest of his active period was passed in Phillips, prosperously engaged in farming and extensive lumber operations; and he died at the advanced age of ninety-six years. His first wife, whose maiden name was Louisa

Pratt, was cut off in young womanhood, leaving four daughters — Louisa, Hannah, Huldah, and Lydia. His second wife, in maidenhood Abigail Hartford, bore him nine children; namely, Daniel L., Joshua H., Abigail, Charlotte, Ichabod, Zachariah (first, now deceased), Mary, Caroline, and Zachariah (the subject of this sketch). She lived to the age of seventy-six years.

Zachariah Norton passed his boyhood in attending the town schools of Phillips. Afterward he was for some time engaged in assisting his father. On September 11, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Twenty-eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, for nine months' service, and subsequently took part in the siege and capture of Port Hudson. When discharged he returned home, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, which included a part of his father's property. This he sold later in order to purchase a farm of two hundred acres in the town of Freeman. After making some improvements he sold the latter property also, and then removed to New Vineyard, Me. Here he bought another farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, and resided on it for five years. Abandoning agricultural life after this, he went to Lynn, Mass., where he entered the employ of the Eastern Railroad Company as a switchman in their yards. From this position he rapidly rose in the regular line of promotion to that of conductor, which he held until 1880. He then resigned, and once more took up his residence in New Vineyard. In 1890 he moved to Farmington, where he bought the Melvin Tufts place, a handsome residence on Main Street, also a village farm of forty acres, together with two tenement-houses. Although he gives his personal attention to his property, he has practically retired from active business pursuits.

On September 11, 1864, Mr. Norton wedded Orianna, daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Libby) Taylor. Mr. Taylor, who in his early life was a farmer, afterward became a resident of Boston, where he died at the age of forty-eight. Harriet died at the age of thirty-five, having been the mother of four other children; namely, Washington L., Philena, Roscoe, and Charles.

Her surviving husband subsequently con-

tracted a second marriage with Maryfone Stevens, who bore him one child, True T. Mr. and Mrs. Norton have two sons, as follows: La Forest W., who was born June 4, 1869; and Arthur R., who was born June 24, 1880. Politically, Mr. Norton acts with the Republican party. He is highly esteemed both in business and social circles here, and is popular among the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. A fact worthy of note, and one which he may look upon with pride, is that representatives of three generations of the Norton family have assisted in the defence of their country in the three principal military struggles fought and won by the United States.

**I**RA JOHNSON, a successful lumberman, stock dealer, and general farmer of Norway, Oxford County, and one of the most prominent business men of this town, was born at the Johnson homestead in the north-east part of Waterford, where he now resides, December 3, 1838, son of Ira, Sr., and Mary (Towne) Johnson.

The first of the family to settle in Maine was his grandfather, Asa Johnson, a native of Massachusetts, who served three years as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was one of the pioneer farmers of Waterford, whither he came in 1786, and remained a resident for the rest of his life. He married Hannah Horr, a daughter of Philip and Hannah (Harrington) Horr, and reared a family of nine children, as follows: Clarissa, who is said to have been the first white child born in Waterford; Hannah; Asa, Jr.; Lucy; Ira, Sr.; Sally; Elijah; Mary; and Leonisia. Of these none are now living, though all grew to maturity, and were married.

Ira Johnson, Sr., second son of Asa Johnson, was born in Waterford in 1796, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. When a young man he bought the farm which is now owned by his son Ira, and he cultivated the land with profitable results for many years. He was an able and industrious farmer and a prominent citizen, who gained the respect and good will of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. He resided at the homestead until his death, which took place December 27, 1878.

His wife, Mary Towne, whom he married November 20, 1828, was born in Albany, Me., February 14, 1809, daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Holt) Towne, both of whom were natives of Andover, Mass. Samuel Towne settled in Albany, this State, among the early pioneers, and became a prosperous farmer and a leading citizen of that place, where he was elected to serve in various town offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Johnson, Sr., had a family of eight children, as follows: Augustus, who died at the age of fourteen months; Lydia Merriam, now deceased, who married for her first husband Frederick Fuller, and for her second Samuel Hersey; Amanda, wife of Justin E. McIntire, of Waterford, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in the present volume; Ira, the subject of this sketch; Antoinette, wife of David L. Merrill, of North Bridgton, Me.; Jerome A., who married Fanny M. Bancroft, and is engaged in farming in Waterford; Harriet H., wife of W. S. Merrill, an energetic farmer of Norway; and George Hersey, who married Sarah E. Upton, neither of whom is living. Mr. Johnson's mother, who is now eighty-seven years old, resides with him.

Ira Johnson grew to manhood in Waterford, and at the age of eighteen he engaged in felling trees, working for six weeks; and his wages were used to pay for one half-term of school. He afterward attended the Waterford High School for one term, and then began work for his father at one hundred dollars per year, with which he made the first payment toward the purchase of the homestead property. He continued to improve the farm, which he paid for by his own industry and toil; and he has always resided upon it. Besides conducting general farming with energy and success, in company with Justin E. McIntire he engaged in stock dealing, lumbering, and the manufacture of pulp wood, in which they carried on a large and profitable business here for several years. Mr. Johnson has now practically retired from active pursuits, but still devotes considerable attention to his agricultural interests, owning in all about one thousand acres of land.

On December 3, 1859, Mr. Johnson married Melissa J. Merrill, who was born in Norway,

August 30, 1840. She is a daughter of John and Jane (Dickey) Merrill, the former of whom was born in Andover, Mass.; and his wife also was a native of that State. Coming to Oxford County, Maine, John Merrill first settled on a farm in Norway, afterward removing to Albany; and he finally took up his residence in Norway village, where his last days were passed. He died in April, 1875; and his wife died February 27, 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have three children, as follows: Lillian, who was born May 28, 1864, and is now the wife of Clarence H. Pride, a prominent resident of Waterford and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of that town; Virgil Howard, who was born June 29, 1867, married Sophronia B. Kimball, of North Bridgton, Me., and is now residing with his parents; and Eva Mabel, who was born December 11, 1870, and is now the wife of Harry L. Hutchins, a successful merchant of North Fryeburg, Me.

As one of the most extensive farmers in this section, upright and straightforward in business dealings, in manners always courteous and kindly, Mr. Johnson is widely and favorably known. Visitors at the pleasant old homestead, whether friends and neighbors, or chance acquaintances, receive a cordial welcome.

**F**RANK W. CHICK, a young and enterprising business man of Madrid, Franklin County, was born here, October 8, 1862, son of Isaiah and Louisa (Moore) Chick. The founders of the family, which is of Scotch origin, settled in Maine and New Hampshire. Isaiah Chick, the paternal grandfather of Frank W., was a native of Ossipee, N.H., whence he came to Madrid, where he resided for the rest of his life. In politics he was a Whig. He reared a family of seven children, of whom the only survivors are: Nancy, the wife of M. Philbrick, of Houlton, Me.; and Charles N. Chick, of Cadillac, Mich.

Isaiah Chick was born in Ossipee, March 30, 1820. When a young man he worked upon one of the first railroads built in America. At a later date he moved to Madrid, and engaged in lumbering and trading. He also

kept a store here for more than fifty years, conducted the hotel of Madrid for many years, and for a long time owned and operated a saw-mill, which was destroyed by fire on October 30, 1883. He served either as a Selectman or Town Treasurer every year for nearly half a century, was a Justice of the Peace for upward of forty-two years, acted as Postmaster for twenty-five years, was County Commissioner for six years, and represented this district in the State legislature for two terms. In all these offices he acquitted himself with distinguished ability. He was an honorable, upright man, and had the highest respect of his townsmen. He was an esteemed member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he was an earnest supporter of the Republican party from the time of its formation, and was one of the very first to uphold its principles in this locality. His death occurred at his home in Madrid, March 3, 1894, when he was nearly seventy-four years old. His wife, Louisa, whom he married November 30, 1851, was a native of Madrid. She became the mother of nine children, three of whom are living, namely: Frank W., the subject of this sketch; Lura M., the wife of William Parlin, of Weld, Me.; and Alice M., who resides at the homestead.

After attending the public school of Madrid for the usual period of time, Frank W. Chick completed his studies with a business course at the Portland Commercial College. He then engaged in business with his father, and has since been identified with trade and the lumbering industry here. He has rebuilt the mill that was burned in 1883, and he is to-day one of the most prominent and active business men in this locality. He is a leading spirit in public affairs. He is the Secretary of the Republican Town Committee, is serving his second term as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he ably discharges the duties of superintendent of schools.

**J**OHAN SMALL, an active member of the farming community of Greenwood township, was born in the town of Lovell, this State, October 13, 1855, a son of Cyrus L. and Eunice Ann (Whit-

more) Small. His paternal grandfather, also John Small, who was a lifelong resident of Cumberland County, in his earlier life was a farmer in Raymond, and in his latter days was the proprietor of a saw and grist mill in the adjoining town of Casco.

Cyrus L. Small was a native of Raymond, Cumberland County. While still a youth he went West, and spent three years in Madison, Wis. Returning then to his native State, he learned the blacksmith's trade, and worked at it afterward in Casco and Lovell for a year or two. He then bought a farm in Greenwood township, where for five years he carried on mixed husbandry, besides running a smithy. Disposing of that property, he bought the homestead now owned and occupied by his son John, and here devoted himself to general farming until his death, which occurred September 14, 1883. His wife, who survived him ten years, died August 4, 1893, leaving five children, of whom the following is recorded: Evangeline, born November 26, 1854, lives with her brothers on the old home farm; John is the subject of this sketch; Charlotte L., born August 6, 1864, is the wife of Frederick H. Webster, living in Farmington, Me.; Cyrus Franklin, born May 5, 1857, is a carpenter, and resides at Minneapolis, Minn.; and Charles W., born October 19, 1872, lives on the old homestead.

John Small, until he was twenty years old, remained with his parents, attending the district school and helping about the farm. He then worked at farming in West Paris three months, after which he studied medicine with Dr. Yates, of that place, for fifteen months. Instead of continuing his medical studies, however, Mr. Small worked in a number of factories during the next few years. For six months each he was employed in a box factory in Norway village and in a rifle shop at Mechanic Falls, Androscoggin County. From the latter place he went to Paris Hill, this county, to work in a sled factory. A few months after he removed to Jackson's Crossing, accepting a position in a pulp-mill, where he remained three and a half years. The succeeding year he was employed in tin-plating at Paris Hill, when his father's death obliged him to return to the old homestead in Green-

wood, where he has since resided. He has one hundred and fifty acres of land, which he successfully manages, carrying on the various branches of general agriculture with good financial results.

Mr. Small married Miss Fannie A. Ayer, daughter of A. J. and Harriet M. Ayer, who are now living on their farm near Locke's Mills, this township. Mrs. Small is a native of Bethel, her birth having occurred here, June 29, 1860. Mr. Small is a staunch adherent of the Republican party, and has served acceptably in several of the smaller town offices. He belongs to the Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of South Paris, and to the Golden Cross Lodge. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they are active and valued workers.

ELISHA S. BISBEE, a large land-owner of Sumner, Oxford County, is a representative member of one of the oldest and best-known families in this vicinity. He was born on his present farm in Sumner, April 15, 1830, and is a son of Elisha and Fanny (Bryant) Bisbee. His grandfather, Elisha Bisbee, who was born in Massachusetts, and served in the Revolution, after the close of the war settled in Sumner, where he cleared a farm. (For further particulars see sketch of Captain Lewis Bisbee.) Elisha Bisbee was a blacksmith, mason, farmer—in fact, a man who could turn his hand to almost anything. He lived to be quite old, owned a good farm in the southern part of the town, and ranked among the leading agriculturists of the time. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Pettingill.

Elisha Bisbee, the father of Elisha S., was born and reared in Sumner. In early life he followed the shoemaker's trade. Later he settled on the farm now occupied by his son, and achieved marked success in the pursuit of agriculture. He gave his political support to the Republicans, and served acceptably as Selectman, Town Treasurer, and in other official capacities. He was a Baptist in religious belief, and died at the age of eighty-nine. He was twice married. His first wife,

Joanna (Sturtevant) Bisbee, bore him three children, who have all passed away. His second wife, in maidenhood Fanny Bryant, was born in Plympton, Mass., and died in Sumner. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom are living, namely: Sabra W., the wife of Orville Robinson, of Peru, Me.; Sophia G., now residing in Sumner; Jane T., the widow of James W. McDonald, late of Peru, Me.; Levi B., a resident of East Sumner; Elisha S., the subject of this sketch; and Hopestill R., now of Auburn, Me.

Elisha S. Bisbee, who is a lifelong resident of Sumner, has been very successfully engaged in general farming since his early years. His property, including the homestead formerly occupied by his father, comprises over two hundred acres of land. The present residence, which was erected by himself, is one of the handsomest in the locality. Mr. Bisbee was married January 4, 1857, to Miss Martha J. Parsons, of Hartford, Me. She died April 1, 1867, leaving three children—Lietta J., now the wife of William H. Barrows, of Paris, Me., and the mother of three children—Eva, Hattie, and Wilbur; Hattie E., the wife of Fremont Hollis, of Paris, and the mother of one son, Halley; and Hiram S., a resident of Sumner, who married Miss Anna L. Holmes.

**H**IRAM THAYER CUMMINGS, a successful and well-known farmer of the town of Paris, Oxford County, Me., was born April 30, 1818, in Gray, Cumberland County, a son of Joseph, Jr., and Ruth (Thayer) Cummings. He is of Scottish descent, his great-grandfather having been born and reared in Scotland.

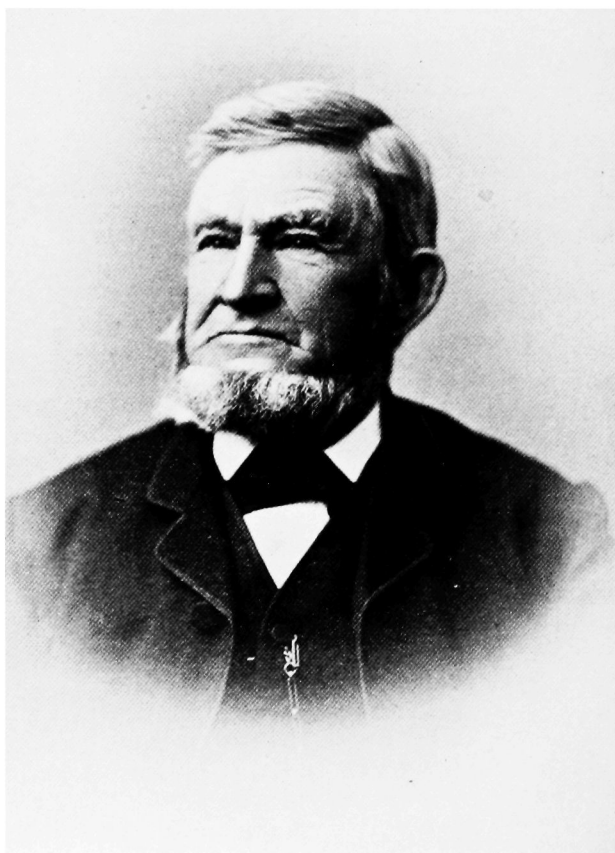
Joseph Cummings, Sr., the grandfather of Hiram Thayer, was one of the very early settlers of Gray, having made his way there at a time when bears, deer, wolves, and other wild animals alone disputed the rights of the Indians to the larger part of the territory. He cleared a tract of land, improving a comfortable homestead, but spent his closing years in Greenwood, this county, dying at the home of one of his sons at the ripe old age of ninety-six years. He served in the Revo-

lutionary War, was a Federalist in politics, and in religion was a Congregationalist. To him and his wife, Patty Sargent, seven children were born; namely, William, Lucy, John, Benjamin, Mary, Isaac, and Joseph, Jr., all of whom have passed from earth.

Joseph Cummings, Jr., was born in the town of Gray, where he was prosperously engaged in farming during the first half of his busy life. In 1836 he removed to the village of Paris, establishing himself in the mercantile business, which he carried on several years, having an extensive trade. Selling out his store, he resumed his former occupation in the town of Greenwood, living there to an advanced age. He was a Republican in politics, and was a Universalist in his religious belief, but not a church member. His wife, whose maiden name was Ruth Thayer, was born in Oxford, Me., in 1799, and died in Greenwood in 1885. They had a family of eleven children; namely, Hiram Thayer, Tuckerbury, Nelson, Harriet, Christiana, Joseph, Roxanna, Orrie, Woodbury, Wellington, and Ruth. Of these, five are living—Hiram T., Roxanna, Ruth, Joseph, and Woodbury.

Hiram Thayer, the eldest-born, who is the special subject of this sketch, received his education in the district schools of Gray and at Kent's Hill, where he pursued his studies two years. At the age of eighteen he came with his parents to Paris, and for a year thereafter worked at anything he could find to do, having no permanent employment. During the next few years he worked in woollen-mills in different places and in various capacities, being employed in South Paris, Locke's Mills, Oxford, and again in South Paris, the last time having charge of the finishing department. In 1851 Mr. Cummings severed his connection with the mills, and, after spending a year in travelling, secured a situation on the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad, now the Grand Trunk, on which he was an engineer until 1865. Locating then in Shelburne, N.H., he was there engaged in farming for about fourteen years. While a resident of Shelburne he was elected a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention in 1872, and he served in that capacity. In 1879 he removed to Paris, and settled on the farm he now occupies.





JOHN WHITMAN.

Being a man of good judgment and practical ability, Mr. Cummings has his farm well improved, and his tillage land in a good state of cultivation. In politics he has been a Republican since the formation of the party. In religion he is a Methodist, and has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. While in Shelburne he was active in town affairs, and for some years was Selectman. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 94 of South Paris; and both he and his wife are members of the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Cummings on April 30, 1840, married Eliza A. Cloutman, who was born in Paris, September 29, 1821, and died in this town, March 11, 1881. Six children were the fruit of this union, the following being their record: Georgiana, born in South Paris, November 22, 1841, is the wife of William E. Kelley, of Boston; Wellington, born in South Paris in March, 1844, died in July, 1893; Hannibal, born in Greenwood, April 20, 1846, is a railway engineer in Pennsylvania; Eliza M., born in South Paris, September 2, 1849, died November 9, 1853; Mary I., born in South Paris in November, 1852, died February 3, 1873; and Charles S., born in Gorham, N.H., September 25, 1856, is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Augusta, Me.

On September 29, 1881, Mr. Cummings married Mrs. Mary A. Potter Ripley, widow of Orrison Ripley. She was born May 21, 1836, in Lee, Me., a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Ware) Potter. Mr. Potter, a successful farmer of Lee, was a native of Bowdoin, and lived to the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, a native of Topsham, this State, lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years. They had a family of eight children, five of whom have passed to the life immortal; namely, Betsey, Jane, Adaline A., John W., and James T. The three living are: Alexander, a resident of Belmont, N.Y.; Charles A., of Lee, Me.; and Mary A., now Mrs. Cummings.

The nuptials of Mary A. Potter and Orrison Ripley were solemnized May 31, 1857. Mr. Ripley, a prosperous farmer during his active life, was born March 15, 1832. He enlisted in 1863 in Company K, Seventeenth Maine

Volunteer Infantry, and with his comrades actively participated in many of the important engagements of the war of the Rebellion, and at the battle of the Wilderness lost an arm. He died June 17, 1872, leaving a widow, now Mrs. Cummings, and one son, Wilson A., born September 21, 1858, who lives in Auburn, Me. Another son, William B. Ripley, born November 24, 1868, died March 21, 1870.

**J**OHN WHITMAN, formerly a farmer and real estate dealer of South Paris, Oxford County, Me., now living in retirement, was born in Hebron, this county, December 22, 1816, son of Calvin and Sally (Record) Whitman. With an ancestry extending back to the early days of the Colonial period, the family is entitled to be ranked among the oldest in New England. From Mitchell's "History of Bridgewater, Mass.," we learn that John Whitman, the immigrant progenitor, was the first Deacon of the church in Weymouth, Mass., where he was made a freeman in 1638, and where he died in 1692, at the age of ninety years. He was the father of four sons — Thomas, John, Abiah, and Zechariah — and five daughters. Thomas and John Whitman were among the early proprietors of Bridgewater; but Thomas is said to have been the only son of John Whitman, Sr., who settled in that town. Abiah Whitman, brother of Thomas, was the father of John Whitman, third, who lived one hundred and five years, and is alleged to have been a very strong and active man at the age of one hundred years.

His son, Jacob, who was grandfather of the present John Whitman, was born in Easton, Aroostook County, Me., November 28, 1753. The mother of Jacob was his father's third wife, and at the date of his birth his father was aged fourscore years. Grandfather Whitman fought for independence in the Revolutionary War. In 1780 he became a resident of Buckfield, this county, locating close to the line of the town of Hebron. As yet the district had but few settlers, and the land was still in the condition of a wilderness. In consequence much of his labor was directed

toward clearing a farm, and in due time he had two hundred acres under cultivation. A simple but eloquent memorial of his work is a large block of granite, which would need a derrick to put in place to-day, still to be seen in the remains of an old building. Assisted by his brothers, he placed it in the position it occupies, remarking that it would be there for several generations. He was much esteemed by his neighbors, was a Deacon of the Congregational church, served the community in sundry public capacities, and died December 29, 1842, in the ninetieth year of his age. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Packard, and who was born in 1756, died in 1837. Of their children, eight reached maturity; namely, Luther, Jacob, Joseph, Calvin, Joshua, Rebecca, Abigail, and Winchester.

Calvin Whitman, the fourth son, was a native of Buckfield, born May 5, 1785. Reared on his father's farm, he made farming the occupation of his life. After his marriage he bought one hundred acres of land in Hebron, took up his residence upon it, and spent the rest of his days in clearing and cultivating the soil. His religious belief was that of the Universalist church. In politics he followed the fortunes of the Democratic party. At his death he was nearly eighty-two years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally Record, lived to the age of ninety-six years. They had seven children; namely, Hannah, C. Winchester, John, Remember, Jonathan, Jacob S., and Augustus.

John Whitman remained under the parental roof-tree for the first twenty years of his life, acquiring the knowledge and practical experience of agricultural operations that subsequently enabled him to become an expert farmer. In 1837 he commenced to work for the farmers of the district at the wages of eleven dollars per month. At the time of his marriage he bought the old homestead, and there carried on farming until 1856. He then sold the property, and purchased the Penley farm in the town of Paris, containing three hundred acres. Here, after erecting a new set of buildings, all of a first-class character, he kept a large dairy of choice cows for several years. In 1885 he disposed of this

farm, and purchased the Hersey house, at the same time removing to South Paris. Thereafter he dealt considerably in real estate. Since his dwelling was remodelled and received the addition of a barn, his place has been one of the finest in the town. He also owns some desirable land adjoining the lot on which his residence stands, and keeps a few select cows.

In November, 1844, Mr. Whitman was united in matrimony with Miss Sarah De Albra Bumpus, daughter of Alden Bumpus, of Hebron. Their children are: Edwin J., born January 24, 1850, who married Miss Lizzie Green, and is in the wholesale commission business in Boston; E. Melvina, born June 22, 1855, now the wife of Joseph Jones, a commercial traveller of South Paris, and mother of two children — Edwin S. and Philip Jones; Mary C., born April 13, 1857, who married J. H. Stuart, a publisher of maps and atlases in South Paris, and is the mother of four children — Herman H., William E., Grace M., and Leona D.; and Laurin A., born August 12, 1864, who married Miss Mabel Murch, and is associated with his father. Mrs. Whitman died in 1895, at the age of seventy-one years. In religion Mr. Whitman professes the Baptist faith, while in politics he is a Republican. Although now in his eightieth year he enjoys remarkably good health.

REV. ABIJAH R. CRANE, D.D., pastor of the Baptist church in Hebron, Oxford County, and Professor of Literature at the Hebron Academy, was born in Wayne, Kennebec County, Me., and is now about sixty years of age. Abijah Crane (first), Dr. Crane's grandfather, who was a native of Dedham, Mass., joined the Continental army at the age of fourteen, and served all through the Revolutionary War. He settled in Fayette, Me., when twenty-one years old, becoming one of the pioneers and progressive farmers of that town, and resided there for the rest of his life. He was a Whig, very prominent in the community, and served with ability in various town offices. He was one of the founders of the Baptist church in

Fayette, and acted as its Deacon for many years, and was warmly esteemed by his neighbors for his manly adherence to high principles. He reared a family of seven children, none of whom are living.

Abijah Crane (second), Dr. Crane's father, was born in Fayette in 1792. When a young man he enlisted in the army for service in the War of 1812. Upon his return to civil life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and conducted a good farm in Fayette for the rest of his active period. Originally a Whig, he later acted with the Republican party, and was a leading spirit in his locality. For many years he was identified with the town government. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for several terms, and he represented his district in the State legislature for one term. Like his father, he was Deacon of the Baptist church for a long period. At his death, which occurred in his ninety-second year, he was mourned as a worthy, upright citizen and a Christian gentleman. He married Harriet Fifield, who was born in Fayette in 1801. She became the mother of nine children, six of whom are living; and she died in her ninety-third year.

Abijah R. Crane acquired his early education in the schools of Fayette, and prepared for his collegiate course at the Waterville Academy, now the Coburn Classical Institute. After graduating from Colby University with the class of 1856, he was for a time engaged as a teacher at the East Corinth Academy. At the same time he was studying law with the Hon. George Evans, with the result that he was admitted to the bar in 1858. However, giving up the idea of entering the legal profession, he turned his attention to theology, and spent three years at the Newton (Mass.) Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1861. His first pastorate was in Hallowell, Me., where he occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church for thirteen years. Upon his retirement therefrom he became financial secretary of Colby University, which important position he held for two years. While so engaged, he raised the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, which was given for educational work to the Coburn Classical Institute and the Hebron and Ricker Academies.

He was subsequently called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in East Winthrop, Me., where he labored for twelve years, at the same time having charge of the public schools there. In 1890 he accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church here, in which capacity he has since labored diligently and successfully. His influence among his congregation, and, indeed, outside of it, is becoming stronger every day. He is also Professor of Literature at the Hebron Academy, in which he is deeply interested.

On November 3, 1862, Dr. Crane was united in marriage to Frances M. Herrick, of Waterville, Me. He has one daughter, Fanny, who is now the wife of Professor A. H. Brainard, of Augusta, Me. In politics he is a Republican, and he exercises a wholesome influence in public affairs. He was a member of the State legislature during the years 1879 and 1880. For the past twenty-five years he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Colby University, which in 1882 conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

EDWIN B. LUFKIN, of Weld, Franklin County, Me., Justice of the Peace, land surveyor and retired farmer, is a well-known veteran of the Civil War, having served as a private in the Federal ranks during the greater part of the conflict, and since its close having written a history of his regiment, the Thirteenth Maine Volunteers. He was born in the house where he now resides, September 26, 1841, son of George W. and Lavinia H. (Sweet) Lufkin.

The family is of English origin; and its founder in America was Thomas Lovekin, who settled in Gloucester, Mass., in 1673. His son Benjamin was the father of Zebulon, Mr. Lufkin's great-grandfather. Zebulon Lufkin was born in Gloucester, and was a seafaring man. He resided there until the beginning of the Revolutionary War; and he then moved to Durham, Me., where he lived until 1785. His last days were passed in Freeport, Me. His children were: Zebulon, Jr.; Sarah, who married T. Wharf, of New Gloucester, Me.; Jonathan; Ruth, who married Andrew Adams,

of Durham; Aaron; Ebenezer; Joseph; Abigail, who married B. Richardson, of Pownal; Benjamin; Samuel; and Judith, who married T. Woodman, of Minot. Zebulon Lufkin died October 31, 1813, aged ninety-one years.

Samuel Lufkin, Mr. Lufkin's grandfather, was born in Gloucester, Mass., and became a sea captain. He settled in Freeport, Me., in 1790, and made foreign voyages until 1812, when he engaged in the coasting trade. He continued to follow the sea until disabled by age. He died May 14, 1834, aged seventy years. His children were: Experience, who died in infancy; Samuel; Joshua; William P.; Benjamin; Charles; Elmira; George W.; Eliza G.; and John.

George W. Lufkin, Mr. Lufkin's father, was born in Freeport, Me. In early life he was a fisherman; and after learning the blacksmith's trade he at the age of twenty-four settled in Weld, and followed that calling here until 1859. He died December 23, 1884, at the age of seventy-five years. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but soon became a Free Soiler. He joined the Republican party at its organization.

Mr. George W. Lufkin first married Mary J. Nichols, of Durham, who had two sons, namely: George W., now residing in Lake Valley, N.M.; and Samuel, a resident of Auburn, Me. His second wife, Lavinia H. Sweet, who was a native of Strong in this county, became the mother of three children, and of these two are living, namely: Edwin B., the subject of this sketch; and his sister, Abbie F., who resides with him in Weld.

Edwin B. Lufkin was educated in the common schools of Weld and at the Wilton High School. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company E, Thirteenth Maine Regiment, under Captain Isaac F. Quinby, of Westbrook. He was in several engagements during the Red River campaign, including Sabine Crossroads, Pleasant Hill, and Cane River, and was mustered out January 6, 1865. He then engaged in farming at the homestead in Weld; but about five years later he changed his occupation, becoming an operator in the spool factory, in which he worked four years. Once more returning to agricultural pursuits, he continued to till the soil until 1888, when

failing health caused him to relinquish hard labor; and he has since lived in retirement.

In politics Mr. Lufkin acts with the Republican party. He has filled the office of Town Treasurer four years, and has served upon the School Board for three years. He is a man of literary tastes and abilities, and has contributed numerous interesting articles to the *Lewiston Journal* and the *National Tribune*. He is a great reader, and has quite a large library of choice books, which enables him to pass his leisure hours both pleasantly and profitably. Mr. Lufkin has devoted much time to writing a history of his regiment, which is now in the hands of the publisher. He has been Commander of a Grand Army Post, also Master of a Masonic Lodge, and is a Knight Templar.

ALBRO R. JENNESS, of Fryeburg, Oxford County, the Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of the Fryeburg Water Company, is one of the most prominent business men in the county. He is a native of Barton, Vt., born February 13, 1836, son of John and Susan (Twombly) Jenness, both also natives as well as lifelong residents of Barton. John Jenness, who was a prosperous farmer and a leading man in that place, died in 1849. His wife, having survived him nearly thirty years, died in 1878. Their children were: Albro R., the subject of this sketch; Emeline, who is no longer living; Austin T., now teaming in Boston, who served all through the Civil War, first in the Twelfth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and later as Master of Wagons for the Fifth Army Corps; Adeline, who is now the widow of John Tripp, and lives at Barton Landing, Vt.; Martha C., who is now the widow of Cheney Green, and resides in Cambridge, Mass.; Richard H., who is engaged in teaming in Boston; and John, who is no longer living.

Albro R. Jenness acquired a limited education in the common schools of Barton. At the age of fifteen he went to Boston, Mass., where he was employed in the store of S. D. Warren & Co. for four years. Subsequently he gained a footing in the teaming business, which in those days was a very profitable occupation.

During the Civil War he had a contract with the United States government, employing a crew of twenty men and thirty horses at the Charlestown navy yard, by which he earned sixty thousand dollars yearly for himself and his men. At this time he was a leading hose-man in the Boston Fire Department, with which he was connected four years. He continued to carry on a large and successful teaming business in Boston until 1875, when, influenced by the favorable reports of its business possibilities, he came to Fryeburg, where he has since resided. His business enterprises consisted principally of transactions in lumber and real estate, which were exceedingly profitable to him, at the same time that they were beneficial to the town. These and his farming were conducted with unusual ability until some years ago, when he withdrew from them. In 1882 he constructed the water works, and he is now actively connected with that enterprise in the capacities already mentioned. He is also Treasurer and a Trustee of the well-known Fryeburg Academy.

Mr. Jenness has been twice married, and now is a widower. He attends the New Jerusalem Church. In politics he gives active support to the Republican party, and he is a firm believer in protection and sound money. He is well advanced in Masonry, and is a member of De Molay Commandery, Knights Templars, Boston; and he is connected with Pickwauket Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Fryeburg. Although forced to start at the lowest round of the ladder, he has reached a secure footing in life, and is to-day one of the substantial men of Fryeburg.

**P**ETER N. HASKELL, a member of an old Maine family and one of the largest real estate owners in Oxford County, is extensively engaged in lumbering in the town of Waterford. He was born in Otisfield, Me., December 1, 1822, the son of Captain Joseph and Jerusha (Moore) Haskell. His father was a native of Gorham, Me., his mother of Otisfield.

Joseph Haskell was a son of John Haskell, a Revolutionary soldier, who was wounded three times while in the service. John Has-

kell removed from Gorham, Me., to Knox, Me., where he died. Joseph Haskell went to Otisfield from Gorham, Me., in 1801, or near that date, being then about ten years old. He rode on horseback behind his uncle, Oliver Pierce, and brought with him among other belongings a tin box containing five dollars in silver. The box being not quite full, the coins rattled about, making so much noise that his uncle made him dismount and fill the vacant space with leaves. He resided in Otisfield about seventy years, engaged, after reaching manhood, in farming and trading in cattle and horses. He was a Captain of the State militia, and he was often chosen Constable and Collector. Captain Haskell died in the village of Norway, May 2, 1876. His wife, Jerusha Moores Haskell, died there two years later, May 8, 1878. Her father, Major Jonathan Moores, the grandfather of Peter N. Haskell, was a soldier of the Revolution. He subsequently removed from Groton, Mass., to Otisfield, Me., being one of the first settlers of the town. His wife, Relief Nutting Moores, made three trips from Otisfield to Groton on horseback. On the first trip she carried her one-year-old son, who would have been the first white child born in Otisfield had she not been taken with an ox team to Gray to stay during her confinement, owing to the lack of a woman to nurse her at home. Captain and Mrs. Joseph Haskell were the parents of six children — Rhoda, Jane, Susan, and Cyrus, all deceased; Mary Ann, widow of Eben Andrews, residing in Concord, Mass.; and Peter N., of Waterford, aforementioned.

Peter N. Haskell's early educational advantages were limited to the common schools. He remained at home until twenty years of age, starting then for himself in the lumber business near Bangor, Me. Three years later he returned to the home farm; and about 1846 he went to South Waterford, where he lived on a farm some nine years. He then removed to another farm in Waterford, which was his home for twenty years; and while attending to its cultivation he was also engaged in jobbing, such as doing stone work and moving buildings, being an expert in the latter business. His next removal was to his present home in East Waterford village. Here he purchased

in 1870 the saw-mill then known as the old Upton Mill, which under his management is the centre of a large business. His property comprises some eight hundred acres of land, some of which is under cultivation; but on account of his advancing age he is not now actively engaged in farming.

Mr. Haskell was married August 5, 1846, to Mary Green, who was born in South Paris, Me., March 15, 1826, the daughter of Nathaniel W. and Polly (Willis) Green. Mr. Green belonged in Leicester, Mass., Mrs. Green in Paris, Me. He was a carrier, tanner, and shoemaker; and he and his brother, Josiah Green, made the first sale boot in the State of Massachusetts, now so widely noted for its shoe trade. Mr. Green was for a number of years in the boot business. He and his wife died in Norway, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Haskell have twelve children: the eldest child, George A., died in the army; the next two children died in infancy; the third, Rose, is the wife of Sewell F. Millett, of Lisbon, Me.; the fifth, Susan, lived but one year; and the sixth, Frank, died in 1880. Joseph B., born September 23, 1858, resides with his father, and is engaged in business. He is an experienced mill man, having had charge of mills in Newry and Rumford, Me. Clementine D. is the wife of H. O. Rolfe, of Rumford, this county; Mary Etta is the wife of George Towne, of Oxford, Me.; Georgia is the wife of E. H. Haggart, of South Paris, this county. The eleventh child died in infancy. The twelfth, Andrew Johnson, resides in East Waterford village, where he is Postmaster, manages a general store, and is engaged in the cider business. He married Miss Della Flint.

Mr. Haskell is a staunch Democrat. Though not a seeker for public place, he has held a number of minor offices in the town. He is widely known in this section of the county and highly esteemed.

**H**ENDON W. COUSINS, an extensive lumber manufacturer of Fryeburg, Oxford County, was born in Winneconne, Wis., September 20, 1849, son of Richard and Cordelia P. (Nutter) Cousins. His grandfather, Enoch Cousins, a

native of Porter, Me., having followed the sea in his younger days, subsequently settled upon a farm in his native town, where he died at the age of ninety years.

Richard Cousins was born in Porter. He learned the trade of a blacksmith, and afterward followed that calling in Porter until 1846. He then went to Wisconsin, and settled upon a farm in Vineland. After spending a short time there he removed to Winneconne, where he resumed his trade, and resided until his death, which occurred in December, 1894. He married Cordelia P. Nutter, a native of Porter and a daughter of Charles Nutter, a prosperous farmer of that town. By her he became the father of six children, namely: Henry A., a successful farmer of Morris, Minn., who married Annie Shaver, and has four children; Hendon W., the subject of this sketch; Olive Jeannette, who married Daniel Gaffner, a prosperous farmer of Winneconne, and has one son, Richard, for some years employed by his uncle in Fryeburg; Noyes Jackson, an ice dealer in Winneconne, who married Hattie Van Dyke, and has one son, Archie, born in 1888; Mary E., the wife of William Morenus, a farmer in Chadbourn, N.C.; and Charles E., who married Alice Purchase, a native of Prince Edward Island, and is now a member of the Portland police force. The mother died October 2, 1894.

Hendon W. Cousins acquired his education in the common schools of Winneconne. When nineteen years old he came east to Raymond, N.H., where he was engaged in operating a saw-mill until 1875. He then came to Fryeburg, and a short time later became a member of the firm of Shirley & Cousins, who carried on a saw-mill here. In 1888 he bought his present mills, the business of which has since steadily grown in importance. Here he manufactures all kinds of lumber for building purposes, beside shooks, spool stock, etc., which he ships to Portland, employing an average of fourteen men. He also does a large business as a dealer in corn, meal, flour, and feed, coal, wood, and brick.

Mr. Cousins has been three times married. His first marriage was contracted July 10, 1873, with Mary A. Parker, of Cape Eliza-

beth, Me., who died July 19, 1875. By his second marriage, performed June 30, 1877, he was united with Ella M. Heath, of Fryeburg, who died in December, 1882, leaving two children. These were: Mary E., born November 25, 1878; and Ralph W., who was born November 3, 1881. Mr. Cousins's present wife, in maidenhood Eliza D. Osgood, whom he wedded October 20, 1884, was born in Fryeburg, May 2, 1864. She is a daughter of Elbridge G. and Emily M. (Osgood) Osgood, who were both natives of Fryeburg, born respectively on August 31, 1827, and March 18, 1830. Mrs. Osgood now resides with her daughter. Her husband died November 8, 1890. Mrs. Cousins's paternal great-grandfather was Samuel Osgood. Her grandfather, Asa Osgood, who married Mary Hardy, was a well-known farmer and bridge builder in his day. Upon the maternal side her great-grandfather was James, known as "straight-haired Osgood," who married Abigail Evans, and for many years owned and conducted the old Oxford Hotel in this town. The maternal grandparents were James and Eliza (Lovejoy) Osgood, both of whom died in Fryeburg. Mrs. Cousins is a member of the Congregational church.

In politics Mr. Cousins is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, though too much engrossed in business to desire or accept office. He is a Mason of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, of this town. His present prosperity is entirely due to his personal energy and ability.

**J**OHN A. RICHARDS, M.D., the oldest and most successful medical practitioner in Farmington, Franklin County, Me., was born September 26, 1829, son of John and Mary (Thomas) Richards. His parents were then residing in the town of Strong, which was his birthplace.

Dr. Richards's paternal grandfather, John Richards, Sr., at an early age began to follow the sea. He witnessed the burning of Falmouth, now Portland, during the Revolutionary War, that event having occurred when he was sixteen years old; and later in life he became one of the early settlers of Durham,

Me., where he owned a good farm, upon which he resided for the rest of his days. He was a progressive, industrious, and successful farmer and a man of extraordinary physical powers, retaining his usual strength and activity until he was ninety-eight years old, when he became somewhat crippled from the effects of a fall. He continued to be otherwise vigorous and healthy, possessing perfect control of his mental faculties to the last; and he lived to attain the unusually advanced age of one hundred years, eight months, and ten days. His wife also lived to reach a good old age. Their children were: John; Barzilla; Moses; and Ira, who is still living.

John Richards, Dr. Richards's father, was born in Durham, Me., and in early manhood settled upon a farm in Phillips, Franklin County. Selling his property a short time later, he removed to Strong, where he bought two hundred acres of wild land covered with heavy timber, cleared and improved a productive farm, planted an orchard, and erected a good set of buildings. He was one of the sturdy pioneers whose persevering toil paved the way for the future development of the vast agricultural resources of this county; and he lived to see the work of progress attain an advanced and flourishing condition. He held several important town offices, supporting the Whig party in politics until the advent of the Republican movement, and subsequently acting with that party until his death, which took place when he was seventy-nine years old. His wife, who was before marriage Mary Thomas, was a native of Durham. She became the mother of eight children, as follows: Isaiah; James; Abbie M.; Louise; John A., the subject of this sketch; Eliza; George; and Elbridge. The children were carefully educated, being thus enabled to fill useful positions in life. Mrs. Mary T. Richards lived to reach the age of sixty-five. Both parents attended the Congregational church.

John A. Richards acquired his early education in the district schools; and, after completing an academic course, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Edward Russell, of Strong and later of Lewiston. He graduated from the medical department of Bowdoin College with the class of 1854; and, returning to



Strong, he bought the practice of Dr. Russell, which he maintained and increased, and continued to reside there for sixteen years. In 1876 he moved to Farmington, where his practice increased to such an extent as to necessitate his covering a very wide circuit. He acquired and maintained an enviable reputation for reliability and punctuality, but labored much beyond his strength. He continued to attend to his professional duties steadily and faithfully, without neglecting a single call, no matter how great was the distance or how inclement the weather, until the present year, when bodily injuries of a more or less serious nature have caused him some annoyance in pursuing his daily routine of work. His practice in this town, although attended with severe labor and self-sacrifice, has been exceedingly successful, both professionally and financially; and he occupies a position of high standing among his fellow-townsmen, by whom he is regarded as one of the most able physicians who ever practised in this locality.

On June 11, 1855, Dr. Richards was united in marriage with Sophronia Hillman, daughter of Gilbert R. and Mary (Pettingill) Hillman, of Farmington. Gilbert R. Hillman was born in Tisbury, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard, March 16, 1802, and at the age of nineteen began to follow the sea. He became captain of a whale-ship; and after twenty-five years of seafaring life he relinquished it to become one of the early pioneers of California, where he was for some time engaged in farming and in transporting freight along the Sacramento River. He finally returned East, and settled upon a farm in the northern part of Farmington, where during the remainder of his active period he displayed energy and thrift, serving as a worthy example for others to follow. He married Mary, daughter of Abel and Doris (Davis) Pettingill, and reared eight children, namely: Robert; Sophronia, who is now Mrs. Richards; Marie; Margaret; Rebecca; Mary E.; Gilbert R., first, who is no longer living; and Gilbert R., second.

Dr. and Mrs. Richards are the parents of four children, as follows: Edward Russell, who was born June 27, 1857, and is now publisher of the Wood River *News-Mirror* in

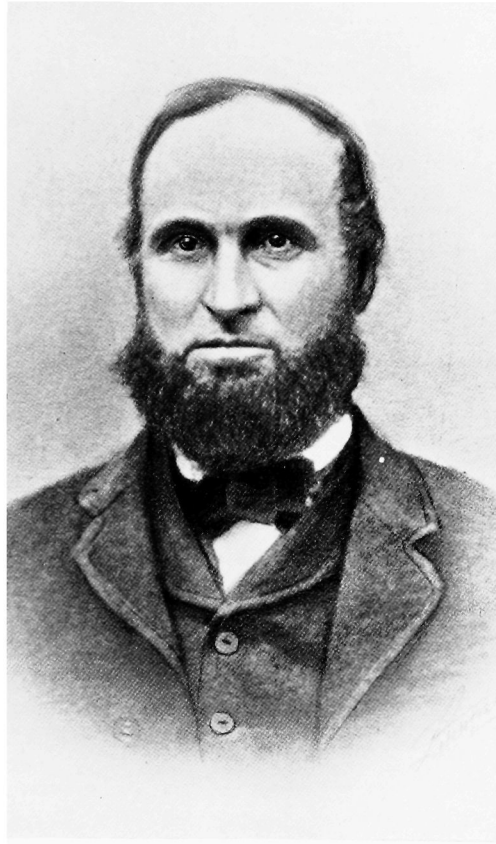
Hailey, Idaho; Elmer Ellsworth, an account of whom will be found appended to this sketch; Effie May, who was born March 16, 1866, and is now an accomplished and successful music teacher; and Frank Morrison, who was born December 13, 1868, and is now a taxidermist.

In politics Dr. Richards is an earnest supporter of the Republican party; but his professional duties have always prevented him from taking an active part in public affairs, and he has necessarily declined the nomination to various town and county offices. He was formerly connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a member of the Unitarian church. He occupies a centrally located residence at 7 High Street, which he has remodelled, refitted, and otherwise improved.

Elmer Ellsworth Richards, a leading attorney of Farmington and a prominent member of the Franklin County bar, son of Dr. Richards, was born in Strong, August 24, 1860. He was graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, in 1880. Deciding to adopt the legal profession, he studied law in the offices of J. B. Severy, Sr., and J. C. Holman, Esq., and later at the law school of Michigan University. He has advanced rapidly in his profession, having a numerous clientage, and conducting a very successful general law business; and in 1884 he was elected Register of Probate for this county.

**M**ARSHALL SANDERSON, whose death occurred February 9, 1878, was for many years a conspicuous factor of the farming and industrial interests of Waterford, Oxford County, Me. He was a man of solid worth, and possessed in a high degree those traits that command respect in the business world and win the esteem and confidence of neighbors and associates. He was a son of Joseph Sanderson, and was born July 10, 1821, in the town of Sweden, this county, joining Waterford.

Joseph Sanderson, son of Stephen Sanderson and the father of Marshall, was born, reared, and married in Waterford, his union with Polly Bryant being the first marriage of native-born bride and groom solemnized in this town.



MARSHALL SANDERSON.

He settled in Sweden, where he was engaged as a farmer and mill operator during the larger part of his life, although he died in Dedham, Mass. His wife, who died in 1876, bore him five children, namely: Joseph, who married Mary French, of Waterford, and was for several years Chief of Police in Cambridge, Mass., where both he and his wife died; William, a lumberman and farmer, who married Ruth Dresser, of Lovell, Me., both passing their last years at Pomona, Cal.; Marshall, who is the subject of this sketch; Charles, a speculator and farmer living in Massachusetts, who married Almeda A. McWain; and Mary J., now deceased, whose husband, Oliver Hapgood, was killed in the late Rebellion.

Marshall Sanderson, who was the third child born to his parents, obtained his education in the common schools, and from his early years was engaged in industrial activities. From the time of his settlement in Waterford he was numbered among the foremost agriculturists and business men of the place, his milling operations being as extensive and lucrative as his farming interests. He was a prominent member of the Democratic party, genuinely interested in the welfare of his adopted town, which he served as Selectman several years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to a lodge of Waterford.

Mr. Sanderson was married November 25, 1847, to Miss Angeline McWain, who was born in this town, April 13, 1829, a daughter of David and Laura (Willard) McWain, both natives of New Hampshire. Her father's birth occurred in 1784, and the mother's in 1793. Mr. McWain removed from the Granite State to Oxford County, settling in the town of Waterford, where he was an extensive farmer and mill-owner, being at one time the proprietor of a section of land in this locality. Mr. McWain was twice married. His first wife, Hannah Bailey, of New Hampshire, bore him four children—Jane, William, and two that died in infancy. By his union with Miss Laura Willard five children were born, as follows: David, now living a retired life in New York, who has been twice married, his first wife having been Melissa Potter, and his second Mrs. Harriet Tracy, widow of Albert Tracy, of Lewiston, Me.; Andrew, who died

when young; Leavitt B. (deceased), who married Lorinda Gould, and was a farmer and mason in Milan, N.H.; H. Angeline, who is now the widow of Mr. Sanderson, and resides at South Waterford; and Almeda A., now deceased, who married Charles Sanderson, of Dedham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sanderson had two children—Leroy and Josephine A. Leroy Sanderson, who is a prosperous farmer and a prominent citizen of Waterford, married Miss Florence Shaw. Josephine A., who died June 8, 1884, was the wife of Robinson Hastings, a native of Bethel.

**H**ON. TIMOTHY JARVIS CARTER, for several years County Attorney of Oxford County, Maine, residing at Paris Hill, and later a member of the Twenty-fifth Congress, was born August 18, 1800, in the town of Bethel, Me., son of Dr. Timothy and Frances (Freeland) Carter.

He was a descendant of the Rev. Thomas Carter, who was the first settled minister in Woburn, Mass. From the history of that town we learn that Thomas Carter was born in England; was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge; came to America in 1635, being then a divinity student; lived for a time in Dedham, later in Watertown; and a church, the First Congregational, having been gathered, "with much solemnity," in Woburn in August, 1642, he was ordained, and settled as its pastor on November 22, O.S. (or December 2, N.S.), of that year. He died in 1684, in the forty-second year of his ministry, survived by his wife, Mary Dalton, who died in 1687. They had reared six children, including three sons, one of whom, named Samuel, received a college education.

Among the posterity of the Rev. Thomas Carter living in New England at the close of the century following his death, was Dr. Timothy Carter, above mentioned, born November 29, 1760, who was the first of the family to settle in Oxford County. He began the practice of his profession in the town of Bethel in 1798. He was very successful for many years, occupying a leading position among the prominent physicians of this county; and many

young men who subsequently acquired fame in their profession studied with him. He continued his residence in Bethel until his death, February 25, 1845, retaining to the last his active influence as physician, citizen, and counsellor. Dr. Carter was a strict Congregationalist in religion, and for many years served as Deacon of the church. In politics he was a Whig, and in his later years was a strong advocate of the temperance cause. For several years he was Justice of the Peace, and in this capacity much of the legal business of this county passed through his hands.

Dr. Carter was twice married. His first wife, born September 4, 1771, was Frances, daughter of Dr. James Freeland, of Sutton, Mass. Her father was a surgeon in the Continental army in the Revolution, and subsequently became a member of the Cincinnati Society. Mrs. Frances F. Carter died November 14, 1815, having borne her husband seven children, as follows: Lawson, born November 20, 1793; Galen, born June 19, 1795; James F., born May 12, 1797; Timothy Jarvis, the special subject of this sketch; Luther C., born February 25, 1805; Frances F., the only one now living, born September 1, 1809, the widow of Robert A. Chapman, of Portland; and Elias M., born September 10, 1811. Dr. Carter's second wife, Lydia, daughter of Theodore Russell, of Bethel, was the mother of three daughters and two sons, namely: Lydia D., born March 22, 1823; Sarah W., born May 8, 1824; Abigail A., born April 9, 1825; Theodore R., born July 12, 1827; and Benjamin, born July 4, 1832. Of these three are living—Mrs. Abigail A. Gould, of Worcester, Mass.; and the two sons, both residents of Montclair, N.J.

Timothy Jarvis Carter, Dr. Carter's fourth son, received his early education in some of the best schools of Oxford County. He pursued the study of law under Governor Enoch Lincoln at Paris Hill, and later at Judge Howe's Law School in Northampton, where he was graduated in 1824. Mr. Carter then entered the law office of Fessenden & DuBlois, and remained with them until his admission to the bar in February, 1827. Locating himself first in Rumford, Me., he practised there for a year, then came to Paris, Oxford County,

in 1829; and from that time until his death he was one of the most successful lawyers of this part of the State, standing high among his associates. For several years Mr. Carter was County Attorney; and in 1836 he was elected a member of the Twenty-fifth Congress, in which he served two terms, dying while in Washington, D.C., March 14, 1838. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and he was liberal in his religious belief.

On September 11, 1828, Mr. Carter married Arabella Rawson, who was born in Paris, Oxford County, Me., February 22, 1807, and is still living in the house in which she first opened her eyes to the light of this world. Her father, Samuel Rawson, was born September 4, 1771, in Sutton, Mass.; and his wife, Polla, daughter of Dr. James Freeland, was born in Sutton, Mass., September 17, 1778. For further history of Mrs. Carter's ancestors see the "Rawson Genealogy and Memorial."

The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter was Samuel Rawson Carter, whose birth occurred June 22, 1829, in the house in which his widowed mother now lives. This house was built in 1789, and bought by Samuel Rawson in 1804. Samuel Rawson Carter was graduated at Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in the class of 1852, and was admitted to the bar of Oxford County in 1854. He took an especial interest in having that bar supplied with a good law library, and was librarian and member of the bar as long as he lived. In politics he was a lifelong Democrat, firm and unchanging in principle, also an active supporter of every measure he thought would benefit the farming community and his native town. He was for many years a communicant of the Episcopal church and always ready to give his best efforts to aid that church. He devoted much of his time to scientific pursuits, especially to mineralogy and geology. He was one of the original owners of Mount Mica, noted for valuable tourmalines; and he left a valuable cabinet of Mount Mica minerals, also a large collection of other minerals and Indian relics. Samuel Rawson Carter was an associate member of the Boston and Portland Societies of Natural History and a corresponding member of the Academy of Natural Science in Philadelphia, and received diplomas

from both of those societies. He was married February 26, 1857, to Julia, daughter of the Hon. Elijah L. and Eliza Choate Hamlin, resided in Paris, and died April 24, 1893. His wife, Mrs. Julia Hamlin Carter, died August 12, 1894. They had previously been bereft of their son, a very capable and promising young man, whose brief record follows.

Jarvis Livermore Carter, born February 11, 1858, died August 4, 1892, only child of Samuel Rawson and Julia Hamlin Carter. He was graduated at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and, having finished his education at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., afterward became connected as a partner with the commercial and exporting house of W. E. Smith & Co. of New York City. He was an expert accountant, and managed in a most successful manner the finances of the firm, doing the business of a million dollars annually. He was a communicant of the Episcopal church and, like his father, a stable Democrat. June 12, 1883, he married Mary Blanche, only child of Cullen L. and Fannie A. Carter, and after his marriage resided in Brooklyn, N. Y. Jarvis Livermore and Mary Blanche Carter were the parents of three children, namely: Julia F., born September 5, 1884; Dorothea M., born April 8, 1887; and Jarvis Freeland, born July 20, 1889, who died May 6, 1895.

These two great-grand-daughters are the only living descendants of Timothy Jarvis and Arabella Rawson Carter. Mrs. Carter has preserved much interesting data relating to the Rawson and Carter families.

A woman of cultivated mind, well-read and thoughtful, notwithstanding that she is nearing the ninetieth milestone of life's journey, she retains the capacity of her earlier years and takes an active interest in passing events.

Some choice spirits of earth happily grow not old, but, filled with childlike trust and broad human sympathy, pass as cheerily down the sunset slopes "as up the hills of morn."

**GILBERT MILLER**, Sheriff of Franklin County, proprietor of the Wilton House, and one of the most prominent business men in this town, was born in

Wilton, October 20, 1826, son of David and Betsey (Pierce) Miller. The family is of early Colonial origin, its founder having, no doubt, emigrated from England or Scotland; but his name, as well as the place of his nativity and date of arrival in America, cannot now be ascertained.

The first ancestor of whom there is any authentic knowledge was Robert Miller, who resided in Fall River, Mass., where he followed ship-carpentering and farming. He was the father of seven children, including four sons — namely, John, Job, Robert, and David — all of whom were carpenters and farmers, and resided upon the Taunton River. David Miller, son of Robert and grandfather of Gilbert Miller, settled upon a large farm in Fall River, which is now the property of his grandson, another Gilbert Miller, a cousin of the subject of this sketch. David Miller served as a soldier in the French and Indian War, and participated in the siege and capture of Quebec under General Wolfe. He married Hannah Merrick, and reared a family of nine children; namely, John, Ebenezer, Job, Isaac M., Gilbert, David, Hannah, Abby, and Polly.

David Miller, son of David and Hannah (Merrick) Miller, was born in Fall River, February 22, 1787. While still young he shipped as a cabin boy, and, later becoming an able seaman, remained in the merchant service for fifteen years. Tiring of sea life, and not desiring to rear his sons in a locality where they were liable to become sailors, he visited his sister, Mrs. Macomber, who was living in Wilton, Me., and, being favorably impressed with the country, decided to settle here. Purchasing the Goodell farm of eighty acres, which he improved by remodelling the house and erecting a new barn, he continued to reside here until his death, which took place March 15, 1849. The property is now occupied by John Miller. Although for many years a sailor, he readily adapted himself to agricultural pursuits, developing a capacity for tilling the soil and raising stock which enabled him to attain a degree of prosperity equal to the majority of his neighbors who had been reared and trained to farm life; and he was esteemed and respected by the entire

community. He was a Whig in politics and liberal in religious views. His wife, Betsey Pierce, whom he married June 20, 1813, was born in Somerset, Mass., August 26, 1794. She became the mother of eight children, namely: Julia A.; David; Eliza; Betsey; John; Gilbert, the subject of this sketch; James C.; and Nathan R. Mrs. Betsey P. Miller possessed a remarkably strong constitution, and lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Gilbert Miller, the third son as here enumerated, and the special subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of his native town, and resided with his parents until he was twenty-one years old. He then engaged in peddling confectionery, cigars, tobacco, and Yankee notions for E. J. Smith, later representing J. Richards in the same line of trade; and after travelling through the country with a team for seven years, during which time he realized good financial results, he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in the town of Temple. Selling this property a year later, he moved back to Wilton, where he purchased the M. Luffkin farm, upon which he resided from 1857 to 1876. He remodelled the residence, and built a new stable; and, besides keeping well forward in the line of progress as a general farmer, he dealt largely in cattle, sheep, and horses, most of which he bought in the home market. Having purchased his present hotel property in 1873, he began to manage it in 1876, coming here with his family. Having sold his farm buildings with five acres of land, he still retains the remainder of his farm, which he carries on in connection with the house. Since becoming proprietor of the Wilton House, he has made various improvements, including the enlargement of the building, which now contains eighteen light and well-furnished sleeping-rooms; and connected with it are a good stable for baiting purposes and a spacious hall for public use. He also owns a valuable farm of one hundred and fifty acres in the town of Jay, which he rents to good advantage; and, besides attending to a great amount of private business, he has been intrusted with the settlement of many estates, and has held various town offices. Mr. Miller served as High

Sheriff eight years, as Deputy Sheriff eighteen years, and as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for twelve years, in all of which capacities he established an honorable record as a capable and upright public official. In politics he has been a firm supporter of Republican principles ever since the formation of that party.

In November, 1852, Mr. Miller married Martha A. Lord, his first wife, who was born in New Sharon, October 20, 1830. She died May 2, 1868, leaving seven children, as follows: Frank G., who was born September 3, 1853, and died September 2, 1872; Ida M., who was born June 30, 1855, and married Lester P. Hiscock, a prosperous merchant of East Brookfield, Mass.; Horace, who was born December 1, 1856, and died at the age of twenty years; Clarence A., a successful livery stable keeper of Wilton, who was born September 5, 1860, married Emma Wilkins, and has two children—N. Maud and Clifford G.; Nathan R., who was born November 29, 1862, married Lillian Lake, and is now assisting his father in business; Carrie N., who was born April 11, 1864, and is now the wife of Milton Holmes; and Lydia E., who was born October 1, 1865, and married Fred Young, an energetic miller of New Sharon. Mr. Miller's present wife was before marriage Nellie M. Woodbury. She is a daughter of the Rev. J. M. Woodbury. By this union there is one son, Frank G., who was born July 19, 1879.

Mr. Miller is still engaged in attending to his business affairs, and goes about with the activity of a much younger man. He takes a liberal view of religious matters, and is a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 20, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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**W**ILLIAM EDWARD SARGENT,  
Principal of Hebron Academy, in  
Oxford County, was born in San-  
ford, York County, Me., on May 23, 1856.

His father, the late Rev. Walter Taylor Sargent, was born in Methuen, Mass., in 1809; and his mother, Mrs. Joan G. Quint Sargent, was born in Bowdoinham, Me., in 1829. The Rev. Walter Taylor Sargent was a well-known divine in his day, his life being



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devoted to preaching the gospel in many different localities. He died at Freeport, Me., in 1886, his wife having gone before him in 1885. They were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are yet living; namely, Mary Ellen, Maria Frances, Susan Jane, Sarah Elizabeth, Anna Louise, Emma Caroline, William Edward, and Alice Crosby Sargent.

An only son, William E. Sargent passed his boyhood in many different towns of Maine, as his father moved from one place to another in attending to ministerial duties, principally staying in the towns of Greene, Dexter, Richmond, and Freeport. Young Sargent received his early education in the public schools of the towns in which he resided, and prepared himself for college under the supervision of the Rev. J. J. Bulfinch, of Freeport, who was a friend of his father.

He entered Bowdoin College in 1874, and was graduated in the class of 1878. In April of that year he accepted the position of principal of the high school of Topsham, which he held for a period of two years, at the expiration of which time he went to Freeport, where he had charge of the high school until 1885, when he was called to Hebron Academy. Here he has remained ever since.

What Professor Sargent has done for the academy in these years must be seen to be thoroughly understood and appreciated, but it might be well to say a few disinterested words on the subject. He has from the very first given his strict attention to building up the school in every desirable way. To-day Hebron Academy is universally acknowledged as one of the best fitting schools in all New England. Its high standing is in a great measure due to the utter devotion and strenuous labor that Professor Sargent has spent upon the work for over a decade; and liberal support has been accorded the dear old school by its numerous and generous friends, who were influenced by the stirring appeals and untiring efforts made by Professor Sargent in its behalf and by his example of devotion and self-sacrifice.

William E. Sargent was married on August 20, 1883, to Ella C. M. Hale, of Mystic, Conn. They have no children. Mr. and

Mrs. Sargent are earnest as well as active members of the Baptist church. In politics the Professor is a staunch Republican. He is a member of Freeport Lodge, No. 23, A. F. & A. M., at Freeport, Me., also a member of Harraseeket Lodge, No. 30, of the Knights of Pythias at Freeport, and of Pejepscot Lodge, No. 13, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Brunswick.

Hebron Academy was founded in 1804 by two God-fearing, strong-hearted men — Elder John Tripp and Deacon William Barrows. John Tripp perhaps was the more instrumental of the two in the actual conception and foundation of the school.

John Tripp was born in Dartmouth, now Fairhaven, on March 25, 1761, the son of Jesse Tripp. In his early youth even he began to show that he was destined to be a grave and serious man, deeply religious in thought and feeling. In 1774, before he was fourteen years of age, he voluntarily connected himself with the Second Baptist Church of Middleboro, Mass. A short time later he went into the ranks of the Continental army, showing decisively that he could not only pray, but fight. He conducted himself throughout the war with the greatest heroism and honor.

In 1787, some time after the war, he received a license to preach the gospel. After twelve years of wandering from place to place, twelve years of exhausting work, both mentally and physically, twelve years of earnest endeavor to do good, not one time and then another time, but all the time — in fine, twelve years of the life of an old-fashioned Christian preacher, bringing the gospel on foot or on horseback through a sparsely populated country, with long distances to traverse and no time to stay except to exhort and attempt to convert, he finally settled down in Hebron, arriving here on July 5, 1798. The journey from Portland was made with a horse and cart — John Tripp, his wife, and one child in arms on the horse, and the rest of the children with the household goods in the wagon. He settled on the farm where his descendants still live. He had married shortly after or during the war a lady of French descent named Experience Deland. She bore him ten children,



all of whom are now dead. When he came to Hebron the whole place was new and wild. There were no roads, only narrow bridle paths. The woods were full of bear, deer, foxes, and other game. His first house was built of rough-hewn square logs.

Always interested in educational matters and expecting to spend the rest of his life here, he with a friend, Deacon William Barrows, conceived a plan for instituting a school, as had been done long before in Plymouth, and as quaintly expressed there "for the better education of the youth of the town and the better employment of their time." This scheme, planned by the two worthies in 1804, was carried into effect in the next year, 1805; and the first academy was erected. The first church, which was organized with a membership of thirteen persons on August 23, 1791, was finally established in a substantial building in 1820. Of this church Elder Tripp was a devoted supporter. His wife died on May 20, 1835. John Tripp himself died on September 16, 1847, after a long and useful life. The school thus established for the benefit of the generations that were to follow him has done remarkably well in every way that he himself would have desired.

The academy itself is very advantageously situated on high land among the picturesque hills of Oxford County, Maine. All connected with the place, the scenery, the care exerted, the instruction, the amusement provided, all tend to give the Hebron students, as their well-beloved principal says of them, "a spirit that identifies them wherever you find them. They have the qualities of strong, earnest men and women. They know how to use the shovel and hold the plough, know how to economize."

How the friends and benefactors of Hebron Academy feel toward the old institution, and what they do for it, as well as how their gifts are received and in what spirit, is also best shown by a few words from the address made by Professor Sargent on the day the class of 1896, composed of thirty strong-minded, earnest boys and girls, graduated. He says of the late Mr. Sturtevant, a dear friend of Hebron Academy, among other things (chief among these things being an expression of the

great thanks and the just praise due Mr. Sturtevant): "I went and saw him. Mr. Sturtevant in his mild way told a story or two, just to collect his thoughts and get them down into a crystallized form. When he got down to business he said, 'I have made up my mind to give you ten thousand dollars to start with.' But that was not all." And Professor Sargent goes on to tell how he had helped them in every way, how he had asked their plans, suggested, formed new ones, and done everything to help the school to raise all the money it needed for improvements. At length, owing to the generosity and efforts of Mr. Sturtevant, and the energy and devotion displayed by Professor Sargent, the requisite sum, and more than that, has been raised, a sum that no great university need be ashamed to accept as a gift—fifty thousand dollars.

The academy, which is in truth what Professor Sargent has set forth in his modest but attractive circular, a splendidly endowed fitting school for Colby University, makes an ideal place for study. It was founded as we know "by praying patriots of the Revolution." Among the great names that have been inscribed, in the youth of their distinguished bearers, on the roll of honor of the old academy, are those of Hannibal Hamlin, John D. Long, ex-Governor of Massachusetts, William Pitt Fessenden, and Senator Eugene Hale. The academy offers fine advantages in every line, three courses of study, college, classical, and English, together with year-in and year-out departments in music and painting, and a fine gymnasium, being a few of them.

Professor Sargent is known and admired as a most successful teacher; and his friends hope he will remain at the head of Hebron Academy for many years to come, continuing, as he has always done, to increase the prosperity and renown of this ancient and revered institution.

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**J**OHN WARD, senior member of the firm John Ward & Co., Fryeburg, Oxford County, manufacturers of and dealers in carriages and sleighs, was born in this town, August 26, 1838, son of Jonathan Hale and Harriet (Durgin) Ward.

His grandfather, Jonathan Ward, was a clock-maker by trade; and many of the old and reliable time-pieces now doing service in Fryeburg are the work of his hands. Jonathan married Rachel Abbott, a native of Concord, N.H.; and both died in this town.

Jonathan Hale Ward, who was born in Fryeburg, entered the lumber business in his early manhood, and subsequently became an extensive speculator in timber lands. He was also the proprietor of the Oxford Hotel in Fryeburg village for several years. Leaving the reputation of an able business man, he died in 1841, being then in the prime of life. The interment of his remains was the first made in the present town cemetery. His wife, Harriet, was a native of Fryeburg and a daughter of Joshua Durgin, an early settler of this town. Her father, a native of Massachusetts, who was a tanner and currier, and followed those trades in connection with farming, passed his last days in Fryeburg. Jonathan Hale Ward and his wife were the parents of four children, as follows: Fanny L., who became the wife of James F. Webster, a prosperous farmer of Conway, N.H., both now deceased; Henry D., who is a machinist by trade, and resides in Worcester, Mass.; John, the subject of this sketch; and Harriet D., the wife of Henry Putnam, a well-to-do farmer of Worcester, Mass. The mother lived to the age of seventy-six years.

John Ward was left fatherless when a mere child. At the age of eleven he went to Bridgton, Cumberland County, where he lived in the family of Henry Smith for four years. During the succeeding five years he resided with Augustus Carsley upon a farm in that town. His education was acquired in the common schools and at the Bridgton Academy. When at the age of twenty, he began to learn the carriage-maker's trade with William F. Perry, now the proprietor of a large factory in Bridgton. After remaining with Mr. Perry for six months he engaged with Thomas E. Mead, under whose direction he finished his apprenticeship. He then worked as a journeyman for Burnham & Mead in Bethel, Me., for two years. Coming to Fryeburg in 1860, he, in company with his uncle, commenced the manufacture of carriages under

the firm name of A. C. & John Ward. Three years later Thomas E. Mead bought an interest in the business, and the firm became known as Mead & Ward. A flourishing trade was carried on for four years, and B. M. Glines then became a partner under the present title of John Ward & Co. This firm manufactures all kinds of carriages and other vehicles, carries a varied stock of carriages and sleighs of other manufacture, also does general repairing and mill work.

In January, 1871, Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Augusta L. Mead, who was born in North Bridgton, daughter of Thomas H. Mead. Mr. Mead was a successful merchant, was very prominent in political affairs, and served as Treasurer of Cumberland County for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are the parents of two children, namely: Augustus H., who works in his father's factory, and is an able machinist; and Thomas Hale, who resides with his parents. In politics Mr. Ward is an earnest supporter of Republican principles, but has never aspired to prominence in public affairs. He has always applied himself to his calling with industry, and as a result has worked his way forward to his present business success. He has many friends both in business and social circles, and is a member of Pequaket Lodge, No. 34, Knights of Pythias.

ALONZO B. ADAMS, M.D., of Wilton, a member of the United States Board of Examiners in pension cases, a veteran of the Civil War, is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Franklin County. He was born in Wilton, July 8, 1843, son of Charles K. and Julia A. (Miller) Adams. His grandparents were Moses and Martha (Kinney) Adams, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer and a well-known resident of Wilton in his day; and the paternal and maternal ancestry of Dr. Adams were representatives of highly reputable families.

Charles K. Adams, son of Moses and Martha Adams, continued to reside with his parents after attaining his majority, caring for them in their declining years, and finally suc-

ceeding to the ownership of the homestead of one hundred and fifty acres. He was successful both as a general farmer and a live stock dealer, buying large numbers of cattle and sheep, which he shipped and drove to Reading and Brighton. Able, industrious, and progressive, he remodelled his residence, erected new barns, and made other notable improvements in his property. Being stricken with typhoid fever, from which he was unable to rally, he died at the age of fifty-four years. In public affairs he was prominent and influential, having followed the majority of the Whig element into the ranks of the Republican party at its formation; and, as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as a Representative to the legislature, he displayed such marked ability in sustaining and forwarding the principles of good government as to receive the hearty commendation and approval of the voters in general, as well as his constituents. His wife, who was before marriage Julia A. Miller, became the mother of ten children, namely: Charles N.; Josephine; Alonzo B., the subject of this sketch; a child who died in infancy; Abbie; Madeline; Irandus; Ella F.; another who died in infancy; and Frank W. Mrs. Julia A. Adams died of consumption at the age of forty-six years. She and her husband attended the Free Will Baptist church, and were generous contributors toward its support.

Alonzo B. Adams, the second son, the date of whose birth is given above, acquired his early education in the public schools, where he labored diligently with the view of subsequently pursuing the higher branches of study; but at the age of nineteen his patriotism overweighed his desire in this direction, and on August 4, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Sixteenth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil War. On December 13 of the same year, while participating in the battle of Fredericksburg, he received a serious wound just above the left ankle, which made amputation necessary; and, after passing through one operation at Alexandria, he was in 1865 obliged to suffer the inconvenience of another amputation. When sufficiently recovered to resume his studies he entered the Maine

Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, where he was graduated in 1866, and, after reading medicine with Dr. Russell, of Farmington, he matriculated at the Bowdoin College Medical School, where he was graduated with the class of 1869. Locating for practice in Strong, Me., he remained there three and one-half years, at the expiration of which time he returned to Wilton, where he bought the practice of Dr. Peaslee, and has since resided here. As a skilful and reliable physician and surgeon, he has not only acquired a high reputation throughout the wide section included within his circuit, but he is frequently called to distant parts, either to personally treat difficult cases or in consultation with other practitioners; and his professional success has been upward and onward from the commencement. Soon after his establishment in Wilton he bought the Hall residence on High Street, which he has greatly improved; and in 1893 he erected upon the premises a handsome office and operating-room, which is furnished and equipped with all modern conveniences.

On July 12, 1870, Dr. Adams was united in marriage with Mary C. Fletcher, daughter of David and Sarah (Stickney) Fletcher, of this town. Earl Adams, one of the two children born of this union, died at the age of twenty-one months; and the other, Lynne F. Adams, who was born March 7, 1877, is now a student at Colby University.

In the Masonic fraternity Dr. Adams is well advanced, being a Past Master of Wilton Lodge; a member of Franklin Chapter, Jephthah Council, Pilgrim Commandery, Knights Templars; and the Maine Consistory. He is Past Grand of Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Past Chief Patriarch of the encampment; is connected with the Foresters and the Order of the Golden Cross; and as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic he has held all of the important offices of R. C. Woodman Post, No. 18, has been Junior Vice-Commander and Surgeon of the department, and a delegate to the national encampment. He holds an appointment upon the Board of United States Pension Examiners, and he acted in an important capacity in the United States census enumera-



JOHN M. STEVENS.

tion of 1870. In politics he acts with the Republican party, and he ably filled the office of Town Treasurer for three years. Dr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**J**OHN M. STEVENS, one of the oldest practical farmers of Canton, Oxford County, Me., who is about to retire from the toil of the fields, was born in this town, November 25, 1826, son of Aaron and Susan (Conant) Stevens. The farm upon which Mr. Stevens has spent his life up to the present time, the autumn of 1896, was cleared from the wilderness by his grandfather, Jeremiah Stevens; and it has been held by the family until quite recently.

Jeremiah Stevens was a native of Massachusetts, and served in the Revolutionary War. In 1805 he came to Canton as a pioneer, and lived in a log house until he had cleared his farm and erected frame buildings. With unabated energy he continued to till the soil until the time of his death, which took place when he was sixty years old. He was a Democrat in politics and a strict Baptist in his religious views. He was the father of six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom Aaron, Mr. J. M. Stevens's father, was the youngest. None are now living.

Aaron Stevens was born in Methuen, Mass. He was a small boy when he accompanied his parents to Canton, where he eventually succeeded to the possession of the homestead. A strong, able-bodied man, he was an industrious farmer and a useful citizen. He died in 1880, at the age of eighty-two years. In politics he supported the Republican party during the later years of his life, and in his religious belief he was a Universalist. He and his wife, formerly Susan Conant, who was a native of Bridgewater, Mass., reared two children, namely: John M., the subject of this sketch; and Susan, who is now Mrs. Stubbs, and resides in Canton. Mr. Stevens's mother lived to reach the age of eighty-four years, and died in 1885.

An only son, John M. Stevens was educated in the district schools of Canton, and grew to manhood as a farmer. He has followed that

occupation at the homestead, which he inherited from his father, and has made a good record for himself as an energetic and exceedingly successful agriculturist. He has also dealt in stock and horses to a considerable extent, and has acquired a high reputation throughout this section for his honesty and reliability. With the intention of retiring from active labor, he has recently sold his landed property, consisting of over three hundred acres, to the Portland & Rumford Railroad Company; and the purchasers are to take possession as soon as he has harvested his crops.

Mr. Stevens has never married. He is liberal in his ideas concerning religious matters, and in politics he acts with the Republican party. He is connected with the lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Canton, and is highly respected by the entire community as an upright, conscientious man and a worthy citizen.

**C**HARLES P. BARTLETT, a wealthy farmer and influential citizen of Hanover, Oxford County, was born in this town, August 18, 1842, son of Stephen and Martha (Stearns) Bartlett. Peregrin Bartlett, the father of Stephen, was a native of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, whence he came to Oxford County, Maine, about the year 1793, accompanied by several of his brothers. He purchased about three hundred acres of land, and spent the remainder of his life in clearing and cultivating it. He died at sixty-six years of age. His son, Stephen, who was born here, became a stirring, progressive farmer and stock raiser. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served in nearly all the town offices. He died at fifty-two years of age. His wife, Martha Stearns Bartlett, was a native of Bethel, this county, where she resided until her marriage. She died in Hanover when seventy-six years old, leaving three children — Sarah, widow of Charles Ivons, residing in Lowell, Mass.; Charles P.; and Solon, a physician in Lowell, Mass.

Charles P. Bartlett was educated in the common schools. He has always resided on the old homestead farm, the one purchased by

his grandfather in 1793, located near Newry on the Androscoggin River. He also owns about twenty thousand acres of wild timber land, the greater part of which is in Oxford County. He is one of the leading lumbermen in the county, and until recently was extensively engaged in stock raising. On April 23, 1891, Mr. Bartlett was married to Miss Martha E. Bartlett, of Hanover. They have two sons — Alton F. and Charles P. In politics Mr. Bartlett is a Democrat, and, though declining office, exerts no small influence in local matters, his social position and natural ability qualifying him as a leader.

**C**LINTON V. STARBIRD, an extensive lumber manufacturer of the town of Strong, and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was born in Freeman, Me., August 14, 1868. He is a son of Amos D. and Mary J. (Gilkey) Starbird, natives of Freeman, now residing in Florida, and grandson of Moses Starbird, who moved to Freeman from Gorham, Me., and was a prosperous farmer through life.

Amos D. Starbird was for several years engaged in agricultural pursuits and lumbering in the town of Freeman; but he removed later to Orange County, Florida, where he is now residing, and is identified with the lumber interests of that region. His wife, Mary J. Gilkey, is a daughter of Captain John Gilkey, who moved from Lisbon to this county when a young man, and became a well-to-do farmer in Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Amos D. Starbird have had eight children, as follows: Edwin R., who wedded Mattie Thompson, and is now a photographer of Brunswick, Me.; Albert W., who married Leola Weymouth, and is now a photographer in Florida; Rose I., wife of W. T. Hinds, a lumber operator and manufacturer of Phillips, Me.; Clinton V., of Strong, to be further mentioned in the next paragraph; Lionel F., who died at the age of twenty-three years; Austin C., who married Cora Love, and is now in the lumber business with his father in Florida; Adelbert M. and Percivilla L., both of whom are residing in Florida, engaged in the lumber business.

Clinton V. Starbird acquired his education

in the common schools. At the age of twenty-one he went to Erie County, Pennsylvania, and worked in a grist-mill for a year. He then engaged in lumbering, and for the next three years contracted quite extensively for the cutting of timber. He next operated a saw-mill in Freeman, Me., where he continued in business for four years; and then removing to Strong he built a mill, and engaged in the manufacturing of lumber. Since locating here his business has developed into large proportions, requiring additions to his plant from time to time, in order to meet the increasing demand for his products; and aside from sawing all kinds of building material, including hard-wood flooring and shingles, he makes a specialty of manufacturing packing-cases, which are shipped in large quantities to Portland, Boston, and Providence, R.I. Although he has met with serious reverses, having passed through two disastrous fires, he has recovered the lost ground, and his business, to which he has steadily applied himself, is now in a most flourishing condition. In politics he supports the Republican party. He was elected a Selectman in 1894, and is now Chairman of the Board.

On June 23, 1886, Mr. Starbird was united in marriage with Flora A. Kilkenney, of New Vineyard. She is a daughter of James and Ellen (Brackley) Kilkenney, prosperous farming people of New Vineyard. Mr. and Mrs. Starbird have one son, Raymond A., who was born February 26, 1891.

Mr. Starbird is Treasurer of Davis Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Strong, acts in the same capacity for Marathon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the Order of the Golden Cross. He occupies a prominent place among the business men of Franklin County, and is universally respected and esteemed. Mrs. Starbird is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**P**IRAM MILLETT EVERETT, formerly a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Hebron, who died at his home in this town in April, 1893, was born in Norway, Me., November 2, 1818, son of Peter and Charlotte

(Parkhurst) Everett. The late Mr. Everett was of French descent. His grandfather, Peter Everett, a native of France, is said to have accompanied General Lafayette to America for the purpose of assisting the patriots in their struggle for independence; and while serving in the Continental army he lost an arm. Deciding to become a citizen of the Republic which he had so gallantly assisted in founding, he settled in Norway, Me., of which town he was one of the earliest pioneers; and he died at a good old age. His wife, who was a widow Burns, a lady of much ability and intelligence, is said to have been the first woman teacher in Norway, teaching school in her own house before school-houses were built. She and her husband reared three children, namely: John; Susannah; and Peter, Jr.

Peter Everett, Jr., Mr. Everett's father, was born in Norway, and became a sturdy, industrious man and a worthy citizen. From Norway he moved to Poland, Me., where the last years of his life were passed; and he died there at the age of seventy-four years. He was exceedingly prosperous, his natural ability causing him to be successful in whatever he undertook; and he provided his large family with a comfortable home and a common-school education. In politics he was originally a Whig, but in his later years he voted with the Republican party. His wife, Charlotte Parkhurst, became the mother of eleven children, ten sons and one daughter; and of these five are living. Mr. Everett's mother lived to be sixty-three years old. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Hiram Millett Everett passed his boyhood in Norway, and was educated in the district schools. At the age of fourteen he began life for himself by learning the cooper's trade, which he followed during the winter season, working as a farm laborer in the summer; and he continued thus employed until he was twenty-six years old. Being of a prudent and economical turn of mind, he husbanded his earnings, and bought his father's estate in Norway, which, however, he held but a short time. In 1844 he married Cordelia Barrows Marshall, of Hebron. Selling his property in Norway, he bought a farm in East Hebron, and lived thereon for three years. From East

Hebron he moved to Poland, where he resided for the succeeding three years, engaged in farming; and from Poland he removed to Minot Corner, and while living in that place he learned the shoemaker's trade. A little later he returned to Hebron, where he purchased a farm and followed agricultural pursuits in connection with shoemaking for the rest of his life, which terminated at the age of nearly seventy-five years. He left a widow, one son, and a daughter-in-law. Industrious and an able business man, possessing rare judgment in regard to the value of lands, he succeeded in accumulating a good estate, owning at one time over three hundred acres. In politics he supported the Republican party, by which he was for several years elected to the offices of Constable and Collector; and he attended the Baptist church, of which his wife is a member.

Mrs. Cordelia B. Everett has had four children, as follows: Anna Delphina, who was born August 27, 1845, and died April 3, 1853; Persian V., who was born July 5, 1847; Justin, who was born February 12, 1854, and died April 17, 1859; and Anna Bethany, who was born March 13, 1862, married Henry K. Stearns, of Paris, Me., and died June 19, 1888, leaving one daughter, Ora B. Persian V. Everett, the only survivor of Mrs. Everett's children, served as a private in the Thirtieth Regiment, Maine Veteran Volunteers, the last year of the Civil War, and is now a prosperous farmer in this town. He married Ella Haskell, and has three children, namely: Minnie L., who is now Mrs. Fernald, and has one daughter, Marion Faye; Charles H.; and Margaret L. Mrs. Everett has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She still resides in Hebron, where she is well known and highly respected.

**C**YRUS P. EATON, Superintendent of the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company, was born in Rumford, Oxford County, Me., July 11, 1846. As a son of Osgood, Jr., and Betsy (Putnam) Eaton, it is evident that he is a descendant of early New England colonists, immigrants of the seventeenth century. Different branches of the Eaton family have been flourishing on

these shores for more than two hundred and fifty years, and the same is true of the Putnams.

Osgood Eaton, Sr., who was a native of Concord, N.H., settled on what is known as Eaton Hill, and was the first white settler in that locality. He was an officer in the old State militia. Osgood Eaton, Jr., son of the elder Osgood and father of Cyrus P. Eaton, was born on the farm in Rumford which was his son's birthplace, and spent his life there until about fifty years old. Then, though past the age limit for military duty, he enlisted in Company A, Twelfth Maine Regiment, for the defence of the Union, and was enrolled among the musicians as drum-major. He was in Louisiana with General Butler's army, much of the time near New Orleans, and died of swamp fever. He was a stanch Republican, deeply interested in local politics, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, who also is a native of Rumford, and is now a bright and active lady of fourscore, makes her home with her son, Cyrus P. She, too, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, deeply interested in religious work.

Cyrus P. Eaton acquired a fair education while still a member of the parental household, attending school and doubtless making himself useful on the farm until he was nineteen years of age. He then left home and went to Lewiston, Me., to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed in that city about six years. Returning then to his native town, he managed a carpenter and carriage shop until 1890. In that year he entered the employ of the Water Power Company, for whom he worked two years at Rumford Falls, having charge of a number of men who were engaged in building dams and in other constructive operations. The first saw-mill in the place was erected at this time, the lumber for the dams being sawed there, largely under Mr. Eaton's direction. This mill was owned by the Power Company. In the fall of 1892 Mr. Eaton entered the employ of the Light and Water Company, and assisted in building their plant; and since its completion he has acted as superintendent of the works. Fully qualified for his position, he performs his duties quietly and efficiently, and

enjoys the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Eaton owns a farm in the township and a residence in the village.

He was married July 13, 1888, to Mary E., daughter of Otis Howe, of Rumford. She was born in this town December 24, 1850, and died July 16, 1893. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and trained her children to belief in its doctrines. She left one son and two daughters, namely: Frederick O., clerk for the Light and Power Company, and Town Clerk of Rumford Falls; and Eva M. and Sadie E., who are still with their father.

Mr. Eaton is a Republican and takes an active part in town matters. He is a member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 99, A. F. & A. M., of Rumford Falls; Rumford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the same place; Metalluc Lodge, No. 99, Knights of Pythias, of this town; and Wawanunka Tribe, No. 41, I. O. R. M. Though not a church member, he regularly attends the Methodist Episcopal church and contributes to its support.

**Z**INA HYDE GREENWOOD, a well-known citizen of Farmington, was born in Bethel, Oxford County, Me., September 21, 1824, son of Nathaniel and Huldah (Howe) Greenwood. A carpenter by trade, Mr. Greenwood for a number of years was actively engaged as a contractor and builder. Also at one time he was in the corn-packing business, and more recently he has dealt somewhat in real estate. He is now practically living in retirement.

The family trace their lineage through quite a number of Colonial ancestors to Thomas Greenwood, probably a native of Wales, who was a land-owner in what is now Brookline, Mass., in 1668. In 1665 he was following the trade of a weaver in Boston, where he was made a freeman and united with the church in 1681; and he served as Selectman, Town Clerk, and Constable. He married Hannah, daughter of John Ward, a representative of an early Boston family of prominence, and she bore him two sons, namely: Thomas, who was one of the first graduates of Harvard College,



and became a minister in Rehoboth, Mass.; and John, who became a leading citizen of Newton, Mass. The next in line was William Greenwood, who was born October 14, 1689. On June 21, 1715, he married Abigail, daughter of John Woodward, of Cambridge, and in 1725 moved to Sherborn, Mass., where he became a land-owner. He was an extensive business man, served as Selectman, Town Clerk, Representative to the General Court, and a Deacon of the church in Sherborn, where he died about the year 1756.

The descent continues through Joseph, his ninth son, who was born in Sherborn, June 10, 1734, and learned both the carpenter's and weaver's trades. After residing in Sherborn and Holden, he moved to Dublin, N.H., where he attained to a high position among the citizens of that town, serving as Selectman, Town Clerk and Treasurer, Justice of the Peace, and as a Representative to the first Provincial Congress of New Hampshire. In 1793 he disposed of his property and business interests in Dublin, and removed to Bethel, Me., where he died December 27, 1825. He married Sarah, daughter of Josiah Greenwood, had three sons, only one of whom reached maturity; namely, Nathaniel, first, who was Z. H. Greenwood's grandfather. The others were: Ebenezer, who was born in 1759; and John, who was born in 1760.

Nathaniel Greenwood, first, was born in 1761; and, settling in Bethel in 1793, he resided there for many years, finally moving to Farmington, where he died November 7, 1846. On June 24, 1782, he married for his first wife, Mary, daughter of Moses and Lydia (Knapp) Mason. She died in Bethel in 1825; and in 1827 he wedded Mrs. Abigail Irving, of Paris, Me. He was the father of fourteen children, eleven by his first union and three by his second; and his three sons by his first marriage—namely, Ebenezer, Nathaniel, and Thaddeus—settled in Farmington.

Nathaniel Greenwood, son of Nathaniel, first, and father of Z. H. Greenwood, was born in Dublin, N.H., December 27, 1790. His younger days were passed in Bethel with his father. Although his opportunities for obtaining an education were limited, he succeeded in familiarizing himself with many branches

of study through his own efforts, and he became a thoroughly capable and well-informed business man. While still in the prime of life he settled in Farmington, where he bought the farm which is now owned by L. B. Manter, and, purchasing the saw-mills at Farmington Falls, he carried on logging operations upon an extensive scale, placing large crews of men in the woods during the winter season; and he also engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He was the first to introduce the manufacture of hogshead shooks in this locality, a business which proved exceedingly remunerative; and his other enterprises were equally successful. His business ability was of the highest order, his foresight and judgment being recognized among his associates, who often sought his advice in regard to their own affairs; and he was called upon by his fellow-townsmen to serve in various offices of public trust. He retained his customary energy and activity up to the time of his death, which took place April 15, 1867; and his loss was keenly felt by the business men of Farmington, who regarded him with the highest respect and esteem.

His wife, Huldah Howe, whom he married May 11, 1815, was born in Maine on May 25, 1796, daughter of Jacob and Betty (Foster) Howe. She became the mother of ten children, as follows: Julia, who was born March 14, 1816; Mason K., who was born July 17, 1818; Albert N., who was born August 14, 1820, and died February 4, 1888; Zina Hyde, the subject of this sketch; Alfred Alanson, who was born February 25, 1827; Marcia A., who was born March 28, 1829; Huldah Jane, who was born June 27, 1831, and died March 28, 1885; Alma E., who was born May 11, 1833; Charles M., who was born December 31, 1834; and Charles, second, who was born February 17, 1837. Mrs. Huldah H. Greenwood died at the home of her son, Zina H., in 1892. As an affectionate, self-sacrificing mother and a kind-hearted, sympathetic neighbor, her memory is deeply cherished by her loving children and large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Zina H. Greenwood, the fourth in the family group, now to be further mentioned, was educated in the district schools. After completing

his studies he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade; and he was subsequently employed as a journeyman in Augusta, Me., until 1854, when he returned to Farmington and opened an office for the transaction of insurance business. As his health demanded out-of-door employment, he later bought the Jesse Butterfield farm, upon which he settled. Engaging as a contractor, he built several large bridges in this county. After that, in company with B. F. Morrill, George H. Stinchfield, and Z. A. Greenwood, he built the Sandy River corn-packing factory, which they carried on successfully until 1892, and did a very extensive business in canning sweet corn, their goods commanding a ready sale in the metropolitan markets. In 1887 Mr. Greenwood bought nine acres of the Stewart farm on High Street, where he erected a handsome residence and spacious barns. He has subdivided a portion of the land into building lots, some of which he has sold, and he still has some choice sites for sale to the right parties. He has followed his trade to some extent during the past few years, but may be said to have retired permanently from active business pursuits, his easy circumstances permitting him to enjoy a life of leisure.

On November 9, 1849, Mr. Greenwood wedded Emily M. Fellows, who was born in Athens, Me., June 11, 1829, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Bradbury) Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood are the parents of six children, as follows: Edward, who was born November 17, 1850, married Emma R. Dutton, and has charge of the Sandy River Railway shops at Phillips, Me.; Albert Mellen, born February 2, 1853, who married Affie M. Sanborn, and is now a jeweller in Phillips; Orville S., born July 14, 1855, who married Cora L. Prescott, and is now carrying on a hardware and plumbing business in Malden, Mass., having three children, namely—Mildred F., Phil P., and Fred A.; Chester, born December 4, 1858, who married Isabel S. Whittier, and is engaged in the manufacture of car protectors and is also a dealer in mill supplies in Farmington, and his wife having four children, namely—Lester C., Donald W., Vodisa E., and Clinton; Lizzie A., born April 13, 1861, who graduated from the State Normal School here

and is now a teacher in Haverhill, Mass.; and Emily, born June 28, 1863, who resides in Farmington. The last named young lady is extensively engaged in the cultivation of bedding plants, in which she has proved herself an expert. Her greenhouse, seventy-six by sixteen feet, built with the assistance of her father in 1887, is the only one of its kind in town. She is very successful in her business, and has raised as high as eight thousand tomato and five hundred celery plants in a season.

In public affairs Mr. Greenwood has rendered his share of service to the town, having been a member of the Board of Selectmen during the years 1865-68, 1876, and 1877, his rare business ability being amply displayed in the discharge of his official duties.

**R**ATHANIEL KNIGHT, formerly a well-known and highly respected resident of Paris, was born August 10, 1801, upon the farm which he carried on with prosperity for many years. His parents were Edmund and Dorothy (Haskell) Knight. The father was a native of Falmouth, Cumberland County, born May 18, 1767; and the mother was born at New Gloucester in the same county, May 9, 1768.

In the spring of 1799 Edmund Knight came to Paris, where he settled upon a large tract of wild land containing about two hundred acres. By the fall of the same year he had made a clearing and erected a house, which is still standing in a good state of preservation, when he brought his family to reside there. He was a sturdy, hard-working man, was possessed of the pioneer faculty of thriving under the most adverse circumstances, and he succeeded in establishing a comfortable home for himself and family. Besides attending to his farm he made ox carts and sleighs. He continued in active occupation until his death, which took place June 3, 1830, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife had died June 12, 1821. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Dorcas, who was born December 11, 1790; Dorothy, who was born September 16, 1792; Hudson, who was born August 22, 1794; Henry, who was born May 30, 1797;

Hannah, who was born May 19, 1799; Nathaniel, the subject of this sketch; Andrew, who was born October 3, 1803; and Eliza, who was born November 14, 1806.

Nathaniel Knight grew to manhood upon the farm, which was his home during his entire life. His education was acquired in the district schools. He was engaged in farming, the cooper's trade, and made violins and drums. The latter articles were sought for and highly prized by the neighboring residents. Temperate in his own habits, he was an earnest advocate of total abstinence. His religious belief was that of the Methodist denomination. In politics he was a Republican, having joined that party at its formation. He was nearly seventy-three years old when he died at the Knight homestead, June 16, 1874.

On November 4, 1832, Mr. Knight wedded Martha Houghton, who was born in Waterford, Me., September 4, 1805, daughter of Moses and Martha (Haskell) Houghton, early settlers of Norway, Me. She died July 12, 1891, having borne her husband three children, namely: Hudson, who was born July 31, 1834; Livonia, who was born December 13, 1835; and Horace, who was born May 11, 1838. Hudson, Horace, and Livonia Knight, all of whom are unmarried, occupy the homestead farm, and form a very happy and contented family. The farm of one hundred and sixty acres is conducted by the brothers, who make the best use of its fertile soil by producing large and superior crops. They enjoy the hearty good will of their neighbors, are liberal in their religious views, and in politics act with the Republican party. On September 10, 1862, Hudson Knight enlisted as a private in Company F, Twenty-third Regiment, Maine Volunteers, under Captain Horace Bolster, and served in the Civil War until honorably discharged, July 15, 1863. He is a comrade of Harry Rust Post, No. 54, Grand Army of the Republic, of Norway.

**Z**IBEON LEWIS PACKARD, who was a veteran of the Civil War and a prominent business man of Hebron in the early years of this decade, was born in Hebron, May 30, 1829, son of Captain

Lewis and Elizabeth (Webster) Packard. The family is of Puritan ancestry. Its founder, who emigrated from England, landed at Plymouth, Mass., in 1638. Reuben Packard, great grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Massachusetts and a Revolutionary soldier. He settled as a pioneer in Hebron shortly after the struggle for independence, and made the first clearing upon the Packard homestead, which has since remained in the family's possession. He died in Hebron at a good old age. His son, Ichabod, Mr. Packard's grandfather, was also an early settler here. At Ichabod's death the property passed into the hands of his son Lewis, the father of Zibeon Lewis.

Captain Lewis Packard was born in Hebron, of which town he was a lifelong resident. Aside from his prominence as a large general farmer, he was active in the public affairs of the town, held various important offices, and was long identified with the early State militia. In politics he supported the Whig party, and in his religious views was a Congregationalist. He died at the homestead in 1853. His wife, whose name before marriage was Elizabeth Webster, became the mother of five children — Elizabeth, Zibeon L., George, Hannah, and Charles. Of these the only survivor is George, who resides in Kansas. The mother died in 1879.

Zibeon Lewis Packard acquired his education in the common schools and at the Hebron Academy. After completing his studies he taught school for several terms. During the Civil War he served as a private in the Thirtieth Regiment, Maine Volunteers. Upon returning to civil life he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Succeeding in his turn to the ancestral property, he displayed unusual energy and ability in its cultivation. By paying special attention to its extensive orchards, he became one of the leaders in the fruit-growing industry of Hebron. His capacity for business was of special value to the town in the administration of the public offices he filled. He served for a time successively as a member of the Board of Selectmen and the Supervisor of Schools, and he was Town Collector and Treasurer for fourteen years. He took an active part in securing the erection of the He-

bron Academy, of which he acted as a Trustee for many years; and in his day was noted for his public spirit. He was connected with the Masonic Lodge of Buckfield; was a member of Hebron Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; and a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Mechanic Falls. In religious belief he was a Baptist, and politically he acted with the Republican party. He took an earnest interest in the general welfare of the town and its institutions. His death, which occurred at the old Packard homestead, August 11, 1893, in his sixty-fifth year, was felt as a severe loss to the community.

On February 10, 1860, Mr. Packard was united in marriage to Ellen A. Bearce, who was born in Hebron, March 27, 1835, daughter of Daniel Bearce, of this town. She died April 14, 1895, leaving four children, as follows: Bertha Lenora Packard, who studied at the Hebron Academy, and has successfully taught school for several terms; Ida Ellen, the wife of Herbert T. Glover, of Hebron; Edith Lulu, who married Frederick W. Cushman, and resides at the old homestead; and Jennie Webster Packard, a successful teacher and an accomplished artist, who resides at Hebron village.

**G**IDEON KING STAPLES, for many years a prosperous farmer and large land-owner of Temple, now numbered with the silent majority, was born upon the farm near his late residence, July 13, 1813, and lived to pass the eighty-third anniversary of his birth. He was a son of Gideon and Sarah (Oakes) Staples, and grandson of Gideon, Sr., and Susannah (Staples) Staples, who removed from Dover, N.H., to North Berwick, Me., and later to Temple. Gideon Staples, Sr., bought two lots upon what is now known as the Baldwin Hill farm, where his grandson afterward lived.

When he came here there were but six families in the town, and the nearest trading-post and grist-mill was at Wilton, which was reached by the aid of a bridle path and marked trees. Leaving his family with a settler named Samuel Briggs until he could provide an abode for them, the new-comer pitched a

tent in the woods, which served as a shelter, while he cleared seven acres of land and built a cabin. Planting wheat and corn for his first crop, he continued to increase his clearing into a good farm, the site of his first abode being now occupied by a substantial residence, and surrounded by rich meadows and fruit-trees. He was a man of strong frame and robust constitution, capable of much hard work. He died at the age of seventy years. His wife, Susannah, lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-eight years. Their children were: Susannah, Nathaniel, Gideon, Susannah (second), Susannah (third), Betsey, Gideon (second), Hannah, William, George, Daniel, and Joanna.

Gideon Staples, son of Gideon and Susannah, was born in Dover, N.H., December 1, 1785. He was fourteen years old when his parents settled in Temple; and when a young man he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining his father's property, which he cleared and improved. There being a plentiful supply of heavy pine and spruce timber on his premises, he erected a small saw-mill on the creek, the outlet of what is now known as the Staples Pond, where he manufactured the material for building a frame house, which is still standing; and he cultivated a productive farm during the rest of his active period. In his younger days he worked at the carpenter's trade when not busy with his farm work, and for several winters he was employed as a ship-carpenter upon the coast. His last work at his trade was framing the house in which his son, Gideon K. Staples, lived; and he died at the home of his son in October, 1872. An able and industrious farmer and a good mechanic, he also possessed a great deal of natural ability in other directions; and in his eighty-sixth year he wrote a short sketch of his life, which furnishes the material for a portion of this article. His wife, Sarah Oakes, whom he married when he was twenty-three years old, she being ten days his senior, was a daughter of John Oakes. She became the mother of seven children; namely, Hannah B., Mary M., Gideon K., Sarah P., Eleanor, Jonathan S., and John O. Mrs. Sarah O. Staples died January 19, 1877. The father was originally a Whig, later supporting

the Republican party in politics; and both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church.

Gideon King Staples, who appears to have been the first-born of three sons, attended the common schools in his boyhood, and resided at home until reaching his majority. For the next four years he was employed in the neighborhood as a farm assistant; and he then bought fifty acres of his father's farm, which he paid for by tilling the same and working for farmers in the vicinity. He subsequently bought the Daniel Staples farm of one hundred and twenty acres, and still later the rest of his father's property, making in all an estate of about three hundred acres. He cleared considerable wild land, improved what had already been cleared, set out an orchard of about two thousand apple-trees, mostly grafted fruit, kept cattle and sheep, and also engaged in lumbering to some extent. The new house, which he erected in 1855, being destroyed by fire in 1862, he immediately rebuilt both residence and barns, which are of a very substantial kind.

On March 4, 1854, Mr. Staples was married to Philinda Norton, who was born August 6, 1828, daughter of George W. and Ruth (Rice) Norton. Mr. and Mrs. Staples became the parents of two sons, namely: Horace G., a prosperous farmer of Wilton, who was born October 27, 1855, married Ada Gleason, and has one son, Bernard Gideon, aged four years; and George W., who was born July 23, 1857, married Effie A. Wilkins, and resides in Hartford, Conn. Mr. Gideon K. Staples died at his home in Temple, October 7, 1896, of heart failure, after a brief illness.

In local public affairs Mr. Staples was quite conspicuous. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen three years and as Town Treasurer two years. He was a delegate and active member at the now famous convention at Strong, Me., at which the Republican party was organized, and he was ever after one of its staunch supporters. His progressive tendencies were further evidenced by the fact that he was a member of the Franklin Agricultural Society and of the Maine State Pomological Society. His interest in religion was shown

by his liberal contributions toward the support of the Congregational church.

LEVI McALLISTER, a successful farmer and a prominent resident of Stoneham, Oxford County, was born in that town, November 20, 1832, a son of Eastman and Phœbe (Parker) McAllister. His father, who was the first one of the family to reside in Stoneham, at the age of twenty-one came here from Conway, N. H., his native town, and settled on a farm in the northern part of the township, where his son, the subject of this sketch, now lives. There Eastman reclaimed a tract of land, on which he was successfully engaged in general agriculture during the remainder of his life. He married Miss Phœbe Parker, a native of Lovell, Me.; and they became the parents of three children — Levi, Hilton, and Mary Elizabeth. Hilton, who was born October 1, 1830, wedded Miss Ella McKeen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman McKeen, of Lovell; and they now reside with his mother on the old McAllister homestead. Mary, born January 24, 1841, who became the wife of Henry C. Cobb, of Boston, Mass., died July 29, 1872. The father was counted among the prominent men of Stoneham; and he served in several public capacities, including that of Selectman. He died in January, 1894. His wife, now eighty-four years old, makes her home with her son, Hilton, at the old mansion.

Levi McAllister passed his youth at the parental home, and, together with his brother and sister, enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the district schools of their native town. He helped his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty-five years old, when going to Boston, Mass., he began life for himself by engaging in teaming. This occupation he abandoned August 12, 1862, to enlist for service in the Civil War in Company A of the Fortieth Regiment of Massachusetts Infantry, under Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Dalton, of Salem, Mass., and Captain J. T. Lurvey. He subsequently participated in the battle of Cold Harbor, and also in that of Olustee, Fla. At the latter engage-

ment Mr. McAllister's regiment covered the retreat. Subsequently he was appointed train master, and had charge of the wagons for the entire length of the route. The regiment was engaged in several other conflicts. While at Folly Island, South Carolina, Mr. McAllister's arm sustained an injury from a wagon wheel, on account of which he now receives a pension. He was discharged from the service at Richmond, Va., June 16, 1865, and returned to Stoneham. For some time after he was employed on farms, and was also engaged in lumbering. In 1872 he purchased his present estate, known as the old Smith farm. He afterward worked as an engineer and night watchman in a shoe factory at Norway village, Me., for four years. Exclusive of that period he has resided on the farm since it became his property. He now owns seventy acres of land, on which he has made all the improvements. He carries on general agriculture, and raises some stock.

Mr. McAllister has taken a prominent part in local affairs. A number of town offices were filled by him — that of Township Treasurer, which he held for several years; that of Selectman, in which he served for five or six years; and that of Town Clerk, the duties of which he efficiently discharged for one year. He belongs to the Masonic Order, being a member of Delta Lodge, No. 63, of Lovell village, and to the Knights of Pythias, in Hiawatha Lodge, No. 49, of East Stoneham. Politically, he has always maintained fellowship with the Republican party. He is essentially a self-made man, and he has the warm esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances.

**W**ALDO T. BROWN, one of the town fathers of Waterford, Me., belongs to an old New England family, being the great-grandson of a Revolutionary soldier. He was born in Waterford, October 24, 1834, the son of Thaddeus, Jr., and Ase-nath (Nourse) Brown. His great-grandfather, Jabez Brown, was a Lieutenant in the French and Indian War and an Adjutant in the Revolution. He was one of the original surveyors of the town of Waterford, and Mr. Waldo T. Brown now has in his possession the chain

used by him in 1773 in making the survey. His son, Thaddeus Brown, Sr., who was born in Harvard, Mass., also served in the Revolutionary War. He located in Waterford in 1786, settling near Waldo T. Brown's present farm, where he purchased quite an extent of timbered land, and was extensively engaged in farming and lumbering. He died in Waterford at an advanced age. He and his wife, formerly Miss Mary Pollard, of Harvard, Mass., were the parents of nine children — Daniel, Malbory, Jabez, Susan, Levi, Thaddeus, Jr., Mary, Mercy, and Sarah. These have all passed to the world beyond.

Thaddeus Brown, Jr., was born September 8, 1798. He was engaged in farming during the years of his manhood, and spent his long life in Waterford and vicinity, passing away October 15, 1885. He was then eighty-seven years of age. His wife died March 13, 1874. The younger Thaddeus, like his father, had a family of nine children, as follows: Theodore, deceased; Daniel, a prominent farmer of Waterford Flat, ex-Representative to the legislature, Justice of the Peace, and Town Treasurer, who married Miss Mary B. Stone; Mercy, wife of Scribner Chadbourne, residing in Vandalia, Ill.; John, who lived but three years; Mary, widow of Charles H. Hale, at Otter Creek, Wis.; Waldo T., the leading subject of this sketch; Ellen M., wife of Elbridge Stone, a farmer and blacksmith of Waterford; Myra A., wife of William H. Bailey, a merchant of Harrison village, Me.; and Nettie, who resides with her sister in Otter Creek, Wis.

Waldo T. Brown acquired a fair education in public and private schools. His father was crippled and unable to do all the farm work; and he remained on the homestead in order to help him, eventually succeeding him as manager of the farm. He is now the owner of about one hundred and seventy acres of well-improved farm land, and is prosperously engaged in general farming, lumbering, stock raising to some extent, and dairying, making a specialty of cream.

He was married June 10, 1869, to Margaret G. Plummer, of Waterford, who was born August 26, 1834, the daughter of Samuel and Jane (Kimball) Plummer. Her father, whose

occupation was farming, was a native of Waterford. He died February 19, 1864. His wife, Mrs. Brown's mother, was born in Portland, Me., but removed to Waterford with her parents when she was eleven years of age. Mrs. Plummer outlived her husband many years, passing away May 25, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have one child, Louise Monroe, born May 14, 1871, now teaching in the village of Waterford.

Mr. Brown, who is a staunch Democrat, has been a member of the Board of Selectmen of Waterford for nine years, and has held minor offices in the town. He belongs to Mount Tire'm Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 132, of Waterford. As a farmer he is energetic and ambitious. As a prominent citizen of Waterford he is well known and highly respected.

**E**PHRAIM H. SMITH, a respected resident of New Sharon, was born here, May 2, 1852, on the old homestead where three generations of his forefathers have lived and died. His paternal grandparents, Ephraim and Mercy M. (Mayhew) Smith, came to New Sharon from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, in 1805. The grandfather bought a farm in the locality, of about one hundred and twenty-five acres, cleared it, and built the large frame house in which his grandson now lives. Of his thirteen children, now all deceased, Nehemiah was the next to the youngest.

Nehemiah Smith was born in his father's house at New Sharon in 1806, and was educated in the common school of the old town. He spent his life on this farm, and was here married to Miss Mary B. Hawes. They had eight children, of whom six are still living. These are: Mercy M., born in 1836; Helena, born in 1839; Harriette W., born in 1841; M. Augusta, born in 1844; Albert, born in 1846; and Ephraim, born May 2, 1852. The deceased were: Abbie W., who was born in 1847; and Jarid, who died in infancy. The father, at first a Whig in politics, upon the dissolution of that party became a Republican. He was always an active politician, and did what he could to advance the interests of his party and to help the country. His religious belief was that of a steadfast liberal.

Ephraim H. Smith was also educated in the common school of his native town. At the age of sixteen, by the death of his father he and his brother became the proprietors of the old farm, on the condition that he would carry it on, taking care of his mother until her death. This event occurred on October 2, 1895. He bought a shoemaker's establishment in 1877, and from the man he hired to work in it learned how to make shoes. When he was twenty-six years of age he sold out his interest in the old homestead to his brother, and moved to New Sharon village, where he purchased a home, and resided for ten years. In 1888 he purchased the homestead from his brother, and has resided there since, carrying on general farming and working at his trade of shoemaker. He has recently bought a large house with an acre of land, situated on the south shore of the Sandy River.

On the 2d of June, 1878, he was married to Miss Elmira K. Brown, a daughter of Cyrus G. Brown, a worthy farmer of New Sharon. They have now two children—C. Arthur, born July 21, 1883; and Clarence B., born February 29, 1891. Mr. Smith is Republican in his political belief, and belongs to the Congregational church. He has been a Selectman of New Sharon for the past four years, and is widely known and respected.

**W**ILLIAM C. TOWLE, M.D., of Fryeburg, one of the oldest practitioners in Oxford County and a veteran of the Civil War, was born here, June 12, 1830, son of Dr. Ira and Sarah (Clement) Towle. Dr. Towle's father, a native of Newfield, Me., was a prominent physician in his day. After completing his medical studies he practised for a time in Standish, Me., after which he moved to Brownfield, this county. In 1825 he came to Fryeburg, where he followed his profession for nearly fifty years, and died in 1872. He is still remembered here as an able physician and a worthy, upright man. His wife, Sarah, who was a native of Fryeburg, became the mother of ten children, as follows: Mary A., who is now the widow of the Rev. Samuel Souther, and resides in Plainfield, N.J.; Abby, the widow of Chauncy

Warren, late of Fryeburg; William C., the subject of this sketch; Jason Whitman, who married Emma Schaub, and is a prosperous farmer of West Fryeburg; John, who fought in the late war as a soldier in the Sixth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and is now a proof-reader for the *Boston Journal*; Harriet L., the wife of Stewart Bradley, who is a prominent attorney of Chicago, Ill.; James, who died at the age of thirteen years; and three others, who died in infancy. The mother died in 1875.

William C. Towle acquired his early education at Fryeburg Academy. In 1849 he went to California, where he was successfully engaged in mining for three years. Upon his return he entered the Maine Medical School, from which he graduated in 1855. He began the practice of his profession in Fryeburg, and was still here at the outbreak of the Rebellion. He entered the army as Assistant Surgeon of the Twenty-third Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, for the period of nine months, and participated in the operations conducted by the Department of Potomac. His term of service having expired while at Harper's Ferry, he re-enlisted in the Twelfth Maine Regiment, with which he served in the Shenandoah Valley under General Sheridan, and was present at the battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek. Having passed through the war without sustaining any injury, he was mustered out with his regiment at Augusta, Me., in March, 1866. He then resumed his practice in Fryeburg, where he has since continued. At the present time he is one of the oldest and most experienced physicians and surgeons in Oxford County, and his extensive practice keeps him constantly busy.

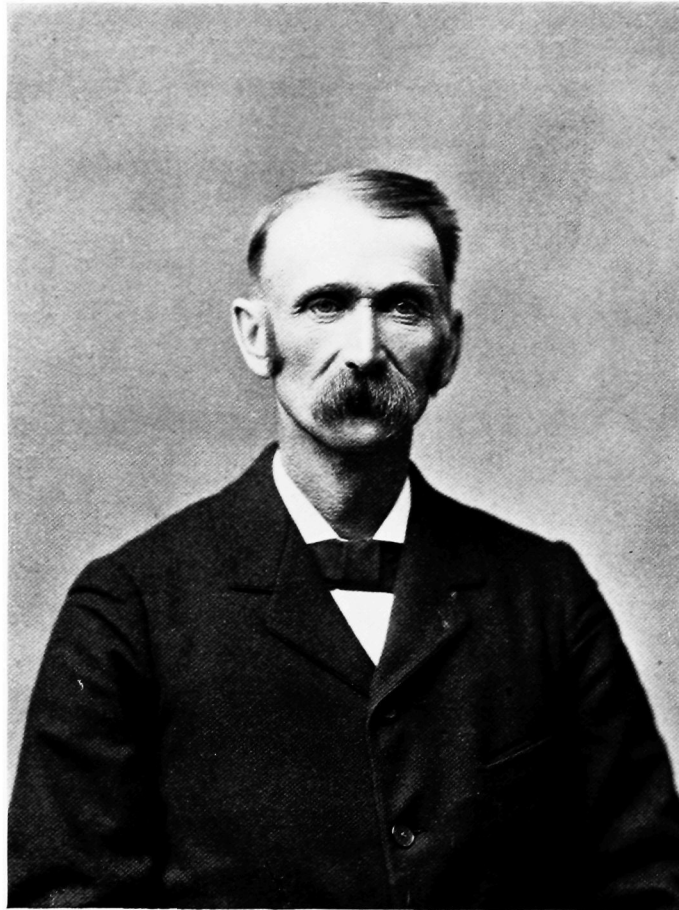
In 1859 Dr. Towle was united in marriage to Ann E. Warren, of Fryeburg. She is a daughter of Isaiah Warren, now deceased, who was formerly a well-known merchant of this town. Dr. and Mrs. Towle have had three children, as follows: Annie Laurie, who died in 1879; Warren, born in 1861, who is now a successful lawyer of Boston and State Senator-elect for the Fifth Suffolk District of Massachusetts; and Lucia, who is the wife of the Rev. S. T. Livingston, and resides in Williamstown, Mass.

In politics Dr. Towle has been a Democrat since attaining his majority; but, owing to his inability to support the platform adopted by his party at Chicago in 1896, he voted the Republican ticket in the Presidential election of that year. He was County Coroner for eight years, has held other offices, and is an examining surgeon in pension cases. He is connected with Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., and is a comrade of Grover Post, No. 126, Grand Army of the Republic, of Fryeburg. He occupies a handsome residence on Portland Street, and his office is located near the post-office in the centre of the village. Both he and Mrs. Towle are members of the New Jerusalem church.

**S**AMUEL B. TWITCHELL is one of the influential citizens of Bethel, Me., and a prominent factor in the agricultural and financial life of the town. He was born on the farm which now constitutes his home, March 16, 1829, the son of Thaddeus and Sukey B. (Barker) Twitchell. His grandfather, Ezra Twitchell, who was a pioneer of Bethel, was one of the leading men of the town, and was active in organizing the first Congregational church built here, of which he was Deacon a great many years.

Thaddeus Twitchell, son of Ezra, was born in Dublin, N.H., and reared in Bethel, being an infant when his parents removed to this town. A successful farmer, he purchased the land on which his son is now living, and devoted his life to its cultivation, dying at the age of seventy-two. He was a member of the old Whig party, and was one of the first abolitionists in this section. A man of pronounced ideas, with the courage of his convictions, he was also one of the first Free Soil voters in the town, only two others being associated with him. He was Colonel in the militia for a number of years. His wife, who was a native of Bethel, died here at the age of eighty-one. She was a member of the Congregational church. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Twitchell, namely: Abigail, who died at the age of fifty, wife of Dr. R. G. Wiley, of Bethel; Roxanna, who passed away when about seventy-five years of age, wife of





ANDREW J. LINSOTT.

Alphin Twitchell; Mary E., who was called to rest in her forty-first year, wife of the Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Susanna R., wife of the Rev. J. K. Mason, of Herndon, Va.; and Samuel B., of Bethel, whose personal history briefly outlined is as follows.

Equipped with a good education, having finished his schooling at Gould Academy, Bethel, Samuel B. Twitchell started on his life work betimes. Being the only son he took charge of the home farm, and he was also in trade for a number of years in Bethel. In 1867 he sold his store, and he has since devoted his time chiefly to agriculture and the lumber business. His estate comprises about two hundred acres, and is charmingly located, part of it lying in what is called Mayville, a section of Bethel on the Androscoggin River. Mr. Twitchell is Treasurer of the Bethel Dairy Company, President of the Bethel Savings Bank, and Treasurer of Gould Academy. As a business man he is conservative and upright, and has the confidence of the community.

December 11, 1853, he was united in marriage with Malvina A., daughter of Timothy Chapman, one of the old citizens of Bethel. Mrs. Twitchell was an active member of the Congregational church. She died February 9, 1888, leaving the following children: Marion B., wife of Clarence W. Hobbs, of Worcester, Mass.; Susie B., who keeps house for her father; and Florence E., also in the old home.

Mr. Twitchell takes a lively interest in local politics, voting the Republican ticket. He has served as Selectman and as Town Agent, and was Tax Collector four years; and in 1879-80 he had a seat in the State legislature. Though not a member of any church, he is always ready to contribute toward worthy enterprises, and believes in encouraging Christian work.

**A**NDREW J. LINSKOTT, a prominent farmer and fruit buyer of Jay, and a representative of a well-known family of Franklin County, was born here, November 18, 1845, son of Andrew and Lucy D. (Butterfield) Linscott. Andrew D. Linscott, his grandfather, who was a native of Chesterville, Me., born September 7, 1786,

resided upon a farm in that town for some years, and then moved to Dixfield, where he died September 4, 1838. He married Polly Chaney, who was born in Dunstable, Mass., February 18, 1781, and died in Jay, February 16, 1861. She was the mother of nine children — Newton, Andrew, Abigail, John, Jacob, Josiah, Charles, Dorcas, and Daniel B. Newton died in July, 1895; Jacob and Josiah reside in Massachusetts, the latter in Boston; and Dorcas is the wife of David Holt, of Lyndeboro, N.H.

Andrew Linscott, Mr. Linscott's father, was born in Chesterville, August 10, 1810. In young manhood he went to Belfast, Me., where he worked at the ship-carpenter's trade for a number of years. Later he moved to Dixfield, and lived there several years. He then settled upon a farm in Jay, now owned by his son, Andrew J., and made it his home until his death, which happened April 11, 1863. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen in Jay for a number of years, served as County Commissioner for two years, and was a member of the legislature in 1857. His wife, Lucy, was born in Falmouth, Me., September 12, 1810. Her father, Jonathan Butterfield, was born in Charlestown, Mass., July 23, 1773; and her mother, Prudence (Freeman) Butterfield, was born in Boston, June 19, 1771. After their marriage they came to Maine, first settling in Lovell, where they resided until 1809; and then they moved to Falmouth. Their last days were passed upon the farm where their grandson, Andrew J. Linscott, now resides. The father died January 21, 1863; and his wife, September 26, 1855. Mrs. Andrew Linscott became the mother of six children, namely: Lucy A., born September 24, 1833, who married John N. Foster, and died February 20, 1896; Mary C., born July 14, 1835, who married Harris Morse, and now resides upon a fruit farm in Tuttle town, Cal.; Phillip F., born February 12, 1838, who also resides in Tuttle town; Daniel B., born September 1, 1840, who died January 31, 1842; Andrew J., the subject of this sketch; and Ellen A., born September 10, 1848, who died August 29, 1877. The mother is now eighty-six years old.

Andrew J. Linscott attended the common

schools of his native town, and was reared to farm life. At the age of seventeen, owing to his father's death, he was obliged to take charge of the farm. With the exception of a year spent in Boston, employed as a street car conductor, he has constantly resided at the homestead. He now owns one hundred acres of excellent tillage land, which he devotes to general farming. He carries on a dairy, and raises hay and live stock; but his principal occupation is buying and shipping apples, in which he has served as the agent of a Boston house for the past twenty-five years. The extent of his business may be inferred from the fact that in one season he supplied the Boston market with twelve thousand barrels of apples.

On April 13, 1870, Mr. Linscott was united in marriage to Hattie E. Miller, who was born in Wilton, Me., December 17, 1848, daughter of David and Abigail (Johnson) Miller, both now deceased. Mrs. Linscott's father was a prosperous farmer and a lifelong resident of Wilton. He served successively as Tax Collector and County Commissioner for some time, and was Selectman for nearly twenty years. His wife was a native of Harpswell, Me. Fannie A., the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Linscott, was born February 12, 1872, and is residing with her parents. Mr. Linscott takes an active interest in public affairs. He has served with marked ability as a Selectman, and was Road Commissioner for three years. He always votes the Republican ticket. His portrait is presented with this brief sketch of his life.

**J**OB PRINCE, one of the early settlers of Buckfield, Me., where he located about 1790, was born in Kingston, Mass., in 1765, and died in 1831. He was a direct descendant of Elder John Prince, of Hull, Mass., who had been a student at Oxford, but fled from the persecution of Archbishop Laud in 1633. Job Prince was a Deacon of the Baptist church, of which his wife, Hannah Bryant, was a member. He left nine children.

Noah Prince, the fourth of these, was born in Buckfield, April 13, 1797, and lived on the old farm till 1865, when he removed to Buck-

field village. He received only a common-school education, but was a man of unusual intelligence and force of character, and in religion a Baptist. He was active in politics, and presided over the first convention held in Maine by the Republican party, of which he was always a staunch supporter. Besides holding minor offices, he served as State Representative and Senator, being President of the Senate in 1841. He died in Buckfield, February 14, 1872. By his wife, Sarah Farrar, whom he married in 1826, he had six children — S. Louisa, Kimball N., Augusta M., Ardelia H., Charles H., and Mary R., of whom all but the eldest are now living.

Kimball N. Prince was born in 1828. In 1852 he went to New York City, where he was engaged in business for several years. In 1861 he entered the custom-house, filling important positions, and while there undertook and perfected a system of accounts showing the liability of the collector of the port for duties on bonded merchandise. This had never before been thought practicable at so large a port as New York, where the balance of these accounts averages some twenty million dollars every month. In 1889 he retired, and has since resided in Buckfield. Mr. Prince was married in 1854 to Miss Mary J. Emery, who died in 1872, leaving one child, Leonard K., who is at the head of the Prince & Kinkel Iron Works of New York City. In 1874 he married Miss Sophie E. Dana, of New York. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Charles H. Prince, who bears the title of Captain, having served with honor in the Twenty-third Maine Volunteers during the war, is engaged in manufacturing brushes in Buckfield, where he is Town Treasurer and superintendent of schools. While in the State of Georgia, where he lived for some time, he served as Congressman and Postmaster of the city of Augusta, besides being a delegate to the Republican National Conventions. Both he and his wife, Eunice A. Atwood, are members of the Baptist church. They have had four children, of whom the surviving son, Henry C. Prince, is business manager of the Waterville Mail Publishing Company, of Waterville, Me.

**G**EORGE BURNHAM, who is one of the old and highly esteemed members of the farming community of Gilead, has been an active political worker for the interest of the town at the State capitol. He was born February 2, 1816, on the farm where he now lives, a son of P. P. and Mary (Adams) Burnham. P. P. Burnham, who was born in Bridgton, Me., was one of the first settlers in this town. He reclaimed from the wilderness the farm now occupied by his son, and devoted the rest of his life to its cultivation. His wife died in Gilead. Having succeeded to the farm, George Burnham has spent his entire life on it. In his management of it he displayed good judgment and the right amount of energy, and in other directions he gave frequent evidence of much ability. Though he is too feeble now to take an active part in work of any kind, the memory of what he has done will live long after he is gone. Always a staunch Republican, he has served in nearly all the town offices, discharging his duties ably and honestly. In 1856 he represented the district in the State legislature. At Augusta, as well as in his native town, he won the respect of his associates, presiding as Chairman of important committees. It was mainly through his influence that the appropriation to build the suspension bridge across the Androscoggin at Gilead was granted. While not a member of any church, he has always contributed liberally to worthy enterprises.

Mr. Burnham married Miss Flora Burbank, daughter of James and Susan (Ingalls) Burbank. She was born in Gilead, October 23, 1823, and is now seventy-three years of age. An intelligent and amiable lady, she is as charming now as in her youth, and is beloved by all who know her. Bearing the weight of her years lightly, she rules with graceful dignity over the kingdom of her household. She has borne her husband nine children, namely: Mellen P., who served as a soldier in the late war, and died at the age of forty-eight; James V., who assists his mother in managing the farm; Perley P., a merchant in Bridgton, Me.; Charles A., a newspaper man, residing in Berlin, N.H.; Mary E., the wife of Charles Gilbert, of Canton, Me.; George I., a farmer, whose home adjoins that of his parents; Mar-

tha M., a teacher at Berkeley Temple, Boston; Stella F., who died at the age of twenty-two; and Fannie R., who lived but four years. While Mr. Burnham's home is a very pleasant one, it necessarily bears the distinctive marks of old age, as the land was broken by his father over a century ago.

**H**IRAM A. CONANT, of Buckfield, Me., has more than one claim on public interest. He is a lineal descendant of Roger Conant, who in 1624 was left in charge of the Colony at Cape Ann, Massachusetts, which afterward under his leadership moved to Naumkeag, now Salem. He is a veteran of the war, in which he received a painful wound; and he is a member of the Conant Family Band, a most unique musical organization. Mr. Conant was born in Turner, Androscoggin County, Me., February 21, 1845, a son of Everett Q. and Lurania (Turner) Conant.

Everett Q. Conant, who was born in Bridgewater, Mass., April 2, 1809, spent a great part of his active life in Turner, Me., where he was prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Baptist church, and politically he favored the Republican party. His death occurred in Turner, December 27, 1868. He was survived more than twenty years by his wife, Lurania, who was born in Livermore, Me., January 25, 1813, and died in August, 1892. Eight children completed the household circle of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Conant, namely: Sanford E., now a farmer of Buckfield, Me.; Howard T., a farmer of Turner; Hiram A., the subject of this sketch; Edwin W., a carriage manufacturer of Cincinnati; Martha J., wife of John A. Wollmer, of Cincinnati; Sylvia A., who died in May, 1870; Mary, who died in October, 1879; and Sarah L., who died in January, 1870.

Hiram A. Conant was reared and educated in the town of Turner. He started to provide for himself at the age of eighteen; and just before his nineteenth birthday, February 16, 1864, he enlisted, being mustered in as a member of Company D, Thirty-second Maine Regiment, under Captain William R. Ham, of Lewiston. In active service somewhat

over a year, he took part in the engagements at Weldon Railroad and at Poplar Grove Farm, being wounded at the last named battle. He was honorably discharged June 2, 1865; and, returning to Turner, he engaged in farming, lumbering, and retailing wood. His first land purchase was in Turner, where he lived fifteen years and owned at one time one hundred acres, which he eventually sold, moving to his present farm in 1880. He now owns two hundred acres in Buckfield, and is one of the most extensive farmers in the locality, his principal products being fruit and hay. He also has a choice dairy, owning from twenty to twenty-five head of full-blooded and grade Jerseys.

In 1866 Mr. Conant was married to Flora Adkins, of Turner, daughter of Martin and Abigail Adkins. This union has been blessed by fourteen children, who are all living, namely: Albert A., born September 6, 1866; Everett E., born October 24, 1867; Ellen A., August 14, 1869; Hiram W., May 5, 1871; Walter G., October 5, 1872; John W., July 21, 1874; George I., January 29, 1876; Sylvia L., December 6, 1878; Harry L., January 11, 1880; Ida M., June 12, 1881; Charles B., September 9, 1883; Sarah L., January 21, 1886; Florence G., October 8, 1887; and Lena E., January 13, 1890. Mr. Conant and eight of his sons compose the Conant Family Band, which is well known in the State. The leader and cornet player, Charles, who is now twelve years of age, took an active part when he was only nine years old. The entire family are musical.

Mr. Conant votes with the Republican party. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Buckfield, and is Commander of Fessenden Post, No. 43, Grand Army of the Republic; and his entire family are members of Hebron Grange, No. 300, Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. and Mrs. Conant are communicants of the Baptist church at Turner.

**B**ENJAMIN ROSCOE KEYES, a carpenter and general farmer of Chesterville, was born in Grafton, Oxford County, January 8, 1848, son of Samson W. and Clarissa (Butterfield) Keyes. When he was eight years old his

father moved from Grafton to Woodstock, purchased seventy-five acres of land in the locality known as Hamlin Grant, and lived there for four years. The family then went to Farmington, where the father had bought the Green farm, containing one hundred acres, situated on the line between Farmington and Wilton, in the northern section. Four years later a third removal was made to Chesterville, where Samson W. Keyes had purchased the Lothrop farm of eighty acres, and where he still resides.

Benjamin Roscoe Keyes obtained his education in the common schools of Grafton and at Wilton Academy. Upon reaching his majority he went to work in a tool factory at Fayette Mills, where he remained for three years. He then went to Brockton, Mass., and was engaged in carpentering with C. S. Johnson for the next two years. After spending another year in Cambridge and Somerville he returned to Chesterville, where, living at home, he continued to follow his trade until 1880. He then bought his present farm of one hundred acres, formerly known as the Ricker place, where he has since resided, and successfully carried on general farming.

On December 18, 1880, Mr. Keyes was united in marriage with Mary E. Hamilton, daughter of David M. and Matilda F. Hamilton. By this union there are two children, namely: Merle R., who was born July 12, 1883; and Lester A., who was born April 26, 1889. Mr. Keyes is active and energetic, both as a farmer and a carpenter. He is known throughout the county as a first-class mechanic.

**M**ELLEN T. DE SHON, a prosperous farmer and a well-known resident of Peru, was born May 1, 1853, upon the farm he now owns and occupies, son of Charles F. and Janette L. (Mitchell) De Shon. The family is one of the oldest in Peru. Mr. De Shon's great-grandfather was one of its early settlers; and his grandfather, John De Shon, was a native and lifelong resident. John De Shon, who was an able farmer, did much toward developing the agricultural resources of the locality, and lived to a ripe old age.

Charles F. De Shon, also a native of Peru, became the owner of a good farm, containing one hundred and twenty-five acres, which he cultivated with energy and success. He was an influential man in the town, served with ability as a Selectman and in other offices, and died in 1892. Originally a Republican, he was identified with the Greenback party during its existence. His wife, Janette, who was a native of Buckfield, bore him nine children, six of whom are living; namely, Albert, Harriet, Susan, Mellen T., Ida, Lillian, Matilda, Rosamond, and Mary. Ida married Albert B. Griffith, a prosperous farmer of this town. Mr. De Shon's mother still survives, and resides in Peru.

Mellen T. De Shon was educated in the schools of Peru. He has always resided on the homestead. Succeeding to its possession after his father's death, he has since conducted it with success. His buildings are well kept, and the fertility of his land enables him to raise large and superior crops.

In 1876 Mr. De Shon first wedded Ada Marsh, who died in 1884, leaving two sons; namely, Wallace S. and Ellis F. In 1890 he was united in marriage to his present wife, Mabel C. (Kidder) De Shon, a daughter of Philander Kidder, of Canton, Oxford County. Born of this marriage were two daughters — Addie and Dot. Mr. De Shon is a Republican. He is highly respected by all who know him. Both he and Mrs. De Shon attend the Baptist church. The family residence occupies a delightful situation, overlooking the Androscoggin River and surrounded by mountain scenery.

**J** WARREN BUTTERFIELD, who occupies a prominent place among the successful farmers of Wilton, Me., was born upon the farm which adjoins his present property, November 9, 1828, son of James and Dolly (Lyford) Butterfield.

His grandfather, Isaac Butterfield, who served as a blacksmith and gunsmith in the Revolutionary War, removed from New Hampshire to Maine a few years after the declaration of peace, and bought a large tract of wild land in the town of Wilton. He cleared a

portion of his purchase for tillage purposes, and lived to reach a good old age. The maiden name of his wife was Ruth Fletcher.

James Butterfield, son of Isaac, was born in Dunstable, now Nashua, N.H., March 17, 1791, and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. When a youth he cleared a portion of the Gardner Chase farm, upon which he erected a log house, and sowed a crop of corn; but his dwelling and corn were burned, and he relinquished the further attempt to improve that property. He then purchased of Samson Keyes a farm of two hundred and twenty acres which had been partially improved, and, having constructed a primitive dwelling, cleared more land for cultivation. He eventually became a well-to-do agriculturist, and erected a substantial set of buildings. His death took place here, October 16, 1875. In politics he originally acted with the Whig party, but joined the Republican movement at its formation; and in his religious views he was a Universalist. His wife, Dolly Lyford, who was born August 3, 1800, daughter of Nathaniel Lyford, became the mother of six children, namely: Samuel, born June 6, 1821, who died October 6, 1842; Melinda, born February 12, 1824, who died August 12, 1825; Daniel, born January 7, 1825, who served as a private in Company C, Fifty-third Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, in the Civil War, and died at New Orleans, January 17, 1863; J. Warren, the subject of this sketch; Franklin, born August 25, 1829, and died October 25, 1842; William Wallace Butterfield, a carpenter and millwright of Auburn, Me., who married April 4, 1861, Melvina Wright, daughter of Reuben and Mary Wright, of North Jay, and has had three children, namely: Cora, born in October, 1862, who died in May, 1863; Guy L., born October 18, 1863, now a millwright and saw-temperer of Auburn, Me., who married in August, 1894, Ethel Wagg; and Susan J., born in September, 1865, who died in July, 1866. Mrs. Dolly Lyford Butterfield died December 2, 1884. She was a Baptist in her religious belief.

J. Warren Butterfield was educated in the public schools of Wilton, and in young manhood began to follow agricultural pursuits upon his own account. Settling upon a farm

of one hundred and twenty acres, he made various improvements upon the land and buildings; but, after residing there for eight years, he sold the property and bought the Carter farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres. Including a part of the farm formerly owned by his grandfather, he now has two hundred and seventy-five acres. This property has steadily enhanced in value since coming into his possession, and its thrifty appearance shows the result of energetic and progressive management. He has transformed the roughly cleared land into cultivated fields, has erected a new barn, remodelled the house, has set out an orchard containing twenty-five hundred grafted trees, and with the assistance of his son has constructed a mile of smooth roadway in order to avoid driving over a long hill. He keeps a herd of twelve standard-bred cattle and a flock of sheep, and his crops of fruit and general farm products are always large and of the very best quality.

On June 28, 1855, Mr. Butterfield wedded Huldah B. Sears, who was born in Sackville, N.B., November 18, 1835, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (McFee) Sears. Mrs. Butterfield's father, who was a native of New York State, in early manhood settled in the Province of New Brunswick, where he became a prosperous farmer. He lived to be eighty-nine years old, and his wife died at the age of seventy-eight, having been the mother of eight children, namely: Huldah B., who is now Mrs. Butterfield; Cynthia J.; Abbie; Esther; Mary and Martha, twins; John; and Dixon. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield have had six children, as follows: George Franklin, who was born March 24, 1857, and is now engaged in farming; I. Imogene, who was born June 14, 1859, married Alonzo Huntington, of Canton Point, a blacksmith, and has four children—namely, Earl, James (who is no longer living), Blanche, and Fred W.; Spurgeon W., a carpenter and millwright, who was born June 10, 1861, married Mary Goodwin, and has one son, Ralph W., born May 22, 1894; M. R. Della, who was born March 31, 1863, graduated from Farmington State Normal School, class of 1890, and died October 12, 1892; Carl R., who was born January 18, 1872, and is now a teacher and also engaged

in agricultural pursuits; and James L., who was born February 7, 1876, and died October 23, 1876.

Mr. Butterfield is Past Master of Franklin Grange, as is also his son, George F.; and is connected with the Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as are also his sons, George F., S. W., and Carl R. He supports the Republican party in politics, and his three sons are also Republicans. Both he and Mrs. Butterfield are members of the Baptist church.

**F**REMONT S. VINING, a successful business man and an old resident of Phillips, is the senior member of the firm of Vining Brothers, retail dealers in meat, provision, and groceries in that place. He was born June 18, 1855, son of Seward P. and Martha C. (Thomas) Vining, natives respectively of Durham and Strong, Me.

Benjamin Vining, his grandfather, who was an enterprising farmer of Durham, did the probate business of the town, and was often intrusted with the settlement of estates. In politics he was a Whig, and he lived to be about threescore years old. Of his fourteen children, Hiram Vining, of Weld, Me., is the only one living. Seward P. Vining was engaged in farming from his youth. His wife, Martha C., bore him twelve children, of whom ten are living. These are: Hattie E., the widow of Mark Harding, of Melrose, Mass.; Henry C., who resides in Haverhill, Mass.; Hannibal H., in Phillips; Albion M., in Manchester, N.H.; Ephraim B., in Strong, Me.; Martha J., the widow of E. E. Sawyer, of Phillips; Nelson E., also a resident of Phillips; Addie S., the wife of John McKnight, of Boston, Mass.; Allie H., the wife of George O. Osgood, of Waltham, Mass.; and Fremont S., the subject of this sketch. The father died February 4, 1893, aged eighty-nine years.

Fremont S. Vining obtained a good education in the common schools of Phillips and at Milton Academy. He taught school in the winter for five years after, while he spent the summers employed in the express business. Then entering the meat and provision trade,

he has since conducted the store of the Phillips Meat and Grocery Company, which now employ three teams in delivery of their goods.

On June 25, 1888, Mr. Vining married Ada F. Willard, a daughter of H. L. Willard, of Acton, Mass. In politics Mr. Vining is a Republican. He served three years as Supervisor of Schools in Avon.

**W**ILLIAM H. TRASK, a prosperous agriculturist of Peru, was born June 23, 1840, on the place where he now resides, son of Leonard and Eunice (Knight) Trask, natives respectively of Hartford, Me., and Peru. Osmond Trask, his grandfather, was one of the first settlers in Hartford, where he died at an advanced age. About the year 1830 Leonard, a son of Osmond, came to Peru, and settled on the farm now owned by William H. Trask. It was then principally wild land, but he cleared and improved a large part of it. His death occurred here on April 13, 1861. His wife, Eunice, after surviving him over thirty years, died December 10, 1893. In religious faith he was a Universalist, and in politics a Republican. Of his seven children, three are living, namely: William H., the subject of this sketch; Catherine E., the wife of William Quimby, living in North Turner, Me.; and Albion K. P. Trask, a resident of Peru. The others were: Susan H., Orville K., Sarah E., and Fanny H.

During his early years William H. Trask attended the common schools of Peru. Since that time he has given his attention to general farming. For some time he has owned the homestead farm, which contains about two hundred and forty acres of land, one of the largest estates in this district. Besides raising the usual New England crops he rears some stock, and keeps a dairy of choice cows. In September, 1861, Mr. Trask enlisted in Company H, Tenth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, under Captain C. S. Emerson, of Auburn, Me., for service in the Civil War. He was in the battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862, in which the Union men were victorious. A wound received at Cedar Mountain disabled him for further service,

and in 1863 he was honorably discharged. He is now an esteemed comrade of Hodge Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Canton, Me. In politics he is a Republican, and has served on the Republican Town Committee.

On March 6, 1882, Mr. Trask married Miss Flora E. Philbrick, who was born April 28, 1852, in Roxbury, Oxford County, daughter of Charles H. and Mary E. (Fox) Philbrick, both also natives of Roxbury. Mr. Philbrick is one of the leading farmers of that town. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Trask are: Charles P., born in Peru, December 11, 1882; and Bert L., born here November 13, 1884. In religious faith Mr. Trask is a Universalist, and his wife is a member of the Free Will Baptist church. Their home is very pleasantly located in the midst of beautiful lake and mountain scenery.

**M**ILTON H. MERRIAM, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist of Norway township, was born January 25, 1840, on the Merriam homestead, which he now owns and occupies, son of Silas Merriam, Jr., and Mary (Coburn) Merriam. His grandfather, Silas Merriam, came to Norway from Massachusetts in 1793. Silas Merriam was born July 3, 1769, in the town of Middleton, Mass., where he lived until his departure for Norway. Here he purchased a tract of heavily timbered land, from which he cleared and improved the homestead farm, and was afterward engaged in mixed husbandry until his death, which occurred August 14, 1844. His wife, in maidenhood Hannah Upton, was born in Massachusetts, July 15, 1779, and died in Norway, March 18, 1835. They had four children, namely: Silas, Jr., born January 10, 1800, the father of Milton H.; Andrew, born September 30, 1802, who died February 17, 1824; Amos, born February 13, 1807, who married Jane Wentworth, of Greenwood township, now deceased, and died in 1883; and Noah, born November 21, 1810, who went to California many years ago, and has not since been heard from.

Silas Merriam, Jr., who was ushered into the world on the Merriam homestead, inherited the paternal acres, and was there engaged in



general farming throughout his life. He married Mary Coburn, who was born in Greenwood township, August 8, 1814. They had seven children, as follows: Andrew M., born May 14, 1836, who died May 5, 1891; Olive S., born July 24, 1837, now the widow of the late John B. Hobbs, of Norway; Frederick R., born July 26, 1838, who now lives in the West; Milton H., the subject of this sketch; Alma E., born January 22, 1842, who married Augustus Morton, of Freedom, N. H., and died June 30, 1873, leaving one child, Della A., now residing in Norway village; Granville R., born March 21, 1843, who died February 11, 1844; and Lawson L. R., born January 11, 1849, now engaged in the produce and butchering business in the village of Norway. Neither of the parents is now living, the father having died June 14, 1875, and the mother April 21, 1881.

Milton H. Merriam was educated in his native town, attending the district schools and the village academy. After teaching school for several terms, he forsook that occupation for farming. After the death of his parents he bought the interests in the homestead of the other heirs, and has since conducted it successfully. The property contains two hundred acres of land. He carries on general farming and dairying after the most approved methods. Mr. Merriam affiliates with the Republican party; and, while not ambitious of official distinction, he has served the town in some of its minor offices. He is a member of the grange at Norway village, and of the Golden Cross Lodge, Norway Commandery. Mrs. Merriam is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On January 16, 1894, Mr. Merriam was married to Mrs. Lucelia A. (Andrews) Cummings, who was born in Woodstock, this county, January 21, 1848. Her parents, Jonathan and Pamela (Dunham) Andrews, respectively natives of Paris and Woodstock, are farming people, and reside on their homestead in Paris. Mrs. Merriam's first husband was Daniel L. Cummings, who died March 23, 1880, leaving her with one child, Ethelyn A., who was born August 14, 1879. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**S**ILAS H. NILES, a well-known merchant, farmer, and cattle dealer of Jay, and a member of the Maine legislature, was born here January 15, 1845, son of Varanes and Mehitable (Harris) Niles. Mr. Niles's grandfather, Jacob Niles, was a lifelong resident of Randolph, Mass. Grandmother Niles, after Jacob's death, married Nathaniel Jackson, of Easton, Mass., and came to reside in Jay in 1810.

Varanes Niles was born in Randolph, December 8, 1802. He accompanied his mother to Jay, and resided for the rest of his life upon the farm now owned by his children. Besides carrying on the farm he dealt quite extensively in live stock and real estate. He died May 18, 1878. His first wife, Mehitable, who was born in Greene, Me., September 10, 1803, had nine children, as follows: Eunice A., who died October 31, 1895; Sullivan, who is a member of the firm of Niles Brothers, pork packers of Boston; Harriet, who is now the widow of O. G. Kyes, and resides in North Jay; J. Harris, a member of the firm of Niles Brothers; Louville, who is with his brothers in Boston; Eliza M., who resides at the homestead; Silas H. (first), who died at the age of two years; Silas H. (second), the subject of this sketch; and Eugene M., who is now a wholesale and retail beef dealer at 27 Faneuil Hall Market, Boston. Mr. Niles's mother died July 8, 1893, at the advanced age of ninety years.

Silas H. Niles acquired his education in the common schools of Jay, and the academies in Wilton and Livermore, and the Edward Little Institute at Auburn. After leaving school he engaged in agriculture upon the homestead farm, where he has always resided. In 1868 he entered a mercantile business at North Jay, as a member of the firm of Leland & Niles. Five years later he bought his partner's interest in the store, which he has since conducted alone. He also does a large business as a buyer and shipper of fruit and cattle, which he markets in Boston. On his farm of three hundred acres, which he has greatly improved, in addition to the usual crops he raises some excellent stock. He is also a dealer in real estate, owning some valuable property in the neighboring towns. All his business interests are in a most flourishing condition.

In politics he is an active supporter of the Republican party. Although averse to public office for lack of time to attend to its duties, he was prevailed upon to accept nomination for Representative to the legislature in 1894, and was elected. Mr. Niles is unmarried. He and his sister, Miss Eliza M. Niles, continue to occupy the homestead. Both attend the Universalist church, in the work of which he takes an active interest.

**W**ILLIAM H. WHITCOMB, of Norway, formerly a merchant and real estate dealer, now retired, is a native of Bethel, Me. He was born April 24, 1840, son of William A. and Mary A. (Harris) Whitcomb. His grandfather, Abraham Whitcomb, who was born in Massachusetts in the year 1765, came from Harvard, in that State, to West Waterford, Me., and there took up a tract of wild land, which he cleared and converted into a productive farm. Abraham Whitcomb married Miss Sally Atherton, by whom he had five sons and three daughters; namely, Abraham, Isaac, Calvin, Polly, Sarah, Joel, William A., and Betsey.

William A. Whitcomb, the seventh child and youngest son of his parents, was born in 1816. His wife, Mary, was the only daughter of Captain John Harris, of Bethel, formerly of Westbrook, Me. After his marriage he settled in Bethel, purchasing Hotel Bethel, at Bethel Hill, which he conducted until his death, at the age of twenty-seven years, a victim of consumption. He was survived by his wife and an only son, William Henry Whitcomb. In 1858 Widow Whitcomb was married to William Frost, a merchant and enterprising business man of Norway, and the father of two children. These children found in her a loving mother, and in their father a wise counsellor. Mr. Frost was one of the founders of the Norway National Bank and later the President. In his own business, being careful and conservative, he acquired a comfortable fortune. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frost, but both died in childhood. She was sixty-three years old when she died, on March 14, 1882.

William Henry Whitcomb, who was thirteen years old when he came with his mother

to Norway, completed in the schools of this town the education begun in Bethel. On arriving at manhood he, in company with William Frost, under the firm name of Whitcomb & Frost, started a small general store, which subsequently became one of the largest in the town. Upon Mr. Frost's retirement from business Mr. Whitcomb took as a partner F. S. Oxnard. Some years later he purchased Mr. Oxnard's interest and took in Thomas Smiley. Subsequently he disposed of his interest to his partner, and retired from mercantile life. His handsome residence, 73 Main Street, was built by Mr. Witherell, and with nearly all its contents was consumed in the destructive fire of 1893. On that occasion also he lost two stores and a tenement-house. He still owns two single and two double houses. Few, if any, have taken greater pride than he in the progress of the town of Norway. He was active in the promotion and establishment of the Norway Water Works, in which he owns an interest; and he has held the office of President since the organization of the company in 1887. He was also the largest stockholder and the chief promoter in the enterprise of erecting the Opera House Block. His investments have not been confined to Norway, but projects calculated to advance the town have always had the preference.

In 1861 Mr. Whitcomb was married to Miss Ivah T. Hatch, a daughter of John and Emma (Blowers) Hatch. Her father was born in New Gloucester, Me., whence in 1855 he came to Norway, and soon took his place among its most enterprising and progressive farmers. Mrs. Whitcomb, who was born August 18, 1842, died September 1, 1895. She left one daughter, Isabella, born July 27, 1866, now residing with her father. Her son, Henry E., born June 24, 1862, lived but a few months; and another daughter, Mary E., born October 5, 1864, died September 24, 1865. In politics Mr. Whitcomb has always been a stanch Democrat. A Republican district elected him in 1875 to the lower house of the State legislature. He has served the town as Selectman and Assessor for a number of years. He is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; of Mount Vernon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Portland; of

Portland Commandery, Knights Templars; a charter member of Norway Lodge, No. 16; and belongs to Willey Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**J**OSEPH E. CONANT, a prosperous and respected farmer of Peru, was born October 13, 1847, on the farm that is still his home, son of Daniel L. and Mary A. (French) Conant. Joseph Conant, his paternal grandfather, came to Peru when the town had but few settlers, and here spent the remainder of his life, successfully engaged in general farming. He married Miss Lucinda Turf, by whom he became the father of nine children, six sons and three daughters, all of whom reached maturity. He died at the age of sixty-five years, and she at ninety-one.

Daniel L. Conant, who was a native of Bowdoinham, Me., born September 25, 1807, spent his life on his farm. On coming of age he purchased it, paying the balance left due with his earnings from working out by the month on neighboring farms. A thorough farmer, he took pride in his well-tilled fields. In religion he was a Universalist, and in politics a Republican. He died on July 1, 1883, aged seventy-six years. On May 31, 1840, he married Mary A. French, who was born April 10, 1818, in Windham, Me. By her he became the father of four children, namely: Harriett A., born March 31, 1841, who died April 17, 1869; Olive M., born January 25, 1843, who is the wife of Hiram E. Stillman, of Peru; Joseph E., the subject of this sketch; and William H., born June 6, 1849, who married Georgia Oldham, and is a tinsmith at Rumford Falls. The mother resides with her son, Joseph E.

After completing his education, which was acquired in the schools of Peru, Joseph E. Conant followed the calling of teacher. He has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. To-day he is the owner of the homestead farm, which he has increased to two hundred and seventeen acres. He carries on general farming and dairying with profit, keeping eleven high-grade Jersey cows. In religious belief he is a Universalist, in political affiliation a Republican.

On June 18, 1871, Mr. Conant married Miss Emma J. Shea, who was born in Bath, Me., September 6, 1853. Her parents, Nathan and Susan Shea, now deceased, both attained the age of seventy-four years. Her father was a seafarer in early life, but his last years were spent in farming. Of his ten children, three are living. Mr. and Mrs. Conant have three children, namely: George H., born January 13, 1874; Daniel H., born January 26, 1879; and Daisy M., born July 30, 1890. All are living at home.

**J**AMES W. BUTTERFIELD, of Phillips, a Trial Justice of Franklin County for the past twenty-one years and the Treasurer for some time of the Phillips Savings Bank, was born here, November 7, 1828, son of Otis and Lovicy (Whitney) Butterfield. The Butterfield family is of English origin. Mr. Butterfield's grandfather, Jesse Butterfield, a native of Tyngsboro, Mass., and a farmer, joined the Continental army at the beginning of the Revolution, and served until after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill and being present at the surrender of Burgoyne. In religious belief Jesse Butterfield was a Universalist. He died at Farmington, Me., at the advanced age of ninety-three.

Otis Butterfield, who was born in Farmington and there grew to maturity, came to Phillips in early manhood, and engaged in farming and worked at brick masonry. A member of the Democratic party, he was elected to a number of offices, including those of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church; and he died October 26, 1874, aged seventy-four years. His wife, a native of Freeport, Me., to whom he was married in the town of Freeport, bore him five children. Of these, three are living—Cordelia L., Henry M., and James W., all residents of Phillips. Of the others, Hiram, born September 28, 1826, a man of strong character and pleasing manners, was a public school teacher in Bangor for a number of years. He was prominent in Masonic circles, and was Master of Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, of Phillips. At the time

of his death, which occurred in his thirty-ninth year, he was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of this town.

James W. Butterfield was educated in his native town, finishing his studies at the high school. For twenty years after he left school he was engaged in agriculture in this town. He then abandoned that occupation in order to give more attention to his other interests and to his public duties. He has been for twelve years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Phillips Savings Bank, was the President in 1886 and 1887, and has been Treasurer since September, 1895. He was also a Director of the Union National Bank of this place for three years, and for the past three years he has been Treasurer of the Phillips Village Corporation. An esteemed member of the Republican party, he has held the office of Town Treasurer for eleven years; and he served as a member of the Maine Board of Agriculture in 1883, 1884, and 1885.

Mr. Butterfield was married May 19, 1862, to Miss Mary Wright, daughter of Josiah Wright, of Phillips. Of the children that came of the union, a daughter, Eva L., is living. She is the wife of Hildreth S. Staples, of Dixfield, Me. Mr. Butterfield and his family attend the Free Will Baptist church.

**ORLANDO IRISH**, the proprietor of a general store in Hartford, where he has conducted a successful business for many years, was born in this town, June 22, 1836, son of Edmund and Nancy (Ricker) Irish. Grandfather Tobias Ricker was a soldier in the Revolution, serving in Washington's body-guard. Edmund Irish, Sr., the paternal grandfather, and a native of Gorham, Me., was one of the very first settlers in this town. He spent the remainder of his days here, engaged in farming and clearing his land. During the War of 1812 he was in active service. When he died he was eighty-seven years of age. Bertha (Keen) Irish, his wife, lived to be eighty-one years old. They were the parents of five children.

Edmund Irish, who was a native of Hartford, spent his life chiefly occupied in farming. Respected for the success with which

he managed his own affairs, his opinion was often sought in matters pertaining to the welfare of his town, and his services were availed of in the capacities of Selectman and Treasurer. In the old State militia he was a drummer, and served in the Aroostook War. He was a Universalist in religious belief, and in politics he affiliated with the Republicans. He died in Hartford, eighty-seven years of age. His wife, Nancy, a native of Buckfield, Me., died at fifty-five. Of their five children Mary Ann, who was the wife of A. P. Bonney, of Buckfield, died in 1860, leaving three children. The others are: Melissa B., the wife of George Wells, of South Weymouth, Mass.; James Irish, residing in Hartford; Decatur Irish, on the old homestead in Hartford; and Orlando, the subject of this sketch.

Orlando Irish spent his boyhood in his native town, receiving his education in the common schools. At nineteen he went to South Framingham, Mass., where he learned the trade of a hatter, and was in the employ of George Richardson & Brother thirteen years. He then returned to Hartford, and in 1888, with his brother James, opened a general store, which, excluding an interval of three years, has been profitably conducted since. The stock comprises an excellent assortment of goods, which are sold at very reasonable prices.

On February 4, 1865, Mr. Irish was joined in marriage with Lizzie H. Forbes, who was born in Buckfield, daughter of Jonah Forbes. Two sons have been born to them, namely: Edgar C. Irish, who married Lena M. Robbins, and is now a lumberman in Hartford; and Leon O. Irish, living at home. Mr. Irish is an adherent of the Republican party. He and Mrs. Irish are Universalists; and he is a member of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, A. F. & A. M.; also of the order of Good Templars.

**RATHANIEL HARDING**, a well-known and prosperous resident of New Sharon, Me., was born here on the 29th of November, 1828, the son of Nehemiah and Abigail (Ames) Harding. He bears the name of his earliest ancestor in this

country, Nathaniel Harding, first, who came from England at an uncertain date, and settled in Massachusetts.

Ephraim Harding, son of Nathaniel, first, was the father of Nathaniel, second, who was in the transport service during the Revolutionary War, and who came to New Sharon from Cape Cod in 1788, at the age of thirty-two years. With him he brought his wife, Hannah, daughter of Lemuel Newcomb, of Wellfleet, Mass., and three children. His principal reason for migrating was to keep his sons from desiring to go to sea. They travelled by schooner to Hallowell, and from that point journeyed on foot to New Sharon, carrying what they could bring on their backs. Upon arriving at New Sharon they made their temporary home with Deacon Howes for the period of one year, Mr. Harding acquiring one hundred acres of wild land, which he cleared and built upon during this time. His first house was a log cabin; but later he built a better house a little farther up the road, where the family lived, and where Mr. Harding carried on general farming and worked at the trade of a cooper. He was a man of prominence among his fellow-citizens, and held several minor town offices. The date of his death was October 6, 1834. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Harding, second, were the parents of nine children — Jemima, Richard, and Elizabeth, all born in Truro, Cape Cod; Hannah; Phoebe; Eunice, deceased; Nathaniel, Jr.; Nehemiah; and Eunice, second.

Nehemiah Harding, who appears to have been the youngest son of his parents, was educated at the district schools of his native town and at the Farmington Academy. He commenced teaching school as soon as he had completed his educational course and while he was yet in his teens, teaching quite a number of terms until he was twenty-one, when he succeeded to the homestead, and took care of his parents for the rest of their lives. He married Abigail, the daughter of Noyes Ames, of Mercer. She was born in 1803, and died September 29, 1872, at the age of sixty-nine years. Her husband died one year before she did, on December 30, 1871, at the age of seventy-five, he having been born in 1796. They were the parents of seven children,

namely: Nathaniel, of whose life and ancestry this is a slight sketch; Hannah; Mary R.; Phoebe A.; John L.; Benjamin A. A.; and Caroline E.

Nathaniel Harding, the first-born of the seven, obtained his education in the common schools of his native town of New Sharon, and at the age of sixteen went to Hallowell to work in a carpet factory, where he remained for four years, his first wages being only ten dollars a month. Coming back to New Sharon after this experience, he learned the trade of shoemaking, at which he worked for two years in this town, three years in Stark, and two years in Norridgewock. On his return to New Sharon after these last five years of absence, he bought out the shoe factory of John Trask, where he has carried on the manufacturing business ever since.

When he first started in this business Mr. Harding employed twelve hands. He was burned out in 1858, and went into the general merchandise business with George Perkins in a store owned by Mr. Perkins. Here he carried on business for two years, until he could make good the losses he sustained by the fire. In 1862, however, after dividing the business profits with Mr. Perkins, he rebuilt his factory on the same old foundations, and employed fifteen hands. In 1886 he again enlarged his factory by one-half, and took in David J. Jordan as his partner. He now employs thirty-five workmen. Mr. Harding built in 1890 a large three-story building, which he rented to George H. Brown, a prominent coat manufacturer of New Sharon, who still does business here.

Mr. Harding never did confine his efforts to his shoe manufacturing alone, but has always been active in one or more different branches of business. During the year 1862 he was associated with Mr. Morrill in the general merchandise trade; and later he was with W. W. Norcross in the same business for a period of five years.

He is known as one of the most progressive and energetic men in this part of the State, as well in the interests of his town and his fellow-citizens as in his own.

At one time, in order to have plenty of water-power to run his factory with, he bought



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the Beard & Dyer mill, which he now rents out as a shingle-mill, retaining all his rights over the use of the water-power for purposes of manufacturing. He owns the finest river farm in this section of the State, and has repaired the old and built improved new buildings upon it, making it a beautiful as well as a lucrative country place. His step-son, John Childs, now resides on the farm. Mr. Harding also owns the old homestead of his father, where he has set out an orchard of one thousand fine young grafted fruit-trees. He is likewise a large owner of real estate in Portland, Me., where he made his first purchase in 1885, buying the double tenement-house at 155 Congress Street. Later he bought three houses on Howard Street, also three houses on Congress Street; and close to the last house, No. 81, he owns a fine lot, where he is now building a large three-story tenement-house. Besides this amount of real estate in Portland, he owns quite a little more in connection with his partner, Mr. Jordan.

Mr. Harding was married on the 18th of November, 1856, to Mrs. Naomi S. Childs, the widow of J. H. Childs, of New Norridgewock—who died at the age of twenty-seven—and the daughter of William and Abigail (Waugh) Hilton, of Anson. Her father was engaged in the meat business; and he served as Sheriff and also as Selectman, being one of the best known and most liked residents of the place. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton were the parents of ten children—Jonas; Bethsheba; Alden; Anson; Samantha S.; Calvin; James W.; Lucy A.; Naomi S., now Mrs. Harding; and Sarah. Mr. Hilton died in 1841 at the age of sixty-four. His wife died in 1862, at the age of seventy-seven.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding have had one child, Lila M., who was born on the 21st of February, 1862, and who died in 1875. Mrs. Harding has a son, John Childs, born of her first marriage, who is one of the most prominent young men in the town. Notwithstanding Mr. Harding's wealth and his high social position, he is a very modest man. He does not go into politics, and belongs to only one fraternal organization, being a member of Somerset Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, at Skowhegan, Me.

**G**EORGE W. CARROLL, M.D., of Brownfield, Me., though one of the youngest physicians in the locality, has already attained prominence, and added to the lustre of his *alma mater*, the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Boston, Mass. He was born on Prince Edward Island, April 7, 1866, and is a son of John and Christie (Cousins) Carroll, both of that place. John Carroll is in active business as a builder and carriage-maker. He and his wife have been blessed with a family of seven children, five of whom are now living, all well educated. They are: William, a carpenter residing in Portland, who married a Miss Brundige; Zena, wife of Arthur McDonald, of Prince Edward Island; George W., the subject of this sketch; John, a brakeman on the railroad; Ida, who is with her parents; Peter, the sixth child, died at the age of sixteen; and Minnie, the seventh, died at the age of seventeen.

George W. Carroll left home at the age of fifteen, and went to live with an aunt in Portland, Me. While there he worked in a drug store for some time, and also studied medicine for two years; and he subsequently spent two years in Boston engaged as clerk in a drug store, and also employed in a hospital. In this way he became familiar with the character and use of drugs and medicines and the aspects of disease; and when he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons he had a valuable store of practical knowledge, which materially aided him in pursuing the college curriculum. Receiving his diploma on December 31, 1895, he soon had a large and lucrative practice, his success being something unusual. Dr. Carroll first located at Bryant's Pond, Oxford County, and in 1895 purchased the home in Brownfield which he now occupies. He has a remarkably large practice in Brownfield and vicinity, and also carries a line of drugs and medicines.

Dr. Carroll was married January 16, 1894, to Miss Dollie Frost, of Bryant's Pond, daughter of Samuel and Alvira (Gallison) Frost. Mr. Frost, who is a veteran of the late war, has been for years engaged in farming, and is now retired. Dr. Carroll is a staunch Republican in politics. He has an attractive personality, and has made many

friends in this section. Mrs. Carroll is a member of the Universalist Church at Bryant's Pond.

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**E**LBRIDGE G. WHEELER, the owner of a fine farm in the town of Bethel, was born here, July 8, 1825, son of Joseph and Olive (Gage) Wheeler. Joseph Wheeler, Sr., grandfather of Elbridge G., born in Temple, N.H., in 1766, came from there to Bethel in 1793. His brother, Samuel, who came with him to this county, settling in Gilead, was a Revolutionary patriot.

Joseph Wheeler was a native of Langdon, Sullivan County, N.H. When but four years old he was brought to Bethel by his parents, and the remainder of his life was passed in this town. He engaged in farming with a fair degree of success, and up to within three weeks of the close of his long life of eighty-three years was able to attend to his usual avocations. In early life he was a Democrat or Whig, and supported the Republican party after its formation. His wife, who was born in Bethel, and spent her life here, died at the age of sixty-six years. Her father, Daniel Gage, a native of Concord, N.H., enlisted for the Revolutionary War at the age of sixteen, and served five years and nine months. He was advanced to the rank of Sergeant. Some time after, General Washington called him from the ranks, and publicly thanked and complimented him for his bravery in picking up a flag, whose bearer had been killed on the field, and carrying it during the remainder of the engagement. Soon after the close of the war he came to Bethel, purchased a farm, and was successfully engaged in farming throughout the rest of his life, which lasted eighty-six years. Joseph Wheeler and his wife had nine children, all of whom except one attained maturity.

Until he was nineteen years of age Elbridge G. Wheeler lived with his parents on the home farm, attending the district school for the usual period. On leaving home, he went to Abington, Mass., where he learned the shoemaker's trade, and subsequently worked at it for about seven years. He then returned to Bethel, and purchased the

farm that he now owns. Here he built a shoe shop, and thereafter, for about thirty years, both worked at his trade and carried on his farm. He has added to the original farm by the purchase of adjoining land, so that he now has about one hundred and sixty acres. The property is conveniently located, being but a mile from West Bethel. Some years ago he abandoned shoemaking, and has since devoted his attention exclusively to agriculture.

Mr. Wheeler has been twice married. The first time was in 1851, when he was united to Miss Melissa Grover, of Bethel. She died in 1852, leaving one child, Ella M., now the wife of Ralph W. Bean, a resident of Littleton, Col. The second marriage was contracted in 1858 with Miss Mehitable J. Grover, of Mason, Me. Born of this union were a son and two daughters, namely: Minnie E., a high-school teacher in Edgartown, Mass; Flora Jane, a high-school teacher in Jefferson, N.H.; and Edward E., who died at the age of twenty-two years, when a student of Bates College. Mr. Wheeler, who is a Republican partisan, takes quite an active part in local political matters. He has served as Selectman for five or six years, on the School Committee for two years, and he has been Justice of the Peace for twenty-one years. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M.; and of Pleasant Valley Grange at West Bethel.

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**B**ION H. PIKE, a prosperous farmer and lumberman of Waterford, and a native of this town, was born March 18, 1858, son of John C. and Eliza A. (Willard) Pike, both also natives of Waterford. His paternal grandparents, John and Esther (Richardson) Pike, born in Oxford County, were farming people of high repute. His maternal grandparents, Lewis and Mary (Plaisted) Willard, were born respectively in Harvard, Mass., and Gorham, Me.

John C. Pike spent the greater part of his life in Waterford, engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1841 he went to California, and worked for about a year at mining, in which he was very successful; but he was



obliged to return East on account of his health, and never fully recovered his former vigor. He died December 6, 1891, aged sixty-three years. In politics he was always a firm Republican, and took much interest in town affairs. He was a member of the grange and an active worker in its interests. The three children born to him and his wife are all living. They are: Sarah M., Bion H., and Ernest L. Sarah M., born July 7, 1855, is the wife of Henry Wentworth, a mill man living in Waterford, and has five children — John, Carrie, Fred, Ernest, and Emma. Ernest L., born November 24, 1859, an enterprising young farmer, carries on the old Pike homestead, is engaged in lumbering with his brother, and conducts a manufacturing business in Waterford.

Bion H. Pike was educated in the common schools and at Bridgton Academy. On account of his father's health he remained at home, helping on the farm until March, 1890. He then came to his present place, which is known as the Daniel Green farm. Besides attending to his farm work, for the past eight years, in company with his brother, he has carried on lumbering quite extensively in the northern part of Oxford County. Being a hard worker, and having a good deal of practical sense, his undertakings have usually terminated successfully.

On September 22, 1889, Mr. Pike was married to Miss Edith Nevers, who was born March 30, 1865, daughter of Marshall and Mary E. (Sanders) Nevers. Mr. Nevers was born in Sweden, Me., June 14, 1825. His wife, also a native of Sweden, died in Norway, in 1879. He was farming in Sweden until 1885, when, with his son, William H., he removed to Brown County, Nebraska. He returned some time ago, and is now living with Mr. Pike. On September 18, 1861, he enlisted at Sweden in Company B, Twenty-third Maine Volunteers, for a term of nine months, at the end of which he returned home. His health has since been greatly impaired by rheumatism, brought on by exposure while in the army. His other children were: Mary and Clara, deceased; William H., who married Miss Nellie M. Frye, and is now engaged in farming in Brown County, Nebraska; and

Araminta, also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Pike have six children, all living, namely: Clayton, born December 13, 1890; Marion, born in 1891; Ardell, born June 3, 1892; Augusta, born August 30, 1893; Nellie, born October 3, 1894; and John Marshall, born December 10, 1895. In politics Mr. Pike is a loyal Republican. He is an esteemed member of Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford.

**T**HOMAS CROSWELL, a former merchant of Farmington Falls, now living in retirement, was born in his present home, November 23, 1825. He is a son of Thomas and Mary (Gower) Croswell and a grandson of Andrew and Sarah Croswell. His great-grandfather, the Rev. Andrew Croswell, who graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1728, was a noted Congregational minister.

Thomas Croswell, Sr., was a native of Plymouth, Mass., born April 8, 1791. Upon the death of his father, being then about fifteen years of age, he went to live with his brother Samuel in Paris, Oxford County. Afterward he lived in Mercer, Me., where his brother Andrew was practising as a physician; and there, after the close of the War of 1812, he opened a store. In 1816 he sold his stock in trade; and, renting a building in Farmington Falls, he conducted a successful mercantile business for two years. At the end of that time he purchased the Squire Morrill stand, where he had commenced business, and erected a store. Without the facilities which make things so easy for the merchant of today, and obliged to bring his goods from Augusta and Hallowell by wagon, he yet established a very large trade. Leaving an unblemished reputation for probity, he died in 1879, aged eighty-eight years. His wife, who was a daughter of James Gower, of Industry, was about the same age at her death. They were the parents of nine children — Mary G., Sarah P., Thomas, Andrew C., Susan G., James H. G., Micah S., Elizabeth B., and Hannah F.

Thomas Croswell received his book learning in the public schools near his home and at

Farmington Academy. At the same time he was acquiring a knowledge of business in his father's store, where he began to make himself useful when very young. He spent his vacations in the store, and after he reached twenty-one he did most of the buying. In 1866, with his brother Andrew C., he bought his father's interest. Under the new management the business went on increasing until it reached mammoth proportions. In 1888 Thomas Crosswell sold his share to his brother, and retired from trade. His other interests, however, give him ample occupation for his time. He owns a valuable farm and a number of tenement-houses, and has dealt to some extent in lumber.

On October 22, 1861, he was married to Harriet J. Taylor, who was born September 10, 1830, in Danvers, Mass., daughter of John Taylor, of Farmington. Mr. Crosswell has no children. He is active in politics as a Republican, and he occupied a seat in the legislature in 1872 and 1873. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crosswell are active in the Congregational church at Farmington Falls, and contribute generously toward its support.

**I**RA JUSTIN WARRINER, a young and enterprising merchant of Fryeburg, Me., was born in this town, March 27, 1864, son of Chauncey and Abbie Clement (Towle) Warriner. Justin Warriner, Mr. Warriner's grandfather, was a prosperous farmer of Fryeburg in his day.

Chauncey Warriner, Mr. Warriner's father, was born in Vershire, Vt. In young manhood he learned the trade of watchmaker and jeweller. He carried on business in Washington, D.C., and in Philadelphia until, in 1862, he came to Fryeburg, where he resided for the rest of his life. He died February 6, 1884. His wife, formerly Abbie C. Towle, who survives him, was born in Fryeburg, and is a daughter of Dr. Ira and Sarah Clement Towle. Dr. Towle, a native of Newfield, Me., was a well-known physician of Fryeburg for nearly half a century. His wife was a native of this town. Mrs. Chauncey Warriner now resides with her son, Ira J. She is the mother of three children, as follows: Mary, wife of

Charles F. Lord, a jeweller in Windham, Me.; Edson, who is a jeweller by trade, but is now teaching music in Seattle, Wash.; and Ira J., the subject of this sketch.

Ira J. Warriner was educated in the common schools and at the Fryeburg Academy. With the exception of a year spent in Portland he has always made his home in Fryeburg. In April, 1895, he formed a partnership with Frank A. Hill for the purpose of carrying on the grocery business and the manufacture of clothing. This firm continued in business until February, 1896, when it was dissolved. Retaining possession of the store, Mr. Warriner has since conducted it alone. He occupies spacious and centrally located quarters, which are well stocked with a full line of staple goods, including groceries, provisions, and agricultural implements; and he has a large and constantly increasing patronage.

In politics he is a Democrat, but has never aspired to public office. He is a member of Lodge No. 34, Knights of Pythias, and is connected with the Pilgrim Insurance Company. Mr. Warriner's mother is a member of the New Jerusalem church, whose cheerful system of religious faith is based on the teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg.

**F**RON. DANIEL BROWN, who has been Town Treasurer of Waterford, Me., for over twenty years, was born in this town, January 1, 1826, the son of Thaddeus, Jr., and Asenath (Nourse) Brown.

His grandfather, who also was named Thaddeus Brown, was born in Harvard, Mass. He moved to Waterford, Me., in 1786, and settling on a farm about a mile east of Waterford Flat, engaged in farming and lumbering, becoming in course of time one of the most extensive dealers in land and lumber in that section. He married Mary Pollard, and a family of nine children grew up about him; namely, Daniel, Malbory, Jabez, Susan, Levi, Thaddeus, Jr., Mary, Mercy, and Sarah.

Thaddeus Brown, Jr., the father above named, was a native and lifelong resident of Waterford; and his wife also passed her days from birth to death in that town. They, too,

had nine children. Theodore, the eldest, who was born in 1824, and died in Waterford in 1861, was a Captain in the State militia. He married Clara Bryant. Daniel, the second son, is the subject of this article. Mercy, born March 29, 1828, is the wife of Scribner Chadbourne, a farmer, formerly of Waterford, now of Vandalia, Ill. The third son, named John, died young. Mary is the widow of Charles H. Hale, late of Augusta, Wis., who died in February, 1896, leaving one son, Charles. Waldo T. Brown is a prominent farmer of Waterford, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. Ellen M. is the wife of Elbridge Stone, a blacksmith and farmer of Waterford. Myra A. is the wife of W. H. Bailey, a clothing manufacturer now living in Harrison village, Me., and has two children. Angenette, who is unmarried, lives with her sister, Mrs. Mary Hale, in Augusta, Wis.

Daniel Brown attended the common schools of his native town, laying up a store of knowledge which served as a foundation for the superstructure of experience. He began to do farm chores when a boy, and as he grew older assumed heavier and more responsible duties. In 1851 he came to his present home in Waterford Flat, which was then owned by his Uncle Daniel, a retired trader. Mr. Brown has achieved marked success as a farmer. He now owns about two hundred acres of land in Waterford, which is available for tillage and pasturage; and his sleek and well-kept cows produce a rich cream, for which he finds a ready market.

Mr. Brown was married October 15, 1850, to Miss Mary Stone, who was born in Waterford, December 31, 1830, the daughter of Alonzo and Sally (Watson) Stone. Her parents also were natives of Waterford. Her father, who was a farmer, died about 1869, and her mother in October, 1890. Six children were born to this couple, namely: Henry P., who died in 1871; Leander, a carpenter of Waterford Flat, who married Jane Warren; Mary, Mrs. Brown; Harriet, wife of James Sullivan, a machinist of Dorchester, Mass.; Charlotte M., living in Somerville, Mass.; and Lewis F., a baker in Somerville, who married Miss Sarah Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children.

The elder, Florence Agnes, who was born January 31, 1852, is the widow of the Rev. Orlando A. Rounds, a clergyman of the Universalist church, to whom she was married June 30, 1875. Mr. Rounds was born in New York State, June 13, 1849. He preached in Bridgton, Me., two years, in Potsdam, N.Y., five years, and in Utica, N.Y., five years. He died at the age of thirty-eight, December 27, 1887, leaving three children—Lawrence Rexford, born December 8, 1876, a graduate of Bridgton (Me.) Academy; Mary Florence, born October 25, 1878, who is attending Douglas Seminary at Waterford Flat, Me.; and Marguerite, born June 15, 1887, who died April 27, 1890. Mr. Brown's second daughter, Helen May, who was born January 6, 1873, is a graduate of Douglas Seminary, Waterford, in the class of 1892, and has taught school several terms in Norway and Waterford.

Mr. Brown has voted the Democratic ticket ever since attaining his majority. He is a Justice of the Peace, and has held many town offices, including that of Selectman, to which he was elected several times, and of Town Treasurer, in which capacity he has served for over twenty years. He was a member of the State legislature in 1886. His daughter, Mrs. Rounds, is Postmistress at Waterford. Mr. Brown is also prominent in local fraternities, belonging to Lodge No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford; Keoka Chapter, No. 12, of the Eastern Star. He and his family attend the Universalist church.

HENRY HERBERT RICE, senior member of the firm Rice & Paine, and a prominent dry-goods merchant of Farmington, was born in Strong, Me., September 4, 1851, son of Richard S. and Susan (Lockhart) Rice. Richard Rice, the grandfather of Henry Herbert, was a native of Scarborough, Me. He came to Farmington among the early settlers, bought two hundred acres of new land, situated in the eastern part of the town, and besides clearing it brought it to a good state of cultivation. He died in his prime at the age of thirty-six years, and his farm is now owned by J. Par-


ham. He married Hannah Bates, a native of St. John, N.B., whose only child was Richard S.

Richard S. Rice was educated in the district schools and at the Farmington Academy, and after completing his studies he was for a time engaged in teaching school. He served an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade; and, after carrying on business in Greene, New Portland, and Strong, he established himself in Farmington, where he remained for four years. Removing then to Wilton, he was in business there for three years. At the end of that time he returned to this town, and, purchasing a residence on High Street, resided here until his death, which occurred when he was thirty-six years old. He was a very capable business man, and possessed a great amount of natural ability. For a time he served as Town Clerk, to which office he was elected by the Republican party. He was a Mason, being a member of Maine Lodge of Farmington. His wife, Susan, who survives him, residing with her son in this town, is a daughter of William Lockhart, a native of Stuart town, County Tyrone, Ireland. She reared two children, namely: Abbie, who is the wife of J. H. Clifford, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and has two children—Charlotte S. and Hilda R.; and Henry H., the subject of this sketch.

Henry Herbert Rice acquired his education in the district schools, Kent's Hill Seminary, and in the Normal School at Farmington. After finishing his studies he entered mercantile pursuits as a clerk in H. Ramsdell's dry-goods store, where he remained until 1870. In that year he went to Florida, where he remained for some six months, occupied in school-teaching and the lumber business. Returning home in 1871, he bought a half-interest in the business carried on by Mr. Ramsdell, his former employer. This connection had lasted ten years when he sold his interest to his partner, and started on a visit to the Western States with a view of settling in one of them. He was not favorably impressed with the country, so he returned here, and opened a dry goods stock in the William Tarbox store, Main Street. Under his able direction the business so increased that more space

was soon needed. He now occupies the Dolbier & Waugh Block, and the establishment is the largest of its kind in Franklin County. Besides dealing extensively in dry and fancy goods, he has a millinery and cloak department heavily stocked with seasonable articles and garments, which are exceedingly attractive to lady shoppers. He also conducts a large branch store in Madison, Me., where he employs four clerks, and does a flourishing business. In January, 1894, he admitted Fred G. Paine to partnership with him in the Farmington store. The firm not only maintains its acquired prestige, but is constantly increasing its popularity and expanding its enterprise.

On September 4, 1882, Mr. Rice wedded Ida M. Porter, daughter of William B. Porter, a mechanic of Elgin, Minn. Mrs. Rice is the mother of one daughter, Bertha M., who was born in 1884. Mr. Rice takes an active interest in the general progress of the town. He has been one of the principal promoters of the Farmington water works. In politics he is a Republican, and he served four years as a member of the School Board. He occupies a handsome residence on Main Street. Some time ago he bought the H. Stewart house on High Street, which he has since remodelled and enlarged.

ILLIAM B. LEBARON, a prosperous and widely-known farmer of Lovell township, was born in Lovell, April 21, 1829. His parents were William and Joan (Jordan) LeBaron. His father was a lineal descendant, in the fifth generation, of Dr. Francis LeBaron, a highly educated young Frenchman who was wrecked off the coast of Massachusetts in 1694, and who settled in Plymouth, where in the following year he married Mary, daughter of Edward Wilder. Doctor LeBaron died in 1704, at the age of thirty-six years, having won a high reputation as a physician and surgeon of unusual skill. He left three sons—James, Lazarus, and Francis.

William LeBaron was born in South Paris, Me., and lived for a while in Albany, this State. He moved to Lovell when the place was a wilderness, and was the first settler on

the west side of Kezar Pond. Travel then was extremely difficult, for several years the settlers being obliged to swim their horses across the pond in order to reach the other side. Mr. William LeBaron was engaged in farming in Lovell up to the time of his death, which occurred on August 10, 1863, when he was sixty-seven years of age. He was twice married. His first wife, Joan, the mother of his son William B., was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, who was in the Continental army seven years. She was born in Gray, Me., and reared in Albany, whither her father moved when she was a child. Mrs. Joan J. LeBaron died September 15, 1856, aged fifty-seven years. She was the mother of twelve children, namely: Lyman, James, and William, deceased; Temperance, widow of Levi Parker, living in South Waterboro village, York County; William B., the subject of this sketch; James, James (second), Ruth, Orrin B., and Henrietta, deceased; Harriet, wife of John M. Marr, of Lewiston, Me.; and Wales, deceased. The father's second wife was Mrs. Phebe Jordan Rand, his first wife's sister, and widow of Nathaniel Rand. She, too, has passed away.

William B. LeBaron was educated in the common schools of his native town. He remained on the home farm with his father and mother until 1856, when he went to Pennsylvania; and for two years and a half he was engaged in lumbering in Cambria County. Returning then to Lovell he resumed his old place, and when his parents died succeeded to ownership of the homestead, where he now lives. Engaging in general husbandry he raised some stock, and kept a dairy, selling cream, and in the course of time made many improvements on the farm. He has worked hard to attain his present prosperity, shirking no task, however difficult, and is now enjoying the fruit of his industry, having recently disposed of his land to his son, Mandel A.

Mr. LeBaron was married July 21, 1855, to Miss Melissa Fox, a native of Porter, this county, daughter of John and Clarinda (Stanley) Fox. Mr. Fox was born in Gilmanston, N.H., December 7, 1795. He settled in Lovell in 1848, and was engaged here in farming up to the time of his death, May 6, 1859.

His wife was born in Shapleigh, Me., February 4, 1809, and died in Lovell, January 29, 1873. Nine children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. LeBaron: Charles Fremont, born December 15, 1856, died in infancy; Roscoe A., born September 7, 1858, married Miss Lucy B. McAllister, and lives near his father; Herbert A., born May 23, 1860, married Miss Mabel Foss, of Turner, Me., and now resides at Rumford Falls, this State; Lincoln, born July 29, 1863, met his death by drowning in the State of Oregon, July 9, 1886; Mandel A., born February 19, 1865, is with his parents; John F., born March 26, 1870, married Miss Carrie B. Grogan, of Pennsylvania, and is now living in Rumford Falls; Roy, born September 12, 1875, is attending school in Rumford Falls, this State. Two younger children died in infancy. Mr. LeBaron has voted the Republican ticket since he was first qualified to exercise the right of suffrage. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church at Lovell Centre.

**S**IDNEY T. BROWN, M.D., a graduate of the Medical School of Maine, class of 1874, is a well-known physician of Denmark, Oxford County, where he holds the office of Town Clerk. He was born in Sebago, Me., August 19, 1841, son of William S. and Ada (Storer) Brown. Dr. Brown's grandfather, John B. Brown, who was a native of Baldwin, Me., settled upon a farm in Sebago, where he became prosperous as an agriculturist; and he died there in 1847.

William S. Brown, Dr. Brown's father, was born in Sebago. When a young man he adopted the occupation of a miller; but after following that business in his native town for a number of years he moved to Gorham, Me., where he engaged in tilling the soil, and resided there until his death. His wife, Ada Storer, who was a native of Sebago, became the mother of seven children, as follows: Sidney T., the subject of this sketch; Harley G., who is married and lives in Mount Holly, N.J.; Silas, who married Ellen Rand, of Brownfield, and is carrying on a butchering business in connection with farming in West

Gorham, Me.; Irving O., who died in 1887; John, who is no longer living; and Othello and Lewellyn, who are carrying on the undertaking business in Gorham, Me. Mrs. Ada Storer Brown is now residing with her son in Gorham.

Sidney T. Brown grew to manhood in Sebago, acquiring his early education in the common schools. On September 29, 1862, he enlisted as a musician in Company K, Twenty-fifth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, under Colonel Francis Fessenden and Captain Asa C. Palmer, for service in the Civil War. Nine months later, on July 1, 1863, he received his discharge; and on September 20, 1864, he re-enlisted in the same capacity in Company C, Ninth Regiment, with which he served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Raleigh, N. C., June 30, 1865. His professional studies were begun at Denmark Corner, and continued at the medical school connected with Bowdoin College, where he was graduated with the class of 1874. Since settling in Denmark in 1875, Dr. Brown has acquired a wide reputation as a skilful and reliable physician, having built up an extensive and lucrative practice, which he still maintains in this and the adjoining towns.

In 1877 Dr. Sidney T. Brown was united in marriage with Augusta Harriman, of Lovell, Me., daughter of Moses and Mary (Gile) Harriman, late of that town. Politically, the Doctor is a Republican, and has ably filled the office of Town Clerk for the past eleven years. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being at the present time Master of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56, of Denmark; and he is also a member of Denmark Lodge, No. 50, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both professionally and socially he occupies a prominent position among the leading residents of Denmark, and is spoken of by his fellow-townsmen with the highest regard. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Congregational church.

**C**ALEB W. GILMORE, a successful farmer of Industry and formerly a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, August 29, 1831, son of James and Rachel (Wade) Gil-

more. Mr. Gilmore's parents were natives of Woolwich; and his father was born October 17, 1798. Mr. Gilmore's paternal grandparents, William F. and Mary (Trout) Gilmore, resided in Woolwich, his grandfather being a civil engineer and a farmer.

James Gilmore, Mr. Gilmore's father, who was the first of the family to settle in Industry, arrived in March, 1830. He bought the Elisha Drew farm, which is now owned by his son, Caleb W., and he resided here for the rest of his life. He died August 14, 1868. In 1840 he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen, to which body he was twice re-elected; and he was a Deacon of the Baptist church in Starks. He was twice married; and his first wife, whom he wedded November 6, 1823, was before marriage Lucy Wade. She was born in Woolwich, May 21, 1795; and she died January 21, 1827. By this union there were two children: Mary H., who was born February 1, 1825, and is now the widow of Amasa Works, who died August 1, 1866; and Lucy Wade, who was born January 21, 1827, married William B. Tibbetts, and died November 12, 1867. On September 1, 1828, James Gilmore married for his second wife Rachel Wade, his first wife's sister, and she became the mother of eight children, namely: David, who was born in 1829, and died October 29, 1892, survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Gardner Gilmore, who resides in Sangerville, Me.; Caleb W., the subject of this sketch; Hannah Preble, who was born August 5, 1833, and died April 13, 1857; Betsey Jane, who was born March 25, 1836, married Titcomb Collins, and died November 25, 1866; Johanna Payson, who was born February 29, 1839, and died March 8, 1863; William James, who was born July 12, 1841, married Margaret Broderic, and is now a prosperous farmer of Industry; Abner Wade, who was born January 30, 1843, and died June 7, 1850; and Bradford, who was born January 8, 1845, and died in 1862, while serving in the Civil War. Mrs. Rachel Wade Gilmore died July 27, 1853.

Caleb W. Gilmore, the second son born to his parents, James and Rachel Gilmore, acquired his education in the schools of his native town. At the age of nineteen he went

to sea, but after remaining away from home three years he returned and took charge of the farm. He has since resided here with the exception of a year spent in Starks, and owns besides the home farm of one hundred and twenty-two acres some valuable outlying land. He carries on general farming, making a specialty of producing corn, hay, and potatoes; and he also raises sheep.

On November 6, 1856, Mr. Gilmore wedded Nancy N. Manter. She was born in Industry, November 25, 1831, daughter of William W. and Betsey W. (Norton) Manter. Her parents, who were natives of this town, afterward engaged in farming in New Sharon. They are no longer living. Mrs. Gilmore died June 1, 1895, leaving no children.

Politically, Mr. Gilmore affiliates with the Republican party. He has served with ability as a Selectman and as a member of the School Board. He has been an active and industrious man, but of late his health is somewhat impaired as the result of overwork; and he employs Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo L. Pomeroy to assist upon the farm and manage his household. In his religious belief he is a Baptist.

**F**RANKLIN PORTER, a well-to-do farmer of Paris, Oxford County, Me., was born here, October 18, 1829, son of John and Eunice (Hicks) Porter. His father was born in Yarmouth, Cumberland County, Me., October 7, 1793, and his mother in the same place, September 27, 1790. The first representative of this branch of the Porter family in New England was Richard Porter, who settled in Weymouth, Mass., in 1635. (A full account of the family may be found in the Porter Genealogy by the Hon. Joseph W. Porter, of Bangor.)

Nehemiah Porter, father of John, was born in Scituate, Mass., December 14, 1758; and his wife, Joanna Barber Porter, was a native of Gray, Me. They had thirteen children, and all grew to maturity; namely, Sylvanus, Susanna, Lucy, Lydia, Stephen, John, Charles, Benjamin, Joanna, Mary, Leonard, William Barber, and Rufus. None of the family now survive. Their father, who was a hard worker

and successful farmer, died in Yarmouth at a good age.

John Porter grew to manhood in Yarmouth, where he learned the trade of a shoemaker. He was in the War of 1812, and that year or the year following he came to Paris and settled on the farm where his son Franklin now lives. It was then covered with timber, which he cut and sold to pay for the land; and game was plentiful. Although he came here a poor man and was obliged to buy his land on credit, he was industrious and acquired considerable means. He was prominent in town affairs, and the Baptist church edifice on Paris Hill was erected by him. He died October 12, 1855; and his wife, Eunice Hicks Porter, died April 11, 1886, at the venerable age of ninety-five years, six months, and fourteen days. Her parents, Joseph and Eunice Hicks, both lived to a good age, her father dying November 4, 1844, at ninety-seven years and four months; and her mother November 18, 1834, aged eighty-two years and four months. Mr. and Mrs. John Porter were consistent members of the Baptist church. In politics he was a Democrat. They had six children, as follows: Sylvanus, born March 31, 1817; Ezekiel L., born October 3, 1819, who died January 14, 1869; John B., born August 12, 1821, who is living in Norway and engaged in farming; Harriet, born August 20, 1823, now the wife of Solomon I. Millett, a farmer of Norway; Joseph H., born March 4, 1826, who is engaged in the real estate business in Wisconsin; and Franklin, who is the special subject of this biographical notice.

Franklin Porter, the youngest child, grew to manhood on the old homestead. He was educated in the district schools, and at twenty-one started out for himself as a farm laborer, receiving but a small compensation for his services. For two or three years thereafter he was engaged in construction work on the Grand Trunk Railroad and for one summer in Wyoming County, New York State, on the Alton & Erie Railroad. He was next employed for a year as a truckman in the city of Boston. About the time of his father's death he returned to Paris, settled up his father's affairs, and purchased the old homestead, the place where he now resides, and where he is success-

fully engaged in general farming. He owns all together about three hundred acres. On the home place are good buildings and a fine orchard set with apple and pear trees. He enjoys well-merited prosperity, having acquired his property by hard work and honest dealings.

On September 15, 1858, Mr. Porter was united in marriage with Miss Martha M. Millett, who was born in Norway, Me., March 31, 1839, daughter of Nathan and Mercy (Sampson) Millett. Her father, who was an enterprising farmer, was born in Norway in September, 1800; and her mother was born in the same place in September, 1804. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have four sons, all living: Francis E. Porter, born October 5, 1861, is engaged in farming with his father, married Miss Olive Walker, and has one child—Helen M., the only grandchild; Junot N. Porter, born May 5, 1865, is a farmer in Eureka, Wis.; Joseph H. Porter, born June 23, 1869, is employed on the electric railroad in Boston; and John A. Porter, born July 3, 1876, lives at the parental home. Only the eldest son is married.

Mr. Porter is independent in politics. He was Selectman for three years, and has held other offices. Since 1862 he has been a member of Paris Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., at South Paris; is a member of West Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and he and his wife are charter members of the Patrons of Husbandry at South Paris and charter members also of the Rebecca Lodge at West Paris. Mrs. Porter is a communicant of the Baptist church at Paris Hill. He is liberal in his religious views.

**W**ILLIAM D. BRETT, of South Paris, Oxford County, Me., who has in his day been one of the hard-working, progressive farmers of this county, but is now living in comparative retirement from business cares and the toil of the harvest fields, was born in the town of Paris, November 9, 1822, son of Martin and Ruth (Durell) Brett.

The first ancestor of the family of whom there is any mention in Colonial history was William Brett, a native of Kent, England, who

emigrated to America about 1640, and first settled in Duxbury, Mass. He became one of the original proprietors of the town of Bridgewater, Mass., where he was prominent in both church and town affairs, often filling the pulpit in the absence of the regular minister; and he was frequently chosen to represent the town in the General Court of the colony. He died in 1681; and the descent continues through Nathaniel and Sarah (Hayward) Brett, Seth and Sarah (Alden) Brett, to Mr. Brett's great-grandparents, Simeon and Mehitable (Packard) Brett, the former of whom was the first ancestor of the family to visit Maine. He came to Oxford County probably upon a prospecting tour, accompanied by his son, Amzi; and the latter bought a tract of wild land situated about one mile from the present village of South Paris.

Amzi Brett, Mr. Brett's grandfather, was born in Bridgewater, May 3, 1762; and while still a mere youth he served as a private in the Continental army in the Revolutionary War, for which in his old age he received a pension. Some years after his marriage to Phebe Packard, which occurred in 1788, he settled in Paris, as previously mentioned; and with the aid of his son Martin he built a small frame house and cleared and improved the land into a good farm, where he resided for the rest of his life. He died at the age of eighty, having survived his wife many years. His children were: Sophia, Martin, Charlotte, Ira, and Phebe. Mr. Amzi Brett was a member of the Congregational church.

Martin Brett, son of Amzi and Phebe, was born in Bridgewater, March 26, 1794. He assisted in clearing the homestead farm in Paris, having accompanied his parents here when a young man; and, inheriting the property, he continued to till the soil until his death, which took place when he was seventy-two years old. His wife, whom he wedded January 13, 1819, was Ruth, daughter of David Durell. She became the mother of five children, as follows: Apphia; William D., the subject of this sketch; Sophia P.; Mary Ann; and Henry M., who served as a soldier in the Civil War, and died at the hospital in Washington, January 16, 1864. Mrs. Ruth Durell Brett died at the age of thirty-three years.



William D. Brett, the date of whose birth has been made known to the reader, passed his childhood and youth in his native town, attending the public schools, where he acquired a practical knowledge of the ordinary branches of study; and he resided at home, assisting his father in carrying on the farm, until reaching the age of twenty years. He then worked for some time in the mills, carefully saving his earnings; and when he had accumulated a sufficient sum with which to start in life for himself he bought the homestead property, erected a new set of buildings, and improved the farm generally. For many years he industriously applied his energy and ability to agricultural pursuits, which he conducted with exceedingly prosperous financial results until 1888, when he sold his property to a Mr. Churchill, with the intention of retiring permanently from extensive labors. He bought the H. Richardson place in South Paris, where he has since resided, owning a small farm adjoining; and, to avoid irksome leisure, as anything like idleness is far from being congenial to his nature while he has strength to work, he cultivates the land.

On May 7, 1855, Mr. Brett was united in marriage with Ruth B., daughter of Jonas and Abigail (Bradbury) Hamilton. Jonas Hamilton was a native of North Yarmouth, Me., who settled in Paris in 1821, and for many years drove a four-horse team engaged in hauling freight between that town and Portland, the customary charge being fifty cents per hundred-weight. After the opening of the railway he retired, and resided in Paris until his death, which took place when he was eighty-five years old. His wife, who lived to be eighty-two, died in 1870. She was the mother of six children, all of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Rachel L.; William; Phebe Ann; Ruth B., who is now Mrs. Brett; Jonas and Nancy, the last named being twins.

Mr. and Mrs. Brett have had three children, namely: Charles E., an express and freight teamster of this town, who was born April 3, 1856, married Jennie L. Briggs, and has one child, Ava; Herman P., foreman in a shoe factory at Beverly, who was born November 19, 1859, married Sarah Moody, and has one daughter, Georgia May; and Joseph W., who

was born February 8, 1862, and died June 25, 1865.

In politics Mr. Brett is a Republican, and has served the town well and faithfully in some of the important offices. In his religious faith he is a Congregationalist.

**CAPTAIN GEORGE R. FERNALD**, one of the most prominent business men and influential residents of Wilton, an ex-State Senator, a member of Governor Robie's Council in 1885 and 1886, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in South Levant, Penobscot County, Me., June 25, 1835, son of Robert and Roxanna (Buswell) Fernald. Captain Fernald is a descendant of an old New Hampshire family, representatives of which resided in Loudon; and his grandfather, David Fernald, who owned and cultivated a good farm in that town, died at about middle age.

Robert Fernald, Captain Fernald's father, was born in Loudon; and in young manhood he learned the trade of a tanner. In early life he went to Penobscot County, Maine, where for a time he owned and operated mills and a tannery at Exeter; and he later became proprietor of a mill in South Levant. Besides carrying on these mills he bought large tracts of timber land, and was engaged in lumbering for several years, or until his death, which took place when he was fifty-five years old. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and in his religious views was a Methodist. His wife, Roxanna Buswell, survived him many years, attaining the age of eighty-eight years, four months, and eight days. His children were: Charles G.; George R., the subject of this sketch; Merritt C.; and Mary.

George R. Fernald attended the common and high schools, and completed his studies at the East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport. After finishing his education he returned home, and, taking charge of the homestead farm, carried it on until August 21, 1862, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, going to the front as Second Lieutenant of Company F, Eighteenth Regiment, Heavy Artillery. On February 28, 1863, he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, and

on November 7, 1864, was commissioned a Captain, and served as such until the close of the war. During his long and honorable term of service with the Eighteenth Maine, whose record occupies a prominent place in the history of the Rebellion, he participated in many important battles, including Spottsylvania, Petersburg, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Sailor's Creek, and others, and took an active part in the campaign which resulted in the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court-house. At the battle of Petersburg he received a serious wound in the foot, from which he has never fully recovered. He was mustered out with his regiment in September, 1865.

Taking his father's mills after reaching home, and adding grist-mill facilities, he operated them for three years, when he sold the entire plant and removed to Wilton, where he has since found ample opportunities to display his energy and business ability to profitable advantage. In 1886 he bought of Seth Bass the Wilton grist-mill, which he has improved by developing the water-power and putting in new machinery; and his full equipment is kept constantly busy. He handles all kinds of grain and feed by the carload, which he grinds, and supplies to farmers and dealers in Wilton and the adjacent towns; and he also does a great deal of custom grinding. In 1881 he bought and built upon the A. Mosman place, but later sold it, and, in company with R. C. Fuller, purchased a saw-mill, which they improved and operated for some time; and he then sold his interest to Mr. Holt.

As a progressive citizen Captain Fernald is always to be depended upon for his aid and influence in securing any desired public improvement; and the Wilton Fire Company, of which he is President, owes its existence and success largely to his energy and instrumentality. This movement was organized for the purpose of protecting the business centre of the town against fire; and a large sixty-horse-power pump has been placed at the Wilton grist-mill, where sufficient force is always available to supply the water for extinguishing fires. The wisdom and success of the scheme was fully demonstrated in July, 1896, when the apparatus proved its usefulness by putting

out a fire which originated in the Masonic Building and threatened to destroy the entire central portion of the village.

Captain Fernald has been twice married. His first wife, Jane Blake, daughter of Zebulon Blake, of Carmel, Me., died at the age of thirty-three years, leaving one son — Gardner, who married Fanny Fenderson. The son is now engaged in business with his father.

Captain Fernald's second wife, Eliza Woodbury, daughter of James Woodbury, of Dover, Me., died in 1896, aged sixty-three.

Politically, Captain Fernald is a Republican; and while residing in South Levant he was three times elected a member of the Board of Selectmen. He represented this district in the lower branch of the legislature during the years 1875 and 1876, was a member of the State Senate for the years 1880 and 1881, and was appointed to serve in Governor Robie's Council in 1885 and 1886. In Masonry Captain Fernald has advanced to the Royal Arch degree, being a member of the Blue Lodge of Wilton, and of the chapter in Farmington; and he is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic Post here in Wilton. As an enterprising, public-spirited citizen he ranks foremost among the leading residents of this town; and his zeal for the general welfare of the community is heartily appreciated. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**J**OHN FOX, Third Selectman of Lovell, Me., a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, is one of the most extensive land-owners in Oxford County, and has achieved his present prosperity by persevering application to useful labor. He was born in Porter, Me., October 29, 1838, a son of John and Clarinda (Stanley) Fox.

John Fox, the father, was born in Gilman-ton, N.H., December 7, 1795, and lived there for a number of years. He subsequently removed to Porter, where he managed a grist-mill, and was engaged in general farming until 1848. In that year he settled in "the Fox neighborhood" in Lovell, where he followed agricultural pursuits. He died May 6, 1859; and his wife, who was born in Shap-leigh, Me., February 4, 1809, died January



MR. AND MRS. JOHN FOX.

29, 1873. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Sarah S., born May 23, 1830, who died September 24, 1848; Nathaniel, born February 12, 1832, who died January 3, 1849; Melissa, who was born November 28, 1833, is now the wife of William Le Baron, and lives in Lovell near her brother John; Serena H., born October 18, 1836, who became the wife of Edward Wells, and died in September, 1860; John, the subject of this sketch; Lewis, born November 22, 1841, now residing in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and who married for his first wife Maria Stanley, and for his second Ellen Dale; Jane, born in Porter, February 28, 1844, now the wife of Josiah D. Hatch, and residing on a farm near North Lovell; Mary, born February 19, 1846, now the wife of Moses Harriman, of Berlin, N.H.; William S., born July 30, 1848, in Lovell, who married Miss Harriet McAllister, and resides in Norway, Me.; Nathaniel, the youngest, born May 11, 1851, who married Miss Caroline Andrews, and resides on a farm in Lovell, near the old homestead.

John Fox, who was the second son born to his parents, John and Clarinda Fox, acquired a good practical common-school education. His first journey from home was a long one, taken in the eventful year 1861, when so many stalwart sons of Maine bade farewell to home and kindred, a farewell that for some was final. Enlisting November 15 in Company E, Twelfth Maine Regiment, under Colonel George F. Shepley and Captain Enoch Knight, he was soon in active service, and before his term was finished had taken part in twenty-seven engagements, including the battle of Irish Bend, La., the siege of Port Hudson, the battle of Malvern Hill, Va., and the battles of Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and Winchester, and saw many of his comrades fall around him. He received his discharge at Portland, Me., December 7, 1864, and, returning to Lovell, settled on the farm where he is now living. Since that time he has been prosperously engaged in general farming, and has managed a saw-mill, also working at times at carpentry. He owns about five hundred and thirty acres, wild and improved land.

He was married in 1861 to Marietta Horr, a native of Lovell, born June 30, 1842, daughter of Josiah and Hannah C. (Heald) Horr. Mr. Horr was born in Waterford, Me., January 29, 1804. He settled in Lovell at an early date on the farm now occupied by Mr. Fox, which he cleared and developed; and he died here, December 29, 1877. His wife was born in Lovell, February 23, 1810, and died here April 22, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Horr were the parents of ten children, namely: John P., who was killed October 19, 1864, in the battle of Cedar Creek; Josiah H., born December 26, 1831, who died in September, 1860; Isaac P., born April 13, 1834, a resident of Hudson, Mass., who married first Miss Phœbe Hill, of Denmark, Me., and second Miss-Samantha Moore; Moses H., born April 12, 1836, who died December 27, 1842; Eliza Ann, born July 20, 1839, who died March 23, 1856; Lucy H., born July 18, 1840, who died April 20, 1845; Marietta (Mrs. Fox); Augusta Maria, born April 4, 1844, who died July 17, 1846; Steward B., born February 28, 1846, a resident of Waterford, Vt., who married Miss Celia Church; and Sarah S., born May 30, 1848, now wife of Albra K. Lord, a farmer of Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox are the parents of seven children—Hannah C., born February 1, 1862, who died April 22 of the same year; Josiah H., born December 19, 1867, now residing in Lovell, who married Miss Martha A. Dyer; Charles H., born April 17, 1870, who died August 25, 1892; William S., born July 19, 1872, a farmer living near Lovell Centre, who married Miss Corinna Lord; John Walter, born January 2, 1874, who married Miss Mabel Gray, of Lovell, and resides with his father; and Lewis Edwin, born February 10, 1878, and Guy R., born June 3, 1880, both at home with their parents. Mr. Fox's three sons, Josiah, William S., and Walter, now attend to the business at the saw-mill.

Mr. Fox is a staunch Republican. Though he has never sought office he has served on the Town Board of Selectmen several years, and was elected Third Selectman in March, 1896. He is a member of Parker Post, No. 151, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lovell

Centre, also of the grange of Patrons of Husbandry at Fryeburg; and he and his wife are members of the Christian church at the Centre.

EDWARD E. WITT, one of the leading young men of the town of Norway, Oxford County, was born October 1, 1864, on the farm where he now resides with his widowed mother and sisters. He is of Massachusetts ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Benjamin Witt, having been born and bred in Lynn, Essex County, that State, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. On coming to Oxford County, Maine, he settled in Norway, near Rustville, which was named for his uncle, Henry Rust, Esq.

The grandfather was among the early settlers of this section of the county, and the first to set up a smithy in Norway, where he subsequently worked at his trade and carried on general husbandry until his death, October 28, 1842. He was four times married. His first wife, Betsey Parsons, bore him four children—John, Henry, Daniel, and Benjamin. To him and his second wife, Lucy Cobb, two children were born—Lucy and Betsey. His third wife, Hannah Parsons, died leaving him three children: Thomas, father of Edward E.; William; and Abigail, all of whom have departed this life. Of his union with Patty House, daughter of L. Hathaway, of Paris, this county, there were no children.

Thomas Witt, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Parsons) Witt, was born in Norway, June 3, 1808, and was here educated, attending the district school near his home and the village high school. At the age of fifteen years he entered the office of the *Oxford Observer* in the village, in order to learn the printer's trade, working there and in the Paris Hill printing-office several years. In 1830 he went to Boston, where he was engaged on a daily paper for eight years. Going thence to Richmond, Va., he was on the staff of the *Southern Churchman* two years, when he returned to Boston to take charge of the printing-office of the *Christian Freeman*, a weekly paper published in the interests of the Universalist denomination by the Rev. Sylvanus Cobb, father of Sylvanus

Cobb, Jr., the noted writer, and of the talented artists, Cyrus and Darius Cobb. In 1845 he returned to Norway, and, buying a farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits two years. Desiring to resume his earlier occupation, he sold his land, and, moving into the village, bought the *Norway Advertiser*, which he published for two years. He then bought the farm now occupied by his widow and her children, and here, with the assistance of his son, Edward E., carried on general farming until his death, October 20, 1884. He was a man of extensive acquaintance, winning and retaining friends wherever he went, few men of this locality having been better known or more popular.

Thomas Witt and Rachel Porter were married on December 9, 1845. Mrs. Witt was born February 11, 1824, in the town of Paris, Oxford County, a daughter of Charles and Rachel (Hamilton) Porter, both natives of North Yarmouth, Me. Mr. Porter was a farmer by occupation; and after his marriage he settled in Paris, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days, his death occurring in his sixty-ninth year, and hers in her eighty-fourth year. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Witt had the following children: Mary Ellen, who died at the age of forty-two years, being the wife of Hezekiah Brown; Charles Thomas, who married Ella Hathaway, and is engaged in the milk business in Boston; Elizabeth, living at Leominster, Mass., the widow of George W. Foster; Sarah H., living with her mother and brother on the homestead; George H., a grocer in Dorchester, Mass., who married Mary T. Baker, of East Boston; Abbie L., also living on the home farm; Willie B., who died at the age of nine months; and Edward E., the special subject of this sketch.

Edward E. Witt, in common with his brothers and sisters, enjoyed in his early years excellent educational advantages. Being the youngest son he stayed at home after attaining his majority, to assist his father, who was in feeble health for some time; and for the past twelve years he has had entire charge of the farm. He has one hundred acres of land, well improved, and much of it through his energetic efforts in an excellent state of cultivation. Here he and his mother and sisters have an

attractive home, which is a hospitable centre of social activity, its rooms ever being open to receive their many friends. Mr. Witt is a staunch Republican in politics, in which he takes an intelligent interest, and since 1894 has been a member of the Board of Selectmen of Norway. He belongs to the grange of the Patrons of Husbandry of Norway village. Mrs. Witt and her daughters are members of the Congregational church, whose house of worship is located near their home.

**S**ILAS POWERS BARTLETT, M.D., a venerable physician of East Dixfield, Me., now living in retirement at his home in this town, is widely known as one of the leading mathematicians of the State. He was born in Bethel, Oxford County, Me., February 3, 1817, son of Ebenezer and Lois (Powers) Bartlett. Dr. Bartlett's great-grandfather, an elder Ebenezer Bartlett, was a native of Newton, Mass., where the active period of his life was passed in tilling the soil. He reared a family of six children, as follows: Enoch, Jonathan, Moses, Thaddeus, Stephen, and Peregrine.

Stephen Bartlett, the fifth son, as the names are here recorded, was born in Newton, Mass. In young manhood he took up a tract of wild land located within the Androscoggin valley in the town of Bethel, Me., and there cleared and improved a farm, upon which he erected a large two-story residence. He lived to reach the age of seventy years. His wife, whose maiden name was Dorcas Barbour, lived to be eighty years old. Their children were: Ebenezer, Elhanan, William, Beulah, James, Dorcas, Sarah, and Sophia.

Ebenezer Bartlett, eldest son of Stephen and Dorcas, was reared to agricultural pursuits in his native town. When a young man he bought a piece of unimproved land located near his father's property, and cleared a farm of one hundred and forty acres. In connection with carrying on his farm he did quite a profitable business in getting out and finishing pump logs, a large number of which he disposed of to the inhabitants of Bethel and the adjacent towns. After a considerable period of toilsome activity, selling his property in Bethel

he removed to Hanover, Me., where he resided a few years, and then returning to Bethel bought another farm, which he cultivated until his retirement. His last days were passed with his children; and he died in 1851, aged sixty-nine years. His wife, who was before marriage Lois Powers, became the mother of seven children, namely: Joanna; Silas Powers, the subject of this sketch; Stephen; Ebenezer N.; Lusylvia; Artemas; and Warren. Mrs. Lois P. Bartlett lived to reach the age of seventy.

Silas Powers Bartlett acquired his early education in the public schools and at the Bethel Academy. After completing his elementary studies he taught school for a time; and, having read a course of medicine with Dr. Thomas Roberts, of Rumford, he subsequently entered the Maine Medical School at Brunswick, where he was graduated with the class of 1841. Locating for practice in Gorham, N.H., he remained there two years; and in 1845 he moved to East Dixfield, where he succeeded to the practice of Dr. Z. W. Bartlett. Soon after his arrival he bought the Samuel Allen property, consisting of a residence and thirty-five acres of land, which he improved and beautified; and there he established his home and office. Dr. Bartlett is regarded as one of the best qualified and most experienced physicians and surgeons in this county, having enjoyed a large and successful practice until the feeble condition of his health prevented him from taking long rides.

On March 17, 1847, Dr. Bartlett was united in marriage with Martha M. Morse, who was born February 15, 1825, daughter of John and Sally Morse, of Jay, Me. Mrs. Bartlett has had five children, as follows: Florus, who was born February 7, 1848, married Lydia E. Brown, who is no longer living, and he is now engaged in mercantile pursuits; Julia M., who was born May 12, 1854, and died August 28, 1886; Silas, an ice dealer of Lewiston, who was born January 29, 1857, married Lucy Page, and has one daughter, Beulah; Addie M., who was born September 10, 1860, and died May 10, 1866; and Addie, who was born January 28, 1866, married J. E. Hiscock, of Wilton, and died August 24, 1895.

Dr. Bartlett is a Democrat in politics. He

has always displayed a deep interest in educational matters, and for a number of years he served as superintendent of schools. His wide reputation as a mathematician has been acquired by his success in solving numerous difficult problems sent to him for solution, and for the past fifty years he has furnished original problems to the Maine Mathematical Almanac. Both he and Mrs. Bartlett are sincerely esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, as well as by the community in general.

**F**AIRFIELD FARRAR, who is engaged in tilling the soil of a good farm in the town of Sumner, in the eastern part of Oxford County, and is one of the prosperous residents here, was born in Paris, the shire town of the county, October 19, 1839, son of Bela and Lydia Farrar. An account of his parents will be found in a sketch of Harrison Farrar, which appears elsewhere in this work.

Fairfield Farrar was educated in the district schools of his native town, and was reared to farm life. Since becoming of age he has given his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits, in which by his industry and close application to every detail he has attained marked success. He now owns seventy acres of as fertile land as can be found in this locality. On February 18, 1888, Mr. Farrar married Delma L. Buck, who was born in Buckfield, near by, daughter of Henry M. and Rosetta J. (Doble) Buck, and a representative of the family for whom the town was named. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar have no children. Mr. Farrar is a Democrat in politics, and liberal in his religious views; and Mrs. Farrar is a member of the Baptist church.

Henry Mellen Buck, Mrs. Farrar's father, was born in Buckfield, September 10, 1839, son of James and Lydia (Austin) Buck, the former of whom was born in Buckfield; and his wife was a native of Canton, Me. Mr. Buck's great-grandfather, Jonathan Buck, is said to have been the first settler and founder of the town of Buckfield, which was originally called Bucktown. From the then almost unbroken wilderness he cleared a farm, upon which he

resided for the rest of his life. The property is now owned by Elmer Austin.

Jonathan Buck, Jr., Mr. Buck's grandfather, who was classed as one of the leading agriculturists of his day, was born upon his father's farm in Buckfield, and passed his whole life there, dying at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a Democrat in politics and a Universalist in his religious views. He was twice married, and reared a family of seven children, most of whom fell victims to consumption before reaching middle age.

James Buck, one of the seven, having a more vigorous constitution, lived to be eighty-four years old. He began life as a farmer, but later engaged in trade at North Buckfield. The greater part of his life was spent in his native town; but his latter days were passed in Paris, Me., this county. He was a well-known citizen, a man whose honorable character won for him the esteem and good-will of all with whom he came in contact; and his entire life was one of useful activity. In his later years he acted with the Republican party in politics. His wife, Lydia Austin, who lived to be fifty-eight years old, became the mother of seven children, as follows: Lorenzo J., Roscoe G., Mrs. Mary J. Stetson, and Austin, who are no longer living; Augustus W., who resides in Minnesota, where he is engaged in carpentering and farming; Henry Mellen; and Hannah C., who is now the wife of Julius A. Record, and lives in South Paris, Me. Mr. Buck's parents were Universalists in their religious belief.

Henry Mellen Buck, the date of whose birth is mentioned above, was educated in the town schools of Buckfield. When a young man he learned the tailor's trade; and he also became skilled in mechanical pursuits, first entering the employ of Morton & Bates at West Sumner, later engaging with the South Paris Manufacturing Company. For ten years he carried on his tailoring business more or less, in connection with his other industrial occupation. In 1879 he bought the home farm of seventy acres, which he continued to cultivate with unusual activity and success till 1895, when he sold out to his son. In 1861 Mr. Buck married Rosetta J. Doble, who was born in Buckfield, and is a daughter of Solomon Doble, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Buck have had ten

children, five of whom are living, namely: Delma L., who is now Mrs. Fairfield Farrar, of Sumner; Lulie A., Mrs. Dammon; Charles A.; Myrtie B.; and Emogene. The others were: Lorenzo, first; Lorenzo, second; Garfield; Percy A.; and Mary Emma. In addition to the home farm Charles A. Buck has bought other real estate in this locality, owning at the present time about one hundred and fifty acres in all; and he devotes considerable attention to dairying.

In politics Mr. Buck is a Republican, and, though not caring to hold office, is deeply interested in the general welfare and improvement of the community. The family is a distinguished one in this locality, and its representatives of the present day are all filling useful positions in life.

**CAPTAIN WILLIAM K. BICKFORD**, proprietor of the Beal's House, Norway, Me., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Dresden, Me., November 8, 1836, son of William, Jr., and Mehitabel (Hathorn) Bickford.

William Bickford, Jr., like his son a native of Dresden, Me., was born January 29, 1794. Upon assuming the responsibilities of life he purchased a farm adjoining that owned by his father, William Bickford, Sr.; and there he spent the remainder of his days. He became a stirring, progressive citizen and successful farmer. During the War of 1812 he served as a private. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Methodist. He died December 1, 1889. His wife, Mehitabel Hathorn Bickford, born February 9, 1800, died in August, 1864. They were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: Mary C., born March 4, 1825; Joseph T., born January 29, 1827; Maria L. T., born November 5, 1829; Nathaniel H., born April 4, 1832; Eliza A., born November 7, 1834; William Kendall, the date of whose birth is mentioned above, and whose personal sketch is to follow; and Frank W., born April 16, 1841.

When his school days were over, William Kendall Bickford, at sixteen years of age, went to Gardiner, Me., as a clerk for Charles

Stone, with whom he remained a year. After that he worked a short time in a dry-goods store, and then learned the tailor's trade; but, not liking this occupation, he went to Boston, where for two years he had a position as clerk in a shoe store. During the next two years he was clerk in the Maine Hotel at Damariscotta, Me., which he subsequently conducted for the owners for a time. He was next employed till 1862 as clerk at Knox Hotel, Thomaston, Me. Enlisting in Company I, Twentieth Maine Regiment, he served seven months as a private, was then commissioned as Second Lieutenant in Company H, and still later was made First Lieutenant. In 1864 he received a commission as Captain of Company E, being Lieutenant in command of Company H; and he took part in the following battles: Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Peeble's Farm, Appomattox, Va., Five Forks, and Fredericksburg, besides numerous other engagements. He was wounded in the left breast by a piece of shell at Spottsylvania, and has never entirely recovered from his injury. His war record is a most creditable and honorable one, and he has in his possession medals bestowed in recognition of his bravery.

On his return to Maine he purchased in company with E. R. Ellis, who was afterward succeeded by Seth O. Henderson, the Barnum Eating-house at Portland, and conducted a very successful business up to July 4, 1866, when they were burned out in the big Portland fire. Mr. Bickford then went to Hudson, Me., and bought the Hudson House. Two years later he sold out, and went into the Fal-mouth House, Portland, as clerk; and he subsequently held the position of head clerk at leading hotels in Rockland, Bangor, and Thomaston, Me.

Mr. Bickford returned to Thomaston in October, 1871, and opened the Georges Hotel, which he leased until the spring of 1877, when he moved down town and leased the Knox House, where he remained until 1893, when he leased the Beal's Hotel in Norway, the largest and best equipped in Oxford County. This house has fifty finely furnished rooms, heated by steam and lighted by elec-



tricity. Its patronage has been large from the start, and its present proprietor is one of the ablest to be found in many miles' travel. He not only gives excellent satisfaction to his guests, but has won many warm friends among the citizens of Norway.

On November 1, 1863, Captain Bickford was united in marriage with Miss Emma J. Henderson, daughter of Seth O. and Octavia (Lovejoy) Henderson. She was born in Calais, Me., December 2, 1845. Her father, who was born at St. George, September 14, 1819, son of Captain Robert and Eliza (O'Brian) Henderson, was a direct descendant of Captain Thomas Henderson, one of the first settlers of Upper St. Georges, and the commander of a garrison and block-house in the war of 1744. Captain and Mrs. Bickford have had four sons and five daughters, namely: William S., born in Portland, March 26, 1866; Ella L., who was born in East Bangor, June 27, 1868, and died May 19, 1869; Inez M., born in Thomaston, December 13, 1871, who died December 21, 1872; Robert F., born in Thomaston, June 14, 1873, who is preparing for a dental course; Ross L., born in Thomaston, August 21, 1875, now a clerk at the Beal's House; Octavia H., born in Thomaston, August 12, 1877; Mary M., born in Thomaston, September 30, 1879; Grace, born in Thomaston, February 25, 1883; and Henry Knox, born in Thomaston, April 27, 1889. William S. Bickford married Luella May Jones, of Reading, Mass., in August, 1890, engaged in the drug business until failing health led him to seek other employment, and he is at the present time an express agent on the Boston & Maine Railroad, Lawrence branch.

In political affiliation Captain Bickford is a Democrat. He is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M., at Thomaston. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Episcopal church.

**C**HARLES L. GREEN, a prosperous farmer and an extensive fruit grower of Wilton, was born in the house he now occupies, June 20, 1859, son of Leonard F. and Mary A. (Farnum)

Green. He is a descendant of Jonas Green, a resident of Dunstable, Mass.; and the family is, no doubt, of early Colonial origin, though but little authentic information can be obtained in regard to its original antecedents.

The place and date of Jonas Green's birth cannot with certainty be ascertained, but he is known to have lived in Dunstable; and the principal fact concerning him of which there is any record is that he was the father of nineteen children, among whom there were triplets. Their names and dates of birth are as follows: Betsey, February 1, 1760; Nathaniel, March 3, 1762; Jennison, March 31, 1764; Lydia, October 19, 1765; Jonas, Josiah, and another child, who were born October 5, 1767; Abigail, September 5, 1769; Rachel, July 12, 1771; Joshua, August 23, 1776; Guy, August 23, 1778; Hannah, March 1, 1780; Asa, January 31, 1782; Joshua, March 7, 1784; Hannah, second, February 19, 1786; Polly, September 2, 1788; David, May 6, 1791; Rebecca, April 26, 1793; and Nathaniel, second, July 10, 1795.

Josiah Green, the sixth child above named, was born in Dunstable, Mass. Penetrating the wilderness of Maine when a young man, he became the first settler of Wilton. Erecting a log cabin upon the westerly side of Wilton Lake, he began the work of clearing the land; but before he had gained much headway his hut was burned, and he gave up the idea of locating there. Taking up a smaller tract near where his wife's parents had settled, he constructed another cabin, the foundation of which is still visible; and after clearing a good farm he erected a set of substantial frame buildings. He is said to have been the first settler here who attained success in agricultural pursuits beyond the ordinary pioneer; and he was the first to raise apples in this locality, his fruit becoming a great luxury in the neighborhood. He later set out quite a large orchard, and was an exceedingly energetic and thrifty farmer, considering the limited opportunities for advancement in his day. He died in 1814, survived by his wife, formerly Lydia Butterfield, who was born February 22, 1769, and died in 1819. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Polly, who was born January 22, 1795; Hannah, who was born Oc-

tober 6, 1796; Lydia, who was born July 15, 1799; Josiah, who was born October 27, 1801; Asa, who was born February 14, 1803; Jonas and Samuel, twins, who were born June 6, 1805; Luther, who was born May 16, 1807; and Harrison, who was born July 1, 1813.

Jonas Green, son of Josiah and Lydia (Butterfield) Green, was reared to farm life in Wilton, and became one of the stirring and progressive farmers of his day. His first wife, who was before marriage Hannah J. Farmer, was killed by lightning. She left two children, namely: Leonard F., who was born April 8, 1828; and Martha K., who was born March 17, 1831. For his second wife he married Harriet Farmer, a sister of his first wife; and by this union there was one daughter, Lydia H., who was born March 12, 1850, and died in infancy. Jonas Green wedded for his third wife Sarah Morrison, and his fourth wife was Margaret Orr.

Leonard F. Green was an only son, and as such remained at home to assist his father in carrying on the farm. He eventually bought the homestead, upon which he erected new buildings; and he later purchased the property cleared and improved by his grandfather. He tilled the soil with more than usual energy, possessing one of the most desirable pieces of agricultural property in town; and his activity continued until his death, which took place in October, 1884. His wife, Mary A. Farnum, who was born May 5, 1833, became the mother of three children, as follows: George K., a successful agriculturist of Farmington, who was born December 8, 1855, married Cora H. Allen, daughter of William N. Allen, and has two children—Elsie M. and Edith; Charles L., the subject of this sketch; and Willie, who died at the age of nearly nine years. Mrs. Mary A. Farnum Green lived to reach the age of fifty-three years.

Charles L. Green, the younger of the two sons who reached maturity, was educated in the public schools and at the Wilton Academy. At the age of nineteen he commenced teaching school, and continued engaged in that profession for eight terms. Succeeding to the possession of the homestead after his father's death, he has since devoted his attention to stock farming and fruit growing. He

owns two hundred and sixty-five acres of land, including his father's farm and the property formerly owned by his great-grandfather, Josiah Green; and he has the largest number of acres under cultivation of any farmer in town. He keeps a herd of excellent cows and a large flock of sheep; and besides attending to his stock and the cultivation of his crops he has an orchard of three thousand grafted apple-trees, one thousand of which he set out himself, the yield of 1896 being eight hundred barrels.

On April 16, 1890, Mr. Green wedded Julia M. Adams, daughter of Charles N. and Flora A. (Walker) Adams. Mrs. Green's father was born August 3, 1840, and is now engaged in the butchering business in Wilton. His wife, Flora A., is a daughter of Jeremiah and Sally (Gould) Walker. They have had a family of five children, namely: Harry, who died young; Halcyone G.; Herman C.; Julia M., who is now Mrs. Charles G. Green; and Guy W.

In politics Mr. Green supports the Republican party; and, though not an aspirant for political honor, he takes a keen interest in local public affairs, and has served with ability upon the School Board. He is deservedly popular as one of the rising young men of this locality, and is rapidly attaining the position of prominence to which his energy and progressive tendencies are sure to lead him. It is worthy of note that the Green homestead, which he now occupies, has never been out of the Green family from the time it was first settled by Josiah Green. It is now about one hundred years since.

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**T**IMOTHY H. CHAPMAN, a farmer and dairyman of Bethel, resides on the farm staked out by his grandfather in 1795. He was born April 29, 1818, on this farm, son of Timothy and Betsey (Barker) Chapman. His grandfather, Eliphaz Chapman, a native of Massachusetts, was a Congregational minister. Settling on this farm in 1795, Eliphaz soon took a leading part in town affairs. It was he who proposed that the place should be named Bethel when the town was organized.

Timothy Chapman, who was also born in Massachusetts, had reached his ninth year when his parents came to Bethel. His life from that early period was spent on the homestead, and he died there at the age of eighty-eight. He was a member of the Congregational church. In politics he was a Republican, but took no active part in public affairs. Mrs. Betsey (Barker) Chapman was born in Bethel, and died here when about thirty-five years old. She, too, was a member of the Congregational church. Of her seven children the subject of this sketch is the only one living. After her death her husband entered a second marriage, contracted with Miss Abigail Blanchard, of Bethel. By this union he had one daughter, Hannah, who is now the wife of Charles A. Chapman, of Mankato, Minn.

Timothy H. Chapman was bereft of his mother when but one year old. He obtained his education in the district school, and grew to a robust manhood among the scenes of farm life. When he was twenty-five years of age his father gave him forty acres of land for his own use. After living on this little plantation for a number of years he returned to the old homestead, which he inherited; and there he has since made his home.

Mr. Chapman was married in September, 1843, to Miss Sarah Newell, of Bethel, who died in 1862, leaving five children. These were: Banister N., now a farmer, residing on the old homestead; Fannie, who died at the age of thirty-six; Hervey W., a Presbyterian clergyman in Lakeport, Cal.; Florence E., the wife of P. L. Watts, of Portland, Me.; and Alice C., the wife of William Doring, of North Dakota. Mr. Chapman contracted a second marriage in 1863 with Mrs. Martha B. (Newell) Upton, widow of Tilden Upton. She had two children by her first marriage. By Mr. Chapman she has a daughter, Bessie K., who is teaching in a college in North Dakota. A Republican in politics, Mr. Chapman is esteemed by both parties. He was on the Board of Selectmen two years; and he had been Tax Collector for fourteen years, when he resigned that office. The Bethel Grange counts him among its most prominent Patrons of Husbandry. He has been a member of the Congregational church since he was

a young man. He served the society in the capacity of Deacon for more than twenty years, and was superintendent of the Second Congregational Church Sunday-school, on the north side of the river, for a while.

**H**ON. HILTON McALLISTER, of Stoneham, Oxford County, is a worthy representative of two of the oldest and most respected families of the vicinity. The son of Eastman and Phœbe (Parker) McAllister, he was born in Stoneham, October 1, 1834. His grandfather, Samuel McAllister, moved from Conway, N.H., to Lovell, this county, when Eastman was quite young, and settled on a farm, which he tilled for a number of years. Subsequently Samuel moved to Stoneham, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife, also a native of Conway, whose maiden name was Mary Ordway, after rearing with him twelve children, likewise died in Stoneham.

Eastman McAllister was born in Conway, N.H. He became a resident of Stoneham when twenty-one years of age, and two or three years later settled on the farm now occupied by his son. An enterprising and industrious man, he was engaged in farming and lumbering almost up to the time of his death, which happened January 16, 1895. He was then fourscore and four years of age. His wife, to whom he was married when twenty-three years of age, was born in Lovell township, May 15, 1811, daughter of Joseph and Hannah M. (Ames) Parker. Her grandfather, the great-grandfather of Hilton McAllister, was James Parker, of Hanover, Mass., one of the early settlers of Fryeburg, this county, and a member of the intrepid band who followed the Indians from Fryeburg to Bethel on a memorable occasion. After spending the most of his life in Fryeburg he died in Lovell. Joseph Parker, the maternal grandfather, who was born in Fryeburg, after his marriage moved to Lovell, where he was engaged in farming for some time. In 1816 he came to Stoneham, Me., taking up his residence on a farm in the northern part of the town. Some years later he went to East Stoneham village, where he spent his declin-

ing years with his children, and died in 1864. His wife, Hannah M. (Ames) Parker, was a native of Tamworth, N.H. Their daughter, Mrs. Eastman McAllister, is now living with her son Hilton. She is a remarkably intelligent lady, and, though eighty-five years of age, is well preserved and appears much younger. She is the mother of three children, namely: Levi, a farmer in East Stoneham; Hilton, the subject of this sketch; and Mary E., deceased, who was the wife of Henry C. Cobb, now of Boston.

Hilton McAllister acquired his early education in the district school near his home in Stoneham. He remained on the homestead, helping his parents until about thirty years of age. Then he worked for seven months in a cotton-mill in Lowell, Mass., and for four months in a cotton-mill in Lawrence, Mass. He then returned home, and spent the following year in lumbering near Richardson Lake, Me. Eventually he took charge of the homestead, which, with the many improvements he has made, is now reckoned one of the most beautiful farms in the locality. His real estate contains about three hundred acres of land, much of it arable. He carries on farming and dairying with success, and profitably employs his winters in lumbering.

On January 1, 1874, Mr. McAllister was married to Ella M., daughter of Lyman and Mary (Fellows) McKeen. She was born in Lovell, March 17, 1858. Her father, who was a farmer of Lovell, was one of the Maine volunteers who died in the late war. Her mother lives in North Lovell, and is now the wife of Stephen Coffin. Mr. and Mrs. McAllister have had two children. Their daughter, Abbie W., who was born November 6, 1874, died April 7, 1896. Sidney H., their son, who was born August 23, 1876, is still sheltered by the parental roof-tree. Mr. McAllister is a Republican, and takes an active interest in politics. He has been Selectman of the town for a number of years, has served as Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, and he represented the district in the State legislature in 1872. He is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Hiawatha Lodge, No. 49. Both he and Mrs. McAllister are members of the Christian church at Lovell Centre.

**V**ERDEIL O. WHITE, M.D., a rising young physician and surgeon with a large practice in East Dixfield and the adjacent towns, was born in Wilton, Me., October 13, 1866, son of James O. and Zerua E. (Walker) White. Dr. White is a descendant of Rand White, who resided in Spencer, Mass., and was a millwright by trade.

Rand White's four sons, Deacon James, Darius, Francis, and John, penetrated the wilderness of Maine, settling upon the tracts of wild land in Penobscot County, twenty-five miles north of Bangor; but Deacon James White, who was Dr. White's great-grandfather, later removed to Dixfield, Oxford County, where he cleared and improved a large farm. He was one of the early settlers and progressive farmers of this locality, whose efforts served to open the way for its development as an agricultural region; and he resided here until his death, which took place when he was fifty-six years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Kenney, lived to reach the age of seventy-six. Their children were: Drewry C., Rand, Tamar, Julia, Nelson, James, Nancy, Mary, Jane, and Ruby.

James White, Dr. White's grandfather, son of Deacon James, was born near Blakesburg, Penobscot County, Me., October 31, 1806. He came to Oxford County with his father; and at the age of twenty-one he bought a farm in Dixfield, upon which he made his start in life. Later in life he owned other farms, the largest being the Daniel Tucker farm of two hundred and fifty acres, upon which he erected a large house and barn. Selling that property he purchased a smaller farm, still known as the White place, where he resided until retiring from active labor in 1889. Since that time he has made his home with his grandson, Dr. White; and, although fast approaching his ninetieth birthday, he is active, both physically and mentally, and enjoys good health. In politics he has always supported the Democratic party, and in his religious views is liberal. His wife, formerly Hannah Richmond, who was a daughter of Israel Richmond, died July 6, 1889, aged eighty-four years. Their children were: Drewry Cummings, S. Lorenza, and James Oberon.

James O. White, son of James and Hannah

White, was born in Dixfield, July 8, 1837. He completed his education at the high school in Canton, and before he was twenty years old he began to deal in live stock. Following that business steadily, he became well known and exceedingly prosperous, and at a later day handled both native and Western cattle, which he shipped by the carload to the markets of Portland and other places. He was noted as an extensive buyer of native cattle, and he owned a great deal of pasturage land in different parts of the county. For three years he was engaged in general mercantile business in East Dixfield, having built the store which is now carried on by Mr. Ireland; and he owned the William Gould place on Wilton Street. He was a strictly honorable and upright man, whose progressive tendencies and enterprising spirit were of great benefit to the community; and probably no business man in this section ever enjoyed greater popularity, or was more deserving of the sincere esteem in which he was held. Politically, he acted with the Democratic party, by which he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1879; and he represented his district in the legislature. He was a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 20, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and in his religious belief he was a Universalist.

James O. White died of appendicitis, July 25, 1891. His wife, Zerua E. Walker, whom he wedded January 8, 1863, was born in Wilton, daughter of Moody and Zerua (Stone) Walker. Her grandparents, Osgood and Polly (Reed) Walker, who were natives of Massachusetts, settled in Wilton among the early pioneers, and resided there for the rest of their lives. They reared a family of eight children. Moody Walker was born in Wilton, May 24, 1815. He owns a large and productive farm located near East Dixfield, and is one of Wilton's most prominent farmers and highly esteemed citizens. He married first Zerua, daughter of Ephraim Stone, and she died at the age of thirty-three years, leaving two children, namely: Harrison; and Zerua, who became the wife of the late James O. White. By his second marriage, with Mrs. Mary H. Whiting Adams, Mr. Walker had one son, Samuel W. Mr. and Mrs. James O.

White had four children, three of whom died in infancy; and the only one who lived to reach maturity is Verdeil O., the subject of this sketch.

Verdeil O. White began his education in the public schools, and, after completing the regular course of study at the Wilton Academy in 1884, he entered Bowdoin College, where he was graduated in 1889. His professional studies were pursued at Harvard University Medical School, where he was graduated in 1892. He immediately located for practice in East Dixfield, and has already established a high reputation as a skilful physician and surgeon. In 1893 he was appointed a member of the United States Board of Examiners in pension cases for Franklin County. Politically, he is a Democrat. Aside from his professional attainments Dr. White is highly respected and esteemed for his many estimable personal qualities and for his ability in other directions; and he has already laid the foundation of a useful and successful career.

**W**ILLIS W. WAITE, an enterprising merchant of Dixfield, Oxford County, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, July 19, 1859, son of Lorenzo and Sarah Waite. His paternal grandfather was Isaac Waite; and the progenitors of the family, who were natives of Massachusetts, settled in Dixfield at an early date in the town's history. Lorenzo Waite was born in Dixfield, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He was an able, energetic farmer and one of the stirring men of his locality, who availed himself of every opportunity for advancement; and, as a result, he became prosperous and well-to-do. He served in the Civil War as a private in Company C, Thirtieth Maine Regiment, Maine Volunteers; and after his return from the army he resumed farming in this town. He died January 2, 1876. In politics he was a Republican, and his religious views were liberal. His wife, who was before marriage Sarah Newman, became the mother of three children: Harris N., who died at the age of seventeen years; Willis W.; and Leroy L., who resides in Livermore

Falls, Me. She died at the age of forty-two years.

Willis W. Waite passed his boyhood and youth in attending the common schools and assisting his father upon the farm. In early manhood he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, and also to the live-stock business, which he followed successfully for several years. In 1894 he embarked in trade, and he has since met with an encouraging degree of success. He deals in meats, provisions, and groceries, of which he carries a full line; and his store is well patronized. In 1889 he was united in marriage to Edith Parlin, daughter of William Parlin; and she is the mother of one daughter, Sadie May. Politically, Mr. Waite is a Republican. He is now serving his third term as a member of the Board of Selectmen and his second term as Chairman of that body, and his valuable services to the town in this capacity are fully appreciated by the community.

**R**OBERT HALL for more than two-score years was intimately associated with the agricultural interests of Norway. He was born May 4, 1818, in Poland, Androscoggin County, son of Samuel and Betsey (Hall) Hall. Samuel Hall, born April 27, 1787, in Falmouth, Cumberland County, there married Miss Hall, who was born in the same town, October 22, 1791. After their marriage they bought land in Poland, where they lived until well advanced in years. Then they came to Norway, taking up their residence on the homestead now occupied by Mrs. Robert Hall. Here the father died on January 22, 1859, and the mother on August 30, 1873. They had seven children, as follows: Mary, born January 1, 1811; Elizabeth W., born May 28, 1815; Sarah, born January 28, 1817; Robert, the subject of this sketch; Jeremiah, born July 28, 1821; Albion, born October 27, 1825; and Cordelia, born July 26, 1827. Of these Robert is the only survivor. Albion was a farmer in Norway.

Robert Hall remained beneath the parental roof-tree until his marriage, by which time he had acquired a complete knowledge of farming.

Soon after his marriage he bought a farm in Norway, and thereafter lived on it for fifteen years, successfully engaged in tilling the soil. He then came to the present homestead, which his father had previously bought, and here spent the rest of his life engaged in general farming and dairying. At his death, which occurred February 9, 1882, he owned about four hundred acres of land. Mr. Hall was a strong and earnest supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He was a member of the Norway Grange. He was held in high respect by his townsmen, whom he served as Highway Surveyor and in other offices.

On December 3, 1843, Mr. Hall married Mary Marston, who was born in Norway, March 10, 1826, daughter of Brackett and Sarah (Hall) Marston. Her parents, who removed to this town from Falmouth, their native place, were here engaged in farming. Having no offspring, Mr. and Mrs. Hall adopted Mrs. Hall's niece, Edith W. Marston, a daughter of Winslow B. Marston. She was born April 2, 1864, and is now the wife of Virgil E. Dunn. Both live with Mrs. Hall, the husband having charge of the home farm. Mr. Dunn was born August 10, 1864, in Greenwood, this county, a son of Charles Edward and Rosanna (Pingree) Dunn, natives respectively of Poland and Norway. Mr. Dunn's parents now live on a farm in the northern part of Norway, whither they came from Poland. Mr. Dunn is enterprising and industrious, and successfully carries on mixed husbandry, raises poultry, for which he has a large hennery, and pays some attention to dairying and stock raising. In politics he is a strong Prohibitionist, and he is a member of the Norway Grange. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**E**F. CONANT, of Temple, ex-Sheriff of Franklin County and one of the largest and most successful agriculturists in this part of the State, was born in Temple, September 25, 1836, son of Ephraim and Eliza (Doble) Conant.

Mr. Conant's grandfather, Ephraim Conant, Sr., was in his younger days a trader in the

town of Temple when it was first settled; and he later cleared and improved a farm from the wilderness. The forest abounded in game, which, with the trout and other fish that filled the streams, furnished food for the early settlers. In spite of the numerous difficulties and hardships of the situation, the sturdy pioneer cleared away the forest, burned the stumps, and saw productive fields of wheat and hay take the place of the wilderness, as the result of his labor. He continued to increase his acreage by clearing more land, erected frame buildings, and after a long and successful period of activity retired. His last days were passed with his daughter in Strong, where he died at the age of ninety years; and his wife, whose maiden name was Joanna Staples, lived to be nearly as old. Their children were: Ephraim, John G., James, Rebecca, Pamela, Susan, Eliza, Sarah, Nancy, and Abigail.

Ephraim Conant, eldest son of Ephraim, Sr., was born in Temple in 1809; and in early manhood he set out for himself. Taking the advice of Scott Ellis, an extensive farmer and large land-owner of Temple, who lived to reach the advanced age of one hundred and three years, he bought of him one hundred and sixty acres of timbered land, situated just back of where his son now resides; and, after making a clearing and sowing a crop of wheat, he was able by hard work and frugal living to pay for his purchase the first year, as Mr. Ellis had predicted. Continuing to advance in prosperity, he cleared more land until he had eighty acres under cultivation; and he increased his acreage by purchasing adjoining property, including the farm now owned by his son, the buildings of which were erected by him, so that his real estate here amounted to four hundred acres. Selling this property to his son he bought a large farm in the town of Strong, where he resided for the rest of his life. He was one of the stirring men of his day, who realized a comfortable fortune solely through his own energy and perseverance; and, being one of the most able citizens of the town, he held many of the important offices. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church until the stand taken by that denomination upon the anti-slavery question

forced him to withdraw; and then uniting with the Wesleyan Society he furnished liberal assistance in building a church edifice. His wife, who was before marriage Eliza Doble, became the mother of nine children, namely: Ephraim Frank, the subject of this sketch; Clinton, who died young; Israel H.; John W.; James H.; Charles; Ella E.; Sylvester G.; and Willie, who did not live to reach maturity. Mrs. Eliza D. Conant died at the age of sixty-one years.

Ephraim Frank Conant acquired a common-school education in his early years, and remained at home assisting his father in farming operations until his circumstances enabled him to purchase the property where he now resides. Starting with the firm determination to make his mark in life, he began by improving and still further extending the clearing made by his father, erecting new buildings, remodeling others; and he also engaged in lumbering. Having invested his surplus capital in real estate, he now owns eleven hundred and fifty acres, including a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in the adjoining town of Avon, which he carries on in connection with his homestead property. He has a large orchard of choice grafted fruit set out by himself, keeps twenty head of cattle, six horses, and two hundred sheep. His farms are carried on according to the best modern methods, with the view of obtaining the most profitable results; and by steadfastly adhering to his original purpose he has through perseverance and good judgment fully realized his ambition.

On October 14, 1860, Mr. E. F. Conant married Eliza A. Mitchell, daughter of Luther and Sarah (Staples) Mitchell, of Temple. Mrs. Conant's paternal grandparents, Andrew and Susan (Weatherby) Mitchell, who were both natives of Lunenburg, Mass., became early settlers of Temple Meadows, and were very prosperous farming people. Luther Mitchell bought a farm of eighty acres near his father's property, and followed agricultural pursuits successfully until his death, which took place when he was seventy-three years old. His wife, Sarah Staples, who was a daughter of Samuel Staples, lived to be seventy-six years old, and her children were: Eliza A., who became Mrs. Conant; Augustus;

and Melvin. Mr. and Mrs. Conant have one daughter — Maud C., who was born June 13, 1864, and is now a book-keeper in Boston.

Mr. Conant in politics is a Republican. For twelve years he served as Deputy Sheriff of Franklin County and for four years as High Sheriff. Though not a professor of any religious belief, he attends both the Methodist and Baptist churches, and contributes liberally toward their support. He is the largest real estate owner in this section, and his broad tracts of wild land are plentifully supplied with deer and other game.

**C**HARLES W. RYERSON, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Norway, was born April 7, 1830, in Paris, this county, son of Cushman and Lavinia (Dunn) Ryerson. Among the earliest settlers of Maine was the Ryerson family, which located in the south-west part of the State. Luke Ryerson, grandfather of Charles W., was one of the twenty-four children borne to his father by his two wives. Grandfather Ryerson was born and reared in Portland, whence he removed to Paris in pioneer days. He converted a tract of wild land into a good homestead, and was there engaged both in tilling the soil and teaming during the rest of his life. His wife, Keziah (Cushman) Ryerson, was born January 16, 1772, and died March 25, 1857. She bore him ten children, five boys and five girls, all of whom have passed away.

Cushman Ryerson, father of Charles W., was a farmer. He spent his life on the Paris homestead where he was born. After succeeding to the paternal acres he cleared a large part of the land, lived to a good old age, and died May 25, 1862. He successively married Lavinia and Eliza Dunn, both natives of Poland, Me., and cousins. By his first union he became the father of four children, as follows: Julia A., born June 13, 1828, who died September 7, 1847; Charles W., the subject of this sketch; Fessenden, born December 25, 1831, who died August 12, 1847; and Alvin M., born June 23, 1834, who married Miss Carrie Barker, and is now engaged in the carpenter's trade at Auburn, this State. His

second wife, whom he wedded December 20, 1835, bore him two children, namely: Eliza L., born October 7, 1837, who died at the age of thirty years; and George C., born May 26, 1839.

The education of Charles W. Ryerson was completed at a high school. For some years thereafter he worked on the home farm in Paris during the summer season, and taught school in the winter. After his marriage he devoted his entire time to agriculture, living for six or more years on a farm in his native town. At the end of that period he disposed of this estate and removed with his family to Norway, where on November 2, 1865, he entered upon his present farm. In the management of this property, which contains one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, he has shown good judgment and has been very successful. He carries on general farming, and keeps a small dairy. Mr. Ryerson also owns a tract of land in Waterford township. As an adherent of the Republican party, he takes an active interest in politics. He has been one of the Selectmen of the town for six years, being now Chairman of the Board; and he has served on the School Board for three years. Also for three years he was President of the Oxford County Agricultural Society, and he was Vice-President for one year. He was the first Master of both the Norway and Pomona Granges, serving four years in the latter position. He belongs to the Norway Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Wildey Encampment. Both he and his wife are members of the Universalist church at Paris Hill.

Mr. Ryerson was married May 1, 1859, to Miss Susan R. Marston, who was born June 7, 1835, in Norway, daughter of the late Brackett and Sarah (Hall) Marston. Mr. Marston, together with his wife, came here from Falmouth, their native town, bought the farm now owned by Mr. Ryerson, and lived for a few years in a log house. This he subsequently replaced by the dwelling the Ryersons now occupy, and spent his last years in it. Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson have two children, namely: Lizzie J., born May 22, 1862, who died February 27, 1865; and Lizzie C., born May 20, 1866, the wife of John P. Howe, and living on



the farm with her husband, who assists in its management. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have had four children — Helen, Charles C., Ora, and Charles. Charles C. died when very young.

**C**HARLES M. COOLIDGE, M.D., a popular physician of Waterford, Me., was born in Canton, this State, September 25, 1864. He is the son of Dr. Charles A. and Sarah Nancy (Foster) Coolidge, and a grandson of John Coolidge, originally from Livermore, Me., who settled in Canton at an early date and spent his life there, engaged in agriculture.

Charles A. Coolidge was born in Canton, Me. For some time during his student days he taught school in the vicinity of his home; and after he received his medical degree he began to practice in Weld, Me. He was subsequently engaged in professional work in North Livermore, but later returned to his native town, where he is now in active practice. Mrs. Coolidge is a native of Weld, Me. She is the mother of three children: Martina Eliza, who died in infancy; Henry E., who was at one time principal of the North Berwick High School, now a practising attorney at Lisbon Falls, Me.; and Charles M., who, as already noted, has adopted his father's calling. Henry E. Coolidge married Miss Josephine O. Dearborn, of Canton, Me.

Charles M. Coolidge was graduated from the Nichols Latin School of Lewiston in the class of 1884 and from the medical department of Dartmouth College in the class of 1887. When ready to enter on his life work he opened an office in North Waterford village, where he now resides, and in the short space of a decade has established an extensive practice, his circuit embracing Waterford, Stoneham, Albany, and Lovell. Dr. C. M. Coolidge is widely known and highly esteemed, and though younger than many of his confrères has the confidence of all who know him.

He was married February 21, 1886, to Miss Ida H. Manning, who was born in Eaton, N.H., September 24, 1860, the daughter of Dr. William A. and Nancy (Atkinson) Manning. Dr. Manning, now deceased, was one of the best known physicians of his day,

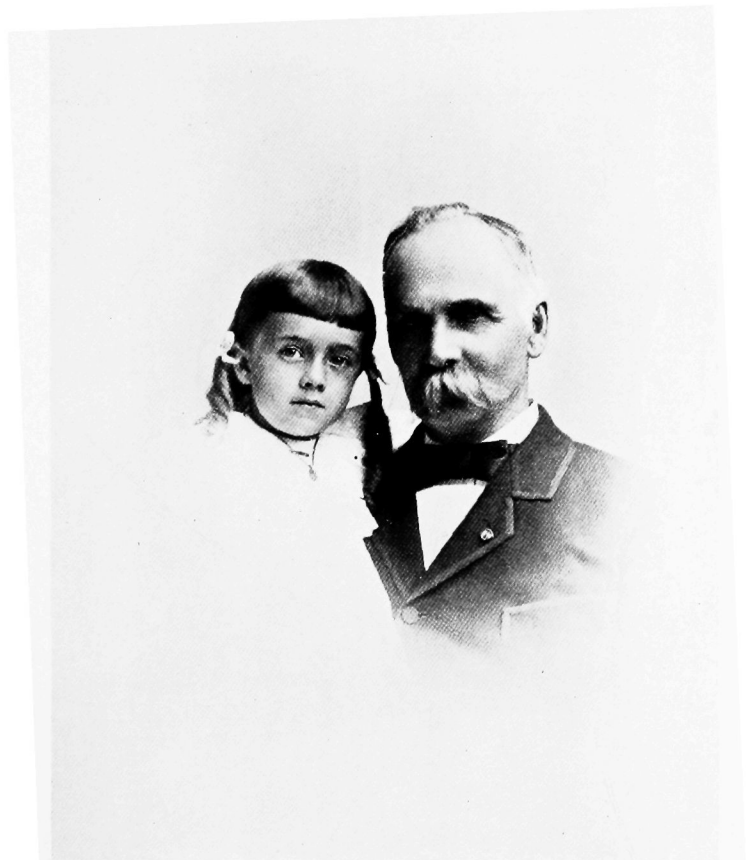
practising in Eaton, N.H., and in Stoneham, Me. His wife is now living in Eaton, N.H. Mrs. Coolidge died March 14, 1895, leaving one child — Marion Allegra, born April 20, 1891.

Dr. Coolidge is prominent among the Republicans of Waterford, and has held several offices of trust. He has served on the School Board three years, and is now Supervisor of Schools. As a Mason he belongs to Mount Tire'm Lodge, No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford Flat; and as a Knight of Pythias he is a member of Hiawatha Lodge, No. 49, of Stoneham, Me.

**C**APTAIN EDWARD M. ROBINSON, who is successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Phillips, his store being 3 Beal Block, was born in South Sebec, Piscataquis County, Me., October 21, 1833, a son of Benjamin Franklin and Betsey C. (Russell) Robinson. Benjamin F. Robinson, who was a descendant of one of Scotland's sturdy sons, was born in Ellsworth, Me.; and his wife, who was of English origin, was born in Norridgewock, Me. The family name was formerly Robinston, which has been changed to the more euphonious spelling of to-day.

Jonathan Robinson, the father of Benjamin F., was a native of Vermont, whence he removed to Maine. During his years of active labor he followed the business of a millwright, besides carrying on the farm which he owned in Sebec. He was the father of seven children; but of that number only one remains, Paulina K., the widow of J. G. Joy, of Sebec, Me. Jonathan Robinson lived to the venerable age of ninety-six years.

During the greater part of his years of toil Benjamin F. Robinson worked with his father as a millwright, but finally purchased a farm in Sebec, where he spent the remainder of his life. Of the eleven children born to him and his wife, Betsey, six are living, namely: Leonard R., in Bath; Edward M.; Ira, in Bath; Albert A., in California; Mary, the widow of W. Troy, in Willimantic; and Carrie, the wife of F. Wittum, of Gardiner, Me. Their father died in 1882, aged eighty-



EDWARD M. ROBINSON and grand-daughter, FAYE R. HAINES.

two years, and their mother in 1862, aged fifty-six years.

Edward M. Robinson not only acquired a practical district-school education during his home life, but formed habits of industry, being required to perform such tasks as usually fall to the lot of the farmer's boy. When he reached the age of seventeen he went to Machias as an apprentice to his uncle, Dean S. Robinson, a millwright, with whom he remained four years. From about 1854 to the beginning of the Civil War he was employed at his trade in different places in the Provinces and in Cherryfield and Lewiston, being engaged on the Androscoggin mill in the last-named place when the first call was issued for volunteers to put down the Rebellion. He responded promptly by enlisting in Company E of the Fifth Maine Volunteers, of which Mark H. Dunnell was Colonel, Edwin Sawyer, of Lisbon Falls, being Captain of the company. We are indebted to the May, 1896, issue of the *Rangely Lakes* for the following account of his war service. April 27, 1861, less than two weeks after the fall of Sumter, saw him signing the enlistment papers as a member of Company E, Fifth Maine Volunteers. The regiment was mustered in at Portland, Robinson being appointed Third Sergeant in Company E. (The Captain says that no honor which has been conferred upon him since has ever given him the supreme satisfaction he felt at that time, and adds that he couldn't have felt prouder if he'd been made Brigadier-general.) August 15, 1861, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant of Company E, for "meritorious conduct at the battle of Bull Run." In May, 1862, he was promoted to First Lieutenant of Company C; and in March, 1863, his unflagging bravery won him the Captaincy of Company C.

Now Company C was made up of dare-devil fellows, known as the "Saco roughs." The men had been unmanageable from the first, and weren't growing any better as time wore on. Several captains of this particular company had one after another given up the task and gone home. The bluff old colonel of the regiment grew tired of appointing captains for Company C after a while, and finally said, "Well, I'll appoint some one this time that

I'll be d---d if they'll drive home"; and he appointed Lieutenant Robinson.

The first day he took command, there was a little episode which settled matters once and for all. Company C was doing picket duty in front of Richmond. As the column marched along the line the three last men dropped off at each post. The Captain told the men that, after the line was covered, they could shift around, so that comrades who messed together might be with each other, adding that he couldn't stop to sort them out then, with the rebel line popping at 'em from the other side of the river. It happened that Private —, one of the ringleaders, was told off with two fellows from a different mess; and he flared up in an instant. He gave his rifle a fling toward the river, declaring with an oath that he wouldn't submit to any such thing. Scarcely had the rifle struck the ground when he himself was stretched senseless by a blow with the back of the Captain's sword. For a time it looked as if he would die; but eventually he pulled through, and begged not to be court-martialled. "I won't court-martial you," said the Captain, "if you'll settle down and behave yourself. But remember this: I'm going to be Captain from now on. You've been Captain long enough." And, when he discovered that he'd found his master, he developed into a model soldier.

May 3, 1863, at the battle of Fredericksburg, Captain Robinson received three flesh wounds, but did not leave the company. May 10, 1864, at the battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse, he was shot through both legs, and was forced to go home. After remaining home eight months he raised a new company, which was mustered in at Augusta, and sent to the front to join the Nineteenth Corps. This corps was broken up, and his division sent South, entering Savannah just as Sherman was marching out. He was in Augusta, Ga., at the time Jeff Davis was hurried through the city in the night; "and it was well for Davis that our boys didn't know he was in the city," says the Captain.

After the declaration of peace Captain Robinson was appointed Provost Marshal, administering the oath of amnesty to those who desired to go into business again, and

aiding in many ways the war-stricken State. He was detailed, soon after his appointment, to search out the hiding-place of a vast amount of Confederate specie, which had been spirited away from Richmond. The specie was found in tobacco boxes sealed with the letters "C. S. A.," and amounted to fifteen million dollars.

Fortunes were made in those after-the-war times in ways more rapid than honest, and the Captain had an opportunity which in the hands of a less honest person would have yielded mighty good returns. There was reason to believe that a certain ex-rebel Major and paymaster had, locked up in his safe, certain Confederate property; and Captain Robinson and one of his Lieutenants went down with a detail of men to see about it. The old Major told them that there was nothing contraband in the safe, and he would gladly open it for them but that the key was not there. "All right," said the Captain; "we'll have a team come up and carry the safe down to headquarters, where I guess they'll find a way to get into it." The old rebel saw they meant business, so he called the Captain and the Lieutenant aside, and said, "There is fifteen thousand dollars in Confederate gold and silver in that safe; and, if you fellows will say nothing about it, you can divide one-half of that pile between you." "Do it, Cap'n, do it!" exclaimed the Lieutenant. But the Captain wasn't the man to tarnish his record and break his oath to the government. So the end of it was that the fifteen thousand dollars went to headquarters. Following is a list of the battles in which he took part, which form a fitting close for this account of his military career: first Bull Run, Va., July 21, 1861; West Point, Va., May 6, 1862; Gaines's Mill, Va., June 27, 1862; Charles City Cross-roads, Va., June 29, 1862; second Bull Run, Va., August 30, 1862; South Mountain, Md., September 14, 1862; Antietam, Md., September 17, 1862; first Fredericksburg, Va., December 12, 1862; second Fredericksburg, Va., May 2, 1863; Salem Heights, Va., May 4, 1863; Gettysburg, Pa., July 3, 1863; Funkstown, Md., July 12, 1863; Rappahannock Station, Va., November 7, 1863; Locust Grove, Va., No-

vember 27, 1863, Mine Run, Va., November 29, 1863; Wilderness, Va., May 6, 1863; Spottsylvania Court-house, Va., May 10, 1864.

His grandfather was one of six brothers who served in the Revolutionary War, and he himself is one of six brothers who went to the front in 1861. Singularly enough, three of the earlier generation were killed in service, and but three of the later generation lived to come home at the close of the Rebellion.

Captain Robinson was mustered out February 16, 1866, and soon after the close of the war was granted a pension of ten dollars a month, which was subsequently increased to twenty and still later to twenty-four. The year following his return from the war he worked at his trade; but the wounds he had received caused him considerable trouble, and he gave up work as a millwright, and opened a furniture store in Anson village. He came to Phillips in 1872, and in company with his father-in-law, James M. Adams, purchased the Barden House, which they conducted for a year or so, and then sold it to Sam Farmer. He then secured work on the Beal Block, which was begun about that time. After that was completed he again took up the furniture business, to which he added undertaking, hiring a portion of the post-office building for the purpose, but six months later removing to his present quarters in the Beal Block. On December 8, 1859, Mr. Robinson married Miss Loreda M. Adams. They have one child, Ilda M., born September 1, 1860.

Mr. Robinson, like his father, has always been a staunch Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont. The only town office of importance in which he has served is that of Town Treasurer. He is one of the Directors of the Union National Bank, and has been for sixteen years a Trustee of the Phillips Savings Bank. In 1862 he became a member of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, A. F. & A. M., of Skowhegan, Me., but later took a dimit, and is now a member of the Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67; Franklin Chapter, No. 19, of Farmington, Me.; Pilgrim Commandery, Knights Templars, No. 19, of Farmington; Korah Temple, Noble Order of the Mystic Shrine, of Lewiston. He

is also a member of Mount Saddleback Lodge, No. 92, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Phillips, and Chairman of its Board of Trustees; a member of the Loyal Legion, State of Maine; and of the Union Veteran League of Lewiston; likewise of Cushman Post, No. 87, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is the present Commander. He is an attendant of the Universalist church.

**C**HARLES E. HOLT, a prominent member of the legal profession in Norway and a native of Fryeburg, Me., was born March 11, 1835, son of Joseph and Mehitabel (Miller) Holt, and grandson of William and Esther (Frye) Holt. William Holt, a native of Massachusetts, served as a musician in the War of 1812. He went to Fryeburg, and purchased a farm when that town was practically new, and continued to live there until his death, at the age of sixty years. His wife, Esther (Frye) Holt, was a daughter of Simon Frye, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Fryeburg. She taught school in her younger days. Her children were: William H., John, Joseph, Thomas K., Mary, Esther, and Sophia. She lived to be seventy-seven years old.

Joseph Holt was born November 25, 1808. He learned the trade of a tinsmith, and started in business for himself at Fryeburg. Subsequently, owing to the failing health of his parents, he sold out, assumed their debts, and cared for them until their death. In recompense for these sacrifices he received the homestead, which he afterward sold, and bought a saw-mill, grist-mill, and a farm at West Denmark. He also built a store there, and all together did a large business. Afterward he became the owner of three other farms. In politics he was a Democrat, and served the town as Selectman. His religion was Universalism, and he was a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife, Mehitabel, whose birth occurred February 17, 1812, bore him seven sons and two daughters, of whom Frank B., the youngest, died when two years old. The others, who are living, are: Charles E., Joseph A., Jones B., Alvah M., L. Cordelia, William H., Esther A., and John W.

After attending the Fryeburg and Bridgton Academies, Charles E. Holt read law with Major D. R. Hastings, of Fryeburg, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1861. He at once opened an office in Denmark, where he remained until 1873. Then he removed to Bethel, and four years later came to Norway. Here he entered into partnership with Alvah Black, one of the leading lawyers of Oxford County, with whom he was connected until Mr. Black's death in 1882. Beginning in October of that year, he and A. S. Kimball did business together for three years. Since then Mr. Holt has practised his profession alone. During his residence in Norway he has taken a very active part in the legal and financial affairs of the town; and his counsel is sought by a large clientage, who place implicit faith in his legal acumen. A man of studious habits, he has one of the largest and best selected law libraries in Oxford County. During the Civil War Mr. Holt served as enlisting officer. In 1864 he was appointed, by General Rufus Ingalls, clerk of the Quartermaster Department at City Point, Va. He was among the first to favor the removal of the County Building from Paris Hill to South Paris. He is now one of the Board of Directors in the Norway National Bank. Since coming to Norway he has purchased and fitted up a fine house on Pleasant Street, in which he now resides.

On May 26, 1877, Mr. Holt was united in marriage with Miss Lavina B. Ames, daughter of Colonel Nathaniel and Roxanna L. Ames. Colonel Ames was born in Brownfield, Me. On starting in life for himself he purchased a new and practically uncultivated farm, on which he erected a log house. Later, after clearing up a portion of the land and getting a start, he erected a frame house and other necessary buildings. He was a Colonel in the State militia. At the time of his death he was seventy-four years old. His wife, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Holt, died June 19, 1896, eighty-nine years of age. Colonel and Mrs. Ames had a son and three daughters; namely, Amanda M., Maria L., Lavinia B., and Charles H. Mr. Holt is a member of the Democratic County Committee. While in Denmark he held the office of Select-

man, and he has served Norway in the same capacity since his arrival. He is an esteemed Mason, having membership in Mount Moriah Lodge, of Denmark; in Union Chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons; in Oxford Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Norway; and in Portland Commandery, Knights Templars.

HIRAM P. ELLIOTT, of the firm of Elliott & Bartlett, spool manufacturers of Lynchville, in the town of Albany, Oxford County, Me., was born in Salmon Falls, N.H., December 24, 1833. His parents were Russell F. and Mary Jane (Whitehouse) Elliott.

Russell F. Elliott was born in Salisbury, Mass., in March, 1812. For a number of years he was intimately connected with manufacturing industries, at first as superintendent of a large woollen-mill at Salmon Falls, N.H., and later as superintendent of the Hosea Crane manufacturing plant at Portsmouth, N.H., which had a large annual output of underwear and hosiery; and he was subsequently for a long time conductor on what is now the Eastern Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. The latter part of his life was spent in retirement at Fall River, Mass., where he died at the advanced age of eighty-two. His wife, a native of Salmon Falls, N.H., died in May, 1890, at the age of eighty-one.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Elliott had seven children, six of whom grew to maturity; namely, Anna A., Hiram P., Emily Jane, George, Mary E., and Celia. The sixth child, Celia, first, died in infancy. Anna A. Elliott, born in March, 1831, married Colonel John P. Emerson, a dry-goods merchant, who died in 1871. She is now living in Pawtucket, R.I. Emily Jane, born in October, 1835, married Ferdinand Reed, and had three children. Mr. Reed and his family have all passed to the world beyond, the mother and three children having died within thirteen months. George Elliott is in the mill with his brother, and lives in North Waterford, Me. He married Ella C. York, and has one child, Wallace H. Mary E., born in June, 1837, is the wife of George W. Woodcock, a

cook in Pawtucket, R.I. Celia, born in 1842, is the wife of Ferdinand Tisdale, a painter of Pawtucket, R.I.

Hiram P. Elliott, the elder of the two sons, was educated in the common schools of Portsmouth, N.H. At the age of nineteen he began to learn the business of spool-making at Fall River, Mass., where he worked some five years; and the six years following he was employed in the same way in Central Falls, R.I. He then took charge of the factory of J. K. Malley, of which he was foreman ten years; and he next started a small spool-mill of his own at East Stoneham, Me. A year later he removed to Lynchville, in the town of Albany, Me., and started the mill in which he is now interested, with Jonathan Bartlett as partner. This venture proved very successful; and the firm now has a large business, keeping a number of men constantly employed. They manufacture spools for the noted Rhode Island thread firm of J. & P. Coats, and have a capacity of four thousand gross or more a week. Mr. Elliott's business career has been marked by energy, application, and upright dealing. Starting without capital, he has built up a successful business, and is now enjoying the fruits of his labor, with the esteem of all with whom he is brought in contact.

He was married November 5, 1861, to Priscilla Brownell, daughter of Edward and Rebecca (McCumber) Brownell. She was born September 5, 1844. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mildred T., born May 29, 1871, now the wife of W. H. Kilgore, who is a merchant of North Waterford, Me, and the Postmaster of that place.

Mr. Elliott is prominent in local politics, favoring the Democratic side. He is an Odd Fellow in high standing, belonging to Oxford Lodge, No. 161, of North Waterford, Me. Mrs. Elliott attends the Congregational Church of North Waterford.

CHARLES G. SAWYER, one of Wilton's most highly respected citizens, whose empty sleeve attests more eloquently than words his service in defence of the Union, and recalls to memory the dark days of the Rebellion, was born at

the foot of Moosehead Lake in the town of Greenville, Me., April 13, 1832, son of Isaac and Sarah (Hayford) Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer's grandfather, Joel Sawyer, who was for many years a resident of Saco, Me., died in that town at the age of eighty years. His children were: Henry, Ephraim, Ellison, Frank, Isaac, Mercy, and Ruth.

Isaac Sawyer, Mr. Sawyer's father, was born in Saco in February, 1798. In young manhood he worked upon the river, and, saving his earnings, bought a homestead. Finding that he needed more land, and not being able to purchase it near his native town on account of the sharp advance in prices, he decided to become a pioneer in the region about Moosehead Lake, where land was cheap and of good quality. Purchasing one-half of a township near the foot of the lake at twenty-five cents per acre, he moved his family to Monson, fourteen miles distant, where they remained until he had provided a shelter for them in the wilderness.

He subdivided his tract, selling a portion of it to other settlers, and, retaining the rest for himself, cleared and improved one hundred and sixty acres into a good farm. The land proving exceedingly fertile, he tilled the soil successfully, also engaging quite extensively in lumbering; and he later erected a good set of frame buildings. He was a man of powerful physique, and is known to have once carried upon his back and in his hands a half-barrel of flour, a small pig, and some packages of groceries several miles over a narrow path from the store to his home. In politics he was in his latter years a Republican, and he was a Methodist in his religious views. He lived to reach the advanced age of nearly ninety years. In his youth he enlisted for service in the War of 1812; and while destroying the bridge at Plattsburg, N.Y., he sustained a severe injury which caused him more or less trouble in after life. His wife, who was before marriage Sarah Hayford, became the mother of six children; namely, Sarah A., Mary J., Lewis, Maria, Charles G., and Susan A., all of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer lived to be seventy-nine years old. She was a Congregationalist in her religious belief.

Charles G. Sawyer, the fifth child and the special subject of the present writing, acquired a practical education, although the school facilities in the vicinity of his boyhood's home were not of the best. When a young man he bought his father's homestead property, which contained one hundred and sixty acres; and he carried it on for ten years, during which time he cleared forty acres more for tillage purposes, and erected a new dwelling in place of the old one which had been destroyed by fire. Selling his farm he moved to the city of Bangor, where for a short time he kept a restaurant, later engaging in the meat and provision business with J. P. Taylor until going into the army. In September, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company L, Thirty-first Maine Infantry, under Captain D. D. Brock; and he served until the close of the war. In the last charge in front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, he received a gunshot wound in the left arm, which completely shattered the bone, making amputation necessary; and after his discharge he returned to Bangor.

When sufficiently recovered to again engage in business pursuits, he opened a grocery store, which he carried on for two years; and on selling out he bought a farm of ninety acres, which he conducted for five years. He then sold his farming property, and, removing to Wilton, engaged in the canning business, packing in a superior manner green corn, apples, berries, beans, and lamb, employing in the busy season as many as one hundred hands. These goods acquired a wide reputation in the metropolitan markets for the high standard of excellence which was maintained in their production, and for ten years he carried on a large and profitable business. In connection with that he established a general store, which he conducted upon the site of the present town hall; and he continued in trade until 1883, when he sold out and retired from business. In 1880 he bought a tract of land situated upon an elevation near the foot of Wilton Lake, and erecting a large two-story house with mansard roof, together with a commodious stable, graded and beautified the grounds, thus making a handsome and attractive homestead. The location is healthful,

the surroundings pleasant; and this estate, which is called "The Birches," taking its name from a beautiful grove of white birch-trees, affords an agreeable retreat for many city people, who avail themselves of its genial hospitality during the heated term.

Mr. Sawyer's first wife, formerly Huldah J. Delano, a daughter of John Delano, of Abbot, Me., died at the age of thirty-four years, leaving four children, as follows: Lelia E., who was born January 6, 1857, was graduated at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, and is a teacher of French and German; Willard E., who was born August 23, 1859; Ida M., who was born November 25, 1861, and is now the wife of R. W. Poor, Cashier of the Garfield National Bank of New York City; and Charles E., who was born January 7, 1864, and is now railroad station agent at Chisholme Mills, Me. By his present wife, Mrs. Ellen Blake Sawyer, daughter of Zebulon Blake, of Carmel, Me., Mr. Sawyer has no children. In politics Mr. Sawyer supports the Republican party, and while residing in Bangor he served in the City Council and as Assistant Assessor. He is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he and Mrs. Sawyer are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Willard E. Sawyer, eldest son of Charles G. Sawyer, and a prominent young business man of Wilton, was educated in the public schools of Bangor and at the Wilton Academy. In 1885 he opened a large store devoted to dry goods, groceries, crockery ware, agricultural implements, and other merchandise; but in February, 1886, his place of business was destroyed by fire. He erected another store, and in 1893 sold it to the town for a public building. In 1887 he bought the canning factory carried on by his father; and, after conducting it successfully until 1892, he withdrew from the business. He wedded Lillian Whittier, daughter of Daniel E. Whittier, of Chesterville, Me., and they have had five children, namely: Ralph E., who was born May 28, 1885; Earl W., who was born December 17, 1886; Willard H., who was born in September, 1889; Gladys, who died in infancy; and Philip D., who was born May 17, 1895.

Willard E. Sawyer and his family occupy a

handsome residence on Prospect Street, which he erected in 1890.

CARLTON H. WALKER, a prominent farmer of Fryeburg, Oxford County, Me., who carries on business to some extent as a lumber manufacturer, was born in this town, April 12, 1836, son of Colonel James and Susan (Colby) Walker. He is of substantial English stock, and comes of long lines of worthy Colonial ancestry, the blood of Puritan and Pilgrim mingling in his veins.

This branch of the Walker family is descended from Samuel Walker, born in England in 1595, who in early manhood crossed the Atlantic, and settled in the vicinity of Boston, Mass., his elder brother Richard, who accompanied him to these shores, locating in York, Me. Samuel Walker, second, son of Samuel, first, was born in Reading, Mass., in 1643, and became a resident of Woburn, Mass., where he was a Deacon of the church. His son Samuel, the third in direct line, born in Woburn in 1668, who also was a Deacon, was the father of Captain Samuel Walker, who was born in 1694, and settled in Wilmington, Mass. Deacon Timothy Walker, son of Captain Walker, was born in Wilmington in 1732. He married, in 1758, Eunice Brewster, then twenty-eight years of age, daughter of Joseph Brewster, of Duxbury, Mass., near Plymouth, her father being a grandson of Elder William Brewster, of the "Mayflower" company, who has been called the chief of the Pilgrims.

James Walker, son of Timothy and Eunice (Brewster) Walker, was born in Wilmington, Mass., January 3, 1772. He was married November 20, 1794, to Anna Harnden, of Wilmington, born August 1, 1775. It is now nearly one hundred years since James Walker came to Fryeburg, Me., accompanied by his wife and two children, and settled on the farm where his grandson, Carlton H., now resides. Grandfather Walker cleared and improved the property; and, although meeting with the usual disadvantages and drawbacks of a pioneer, among which was the total destruction by fire of his first residence, he persevered,



and became a prosperous farmer. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and possessing a considerable literary ability he wrote a history of the family. He died October 18, 1852, survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Harnden Walker, who attained the advanced age of nearly ninety-one years, her death occurring March 30, 1866. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Anna, who was born November 3, 1795; Elizabeth, who was born December 12, 1796; Sarah, who was born February 14, 1799, and died October 3, 1885; Colonel James, who was born March 3, 1801, and died July 16, 1891; Rebecca, who was born February 24, 1804, and died April 15, 1826; Brewster, who was born January 26, 1806, and died November 1, 1807; Miranda, who was born December 3, 1808, and died November 4, 1881; Samuel, who was born August 10, 1811, and died August 29, 1863; Clarissa, who was born January 9, 1813; Henry, who was born July 30, 1816, and with his wife, Caroline Frye, daughter of John Hancock Frye, is residing in this town; and Timothy, who was born March 3, 1819, married Hannah Harnden, of Denmark, Me., and, now a widower, resides in Quincy, Mass.

James Walker, the younger, born in Fryeburg in the first year of the century, as already noted, later known as Colonel James Walker, at the age of twenty-one succeeded his father in the management of the farm. He was married on November 25, 1833, to Susan Colby, a native of Brownfield, Me., born November 19, 1803. She was a daughter of Asa Colby, a pioneer farmer of Brownfield, who later removed to the adjoining town of Denmark, where he passed the rest of his life. Colonel Walker and his wife reared four children, namely: Rebecca, who was born August 21, 1834, married John Seavey, of Brownfield, and died January 16, 1862; Carlton H., the subject of this sketch; Granville, who was born December 16, 1837, and died December 31, 1861; and Ann, who was born February 20, 1840, and is now the wife of William H. Tarbox, an architect of Fryeburg. Mrs. Susan C. Walker died November 16, 1883.

Carlton H. Walker, whose personal history we are now to trace from his boyhood, ac-

quired his education in the common schools and at the Fryeburg Academy. He remained at home assisting his father in carrying on the farm until he reached manhood; and he then went to Fryeburg village, where he was employed as clerk in a general store for two years. Returning to the homestead he took charge of the farm, and eventually inheriting the property has since resided here. He owns one thousand acres of land, and his farm is exceedingly fertile and well improved. In connection with agricultural pursuits he carries on a large saw and grist mill located near his residence, doing some business in manufacturing lumber of all kinds.

On May 2, 1863, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Sarah E. Tarbox, who was born in Denmark, Me., January 28, 1841. She is a daughter of Dominicus G. and Sally (Paine) Tarbox, the former of whom was a native of Kennebunkport, and the latter of Standish, Me. Mrs. Walker's father was a clothier by trade, also a surveyor of lumber; and, settling in Denmark, he operated a clothing-mill in that town many years. He died January 22, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have three daughters, as follows: Eva D., who was born June 2, 1867, and is now supervisor of drawing and teacher of manual training in schools in Bristol, Conn.; Susan M., who was born December 6, 1871, and is now a teacher of oratory at the North Bridgton Academy; and Sarah T., who was born March 30, 1879, and is now attending the academy here in Fryeburg. The Misses Eva D. and Susan M. Walker are ladies of marked ability, and have acquired a notable reputation in educational work.

In public affairs Mr. Walker has rendered efficient service to the town, having been Chairman of the Board of Selectmen several years, and at various times the incumbent of other town offices. In politics he acts with the Republican party. He is actively interested in the Fryeburg Agricultural Society, of which he has served as President and Secretary; and he is a leading spirit in all measures introduced for the general improvement of the town. He is a Master Mason and a member of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, of Fryeburg. Mr. and Mrs. Walker and family attend the Congregational church.

**F**RANK A. HILL, clothing manufacturer, one of the leading young men of Fryeburg, Oxford County, Me., his native town, was born on August 14, 1866, son of Dr. Charles E. and Susan (Osgood) Hill. His grandfather, Captain Jonah Hill, who was born in Biddeford, Me., June 3, 1784, became a resident of Chatham, N.H., and was prominent in the early State militia. He married on April 27, 1807, Sally Stimson, who died March 4, 1840.

Dr. Charles E. Hill was a native of Chatham and a graduate of Bowdoin College. He first settled in North Fryeburg, from which place he moved to Bridgton, Me., where he remained for some time; and he finally removed to Fryeburg, where he resided until his death, which took place April 16, 1884. An able physician, he enjoyed a large practice in this vicinity; and he occupied a prominent position in the community. His first wife, whose maiden name was Marinda P. Wiggin, died in May, 1863. She left one son, Charles E., who was adopted by his aunt, and is now a successful practising physician of Newton Centre, Mass. He is known as Dr. Charles E. Fessenden. Dr. Charles E. Hill wedded for his second wife Susan Osgood, of Fryeburg. She was a daughter of Caleb and Dolly (Wiley) Osgood, the former of whom was a native of Fryeburg, and the latter of North Fryeburg. Caleb Osgood was a blacksmith by trade. His last days were spent in Conway, N.H. By this union there are two children: Frank A., the subject of this sketch; and Edwin Ray, who is now engaged in the meat and fish business at Fryeburg village.

Frank A. Hill acquired his education in the common schools and at the Fryeburg Academy. At the age of eighteen he started in life as a clerk in the store of Charles T. Ladd, with whom he remained for three years; and he then engaged for some time in the corn-packing business. He first entered the clothing business as an employee of J. I. Greenlaw, later filling a position with A. E. & F. Thompson, large manufacturers of this town, with whom he remained until 1895, when, in company with Ira Warriner, he bought out the above named firm. He continued the business in connection with a general store for a year,

and at the expiration of that time he purchased his partner's interest in the manufacturing business, which he is now carrying on alone. He manufactures coats for the Rhodes Ripley Company of 72 Lincoln Street, Boston, and employs an average of eighteen hands.

On April 20, 1892, Mr. Hill was married to Dora A. Brickett, who was born in Stow, Me., May 1, 1874, daughter of Gardner and Angeline (Emery) Brickett. Mrs. Hill's father was a native of Stow, where he was prosperously engaged in farming until his death, which took place in Fryeburg in October, 1888. Her mother, who was born in Jackson, is still living, and resides with her.

In politics Mr. Hill supports the Republican party. He is connected with Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M.; Fryeburg Lodge, No. 49, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Pequaket Lodge, No. 34, Knights of Pythias. He takes an active interest in these organizations, and may be said to be a leading spirit in all important social events in Fryeburg.

**J**OSEPH C. CALDWELL, M.D., the oldest practising physician in Buckfield, Oxford County, was born in Topsham, Vt., December 3, 1842, a son of James and Nancy (Chamberlain) Caldwell. The Caldwell family is of Scotch origin. James Caldwell, whose birth occurred at sea, was an industrious farmer, and resided for the greater part of his life in Vermont. He took a deep interest in the political movements of his day, and belonged to the anti-slavery party. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian. He died at the age of fifty-five. Mr. Caldwell was twice married, and his second wife is now living in Topsham. He had seven children, four of whom are living. These are: Mary, the wife of Gustavus Tibbetts, of Neponset, Ill.; Joseph C., the subject of this sketch; James R., a resident of Vermont; and Eliza, the wife of James Lang, of Topsham, Vt.

Joseph C. Caldwell grew to manhood in Topsham, obtaining his first knowledge of books in the schools of that town. After finishing his preliminary course of study, hav-

ing been an industrious student, he was able to take up the profession of teacher, which he followed successfully in his native State, Michigan, and Illinois. In his twenty-third year he began the study of medicine, and subsequently pursued it at Bowdoin College, from which he received his medical diploma in 1870. In the fall of that year he started in his profession at Buckfield, and for over a quarter of a century has been here engaged in ministering to suffering humanity. Dr. Caldwell has a large practice, and has the confidence and esteem of all who know him. He is a member of the State Medical Society.

In December, 1870, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Stanwood, of Brunswick, Me. She was born April 14, 1852, and died June 7, 1888. Of her children one, Wilbur, is deceased. The others — Josephine, Bessie M., and Wilbur C. — are still with their father. Dr. Caldwell is a member of the Republican party. He is a Mason in good standing, belonging to Evening Star Lodge, No. 180. In religious matters he is liberal. His wife was a member of the Baptist church.

**H**ANNIBAL G. BROWN, of the firm Hannibal G. Brown & Son, manufacturers of clapboards, lumber, and wooden bicycle rims, at West Paris, Oxford County, was born December 18, 1829, in Plymouth, Penobscot County, Me., son of John and Huldah (Gardner) Brown. His grandfather, Aaron Brown, was an early settler of Wilton, Me., whence he subsequently removed to Livermore, Me., and lived there for a number of years. Aaron Brown was an officer in the War of 1812, and had charge of a fort at Portland. The latter part of his life was spent at the home of his son James, in the town of Grafton. He lived seventy years; and his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Thompson, also attained a good age. The latter bore him eight children, the youngest of whom, a daughter, Abigail, living in Portland, is the only survivor. The others were: James, John, Reuben, Orrin, Larnard, Rebecca, and Arthur.

John Brown was born in Wilton, Me. He

was a skilful mechanic as well as a farmer, and followed his trade throughout the active years of his life. He resided for a number of years in the towns of Livermore and Grafton; but his last years were spent in West Paris, Me., and in Errol, Coos County, N.H. He died at the age of eighty-seven years. In politics he was a Republican from the formation of the party. His wife, Huldah, who was born in Buckfield, Me., died in West Paris, aged seventy-six. He was a member of the Universalist church, and she of the Baptist. Seven children were the fruit of their union, three of whom have passed away. These were: John Q. A., Orrin H., and Joanna. Orrin H., who served in the First Maine Cavalry during the Civil War, died from the effects of confinement in Libby Prison. The others are: Hannibal G., the subject of this sketch; Aaron B., a mechanic residing in Worcester, Mass., who served in the late war with Colonel Shaw's Massachusetts regiment; Bartlett J., a pianoforte finisher, living in Hyde Park, Mass.; and Miss Maria E. Brown, a milliner in Boston, Mass.

Hannibal G. Brown received his rudimentary education in the schools of Livermore and Grafton, where his early years were passed. After coming to Paris, at the age of twenty, he attended the schools and academy here, and acquired a good business education. On starting out in life for himself he possessed no cash capital, and for nine years followed various occupations. After a time he was able to start in farming for himself. He purchased his first land in 1855, where the village of West Paris now stands. The following year he took possession of this place, which has since been his home; and there he was actively engaged in farming up to 1869. During the first few years he was the only resident here in the locality. The present owners of lots in West Paris bought them for the most part from Mr. Brown. He has furthered the building up of the village by donating lands to induce manufacturers to locate their plants here. In 1869 he engaged in manufacturing on his own account; and four years later, in 1873, his present mill was erected as a co-operative concern for manufacturing chairs. In 1877 or 1878 Mr. Brown

with others engaged in manufacturing lumber. This business he still continues with his son, turning out large quantities of lumber, making a specialty of clapboards, and planning to engage more largely in making wooden bicycle rims. They are the leaders in their line of manufacture at West Paris.

On May 3, 1853, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Mary Parlin, who was born in Paris, September 25, 1832, daughter of Robinson Parlin. Their children are: Edwin H., born May 26, 1856; and Jennie M., born July 10, 1870. Edwin H. Brown, who is in business with his father, married Miss Cora Judkins, by whom he has one son, Charles H. Brown.

In town affairs the elder Mr. Brown has always been very active. For some time he has been Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. During war times he held the office of Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue. Although rejected for active service in the field on account of physical disability, he did good work, assisting in recruiting men for the service. He is one of the leading Republicans of Paris, and a zealous temperance worker. From 1853 to 1875 he served as Justice of the Peace. He is a member of West Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Home Commandery Lodge, No. 79, Order of the Golden Cross, both of West Paris. In religious belief he is a Universalist.

ASA G. STOWERS, a well-known resident of New Sharon, Me., was born here on July 12, 1836, son of Richard and Susan D. (Follansbee) Stowers. His mother was a daughter of Joshua and Sarah Follansbee, and was the eldest of their five children.

Richard Stowers, the father of Asa G. Stowers, was born April 2, 1810. During his early years he lived in Farmington, his native town, and was educated in the common schools. Upon arriving at a maturer age he took up the trade of carpentering; and after carrying it on for some years there he went to Boston, where he worked at his calling for twelve years more. Later he came to New Sharon, and bought a farm of seventy-five acres. The house built

by him in a handsome and substantial manner stands to-day, very little the worse for wear. Mr. Richard Stowers continued to work at his trade of carpenter, together with his farming in his adopted place of residence, and was, quite naturally, a very busy man. When he went away from home to do a job of carpentering or to take a trip for some other purpose, he would leave his son in charge of the farm; and thus the young man acquired considerable experience in agricultural labors.

In politics Mr. Richard Stowers was a staunch Republican, and his religious views conformed to the tenets of the Congregational church. He had five brothers and sisters, of whom John, Samuel, and Eben, were older than himself, and his sisters, Sarah and Mary, younger. Not one of these is now alive. Mr. Richard Stowers died at his son's farm in New Sharon village on February 24, 1879, at the age of sixty-eight. He and his wife, Susan D. Follansbee, whom he married in 1835, were the parents of three children, namely: Asa G., the subject of this sketch; Augusta A., born May 6, 1839, who married J. F. Dyer, of racing fame, and died August 1, 1880; and Alifair, born October 1, 1845, who died March 17, 1847.

Asa G. Stowers spent his boyhood on the old farm in New Sharon, and was educated in the public schools, including the high school of the town. At the age of seventeen he went to California to engage in the mining business, and remained there until he was nearly twenty-one years of age, coming back to New Sharon just twelve days before attaining his majority. He attended school again for a short time, but soon grew restless and began to make preparations for a return to California; but, as he was the only son, he was finally prevailed on by his mother to remain at home. Soon after, his father, selling the old homestead, bought another farm about one mile north of the village on the Industry road. Here he stayed for about six years with his family. Again selling out he removed to New Sharon village, where he became Tax Collector, and also filled several other minor offices. At this time his son, Asa G. Stowers, went to the northern part of the town of New Sharon to live, buying a farm of one hundred

and forty acres, where he settled down. This was in 1864. A year later he sold out and took up his habitation farther down the river on a new farm of about one hundred and twenty-five acres in extent. After staying there for three years he sold that farm and bought the place now owned by Mr. L. A. Greenleaf, in New Sharon village. It was on this place that Mr. Stowers's father died.

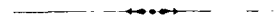
Mr. Stowers was married on September 3, 1862, to Miss L. Anna Hardy, the daughter of Arnold and Lois C. (Vaughan) Hardy, of New Sharon. They have two children: Walter L., born September 8, 1865; and Mabel A., born October 5, 1869.

Walter L. Stowers spent his early boyhood on his father's farm, getting his first education in the common schools of New Sharon, later attending the high school of the same place, and later still studying at Farmington, Monmouth, and Lewiston. At the age of twenty-four he went to Nebraska, where he taught school for the short period of six months. Directly after this he went into the employ of a large Nebraska nursery stock house, and remained identified with this company for a year and a half, travelling in the interests of the business over almost all the western part of the North American continent. He then became connected with the Fidelity Building and Loan Association of Denver, Col., and has since remained with them, being now the manager of the field forces of the company. He was married June 12, 1895, to Miss Mamie Coleman, of Aledo, Ill. They have one child—Ralph Leslie, born May 14, 1896.

Mabel A. Stowers, who is now the wife of Charles H. Gordon, of her native town of New Sharon, received her early education at the common and high schools of that place. After spending a season at Bar Harbor and one at Portland, Me., she went to Boston, Mass., and learned dressmaking, a business which she carried on for about two years, or until she was married.

Mr. Asa G. Stowers is, as was his father before him, a good sound Republican in political faith; and his religious belief is also like his father's, that professed by the Congregational church. His present little competence has been laboriously made by the exercise of

that industry, patience, and earnestness for which he is known and respected in the community in which he lives, and by the cheerful co-operation and thrift of his faithful wife.


  
**A** JUDSON BLAKE, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Gilead, Me., comes of two of the old families of Oxford County, which he worthily represents. A son of David and Olive (Adams) Blake, he was born May 10, 1856, on the farm where he now resides, once the homestead of his maternal grandparents, David Blake, his father, was born in Bethel, this county, and reared and educated there. He was a millwright, and followed his trade for a number of years, also working at farming. In 1850 he moved to Gilead to the farm occupied by his wife's parents, which he managed for them until they passed away. The estate then became his wife's property, and Mr. and Mrs. David Blake spent the rest of their lives here. David Blake was actively interested in town affairs, voting always on the Republican side. Gifted with a good voice and a talent for music, he taught singing-school here for some time; and he led the choir of the Baptist church, of which he was a member. He died August 8, 1856.

His wife, Mrs. Olive Adams Blake, was born on this farm. Her parents, Isaac and Olive (Wight) Adams, were among the early settlers of Gilead. Mr. Adams was a prominent man in his day, a connoisseur in horse flesh; and he was particularly proud of the fact that he sold a horse to Daniel Webster. He lived to an advanced age. Mrs. Olive Adams Blake died at the age of seventy-six. Like her husband she was an active member of the Baptist church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. David Blake: Ellen M., wife of Boyle Chandler, of Bethel; David Newton, a farmer of Bethel; Isaac A., the oldest locomotive engineer on the Maine Central Road, plying between Portland and Waterville; Lizzie H., wife of James Hodson, of Bethel; Eliphalet, an engineer on the Grand Trunk Railroad, whose home is at Island Pond, Vt.; B. Frank, part owner of the old homestead, on which he resides; A. Jud-

son, the subject of this sketch; and Lillian, unmarried, who is living with her brothers on the ancestral homestead.

A. Judson Blake has lived on this farm since birth, and has naturally followed in his father's footsteps. Besides attending to the farm work, which he shares with his brother Frank, he works in the winter season at carriage-making and blacksmithing, having a shop on his farm. He is one of the prominent Republicans of this county, and has been Chairman of the town Republican Committee since he was twenty-one years of age. As a Selectman of the town he is now serving his third term, this being his first year as Chairman; and he has been in office as a Justice of the Peace for ten years. Quiet and unassuming in manner, Mr. Blake is recognized as a man of ability, and has won the regard and confidence of all who know him. He is unmarried.

**G**EORGE ZOETH HIGGINS, M.D., and his daughter, LELIA HIGGINS, M.D., practising physicians residing in the village of Strong, Me., are prominent members of their profession, and are favorably known throughout Franklin County. Dr. George Zoeth Higgins was born in Exeter, Me., December 29, 1832, a son of the Hon. Ebenezer and Ruth (Smith) Higgins, both natives of Bucksport, this State.

His parents in 1814 settled on a tract of wild land near the village of Exeter, Mr. Higgins building a log house. He worked industriously to improve his claim, and in course of time it became one of the handsomest estates in the county. A man of strong character and good judgment, Ebenezer Higgins served as a Representative in the State legislature, and also as a State Senator; and for sixteen years he filled the office of Deputy Sheriff of Penobscot County. He was a member of the Board of the Underground Railroad at Exeter contemporary with General Fessenden and Stephen Thatcher. He died in 1853. Mrs. Higgins was a very intelligent lady, such men as Colonel F. W. Hill, of Exeter, finding great pleasure in her friendship. She

died in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins were active in founding the Methodist Episcopal Church of Exeter.

They were the parents of seven children. The eldest, Elijah, who was a prominent citizen of Exeter, serving as Chairman of the Board of Education during the war, died in 1865; the second son, Jeremiah P., is a farmer in Exeter, Me.; the third, Ebenezer A., who resided in Conneaut, Ohio, died at Exeter in 1886; the fourth child, Harriet, lives on the old homestead in Exeter; the fifth, Julia, who died in 1865, was the wife of Captain Cook, a wealthy ship-owner and President of the National Bank of Provincetown, Mass., who also has passed away; the sixth child, Ruth P., who is the widow of James Grout, resides with a daughter in Somerville, Mass.; the seventh and youngest is George Z., the leading subject of the present sketch, whose personal history follows.

George Zoeth Higgins acquired his general education in the Bucksport Seminary and in Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., graduating from the latter institution in 1855. Pursuing his professional studies at the Maine Medical School, he graduated in the class of 1858, and completed his preliminary training with two terms at the Albany (N.Y.) Medical School. He began to practice in the town of Lubec, Me., and two years later removed to Pembroke, this State, where he remained until the fall of 1863. On October 28 of that year he enlisted as Assistant Surgeon in the Fifteenth Regiment of Maine Volunteers; and nine months later he was promoted to the rank of Surgeon, and assigned to garrison duty. He received his discharge at Castle Garden, N.Y., in July, 1866, and returned to his native State a skilful surgeon, schooled in the trying exigencies of army life, and an experienced physician, with perception sharpened by familiarity with disease. Settling in Lubec, he practised there until December, 1878, when he moved to Strong, Franklin County. Here he has a beautiful home, and is closely identified with the interests of the town. Within call of the citizens here for nearly two decades, Dr. Higgins has built up a large practice, and has many patients in the outlying country.

He was married July 4, 1858, to Miss Kate Ford Lamson, a native of Lubec, Me., born in 1834, daughter of John Lamson, a merchant of that town, and niece of Daniel S. Ford, the millionaire proprietor of the *Youth's Companion*. Mrs. Higgins's parents are both dead. She has borne the Doctor two children—Lelia and Albert R. The latter, who was born in 1868, lived but four years and eight months. Miss Lelia Higgins is a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, and gained her first experience in practical work at the Lying-in Charity Hospital. A remarkably intelligent lady, with a natural gift for her work, she has a very large practice, and has won the confidence and love of all who have claimed her services. She is a member of the Maine Medical Association. Dr. Lelia Higgins resides with her parents.

Dr. George Z. Higgins, who has been identified with the Republican party since he first took an interest in politics, has held a number of important public offices. From 1872 to 1878 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Reform School; and for eleven years he was a member of the Pension Board of Examining Surgeons for Franklin County, 1892 being his last year of service. He is now a member of the School Board of Strong. A Mason in good standing, he was the first Master of George E. Davis Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M., holding his office five terms; and as a Grand Army man he had much to do with the organization of Edmund B. Clayton Post, No. 134, of Strong, of which he was Commander two years. Dr. Higgins and his wife are members of the Baptist Church of Lubec.

**S**YLVANUS B. KNOX, who is regarded as one of the best farmers of North Fryeburg, Oxford County, was born in Limerick, Me., July 7, 1821, son of Samuel and Olive (Lord) Knox. His grandparents were Samuel and Polly (Kimball) Knox, the former a native of Dover, N.H., while the latter was born in Maine.

Samuel Knox, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Cornish, Me. In

early manhood he took up the occupation of farmer in Limerick, Me. In 1821 he moved to Chatham, N.H., and there purchased a farm, which he conducted prosperously for the rest of his active period. He died in 1877, aged seventy-nine years. His wife, Olive, who was born in Parsonsfield, York County, Me., was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Bradbury Lord, both natives of Parsonsfield. She had eight children, as follows: Alonzo, who was born in May, 1819, and died in 1881; Sylvanus B., the subject of this sketch; Sarah B., who is now the widow of Samuel A. B. Farrington, and is living in North Fryeburg; Judith C., now deceased, who married Francis Lord, an extensive farmer and lumberman of this State; Simeon P., who married Sarah Bickford, of Stow, this county, and is now a carpenter of Farmington, Me.; Olive L., now deceased, who married Osgood Watson, now engaged in market gardening at Natick, Mass.; Samuel, who is also married, and is a carpenter in Chicago, Ill.; and Mary, who married Elmer Stevens, a locomotive engineer on the Grand Trunk Railroad, and resides in Gorham, N.H. The mother was eighty years old when she died in 1879. Both parents belonged to the Methodist denomination.

Sylvanus B. Knox acquired his education in the common schools, and grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Chatham. He assisted in carrying on the homestead farm until he was thirty-one years old, when he came to Maine, and settled in Stow. Here for twenty-three years he owned and cultivated a good farm. In 1875 he sold the property and removed to North Fryeburg, where he has since resided. He is now the proprietor of one of the best farms in this locality. On it he raises the customary variety of crops, which are generally of a superior quality. To his natural energy and habits of industry must be largely attributed his success in life.

On March 4, 1852, Mr. Knox was united in marriage to Mary E. Nutter, who was born in Porter, Me., August 24, 1834, daughter of Charles and Dorothy (Moulton) Nutter, both of whom were natives of that town. Mrs. Knox's father, who was for many years a prominent farmer of Porter, for the last ten

years of his life was engaged in mercantile business at North Fryeburg, where he died September 14, 1874. His wife's death occurred January 30, 1890. She was the mother of two children, namely: Mary E., who is now Mrs. Knox; and Charles H., who was born October 22, 1841, and died October 23, 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Knox have had four children, as follows: William M., who was born November 30, 1852, and died February 22, 1872; Frank H., born December 29, 1857, a prosperous farmer of this town, who married Lizzie Chase, of Chatham, N.H., and has one son, Wendell H., who was born November 6, 1893; Emma O., who was born June 26, 1865, and died April 30, 1887; and Olive L., who was born May 14, 1877, and is residing at home. In politics Mr. Knox is a Republican. Although an earnest supporter of the principles of that party and a leading spirit in the local organization, he has never aspired to public office. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

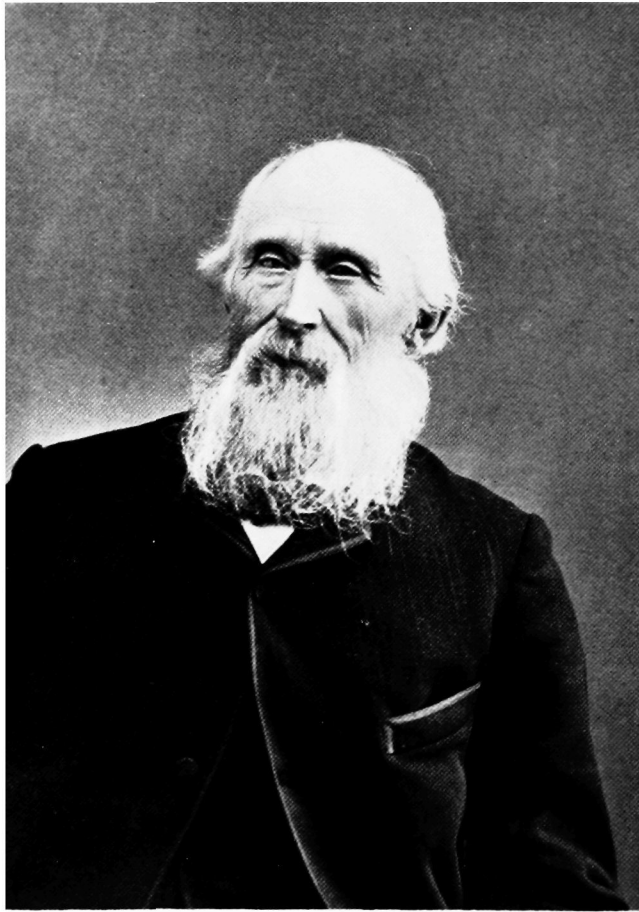
**H**ENRY B. HERSEY, one of the best known farmers of Sumner, Oxford County, and an ex-member of the Maine legislature, was born December 10, 1833, upon the farm where he now resides, son of Samuel and Polly (Bradbury) Hersey. His grandfather, James Hersey, who was a native of Massachusetts, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, after the close of that struggle sold his property in the latter State, and, moving to Maine, became one of the earliest settlers in Minot. James engaged in agriculture on Hersey Hill, which takes its name from him. After residing there until the year 1800 he came to Sumner, where he spent the rest of his life, and died aged about eighty-four years. He married Althea Poole, who was born in Whitman, Mass., daughter of Deacon Poole. She was the mother of twelve children, and was over eighty when she died.

Samuel Hersey, a native of Minot, born May 14, 1786, came to Sumner with his parents, and settled with them upon a tract of new land. This property had been made a good farm when it came into his possession.

Here he carried on general farming, and bought and sold cattle for many years. He became widely and favorably known throughout this section of the State as a drover, in which calling he transacted a larger business than any other person at that time. In 1855 he deeded the farm to his son, Henry A., retired from business, passed the rest of his life in ease and comfort at the homestead, and died November 19, 1867. In politics he followed the majority of the Whigs into the ranks of the Republican party. He occupied a position of influence in the community as an honorable, upright business man and a useful citizen. By his first wife, in maidenhood Eunice Bradbury, who was born June 9, 1788, he became the father of six children, two of whom are living. These are: Moses B., who was born September 26, 1816, residing in Lincoln, Penobscot County; and Jason, born September 20, 1818, who resides in Whitman, Mass. The others were: William R., Hiram, Samuel, and Julia. The mother died May 5, 1830. The father's second wife, whose maiden name was Polly Bradbury, was born July 5, 1792. She had two children, namely: Henry B., the subject of this sketch; and Eunice M., born July 18, 1835, who married A. P. Andrews, of North Paris, Me., and died August 25, 1862. The mother died November 15, 1859. Both parents were members of the Congregational church.

Henry B. Hersey is indebted to the district school of Sumner for his early education. He was afterward for some time engaged in teaching school. This occupation he relinquished to take charge of the home farm at the solicitation of his father, whose health was then failing. Receiving a deed of the homestead in 1855, he began a series of improvements, which included the erection of a new set of buildings. The farm, containing one hundred and sixty acres, is one of the most desirable pieces of property in town. On December 10, 1855, Mr. Hersey wedded Betsey Jane Richardson, who was born in Sumner, June 18, 1836, daughter of Lyman and Mercy Richardson. Their children were: Louella J., born December 14, 1856; George H., born September 14, 1858; Fanny A., born February 9, 1861; and Alice A., born July 24,





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1864. Louella J. married Frank L. Warren, of Hartford, Me., and has three children — Mary A., Hersey, and George L. George H., who is the inventor of improved steam and hot-water apparatus, married Laura E. Lynch, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and resides in Buckfield, Me., having seven children, namely: Herbert C., born January 30, 1883; Raymond A., born October 2, 1884; Grace Z., born July 17, 1887; Bessie W., deceased, born September 28, 1889; Henry E., born November 15, 1890; George, born May 21, 1893; and Albert, born March 18, 1895. Fanny A., who attended Hebron Academy, is now a book-keeper in Auburn, Me. Alice A. is now the wife of Fred. A. Taylor, the steward of the Westboro Insane Asylum.

Mr. Hersey was for many years a prominent figure in the public affairs of both the town and district. He was elected to all of the important town offices, and in 1879 he represented the district in the legislature. He is highly respected in Sumner, with whose agricultural interests he has been closely identified since 1851. Both he and Mrs. Hersey are members of the Congregational church at East Sumner.

**N**ATHAN G. MILLS, a prosperous farmer of Mason, Oxford County, Me., was born on the farm that he now owns, February 20, 1824, son of Cyrus and Abiah (Bean) Mills. The father was born in Bethel, and the early years of his life were spent on a farm and in logging camps. Coming to Mason when a young man, he purchased the farm that his son now owns, and lived here for many years, finally selling the place to his son and returning to his native town, where he bought another farm. He died there at seventy-six years of age. In his younger days he was a Democrat, but he afterward adopted the principles of the Republican party. He was an able public speaker, and took a prominent part in local affairs, serving several years as Selectman. He was a patriot soldier in the War of 1812. Abiah Bean Mills was born in Bethel. She died August 14, 1846, at fifty-three years of age. Thirteen children, ten sons and three daughters,

were the fruit of her union with Cyrus Mills.

Nathan G. Mills was one of the ten sons born to his parents. He lived at home during his minority, then went to North Hampton, N.H., and engaged in chopping cord wood at forty cents per cord, working at this occupation for five years. Having saved sufficient money he then returned to Mason, and purchased the old farm, which has since been his home. It contains about seventy-five acres of land, and is one of the most highly cultivated farms in this township. In addition to this he owns about seven hundred acres of timber and pasture land. Although now past seventy-two years of age he is still able to perform a full day's labor. Mr. Mills makes a specialty of dealing in veal calves, handling as high as one hundred and thirty in a year.

In September, 1849, Mr. Mills was joined in marriage with Mrs. Mary E. (Gordon) Mills, the widow of his older brother, Daniel Mills. Six children have blessed this union, namely: Mary A., wife of Charles Dunham, a farmer of Bethel; Eudora M., wife of Moses M. Mason, of Gilead, Me.; George E., a resident of Dorchester, Mass.; Bessie Alida, living at the parental home; Ada, who died at nineteen years of age; and Nathan E., a carpenter in Lewiston, Me.

Mr. Mills, who is a Democrat in politics, has served on the Board of Selectmen five years, also as Town Surveyor. He is a member of Mount Abram Lodge, No. 31, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bethel; and Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 136, Patrons of Husbandry.

**J**OSEPH S. HOUGHTON, a successful merchant of Weld, Franklin County, Me., and an ex-member of the Maine legislature, was born in this town, July 9, 1851, son of Daniel and Sophia (Parlin) Houghton. His paternal grandfather, James Houghton, who was the fifth settler in the town of Weld, cleared a good farm, upon which he resided for the rest of his life; and he reared a large family of children.

Daniel Houghton, Mr. Houghton's father, son of James, was born in Weld, January 3,

1812, and was here a lifelong resident. He was prosperously engaged in tilling the soil during the active period of his life, and died June 17, 1856. His wife, who was before marriage Sophia Parlin, became the mother of three children, namely: Florence B., wife of B. F. Metcalf, of Auburn, Me.; Joseph S., the subject of this sketch; and Josephine, wife of D. B. Swett, of Weld. Daniel Houghton was a member of the Congregational church, and in politics he voted with the Whig party.

After the death of Daniel Houghton, Sophia, his wife, married Vincent G. Parlin, a resident of Weld, by whom she had five children. Three of them died young, but two lived to reach manhood; namely, George Otis and Abel Ezra. The former now resides at Rumford Falls, Me. Abel Ezra Parlin graduated with honors at Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kent's Hill, Me., after which he took a course of theology at Boston University. He was subsequently pastor of several churches in Maine and New Hampshire. He died at Paris, Me., in January, 1895.

Joseph S. Houghton was educated in the common schools of his native town. After completing his studies he began work in a spool factory, where he remained for nineteen years; and since April 1, 1889, he has been engaged in trade at his present location. He carries a varied line of merchandise, including dry goods, groceries, provisions, and other wares, and has succeeded in establishing a large and profitable business. In politics he is a Republican, and takes a prominent part in public affairs. He was Town Clerk thirteen years, is now serving his third year as Town Treasurer; and while representing this district in the legislature, during the session of 1885 and 1886, he served on the Committee upon the Reform School. He was Postmaster here for four years; and as Assistant Postmaster he now has charge of the office, which is located in his store.

On October 4, 1883, Mr. Houghton was united in matrimony with Lizzie Staples, a native of Carthage, Me., and a cousin of the Hon. Eugene Hale, United States Senator from this State. Mr. and Mrs. Houghton have one child living, a daughter, Madge, aged eleven years.

Mr. Houghton is a member of Mystic Lodge, No. 154, A. F. & A. M., of Weld. He was Master of the lodge for two years, served as Senior Deacon, Junior and Senior Warden, and is a member of the chapter. He has acted as a Justice of the Peace since 1885.

**T**HOMAS SWAN, for many years an esteemed resident of Waterford, was born in this town, September 11, 1810, son of Dudley and Sallie (Green) Swan. His father was a farmer and a lifelong resident of Waterford. The subject of this sketch resided for many years on an eighty-acre farm just west of South Waterford. Brought up to agriculture he became a practical farmer. He was also a skilled road builder, and many of the best roads in Waterford were built under his supervision. Industrious and thrifty, he prospered; and, at his death, which occurred in this town, April 15, 1896, he left a fair property. Widely known, he was equally respected, and was chosen by his fellow-townsmen to serve them in various public capacities, including that of Selectman. He was twice married, first to Miss Eliza Sanderson, of Sweden, Me., who died June 6, 1878. Five children were the fruit of this union, namely: Mary E., wife of Albert Caswell, a farmer of Waterford, holding the office of Selectman; Nancy O., who died in childhood; Charles, a physician, residing in Iowa; Thomas B., an attorney, in Atlantic City, Ia.; and John S., a farmer of Livingstone County, California. For his second wife Mr. Swan married Miss Charlotte H. Walker, who survives him, and who was born in Bethel, Me., April 12, 1832, daughter of Joseph C. and Lucinda (Hale) Walker. Her father was a native of Bethel, and her mother of Waterford. The former, who followed farming in Waterford for many years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Swan. Mr. and Mrs. Walker had three children—Caroline M., who married D. B. Willis, a prominent speculator and merchant of Lewiston, Me. (both are now deceased); Charlotte H.; and Columbia, who died in infancy. Mrs. Swan's maternal grandparents were Oliver and Eunice

(Fletcher) Hale. Oliver Hale was one of the pioneer settlers of Oxford County, coming here when Waterford was a wilderness. He was a trader, and conducted a store on the spot where his grand-daughter, Mrs. Swan, now resides. He was also engaged quite extensively in farming. He and his wife had eight children.

**J**OHAN BLANCHARD, one of the best known farmers of Wilton, Franklin County, Me., was born in this town, August 1, 1826, son of Cyrus and Betsey (Floyd) Blanchard. His paternal grandfather, Timothy Blanchard, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and served at the Battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, removed from Billerica, Mass., to Litchfield, where he resided for some years; and his last days were passed with his son in Maine. He died at the age of eighty-four years. His children were: Timothy, Hannah, Cyrus, Rhoda, Reuel, Lorina, and Mary.

Cyrus Blanchard, son of Timothy, journeyed from Massachusetts to Maine on foot; and deciding to settle in Wilton he here bought eighty acres of wild land. After clearing a small space and erecting a frame house twenty by twenty feet, he continued to improve the property until, as the result of his labor, he possessed a productive farm, and his first abode was replaced by a large and more substantial house, together with spacious barns and out-buildings. He enjoyed a comfortable prosperity as a general farmer, and resided in Wilton until his death, which took place when he was sixty-four years old. In his younger days he was a Whig, later uniting with the Republican party; and he was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. His first wife, whose maiden name was Chloe Welch, survived but a short time after marriage. She had one child, a daughter, Rhoda, who died young. His second wife, formerly Betsey Floyd, who was a daughter of Samuel Floyd, became the mother of two children, namely: Jessie; and John, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Betsey Floyd Blanchard lived to reach the age of seventy-five years.

John Blanchard was the only son born to

his parents. As he grew to manhood in his native town he attended the public schools of Wilton when opportunity permitted, and assisted his father in the farm duties until becoming of age. He then bought sixty acres of partially improved land, adjoining his father's estate; but, after residing there for twelve years, during which time he made various improvements, he sold that property, and purchased the J. Macomber farm of one hundred and eighty acres, where he has since lived. He has spent a great deal of time in bringing his land up to a high state of fertility, has set out an orchard, keeps some extra fine cattle and sheep, has remodelled his residence, and besides attending to his farm has been quite extensively engaged in lumbering.

In 1853 Mr. Blanchard wedded Elizabeth Colburn, daughter of John and Sarah Colburn. He and his wife have three children, as follows: Charles F., a large farmer and stock dealer of Wilton, who was born October 16, 1854, married Julia Savage, and has three children—John F., Minnie, and Jeannett; Frank N., also a farmer and stock dealer, who was born November 17, 1863, married Lillian E. Adams, and has had two children—Cala C., who died young, and Clifford, who was born December 8, 1894; and Annie May, who was born May 25, 1866, married William Savage, and has two children—Linn S., who was born December 17, 1893, and Clinton B., who was born October 24, 1895.

Although still vigorous and active, Mr. Blanchard is now resting after a long career of useful activity, having given up the more laborious duties of his farm to his son-in-law, William Savage, who resides with him. He has voted with the Republican party ever since its formation, but has never aspired to public office. In his religious faith he is a Free Will Baptist.

**C**HANDLER BROTHERS, who, under the firm name of G. A. Chandler & Co., conduct a large general store at West Sumner, Oxford County, Me., are natives of Sumner and sons of the late Hiram B. Chandler. Their father died October 31, 1888. Their mother, Mrs. Eme-

line Coburn Chandler, is still living at the homestead. Their paternal grandfather, Reuben Chandler, who was a shoemaker by trade, was an early settler in Paris, this county, and in Minot, a few miles distant, but passed the latter part of his life in Sumner, where he died at the age of fifty-six years. His wife, Abigail Barrows, lived to reach a good old age.

Hiram B. Chandler, son of Reuben, was born in Minot, Androscoggin County, February 13, 1814. He built his shops in Sumner, and followed the trades of a cooper and wheelwright until about 1846, when he engaged in mercantile pursuits, establishing and conducting for many years, or till his death, the business in West Sumner which is now carried on by his sons. He was prominently identified with public affairs, serving as Postmaster and Town Treasurer for forty years. He was a Republican in politics, and for many years was an active member of the Universalist church.

His wife, Emeline O. Coburn, whom he married November 19, 1838, was born in Sumner, November 10, 1819, daughter of Samuel Coburn. She became the mother of eight children. The eldest, Mary E., was born December 16, 1839, married Kingman Gurney, and died August 6, 1862, leaving one daughter, Flora L., who was born May 21, 1860, and is now the wife of Elbridge S. Tuell, having two children—Mary E. and Emily. The second, Julia A., who was born June 1, 1841, married Horace Gurney, and died November 22, 1864. The third, also a daughter, Victoria A., was born February 7, 1843, and married William T. Bonney, of West Sumner. Her children are: Corry A., born September 23, 1864, who married Effie Abbott, and has one child, Elva E.; Agnes E., who was born May 23, 1871; and William A., born September 15, 1878. The fourth was Eliza G. Chandler, who was born January 5, 1846, and died May 26, 1870. Oscar G., the eldest son, a resident of West Sumner, who was born July 2, 1848, by his first wife, Ella Whitman, had one child, Elton, born November 1, 1874, and by his second wife, Abbie Farrar, a son, Leslie, born February 2, 1879. Agnes E. Chandler, the sixth child, was born

January 17, 1851, married the Rev. George E. Forbes, and died May 12, 1885, leaving one child, Murray E. The seventh and eighth born were George A. and Harold Chandler, the subjects of this sketch, now to be further mentioned.

George A. Chandler, senior member of the firm, was born February 21, 1858. He acquired his education in the common and high schools, and after completing his studies he taught ten terms of school. He then engaged in the mercantile business, which since the death of his father he has managed as the active partner. This firm is now carrying a large and varied line of general merchandise, embracing unnumbered articles for domestic, agricultural, and mechanical use; and they not only have the most profitable trade in the village, but supply a numerous patronage from the adjacent towns. Mr. Chandler has served as Town Clerk for ten consecutive years, has been Postmaster for the past six years, besides holding other town offices, and has served efficiently for three years as a member of the School Board, being deeply interested and well versed in educational matters. He is connected with the lodge of Odd Fellows at West Paris and with Pleasant Lake Lodge, No. 232, of Good Templars. George A. Chandler and Helen Tuell were united in marriage on October 12, 1879, and have two children—Linnie T. and H. Benjamin.

Harold Chandler, junior member of the firm of G. A. Chandler & Co., and also engaged in the job printing business, was born March 1, 1868. After finishing his studies he entered his father's store as a clerk; and, since succeeding to its possession in company with his brother, he has been a partner in the business. He possesses mechanical genius of a high order; and, having acquired a knowledge of printing without the aid of instruction, when he had become proficient in the business, and desired to apply steam-power to his presses, he built an engine, which now performs the required services in the office. He carries on quite an extensive business as a job printer, doing a great deal of work for the town, besides filling numerous orders for private individuals and business concerns; and this little enterprise is proving very profitable to him.

The Chandler Brothers are not only active and exceedingly enterprising young business men, but are very popular social favorites; and their success is fully merited. They are Republicans in politics, and they attend the Universalist church.

**A**USTIN REYNOLDS, M.D., a widely known and successful eclectic physician of Farmington, Me., was born in Jay, Franklin County, Me., July 9, 1830, son of Luther C. and Charlotte R. (Jackson) Reynolds.

Dr. Reynolds's father, who was a native of Peru, Oxford County, Me., learned the shoemaker's trade, and in young manhood settled in Jay, where he followed that calling with prosperous results. He became the owner of a good farm, which he cultivated industriously for the rest of his life and he died in Jay at the age of fifty-seven years. He was an ardent abolitionist and originally a Whig in politics, later joining the Republican party; and he was highly respected and esteemed as a worthy and useful citizen. His wife, Charlotte R. Jackson, who was a daughter of Samuel Jackson, bore him nine children, as follows: Austin, the subject of this sketch; George A. and William F., twins; Belista; Orrin A.; Eliza; Henry; Lewiston; and Rhoda. Dr. Reynolds's mother lived to reach the age of eighty-five years. His parents were members of the Baptist church.

Austin Reynolds acquired his early education in the district schools of Jay, and resided with his parents until reaching manhood. He then went to Randolph, Mass., where he engaged in the boot and shoe business till 1860, when he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. J. Alden, of that town. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he went to the front as nurse, but was soon appointed member of Medical Cadet Corps, under Sergeant Waters. He saw considerable active service, being present at the second battle of Bull Run and the memorable engagement at Fredericksburg.

Returning North in 1863, he took a course of one year in the medical department of Harvard University, after which he entered

the Eclectic Medical School of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1866. He commenced the practice of his profession at East Wilton in this county. Two years later he located in Farmington, and he has since maintained a large and successful practice in this and the surrounding towns. Purchasing the Dr. Edmund Russell property situated on Main Street, he proceeded to enlarge and remodel the house; and, being a natural mechanic, he designed and finished several of the rooms himself. The interior, which contains some handsomely designed archways, is finished in black walnut and ash, inlaid in a most artistic manner, showing exquisite taste and skilful workmanship. The exterior has also received careful attention, marks of the same cultivated taste being visible everywhere. The spacious lawns are intercepted by an asphalt driveway. The residence adjoining, which is owned and occupied by Mrs. M. H. Newell, was also designed by the Doctor, and is a most creditable and pleasing piece of architectural work, plainly demonstrating the fact that his abilities in this direction are of a high order and fully developed.

For his first wife Dr. Reynolds married Abbie Eustis, daughter of Daniel Eustis, of Jay, and by this union there were two sons, namely: George W., born in 1852; and Charles, born in 1857. Charles died at the age of three years. George W., who has been the popular pastor of the Congregational church at Gorham, Me., for the past nine years, is a graduate of Amherst College and of Yale Divinity School. The first eight years of his ministry were spent as pastor of churches in Stuart and Osage, Ia. The Doctor's present wife, formerly Mrs. Luella Cutts, born Stevens, daughter of Oliver Stevens, has by her first marriage one daughter, Jane M., who is a successful teacher.

In politics Dr. Reynolds is an earnest supporter of Republican principles, and, as an enterprising and progressive citizen, is actively interested in all matters relative to the general welfare and improvement of the town. As a physician he is both professionally and financially successful, which speaks well for his ability; and the high position he occupies

among the prominent, well-to-do residents has been meritoriously attained.

**W**ILLIAM NEWELL THOMAS, an able farmer of Oxford and a representative of a pioneer family of this town, was born upon the farm where he now resides, September 22, 1831, son of William and Harriet (Brackett) Thomas. His grandfather, Elisha Thomas, a native of Middleboro, Mass., settled at the Thomas homestead in Oxford when it consisted of a primitive log house and a small clearing. By industriously applying himself to the task of improving the property Elisha succeeded in making it a very productive farm. He died at the age of eighty-three years. In politics he supported the Whig party, while his religious views were of a liberal character. He was twice married, and reared a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, none of whom are living. His second wife, Elizabeth Thomas, who reached a good old age, had three children—William, Ichabod M., and Deborah.

William Thomas was born in Middleboro, Mass., and accompanied his parents when they came to Oxford. He inherited the homestead, where the greater part of his active life was passed in tilling the soil. In time he became one of the leading farmers of his day. He was also quite an extensive speculator in land. In politics he was a Democrat. He was closely identified with local public affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen. For some years he acted as a Trustee of the Oxford County Agricultural Society. He died at the Thomas homestead, aged sixty-nine years. His wife, Harriet, who was a native of Westbrook, Me., bore him seven children, two sons and five daughters. Three of these are living: namely, William N., Angie W., and Harriet A. The others were: Sarah J., Catherine, Elisha, and Atosia. The mother lived to the age of seventy-six years.

William Newell Thomas acquired a good practical education in the schools of Oxford, and grew to manhood at the family homestead. Since becoming its owner he has not only improved the property by the erection of

a new set of buildings, but has added more land to the estate, which now comprises three hundred acres. The Thomas farm is ranked by many people among the best properties in the county. Its owner enjoys the reputation of one of the most practical and energetic agriculturists of this town. He has also an interest in the South Paris Savings Bank, of which he is a Trustee. He is one of the oldest members of the Board of Trustees of the Oxford County Agricultural Society. In politics he acts with the Democratic party, and he is a leading spirit in public affairs. He served with ability as Selectman for a number of years.

On September 30, 1860, Mr. Thomas wedded Julia Sturtevant, who was born in Hebron, Me., January 25, 1841, daughter of Eliphalet and Eunice (Jordan) Sturtevant. Eliphalet Sturtevant, a native of Worcester, Mass., born August 14, 1784, settled in Hebron, where he followed the carpenter's trade, and was engaged in farming. His religious belief was that of the Baptist denomination, and in his last years he supported the Republican party. His wife, who was born June 6, 1799, in Gray, Me., died October 8, 1871; and he died in Massachusetts on November 8 following. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have had three children, namely: Arthur K., who is married and lives in Portland; Lillian E., wife of H. F. Cushman, of Auburn, Me.; and Elisha M., the eldest, who died at the age of thirteen years. Mr. Thomas has advanced in Masonry to the Royal Arch degree, having affiliation with the Blue Lodge at South Paris and the chapter in Norway. For six years he has been Master of South Paris Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Mrs. Thomas is also a member of that order.

**C**ORNELIUS M. HOLLAND, one of the oldest and best known farmers of Canton, Me., and formerly Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this Oxford County town, February 21, 1822, son of Dr. Cornelius and Milly (Billings) Holland. The family is of English origin and of old Colonial stock. Mr. Holland's great-grandfather, John Holland, re-

sided in Sutton, Mass.; and his son, John Holland, second, Mr. Holland's grandfather, who was born in Sutton, became an early settler in Dixfield, Me. He was a sturdy pioneer and an industrious farmer, and he lived to reach a ripe old age.

Cornelius Holland, son of the younger John Holland, was born in Sutton, Mass., July 9, 1783. His youthful opportunities for schooling were extremely limited; but he devoted his spare time to study, spending his evenings in obtaining a knowledge of the higher branches of learning by the light of a pitch pine knot, and became a well-educated man. Having adopted the profession of medicine, he first settled as a physician in Livermore, Me.; and in 1815 he located upon the farm in Canton where his son now resides. He had a large and successful practice; and he took a prominent part in public affairs, serving as a Justice of the Peace and in various other town offices, being among those appointed to frame the constitution of the State of Maine, and in 1821 and 1822 a member of the State legislature. In 1830 Dr. Holland was elected a Representative to Congress to fill out an unexpired term, and he was afterward re-elected. He took a deep interest in the improvement and welfare of the town, and was honored and respected by the entire community. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and in his religious views he was a Universalist. During the last fifteen years of his life the worthy Doctor suffered from the loss of his eyesight. He died at his home in Canton, June 2, 1870, and was buried with Masonic honors.

His wife, Milly Billings, whom he married November 16, 1815, was born in Wilton, N.H., April 25, 1788. She became the mother of four children, namely: Eliza W., who was born October 13, 1816, married Horatio Austin, and died January 28, 1844; James M., who was born December 22, 1818, married Sarah F. Fairbanks, and died October 11, 1847, leaving one son, James Frank, born November 13, 1844, died in Houlton, Me., November 30, 1892; Cornelius M., the subject of this sketch; and Amanda B., who was born January 9, 1826, and is now residing in Buckfield, the widow of N. T. Shaw. Mrs.

Milly B. Holland died December 6, 1874. Cornelius M. Holland, the younger of the two sons reared by his parents, began his education in the common schools of Canton, and completed his studies with a course at the Westbrook Seminary. In young manhood he adopted agricultural pursuits; and he has always resided at the homestead, which he inherited at his father's death. He has sold eighty acres of the original tract, and now owns and cultivates sixty acres of excellent tillage land, his farm being among the most fertile to be found in the Androscoggin valley. Although well advanced in years, he is still actively engaged in attending to the regular duties about the place; and during the present season he has wielded the scythe with the skill and precision of a much younger man.

On March 27, 1845, Mr. Holland was united in marriage with Lydia H. Reynolds, who was born in Canton, September 5, 1824, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Austin) Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Holland have had four children, as follows: Abbie E., who was born December 9, 1846, and died March 14, 1849; Charles Monroe, a farmer and nursery man of Rhode Island, who was born June 8, 1850, married Ella M. Dodge, of Sutton, Mass., and has one daughter, Lottie M.; Ella Amanda, who was born November 9, 1853, and is now the wife of S. A. Russell, a carriage painter of Dixfield, having three children,—namely, Lizzie M., Charles M., and Milly H.; and Cora M., who was born August 21, 1860, married Fred E. Rowe, of Canton, and has three children—Alice H., Homer E., and Sherman.

In politics Mr. Holland is a Democrat. He has served efficiently as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was Postmaster at Canton Point for eight years, and for the past thirty-five years he has been clerk of the Board of Trustees of the School Fund. He has served as Moderator at town meetings for many years, and his ability as a presiding officer and his experience and judgment in public affairs are recognized and appreciated by his fellow-townsmen. He is a member and Past Master of Oriental Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and a member of Androscoggin Chapter, Royal



Arch Masons, of Livermore Falls; and of Dunlap Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Lewiston. Mr. and Mrs. Holland attend the Universalist church. They are widely and favorably known throughout this section, being among the oldest residents here; and in 1895 numerous friends and acquaintances assisted them in celebrating the golden anniversary of their wedding.

**A**MOS ABBOTT GROVER, a well-to-do farmer of the town of Norway, Oxford County, Me., who for many years was prosperously engaged in the lumber business, was born in Cumberland, Cumberland County, this State, July 2, 1829, son of Hezekiah Grover, who was a native of Bethel, Me.

His paternal grandfather, Eli Grover, son of Deacon James Grover, an early settler in this region, was born in 1763 in the town of Bethel. He grew to manhood in his native place, and continued a resident there, carrying on farming until his death, which took place on September 2, 1837. His wife, Mehitabel Austin, was a native of Maine. They were the parents of fourteen children, as follows: Abigail, who was born in May, 1790, and died August 2, 1893; Eli, who was born January 18, 1792, and died September 30, 1843; James, born November 18, 1793, deceased; Peter, born July 30, 1795, who died in 1874; Mehitabel, born July 3, 1797, who died November 16, 1831; Leonard, born May 9, 1799, died February 25, 1884. Amos, born July 13, 1801, died August 3, 1883; Hezekiah, father of Amos Abbott, born in 1803; Andrew, born September 25, 1805, who died in 1863; Abel, born December 7, 1807, deceased; Alpheus, born October 26, 1809, who died November 1, 1842; Sarah, born October 7, 1812, died July 15, 1819; Almon, born January 24, 1815, now deceased; and Arville, who was born January 20, 1817, and died June 2, 1845.

Hezekiah Grover was the sixth son and eighth child born to his parents. He early chose farming as the occupation by which he should earn his livelihood, and soon after his marriage settled on a farm in the town of Mason, Oxford County, where during the few

remaining years of his earthly life he was actively engaged in general husbandry. He died October 6, 1831, when but twenty-eight years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Bartlett, was born in Cumberland, Me., her father, Thomas Bartlett, who was a native of England, having settled in that town after following the sea for a few years in early manhood. Two children were born to Hezekiah and Betsey B. Grover, namely: Amos Abbott, the subject of this sketch; and Mehitabel J., who came into the world September 23, 1831, only a few days before the death of her father, and who is now the wife of E. G. Wheeler, of West Bethel, Me. After her husband's death Mrs. Grover became the wife of Artemas Mason, of Mason, Me., by whom she had three children, namely: a son, Hezekiah G., now a resident of Mason, who married the late Susanna Watson; and two daughters, Minerva and Elizabeth Frances, both deceased. The mother passed away December 2, 1846, having lived but a few years after her second marriage. Mr. Mason survived her many years, dying in 1893.

Amos A. Grover was educated in the common schools of his native county, and early began to engage in the activities of life. Buying a farm in the town of Mason, when but twenty years old he devoted his energies to farming and lumbering on an extensive scale. He owned a saw-mill, in which he manufactured shingles, clapboards, and dressed lumber of all kinds, carrying on a substantial business for thirty years. In 1879 he transferred the scene of his operations to Oxford County, selling out in Mason, and coming to Norway on the 1st of April to engage in milling in this vicinity. In 1883 Mr. Grover bought his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres, situated near the shores of Lake Pennessewassee, his beautiful homestead occupying one of the most attractive sites in the county. He has been very successful in his agricultural labors, including the cultivation of the soil, dairying, and stock raising. Mr. Grover is a public-spirited citizen, genuinely interested in the welfare and progress of the community; and while a resident of Mason he filled all the important offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen. Since coming to

Norway he has served with fidelity in many minor public positions. Politically, he is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party. Fraternally, he is a member of the grange at Norway.

On May 6, 1855, Mr. Grover married Miss Cordelia Watson, a native of Norway, born May 15, 1828. Her father, Daniel Watson, who was born October 27, 1797, was a lifelong farmer of this town. His wife, formerly Lydia Clark, was born in Bethel, June 25, 1798. Mr. and Mrs. Grover have two children now living in their home, namely: Fred O., born November 14, 1863; and Florence C., born September 19, 1866; and with others they have been called to part: Daniel Watson, born December 24, 1856, who died July 25, 1862; and Frances A., born October 26, 1859, who died October 17, 1880.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY ALLEN, a well-to-do farmer and extensive land-owner of Hebron, Oxford County, is a worthy representative of sturdy New England stock, strengthened by generations of growth in the free air of the Pine Tree State. He was born in Hebron, October 2, 1850, a son of William P. and Wealthy (Hutchinson) Allen. His grandfather, William Allen, was an early settler in Androscoggin County, whence he eventually removed to Penobscot County. An industrious and enterprising man, he was engaged for a number of years in farming, lumbering, and logging. He died in Hermon, Penobscot County, at the age of eighty. His wife, whose maiden name was Araminta Pettingill, was a native of Androscoggin County. She lived to be eighty-one years of age. This couple had ten children, namely: Jeremiah D., born October 2, 1809; William P., the father named above; and Abel, born January 29, 1814,—all deceased; John P., born April 25, 1816, a sea captain residing in Thomaston, Me.; Levi, born March 15, 1818; and James B., born March 4, 1820, residing in Hermon Centre, Me.; Albion P., born September 13, 1822, deceased; Asael G., born May 13, 1825; Sewall A., born April 10, 1827; and Alpheus, born April 22, 1829, all in Hermon Centre.

William P. Allen was born in Minot, Me., December 26, 1811, but spent much of his active life in Hebron, the last thirty years on the farm now occupied by his son. He was a carpenter by trade, and was very successful as a farmer. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief liberal, his wife being a member of the Free Will Baptist church. He died on the home farm, January 14, 1879. Mr. William P. Allen was married September 8, 1839, to Miss Wealthy Hutchinson, who was born in Hebron, Oxford County, Me., August 2, 1811, and died here, August 16, 1880, having been the mother of four children. The parents were bereft of their two elder children within a single week, namely: Levi, born March 2, 1841, who died in Hebron, September 9, 1848; and Stafford, born October 1, 1843, who died in Hebron, September 3, 1848. The others who are yet living are: Albion P. and William Henry. Albion P. Allen, who was born November 30, 1845, is engaged in farming in Hebron. He married on November 25, 1871, Miss Aurilla Bates, who died June 15, 1876, leaving two children—George H. and Velma A. Three years later, on June 14, 1879, he married Miss Hattie I. Turner, who lived but a little over a year; and he was married May 14, 1882, to Mrs. Addie T. Eastman, his present wife.

William Henry Allen, the younger of the two sons who grew to maturity, acquired his education in the common schools of Hebron. He started in life by learning the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until about 1880, when he turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture. To-day he owns the home farm in Hebron of one hundred acres, a good property with substantial buildings, besides considerable land in the town of Minot.

On September 18, 1879, Mr. Allen was united in marriage with Susie M., daughter of James B. and Susie G. (Page) Allen. She was born in Hermon Centre, November 4, 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have no children. Politically, Mr. Allen favors the Democratic side. He is highly esteemed by his townsmen, and has served on the Board of Selectmen for ten years. He belongs to Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M., of Buckfield; and he and his wife are members of

East Hebron Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, No. 300, of which he is now Treasurer, and has been two years Master. On religious subjects he holds liberal views, favoring the Free Will Baptist church, at which he is a frequent attendant.

**H**ARRISON J. BATES, leading merchant in Strong, was born in this village, October 2, 1850. He is the son of William E. and Sally (Haines) Bates, natives of Avon, now residing in Strong. His father was for many years engaged in farming and teaming, but has now retired from active labor. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bates have had three children, of whom Harrison J., the subject of this sketch, is the eldest and the only one living. The others were: Erastus, who died at the age of ten; and Lillian, who died at the age of seven years.

Harrison J. Bates was educated in the common schools of Strong, and resided with his parents until he was about twenty-five years old. He then engaged in the trucking business, hauling merchandise from Farmington to Strong; and he continued in that employment for three years. Since 1879, when he bought out P. Daggett, then in the harness business here, he has conducted a general store. He carries a well-selected stock of salable goods of a miscellaneous character; and as he has made it a point to give his undivided attention to his business, taking pains to meet the wants of his customers, he has a liberal share of patronage.

Mr. Bates has been twice married. His first wife, Emma Vining, was a daughter of Nathaniel Vining, a prosperous farmer of Avon. She died May 25, 1887, leaving one daughter, Lillian F., who was born July 7, 1874, and is now the wife of Henry Sewell, a can manufacturer of Strong. Mr. Bates's present wife was before marriage Laura Guild. She was born in Strong, daughter of Lewis Guild, a native of New Vineyard, who is now a salesman, and resides in the West. By this union there is one son, Vivian E. Bates, who was born December 14, 1890.

Politically, Mr. Bates has always favored

the Democratic party; but, as he is not an office-seeker, his name has never been used with that end in view. His business ability has placed him in a position of comfortable prosperity; and he occupies a pleasantly located residence, which he built a short time since. He is a citizen of high social standing, and is a member of Marathon Lodge, No. 96, Knights of Pythias.

**W**ILLIAM H. MANTER, a well-known resident of New Sharon, was born in Anson, an adjacent town in Somerset County, on March 31, 1842, son of William W. and Betsey W. (Norton) Manter. His great-great-grandfather was Benjamin Manter, a native of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., where he was a man of more than ordinary note, being of good family, prosperous, and a Colonel of the militia.

James, second son of Benjamin, was probably born on the island of Martha's Vineyard about 1746. He and his wife, Mary Butler Manter, were among the very foremost settlers of that portion of New Vineyard set apart and denominated as Industry. They came from Holmes's Hole, Mass., to New Vineyard, or Industry, in 1791, sailing as far as Hallowell; and from there the whole family, with the exception of Mrs. Manter, who was not strong enough to undertake such a journey on foot, walked to their destined home in the wilderness. James Manter and sons cleared here on his new possessions a small tract of land, felled the trees, and built a log house. He died in 1796, at the age of fifty years. His wife lived until nearly the middle of this century, dying in 1845, at the ripe old age of ninety-four.

Henry, second son of James and Mary (Butler) Manter, was born on November 28, 1777. He married Mary West, and eventually settled on what is now known as the Brackett farm in Starks. He, however, afterward exchanged that homestead for the one now owned and occupied by Mrs. Sarah Lewis. Here he built a comfortable house, and spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1858, aged eighty years. His wife followed him just ten years later, at the age of seventy-nine. They

had nine children, William W. being the eldest.

He was born on the 17th of August, 1806, in New Vineyard, where he spent his early life and commenced his education. At the age of twenty-two he was married and settled at Industry, where he built the Brick House, near West's Mills. Three years before he had built a saw-mill at or near the same place, and, after paying for the cranks of the mill sweeps by sawing and hauling chair bottoms, he continued to run it until he removed to Anson in 1835. He died at Mercer on the 28th of March, 1891, aged eighty-five years. He was a Democrat in politics, and was a member of the Methodist church. He filled during his life quite a number of public offices, being at one time Selectman in Anson and also Tax Collector and Constable.

Although strangely addicted to changing his place of residence for so solid and prosperous a man, William W. Manter could never be called a rolling stone, in the ordinary sense of the word. Whatever moss he gathered he kept, or, as in one instance, made money from. This was in 1856, when he sold all his real estate at a profitable figure, and removed to New Sharon with his family, buying here the large farm of two hundred and sixty-five acres where his son now resides. Even this place he left, and removed for the last time to Mercer, where he died. He left quite a large property behind him, his Anson farm alone containing over two hundred acres.

William H. Manter, son of William W., and the special subject of this sketch, spent most of his boyhood at Anson, and there received his early education. When he was fourteen he removed with his father and mother to New Sharon. There he still attended school until he had arrived at the age of eighteen, when he began to work regularly on his father's farm. On the day he attained his majority he acquired by purchase the farm known as the Eben Collins farm, containing seventy-six acres. Mr. Manter has been increasing his property from year to year, until at present his farm is about four hundred acres in extent. He owns a fine herd of fifteen cattle and three horses, besides a handsome flock of seventy sheep, excellent wool producers.

On the 17th of December, 1878, he was married to Jane Stilson, the daughter of Cyrus Stilson, a farmer of New Sharon. They have two children, both living: Bessie M., born July 14, 1880, who is still at school; and Marion, born June 20, 1886, who is at school in the home district.

Like his father, he is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist church. He was a Selectman of the town of New Sharon from 1892 to 1893. He is generally respected for what he has made himself, a man whose prosperity is due entirely to his own hard work and temporary self-sacrifice, while striving for the end that he has now so justly gained.

**S**AMUEL D. KNOWLTON, a carriage manufacturer of Farmington and one of the leading farmers of Knowlton's Corner, was born upon the farm he now owns and cultivates, September 19, 1832, son of Dean and Mehitable (Graves) Knowlton. Mr. Knowlton is a descendant of Samuel Knowlton, a native of Massachusetts, and a shoemaker by trade, who was born in 1647, son of William Knowlton; and the line continues through Samuel, Jr., who was born November 9, 1672, to Samuel, third, the date of whose birth is unknown. He married Esther Dean; and they became the parents of six children, the fourth-born of whom was Samuel, fourth, who settled in Maine.

Samuel Knowlton, fourth, was born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1764, and in 1786 came to Sandy River township, now Farmington, where he bought a tract of wild land, consisting of a portion of back lot No. 1, which has since remained in the family's possession. The first clearing was started near the large rock which stands in front of the present residence. After bringing a portion of his tract into a state of cultivation, he found the land to be of a superior quality for tillage purposes, and by carrying on general farming in connection with his trade of shoemaking, he soon advanced in prosperity far beyond the average settler of that day. The primitive log house, which served as a temporary abode, was in

due time replaced by a frame building twenty-eight by thirty-six feet, which stood near the old elm-tree; and when in recent years this was torn down by his grandson, Samuel D. Knowlton, after standing nearly a century, its frame was found to be still sound enough to be used for another building. Mr. Knowlton saved also some of the moulded nails, which were probably made in England.

Grandfather Knowlton was one of the first to engage in the cultivation of fruit in this locality, and, having set out a large orchard, derived considerable profit from the sale of his apple crop. He was not only a sturdy and industrious pioneer, who possessed the ability to attain prosperity in spite of the numerous difficulties which beset the progress of the early settlers, but his noble nature caused him to extend a helping hand to those of his neighbors who were less fortunate; and at his death, which took place February 17, 1844, he was deeply mourned as a generous, kind-hearted neighbor and a worthy, useful citizen. He was survived by his wife, formerly Jane Linscott, who lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-three years, dying May 22, 1857. Their twelve children were as follows: Samuel, John, Betsey, Joseph, Ebenezer, Esther, Joshua, Jane, Benjamin, Patty, Sally, and Dean.

Dean Knowlton, son of Samuel, fourth, and father of Samuel D., was born July 23, 1807. He inherited the homestead, and like his father was an energetic and prosperous farmer and a highly esteemed citizen. He died in the prime of life, October 17, 1849. In politics he supported the Whig party, and in his religious views was liberal. His wife, Mehitable Graves, daughter of Samuel Graves, of Wayne, bore him seven children, as follows: Samuel D., the subject of this sketch; Esther J.; Clarissa B.; Mary and Martha, twins, who died in infancy; and John and Joshua, also twins, who did not live to grow up. Mrs. Mehitable G. Knowlton died September 25, 1848, aged thirty-nine years.

Samuel D. Knowlton was educated in the town schools; and, being the only son of his parents that lived to reach maturity, he resided at the homestead, and succeeded to the ownership of the property after their death.

When a young man he learned the carriage-maker's trade, and in 1850 began manufacturing upon his own account upon a small scale, in connection with tilling the soil at the home farm; and in 1868 he erected a new residence, using the old one for a shop. In 1893 he demolished the old building, and used its frame for the construction of his present factory, which is twenty-eight by thirty-six feet, and two stories high. He is now producing about seventy-five carriages and quite a large number of sleighs annually, which are all made by hand, and are of a superior material and fine workmanship. He has also built a new stable upon his farm, and as an agriculturist is up with the times, keeping the land in a high state of cultivation, and owning a fine herd of Jersey cows.

On February 23, 1851, Mr. Knowlton wedded for his first wife Jane Reed, daughter of James Reed, of Kingfield, Me. By this union there were four children, namely: Georgiana, who died at the age of fourteen years; Ella, who died young; Elizabeth, who is now the wife of Charles McGaffey, and resides in Mount Vernon, having two children — John and Laura; and Dana, who died at the age of one year. Mrs. Jane Reed Knowlton died September 20, 1864; and for his second wife Mr. Knowlton married Martha Tyler, daughter of James and Mary (Brownell) Tyler. Mr. Tyler was a prosperous farmer of Vienna, Me., who died at the age of fifty years, his wife dying younger, leaving two children, namely: Stephen, who married for his second wife, Eliza Jenks; and Martha, who is now Mrs. Knowlton. By his present union Mr. Knowlton has had six children, as follows: Dana and Cora, who died young; William, a carriage-maker of North Chesterville, who married Eunice Whitmore, and has four children — Ethel, Martha, Ernest, and Sybil; Evelyn, now the wife of George Weymouth, of North Chesterville, having one child, Gladys; Charles M., who married Theodocia Jennings, and has one daughter, Hazel; and Harry, who is now employed in the factory with his father.

A prominent business man of Knowlton's Corner, Mr. Knowlton enjoys the sincere es-

teem and good will of the entire community, and his enterprise is exceedingly beneficial to this locality. He acts with the Democratic party in politics, is liberal in his religious views, and is connected with Franklin Lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**L**LEWELLYN B. HEALD, Town Clerk of Sumner, Oxford County, is a progressive and successful farmer. He was born on the farm where he is now living, October 25, 1842, son of Jefferson and Jane (Hersey) Heald, both natives of Sumner. His grandfather, Benjamin Heald, who was born in Carlisle, Mass., June 25, 1764, served in the Revolutionary War. In 1783 or 1784 Benjamin Heald settled on the land now occupied by his grandson, and for a long period dwelt in a log cabin erected by his own hands. A man of ability and energy, he was one of the largest land-owners and most extensive farmers in Sumner, and one of the first Selectmen of the town. In religious matters he was liberal. He died in Sumner, October 12, 1841. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Spaulding, was born November 10, 1766, and died June 10, 1858. They were the parents of nine children, who have all passed away.

Jefferson Heald was born on the farm now occupied by his son, November 16, 1805. He, too, was a successful farmer, progressive and energetic. In politics he was a Republican, in religious belief liberal. He died July 11, 1875. His wife, who, born April 22, 1809, died February 26, 1882, bore him six children, namely: Olive F., born May 17, 1832, now residing in Sumner; Eliza A., born May 12, 1834, the wife of Levi B. Bisbee, of Sumner; Cyrus B., born March 24, 1838, who married Miss Elvira Briggs, and resides in Sumner; Mary A., born July 20, 1840, the wife of A. W. Robinson, of Lynn, Mass.; Llewellyn B., the subject of this sketch; and Emma M. J., who was born March 23, 1851, and became the wife of Daniel G. Woodcock, and died January 4, 1876.

Llewellyn B. Heald had good educational advantages, finishing his studies at the Sumner

High School. He engaged in farming in early youth; and it has since been his life work, except for the time he spent in the Civil War. He enlisted August 8, 1862, in Company C, Twentieth Maine Regiment, under command of Captain J. H. McDonald, and served an unusually hard and perilous term. He was in the battles of Antietam, Alden, Gettysburg, Mine Run, the Wilderness, North Anna, South Side, Weldon Bridge, and Hatch's Run. At Gettysburg he received a wound that confined him to the hospital in Pennsylvania for four months. Honorably discharged June 23, 1865, he returned home and resumed his farm work. To-day he is the owner of the old Heald homestead cleared by his grandfather, one of the largest estates in the section. He makes a specialty of raising hay, but dairying is his principal business.

Mr. Heald was married December 17, 1867, to Fannie B. Robinson, who died without issue May 22, 1869. On October 15, 1871, he contracted a second marriage, uniting him to Ada F. Bonney, a native of Sumner, born June 21, 1852, daughter of Oliver Bonney. By this union he has four children: Annie H., born January 29, 1873, a pleasing and talented singer; Sabra R., born July 5, 1876; Estella J., born April 10, 1878; and Emma A., born March 19, 1880. In politics Mr. Heald is a Republican. He has served as Selectman of Sumner for four terms and as Town Clerk for seven years. He belongs to Nezinscot Lodge, No. 104, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Buckfield, Me.; and to Barrows Post, No. 65, Grand Army of the Republic, of Sumner. In religious belief he is liberal, while his wife is a member of the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE H. BARROWS, Constable and Tax Collector of Sumner, Oxford County, is a prominent and wealthy farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Hebron, Me., August 2, 1840, son of Joel and Demarius (Tubbs) Barrows. Mr. Barrows's father, a native of Hebron, learned the trade of blacksmith, and followed it steadily and industriously in Hebron, Nor-

way, Paris, and Sumner, through the active period of his life. He died in the last-named town in 1864. His wife, Demarius, who was born in Kennebec County, became the mother of ten children, four of whom are living. These are: Alonzo F., a blacksmith of South Paris; Harland C., a resident of Sumner; George H., the subject of this sketch; and Mary Augusta, who is now the widow of Cyrus Murray, and lives in Abington, Mass. The others were: Joel E., who died at the age of fifty-six years; Thomas Hiram, who died while serving as a soldier in the Civil War; Albert, who also died in the war; and three others, whose death occurred in infancy. Of six of the sons who fought in their country's cause at one time, four were members of Company F, Ninth Regiment, Maine Volunteers; while Joel E. was a member of a Massachusetts Regiment, and George H. was in Company C of the Twenty-third Maine Regiment. Besides the two who died while in the service, Harland C. Barrows lost a leg in the defence of the Union. This is a proud record for one family. The mother died in 1863.

George Horace Barrows passed his youth in Sumner, acquiring his education in the district schools of this town. At an early age he began to work out as a farm assistant, receiving for his services eight dollars per month. What he earned previous to reaching his majority he dutifully gave to his parents. Enrolling his name in 1862 among the volunteers of Company C, Twenty-third Regiment, Maine Infantry, under Captain Prince, he served in the Civil War for about one year. After his discharge in 1863 he engaged in agricultural pursuits upon his own account in Sumner. He bought his present property of one hundred and thirty acres in 1868, since which time he has displayed much energy and good judgment in managing a well-located dairy farm. He has advanced to the prominent position he now holds among the leading residents of this town, solely through hard work and a wise application of the resources at his command.

On July 17, 1863, Mr. Barrows wedded Rachel B. York, who died in 1877. On February 7, 1879, he entered a second marriage, contracted with Elsie G. Chandler, daughter

of Horatio and Emily (Dunham) Chandler. Mr. Barrows has been the father of seven children, three by his first union and four by his second. Of these, four are living, namely: Herbert H., who married Dell Chick, and resides in Portland, Me.; Mrs. Mary A. Dean, the wife of George Dean, of Paris, and the mother of two children—Ralph and Inez; and Melville C. and Charles A. Barrows, who resided with their father. The others were: Carrie May, a child of his first union, who died at the age of eight months; one who died in infancy; and Annie E., who died at the age of sixteen years.

Mr. Barrows has served the town ably and faithfully as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was also an Assessor for five years. Now he holds the offices of Constable and Collector. He is connected with the lodge of Odd Fellows at Buckfield, and is a comrade of William A. Barrows Post, No. 65, Grand Army of the Republic, of Sumner. His residence occupies an elevated and extremely healthy site, commanding a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains and valleys, and is a most delightful home in which to pass his declining years.

**D**AVID F. CUMMINGS, commonly called Deacon Cummings, one of the foremost citizens of Hebron, Me., is experienced in agricultural matters, and for the past three years has been Master of Hebron Grange, No. 43, Patrons of Husbandry. He was born in Albany, Me., July 27, 1833.

His parents, Stephen and Nancy (Frost) Cummings, were natives of the Pine Tree State, the former born in Albany, the latter in that part of Hebron which is now Oxford. His grandfather, Asa Cummings, who was one of the first settlers of Albany, was an energetic and progressive farmer. A member of the Congregational church, he was an active worker in its interest, and was for many years Deacon. He died in Albany at an advanced age. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Holt, was born in Andover, Mass. Of the fourteen children born to this couple, thirteen have passed from earth.

Stephen Cummings, one of the large family group, the father before alluded to, was born in July, 1805, and spent his life in his native town. He, too, was an industrious and competent farmer. In politics he was a Republican, in religious belief a Methodist. He died in March, 1863. Mrs. Nancy Frost Cummings, who was born in January, 1805, died in November, 1889. Eight children were born to them, of whom four, Irene, Elmira, Wesley, and Stephen H., have passed away. The others are: David F., with whom this sketch begins and ends; Mary, widow of J. F. Bird, of Albany; Harriet, wife of H. O. Wilber, of the same town; and Randall, a resident of Bethel.

David F. Cummings grew to manhood in Albany, his native town, acquiring his education in the public schools. The first wages he received was fifteen dollars per month for a year's work on a farm in Andover, Mass. Then at the age of twenty he engaged as clerk for W. W. Green, of North Waterford, Me., remaining three years. He subsequently bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Albany, on which he lived some seven years, his next venture being the purchase of a general store in the same town. After seven years of trading in that locality he sold his business and moved to Mechanic Falls, where he was in trade eleven years. In November, 1884, he purchased the farm in Hebron on which he is now living. This is a good property of one hundred and sixty acres, with substantial buildings. Deacon Cummings is engaged in general farming, his staple crop being hay; and he keeps from twelve to fifteen head of cattle for dairy purposes, full-blooded and grade Jerseys. He is a thrifty and progressive man, gifted with sound judgment, and takes a leading place among the citizens of Hebron.

On November 14, 1857, he was married to Margaret A. Upton, who was born in Albany, Me., August 2, 1833, daughter of Micah and Ruth (Abbott) Upton. Her father, who was a farmer, was a son of Francis and Sarah (Bancroft) Upton, of Norway and Albany, Me., and was a great-grandson of Deacon Amos and Sally (Bickford) Upton, of North Reading, Mass., where the emigrant progeni-

tor of the family, John Upton, who was an extensive landholder, spent his last years, dying in 1699, at an advanced age. Seven children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cummings: Edson A., who lived but three years; Carrie M., who died at the age of fourteen; Lizzie Edna, born June 23, 1861, now wife of O. A. Lovering, of Oxford, Me.; Willard Henry, born September 14, 1865; Bertha Alice, born August 5, 1867; Charles Wesley, born July 14, 1870; and Arthur David, born February 22, 1876.

David F. Cummings is a member of the Republican party. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Monami Lodge, No. 40, at Mechanic Falls. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church at West Minot, in which he is Deacon.

GILBERT ALLEN, a highly successful farmer of Wilton and a well-known citizen, was born in this town, July 18, 1828, son of Seth and Sally (Scales) Allen. His grandparents were Thomas and Mary (Jackson) Allen, the former of whom was born in the vicinity of Boston, and in young manhood settled upon an unimproved tract of land in the town of Jay. Having cleared the land and erected a frame dwelling-house, he carried on general farming successfully until his death, his property being later owned by Leonard Allen. Thomas Allen died at the age of sixty years, and his wife lived to be older. Their children were: Thomas, Reuben, Asa, Lucretia, Seth, Relief, Jackson, John, William, Lucy, Roanna, Joshua, Henry, and two others who died in infancy.

Seth Allen, fourth son of Thomas, was born in Jay, Me., June 7, 1799. When a young man he began farming for himself upon Walker Hill, where he resided for a few years; and then, selling his property there, he bought a tract of new land, from which he cleared and improved the farm now owned by E. Buck. He had reclaimed about fifty acres and erected a set of buildings which are still standing, when he sold the tract, and settled where his son Gilbert now resides. Having cleared off a good portion of this farm, he in 1854 erected the present house; and here he carried on gen-



eral farming with good results until his death, which took place March 13, 1873. His wife, Sally Scales, whom he married in 1823, was born in New Hampshire, November 27, 1802. They became the parents of seven children, namely: Ebenezer S.; Andrew J.; Gilbert, the subject of this sketch; Seth; Sarah; John; and Anna C. Mr. Allen's father was in his later years a Republican in politics and a member of the Free Will Baptist church. His mother, who is also a member of that church, still survives, and is now ninety-four years old.

Gilbert Allen was educated in the public schools; and after finishing his studies he went to Wayne, Me., where he served an apprenticeship, and worked as a journeyman in the scythe factory for twenty years. He then returned to the homestead in order to take charge of the farm during his father's declining years, and succeeding to the ownership of the property, consisting of one hundred acres, has since resided here. He has added ninety acres of pasture land, raised and enlarged the barn, remodelled the house, and otherwise improved the farm into its present excellent condition. Diligent and enterprising, he takes every available opportunity to advance his prosperity.

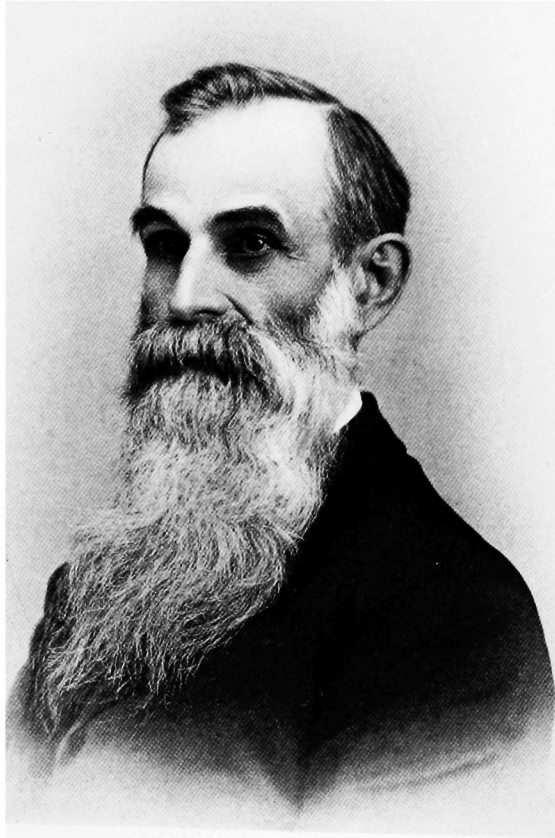
On September 14, 1851, Mr. Allen was married to Marian Morse, daughter of Waldron and Charlotte (Seavery) Morse, late of Jay. Mrs. Allen's father followed the trade of a carpenter in connection with farming until his death, at the age of seventy-six; but her mother lived to be eighty-seven. Their children were: Lucy; Marian, who became Mrs. Allen; Lizzie; S. Curtis; Laura; Philo; and Abbie C. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have had nine children, as follows: Fred W., James, Emory E., William F., Lucy, Emma J., Fila M., Eben, and Henry. Fred W. Allen, who was born May 16, 1853, married Ella Sampson, and lives at East Wilton, having three children — Gilbert L., Percy, and one not named. James Allen, a scythe-maker and a farmer, was born April 20, 1855. Emory E., who was born September 6, 1856, married Jennie Cary, and is a member of the police force in Brookline, Mass. They have two children — Eugene E. and Grace M. William F., who

was born November 7, 1858, is assisting his father in carrying on the farm. Lucy, who was born July 30, 1860, married C. D. Lyford, and died February 19, 1884. Emma J., who was born August 17, 1862, is now engaged in teaching. Fila Mabel was born April 7, 1864, and died May 26, 1887. Eben, who was born September 1, 1865, married Fanny G. Bean, and is living in Brookline, Mass., having one daughter, Olive. Henry, who was born September 3, 1870, married Nellie F. Coombs, and is a carpenter at Orr's Island.

Being a natural mechanic and an expert blacksmith, Mr. Allen has a well-equipped workshop upon his premises, where, when not otherwise occupied, he makes and repairs wagons and farm implements used upon his place. He is a charter member and Past Master of Wilton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which his sons are members; and in politics he acts with the Republican party.

**G**EORGE OLIVER ROBINSON, a retired lawyer and wealthy real estate owner, who resides in Oxford during the summer season, was born March 13, 1821, in that part of Oxford which was then included within the town of Hebron. He is a son of George and Hannah (March) Robinson. His paternal grandfather, Captain Samuel Robinson, came from Massachusetts to this part of Maine among the early pioneers, settling in Hebron, where he became a prosperous farmer and large land-owner, and was one of the most prominent citizens of his locality. He married Sally Rawson, who died at an advanced age in 1835, one year before her husband. They reared three sons, namely: Prescott, who was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, and became an officer in the regular army; George and Samuel, who were successful agriculturists of Oxford.

George Robinson, father of George O., was born in Hebron (now Oxford), May 28, 1797. In early manhood he engaged in tilling the soil, which occupation he followed energetically during the active period of his life; and in company with others he built the first saw and grist mill in Welchville. Enterprising



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and progressive, his influence and example were exceedingly beneficial to the growth and development of this locality. His last days were passed at the homestead in Oxford, where he died at the venerable age of nearly ninety-three years. He was a man of much natural ability and personal worth, and was for many years a prominent figure in local public affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as Constable and Collector. He was besides closely identified with the State militia. In politics he was originally a Whig, but, with the majority of his colleagues, joined the Republican party at its formation. He held an honorable position in the community as an able and faithful official, and was pre-eminently a public-spirited citizen. His wife, Hannah March Robinson, who was born in Sutton, Mass., January 31, 1789, became the mother of six children, as follows: George O., the direct subject of this sketch, who is the only one now living; Milton, who died at the age of fifty-three; Evelina Prudentia, who died August 1, 1893; Julia, who died April 9, 1832; Sally R., who died February 8, 1836; and Stephen M., who died in infancy, May 28, 1822. Mrs. Hannah M. Robinson lived to the age of eighty-seven years.

George O. Robinson began his education in the district school, subsequently attending Hebron Academy, and still later continuing his studies at the Lewiston Falls and North Yarmouth Academies. He then entered Bowdoin College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1849. The year after his graduation he taught in Topsham Academy, and during the two years following he was principal of the classical department of the North Yarmouth Academy. He then began the study of law with Willis & Fessenden of Portland. After completing his legal studies he was admitted in 1854 to the Cumberland County bar, and, immediately starting for the West, settled in Bloomington, Ill., where he was admitted to practice in the courts of that State. He was also admitted to practice in the United States courts at Springfield.

At the time of his advent in Bloomington the political atmosphere was charged heavily with tremendous and conflicting forces. Al-

ready the air reverberated with the mutterings of the advancing war clouds, forerunners of the great tempest to come. The passage in the spring of 1854 of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, repealing the Missouri Compromise of 1820, had brought nearer the inevitable strife, and drawn sharper and more distinct the lines separating the pro-slavery and anti-slavery elements. The time was at hand for the birth of a new party. In several States meetings had been held and initiatory steps taken looking toward the formation of a party that should unite under one banner all those opposed unalterably to the further extension of slavery; and in Bloomington, Ill., at a State convention held May 29, 1856, the organization of the great Republican party was effected. It was here that Abraham Lincoln made the speech which definitely severed his relations with the Whigs, and identified him at once as one of the foremost members of the new organization. The words he spoke on that occasion were long referred to as "Lincoln's Lost Speech," from the fact that all the reporters present were so carried away by his eloquence that they forgot to take notes, and could give no reports to their papers. One man in the audience, however, a young lawyer and a personal friend of Mr. Lincoln's, kept his head sufficiently to obtain a fairly accurate report of the speech; and it has been published for the first time in *McClure's Magazine* for September, 1896. Mr. Robinson was one of those present at the thrilling scene when Lincoln, erect, tall, and majestic in appearance, hurled thunderbolts at the foes of freedom, while the great convention roared its indorsement.

For over thirty years Mr. Robinson practised his profession in Illinois, building up and maintaining an extensive general law practice, and becoming well known as one of the most successful attorneys in the State. In politics a staunch and unswerving Republican, he was interested in perfecting the first party organization in the immediate vicinity of Abraham Lincoln's home; and, besides rendering valuable political aid, he was deeply interested in educational matters, serving for several years as examiner of teachers for the public schools of Bloomington.

On August 23, 1854, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage with Marianne Greene, of Topsham, Me., daughter of Gardner Greene, a prosperous merchant and highly respected citizen of that town. He and his wife are the parents of one child, a daughter, Florence N. Mr. Robinson may fairly be considered as one of the most successful of the many bright and intelligent sons of the Pine Tree State who have won fame and fortune in the West; and the people of his native town have good reason to look upon his career with pride, and point to it as an example for the younger generation. His pleasant and kindly disposition makes him very popular in Oxford, where his summers are passed amid the scenes of his boyhood days; and he is actively interested in all matters relative to the town of his nativity. Since 1885 he has been a resident of Cambridge, Mass., having a pleasant home at No. 16 Forest Street. In his religious opinions he is an Orthodox Congregationalist.

**C**HARLES F. BROWN, a progressive farmer and esteemed citizen of Mason, Oxford County, is a native of the town of Albany, this county, born November 2, 1857. His father, George H. Brown, was also a native of Albany, and was reared to farm life. Soon after his marriage he came to Mason, and purchased the farm now owned by his son, Charles F. Besides carrying on the farm he conducted a small store for a short time, and also taught about forty terms of school. In 1855 or 1856 he was elected Representative to the lower house of the State legislature on the Republican ticket, and thus far has been the only citizen of this town thus honored, with the exception of J. H. Bean, who was elected in 1892. Mr. Brown served as Justice of the Peace for twenty years, was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen several years, and, in fact, held at various times nearly all the town offices. He was the most prominent member of his party in the town of Mason. During the Civil War he enlisted successively in Companies B and G, Tenth Maine Regiment, and had been out about one year when he was injured by a fall.

After that he served as field nurse for a time. He died in Mason when seventy-one years old. His wife's maiden name was Lavina J. Shaw. She was born in Dalton, N.H., and is still living, making her home with her son, the subject of this sketch. She became the mother of four children, namely: Edgar S., a lawyer and prominent citizen of Mendota, Ill., who has served two terms as Representative; Sarah J., wife of Jonas Swan, of Norway, Me.; Fannie O., wife of Ebenezer Barber, of Marseilles, Ill.; and Charles F.

Charles F. Brown was the youngest son of his parents. He received a common-school education. With the exception of two years spent in Massachusetts, he has always lived on the old homestead, a farm of about two hundred acres, at first assisting his father in carrying it on, and eventually becoming the owner and conducting it for himself. Following his father's lead, he has supported the Republican party, and has been influential in town affairs. He is now serving his third term as First Selectman, and has served on the Board almost continuously since attaining his majority. He has also been a member of the School Committee, and was Road Commissioner three terms. Fraternally, he is a member of the Pleasant Valley Grange of West Bethel. Mr. Brown was married November 24, 1878, to Miss Ida L. Mains. They are the parents of five children—Christabel, Trenna E., Albert M., Frances B., and one that died in infancy.

**J**AMES BROWN, one of the prominent manufacturers of Waterford, Me., proprietor of a large lumber-mill, was born in the bordering town of Albany, in the same county of Oxford, March 14, 1846, the son of Samuel and Mary Jane (Esthers) Brown. Samuel Brown was a native and lifelong resident of Albany, being there engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred in April, 1863. His wife, who was a native of Bethel, this county, died in February, 1861. They were the parents of eleven children, only two of whom are living, namely: Alice, residing in Lewiston, Me., widow of William

Tuttle; and James, the subject of this sketch. The departed are: Myra, Sarah, three who died in infancy, Isadore, Amanda and Miranda (twins), and Helen.

James Brown was educated in the common schools of Albany, his native town. Although but a boy in his teens when the Southern Rebellion broke out, in October, 1861, he was enrolled as a private in Company A, Twelfth Maine Infantry, under command of Captain (afterward Major) Hastings and Colonel Shepler. After reaching the seat of war he experienced the varied hardships of a soldier's life; and, had it not been for his strong constitution, his military experience would have ended his career. He participated in the battles of Port Hudson, Irish Bend, La., Winchester, Cedar Creek, and a number of skirmishes, suffered the fatigue of forced marches under the burning summer sun of the South and through the heavy mud and snow and rain of the winter season, and finally was taken ill with the measles and small-pox. He received his discharge at Albany, N. Y., July 25, 1866. He has since been granted a pension by the government in requital for his sufferings.

After returning from the South he worked in different saw-mills some eight years, one year in Lewiston, Me., one year in Bethel, this county, and the rest of the time in different mills in North Waterford. In 1877 he started a water-mill on Crooked River, Albany, and, in company with William Plummer and J. B. Rand, of North Waterford, engaged in milling, remaining there three years. Selling his interest at the end of that time, he was employed for seven years in different mills near Waterford; and the four years ensuing he was engaged in farming near Waterford village. He then erected his present mill, which is commonly called the "James Brown mill," in what is now known as Lynchville in Albany. Here he has built up a prosperous business, manufacturing a variety of boxes, which he ships to Fryeburg, Waterford, and Bethel; clapboards, with which he supplies the building trade; and shooks, which he ships to Portland. He employs a number of men, to whom he gives few vacations, the demand for his goods being almost constant.

Mr. Brown has worked very hard during his active years, and has attained success in the face of many difficulties.

In October, 1871, he was married to Elvira C. Proctor, of Waterford, the daughter of Thomas Proctor, a carpenter and carriage manufacturer of that town. Mr. Proctor died some time prior to his daughter's marriage. Mrs. Elvira C. Brown passed away in 1881. She was the mother of three children, namely: Harry, who married Miss Edna Hutchinson, of Albany, Me., and is employed in his father's mill; Delbert, who died in infancy; and Alice, who lives with her father. Mr. Brown was again married in August, 1882, Miss Henrietta Brown, of Albany, Me., becoming his second wife. She was the daughter of Walter M. Brown, a farmer of Bethel, and his wife, Elizabeth, who has passed to the world beyond. Mrs. Henrietta Brown died in March, 1893. By his second union Mr. Brown had four children — James Albert, Florence, and Carlton, who are with him; and Thursa, who lived but one year.

Mr. Brown is a Republican in politics, and has served on the Waterford Board of Selectmen. He is a member of Leppen Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Stoneham, Me.; and belongs to Mount Tire'm Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford; and Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford. Widely known in social and business circles, he has the respect and esteem of all his acquaintances.

**E**BEN H. WHITNEY, a retired resident of Farmington, was born in Weld, Franklin County, February 28, 1832, son of Jacob A. and Rhoda D. (Hutchinson) Whitney. The family was founded by an Englishman, whose son became a tanner in Greene, Me.; and his son, Jeremiah, who was a native of that town, was Mr. Whitney's grandfather. In 1806 Jeremiah Whitney settled in the town of Weld, where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of new land, cleared and improved it, and erected upon it a good set of buildings. His industrious life terminated at the age of eighty, and his wife died at the age of fifty-five years. Her chil-

dren by him were: Jeremiah, John, Jacob A., Susan, Rhoda, Lydia, and Benjamin.

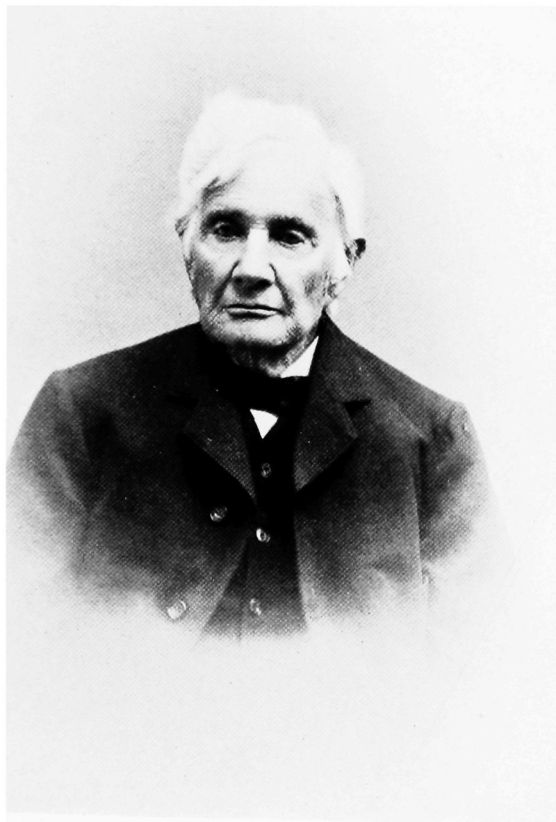
Jacob A. Whitney, Mr. Whitney's father, was born in Greene in 1802. When a young man he bought a new farm, upon which he settled. After clearing a considerable portion of it and erecting buildings, he sold it, and returned to the homestead to care for his aged parents. Upon the death of his parents he succeeded to his father's property. This he afterward sold, and bought a large piece of property in Weld, where he became a progressive farmer and a prominent resident. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and in his religious belief he was a Baptist. He died of typhoid fever at the age of fifty years. His wife, Rhoda, was a daughter of Ebenezer Hutchinson, a native of Wilton, N.H., who became a successful farmer in Weld. Her children were: Emily, Eben H., Jacob, Lucy, and Amasa. Amasa died at the age of four years. She married a second husband, Nathan Judkins, and lived to be eighty-four years old.

Eben H. Whitney attended the district schools. At the age of twenty, owing to the death of his father, he was called upon to manage the farm and assist his mother in bringing up the rest of her family. He subsequently bought the homestead, where he continued to reside for a time. Later, after making various improvements, he sold it, and purchased another farm in Weld, which he carried on for a short time. He then spent a season in the ice business at Lewiston, Me., after which he returned to Weld, bought the Andrew Dunning farm, and conducted it for some ten years. From Weld he moved to Carthage, where he continued to till the soil for fifteen years. Then, with a view to settling there, he visited a tract of land in Eaton, Ohio, belonging to his wife, but was unfavorably impressed, and returned. For some time after he resided in West Farmington. Later he moved to the village, where he bought the S. Lake place at 7 North Street; and, retiring from active labor, he is now enjoying a life of leisure.

For his first wife Mr. Whitney married Irene Judkins, daughter of Philip Judkins, of Carthage. She died at the age of twenty-four

years, leaving two children — Albion and Oscar. Albion, who died at the age of thirty-eight, married Marilla R. Hutchins, and had five children, namely: Artell; Minnie, who died aged twelve years; Otto; Algie; and Nettie. Oscar married Eliza Barrett, and is a farmer in Carthage. Mr. Whitney's second marriage was contracted with Cordelia Sweet, a daughter of Benjamin Sweet, of Weld. She died at the age of forty-two years, having been the mother of five children, as follows: Ella, who became Mrs. Magee, and died aged twenty-two, leaving two children; Emma, who is the wife of Harry Rand, and has two children — Harold and Robert; Warren M., who married a Miss Kennister; Eben, who married Florence Ranger; and Ina M., who resides at home. The father was by a third marriage wedded to Annette Marsh, of Dixfield, a daughter of David and Asenath (Park) Marsh, both natives of Dixfield. Mrs. Whitney's grandparents were Andrew and Rebecca (Stone) Marsh, natives of Massachusetts, who settled in Dixfield upon a new farm which Andrew cleared from the wilderness. He died at the age of ninety years, and his wife reached nearly the same age. Their children were: David, John, Lewiston, Andrew, Nancy, and Susan. The homestead fell to the possession of David Marsh, who added to it by purchasing an adjoining farm; and he became a wealthy and prominent citizen, and died aged seventy-seven years. In politics he was a Republican, and in his religious belief a Universalist. His wife, Asenath, who was a woman of remarkable physical development, lived to be eighty-seven years old, and was a believer in the Adventists' doctrine. Her children were: Andrew, Caleb, Leonora, Paulina, David M., Albion P., Jerome, Matilda, Alvina, Annette, Justina, and Mattie L. In politics Mr. Whitney acts with the Republican party, while in religious belief he is an Adventist.

JAMES DEERING, a retired manufacturer of South Paris, Me., was born November 2, 1798, son of Joseph and Hannah (Jameson) Deering, and grandson of John and Eunice (Spinney) Deering.



JAMES DEERING.

His grandfather Deering was son of John and Mary (Carpenter) Deering. John was son of Thomas and Elizabeth Deering. Thomas was son of Roger and grandson of George Deering, a native of England, who was one of the first settlers of Scarboro, Me., and owned a plantation at Blue Point as early as the year 1640. George Deering was a shipwright by trade, a calling afterward followed by many of his descendants. His wife, Elizabeth, who survived him, subsequently married Jonas Baily, the agent of Trelawney.

John Deering, son of John and Mary (Carpenter) Deering, was the father of six children by his wife, Eunice. His fourth child, Joseph, the father of James Deering, was born October 6, 1754. A good workman and a man of much intelligence, he was in prosperous circumstances, and occupied a prominent position in the community of Old Orchard, Me., where he resided. In March, 1779, he was united in matrimony with Hannah Jameson, a daughter of William Jameson, of Old Orchard, and he became the father of eleven children; namely, Jane, Eunice, Joseph, Samuel, William, Martin, Noah, Enoch, James, Hannah, and Elizabeth. He died September 25, 1834, at an age wanting but a few days of fourscore years. His wife's death occurred May 20, 1841.

James Deering was one of the younger children of his father's family. In his early manhood he completed an apprenticeship in furniture-making, with a thorough knowledge of the trade. This he did in a factory at Saco, Me. Shortly after, when passing through South Paris on his way to visit a brother who lived in Oxford County, he took note of the fact that the locality was remarkably favored with water-power and space, the main requisites for the establishment of such a factory as he had worked in at Saco. Of course, to him, whose only capital was his skill at his trade, the idea was as a dream. But, of an eminently practical turn of mind, he saw profit in making a beginning there, however humble. Accordingly, on the west side of the river, with the most makeshift appliances, he began to manufacture chairs, cutting his timber in the woods, kiln-drying it for use, splitting it by hand, and operating but one

small turning lathe, which he ran, with a primitive yet ingenious arrangement, by water-power. Some of the chairs made in this way are still to be found in the town, and are regarded as interesting memorials of an industry that has largely aided in developing the locality, and of a man whose energy and persistence reflect credit on the people of the entire county. Mr. Deering's venture proved signally successful. As business increased, he enlarged and improved his shops and machinery, until at length the dream of his youth was more than realized. When his business was established on a secure foundation he began to invest in real estate. At different times he has owned the land on all sides of the village, as well as the lots located along its streets. Included in this property were several farms, which he conducted with hired help. He built eight dwellings, thoroughly repaired many more, and cleared a great deal of wild land. The large house that has since been his residence was erected by him in 1856. In 1876 he withdrew from active participation in business, and has since lived in retirement.

In 1823, March 24, he was married to Eliza Moore, daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Morse) Moore, of this town. They have had three children, namely: Elizabeth H., born March 22, 1824; William, born April 25, 1826; and Mary E., born September 3, 1846. Elizabeth is the wife of the Hon. William R. Porter. They have five children—William Deering, Eliza Deering, Fanny R., Abby Barbour, and James Deering. Mary makes her home with her aged father. Mr. Deering's only son, William, is one of the leading business men of Chicago. After finishing his education he entered the employment of the South Paris Manufacturing Company as clerk, subsequently becoming one of that firm's agents. Beginning in 1850 he was engaged in business on his own account in South Paris for eleven years. In 1865 he became the senior partner of the well-known firm, Deering, Milliken & Co., of Portland, commission merchants, who owned several woollen-mills, and had a branch house in New York. Withdrawing from this firm after some time on account of impaired health, he invested



with a company engaged in the manufacture of grain and grass harvesting machinery in Chicago. In 1873 he removed to Chicago, bought out the company later, and conducted the business alone until 1880. Then, taking into partnership his two sons, Charles and James, and his nephew, William D. Porter, he had the firm incorporated under the name of William Deering & Co. and later the Deering Harvester Company, who to-day are among the largest manufacturers in the world of their class of goods. He has been twice married. His first marriage was in 1856 with Abby Reed Barbour, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving one son, Charles. His second wife, whose maiden name was Clara H. Hamilton, has borne him two children — James and Abby M.

Mr. James Deering and his wife celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage in March, 1883. Mrs. Deering, whose health was always excellent throughout her lifetime, died from an accident in 1890, in her ninetieth year. She was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having been one of the first to join the society, and thereafter a most liberal supporter. Mr. Deering, who is also a member of the same church, was a heavy contributor to the building fund, built the parsonage, and made a present of it to the society, and has been the main support of the church for many years. Actuated by a most laudable degree of public spirit, he has aided every well-conceived movement designed to serve the interests of the town. Now, in his ninety-ninth year, he is remarkably active and entirely free from ache or other indication of ill health; and no man in the county is held in higher esteem by the general public.

**J**ABEZ CURRIER TARBOX, a prominent merchant of Farmington, Me., proprietor of the gentlemen's clothing and furnishing establishment known as the "Red Store," which is the largest of its kind in Franklin County, was born in Farmington, July 28, 1843, son of William and Mary A. (Currier) Tarbox. Ancestors of the family, which is of Scotch origin, were early settlers in Gloucester, Mass., where Mr. Tar-

box's great-grandfather, Samuel Tarbox, was born May 3, 1731. He removed to New Gloucester, Me., erected a dwelling, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits for the rest of his life. He died July 10, 1809, having been the father of twelve children.

William Tarbox, son of Samuel, was born in New Gloucester, January 30, 1779, and was a lifelong resident of that town. On November 27, 1802, he married Judith Haskell, who was of English descent, and was born in New Gloucester, March 27, 1781. She became the mother of eleven children, as follows: Hannah, born in 1803; Joseph, who was born in 1807; Samuel, born in 1809; Deborah, born in 1811; Benjamin, born in 1812; William, born in 1813; John, born in 1814; Stillman, born in 1817; George, born in 1821; Plummer, born in 1827; and another child, who died in infancy. Mr. Tarbox's grandparents both lived to be over eighty years old.

William Tarbox, the younger, son of William, was born February 14, 1813, in New Gloucester, and acquired his education in his native town. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the harness-maker's or saddler's trade, as it was then called, and worked with John Densmore until 1839, when he came to Farmington, and established himself in business. At first there was little demand for harnesses, as nothing but saddles were used in this section previous to that time; but, as the use of vehicles became more universal, he won a wide reputation, and for many years carried on a large and profitable business, putting out a great deal of piece work, and having several apprentices. He continued in business until 1876, when failing health caused him to withdraw from active pursuits; and he has since lived in retirement. He was originally a Whig, but later became a Democrat, and has been connected with the public affairs of the town and county, having served as jailer for four years, and held various town offices.

His first wife, Mary A. Currier, who was a daughter of Samuel Currier, of Mount Vernon, Me., died at the age of forty-eight years, leaving three children, as follows: Jabez C., the subject of this sketch; Samuel O., who was

born November 16, 1846; and Rosa M., who was born in 1862. Samuel O. Tarbox is one of the most extensive general merchants in this county, dealing largely in groceries, paints, oils, drugs, and other merchandise. He owns a fine residence on Main Street. He married Kate P. Randall, and has had three children, namely: Blanche, who died aged nine years; Mary, who was born April 22, 1874, and died at the age of eighteen; and Orland S., her twin brother, who is now a drug clerk. William Tarbox wedded for his second wife Julia Hunter, daughter of Thomas Hunter, of Farmington; and the only child of this union is Helen.

Jabez Currier Tarbox acquired a common-school and academic education, and at the age of seventeen he entered mercantile life as a clerk for H. M. Howes. He later became a partner in the enterprise, which was devoted to the wholesale flour, grocery, and drug trade. The firm of H. M. Howes & Co. received flour and grain direct from the West, and sold it at wholesale throughout Franklin County, Mr. Tarbox managing this part of the business for two years. They had the largest trade of any firm in this section. At length, selling out his interests in Farmington, Mr. Tarbox went to Portland, where he was for two years and a half in the wholesale flour trade, also in the wholesale drug business nine months. Retiring to Farmington, he and his brother, Samuel O. Tarbox, leased the old stand, a short time later adding another store to their enterprise, each partner taking charge of a separate store. The one occupied by J. C. Tarbox was totally destroyed by fire on October 22, 1886, there being nothing saved but one showcase and a cat. Having adjusted his business affairs, he in 1889 bought the gentlemen's clothing and furnishing-goods store formerly carried on by L. J. Lyons; and in 1889 he moved his goods into the "Red Store Block," of which he became the possessor. The store is located at the corner of Main Street and Broadway. It is a two-story brick structure, with two large office rooms on the second floor, the first floor and basement being occupied by Mr. Tarbox. It was built for investment purposes by Hannah Boardman, when she was eighty-three years

old. By careful judgment and a close attention to business a large trade has been developed; and the Red Store under its present able management is an enterprising establishment, which is a credit both to its proprietor and the town.

In 1873 Mr. Tarbox wedded Columbia F. Whitney, daughter of George W. Whitney, for many years one of Farmington's most active business men. This union was blessed by two children, namely: Belle Violet, now the wife of L. W. Franklin, dealer in boots and shoes at Waltham, Mass.; and Frederick Whitney, who died in infancy. In politics Mr. Tarbox supports the Republican party, and he is now a member of the Town Board of Assessors. He has been a Trustee of the Savings Bank for several years, is connected with Maine Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and he attends the Congregational church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor.

**D**ANIEL CLARK, of Farmington, who is the proprietor of one of the best equipped livery stables in Franklin County, was born in Kingston, N.H., September 29, 1819, son of Daniel and Anna (Eastman) Clark. Mr. Clark is a descendant of Colonial ancestry. His grandfather, Nathaniel Clark, who was a prosperous farmer of Haverhill, Mass., not only served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, but loaned money to the town for the purpose of furthering the cause in other ways. He married Mary Hardy, and was the father of twelve children, of whom his eldest son, David, was Mr. Clark's grandfather.

David Clark was born in Haverhill, November 27, 1755. He settled in Sandown, N.H., where he followed the trade of a clothier. He was in the first New Hampshire regiment that reported for duty in the struggle for independence. Afterward he built carding, saw, and grist mills, becoming one of the most progressive and successful business men in New Hampshire at that time. When forty years old he retired on a competency, and died March 6, 1833. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Woodman. She became the mother

of eleven children, of whom Daniel, Mr. Clark's father, was the sixth-born.

Daniel Clark (first) was born in Sandown, December 7, 1791. In young manhood he engaged in general mercantile pursuits in Kingston, N.H. After carrying on a large and successful business for some time he died in 1822. His wife, Anna, who was born in Kingston, June 5, 1793, daughter of Colonel John and Joanna Eastman, reared with him three children—John E., Daniel, and Mary A. Mr. Clark's mother was seventy-six years old when she died in 1869.

Daniel Clark was sent to the Farmington Academy when he was seventeen years old. After completing his studies here he engaged in trade at Mercer, Me. Five years later he relinquished mercantile pursuits to enter into the stage-coach business upon an extensive scale. For twenty years after he owned and conducted the lines running from Farmington to Phillips, Belgrade station, Chesterville, Fayette, and Readville, employing sixty horses, and covering a distance of three hundred miles per day. He had a large and profitable business, until the building of railroads ruined it. In 1866 he bought a part of the Cutler farm, upon which he built a residence and a large stable, and has since carried on a flourishing livery business. His stable, which stands at the corner of High and Church Streets, is centrally located, and is equipped with good roadsters and fine driving horses; while his vehicles and other accessories, all of the finest pattern, enable him to furnish as handsome a turnout as can be desired.

On January 4, 1843, Mr. Clark wedded Sophia S. Church, who was born in Farmington, April 14, 1822, daughter of Samuel and Betsey B. Church. She died August 12, 1873, leaving four children, as follows: Daniel E., a prosperous farmer, born October 10, 1844, who married Ella Harrington, and has three children—Edward H., Anna W., and Charles F.; Sophia E., born June 3, 1847, who is the wife of Lyman Dutton, of Lawrence, Mass., and has one daughter, Mary; Mary E., an artist, born August 29, 1850; and Samuel E., born November 30, 1855, who is in business with his father. Mr. Clark

subsequently married Mrs. Augusta (Hathaway) Homer, a daughter of George Hathaway, of Mechanic Falls, Me. A widely known and popular man, it can almost be said that Mr. Clark's friends comprise the community. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity. His religious belief is the Methodist faith. As an instance of his public spirit, it may be mentioned that upon one occasion during the Rebellion he transported to Augusta free of charge one hundred and twenty recruits going to the front, and paid for their dinners out of his own pocket.

THOMAS H. RICHARDSON, whose death in May, 1896, removed from our midst one of Norway's most worthy citizens, had been for many years closely identified with the agricultural interests of this section of Oxford County. He was born December 3, 1821, in Portland, Me., and was a son of Joshua Richardson, who was born and reared in Salem, Mass.

In his early manhood Joshua Richardson was engaged in the East India trade, which was then in a flourishing condition. After travelling throughout the East Indies he settled in Amsterdam, Holland, as a commission merchant. Subsequently, continuing in the same business, he travelled extensively in France and England, returning in 1802 to his native country. He located in the city of Portland, Me., and for thirty years thereafter was President of the Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank, and was also Treasurer of the Portland Manufacturing Company, which manufactured cotton goods. One of his cherished ambitions in life, however, was to be a farmer. Accordingly, he came to Oxford County in search of a favorable location, and in Norway bought the farm until recently occupied by his son, Thomas H. He remained here several years, but finally returned to Portland, where his death occurred in 1862, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. His wife, a widow, Mrs. Ann (Hanford) Jones, before she became Mrs. Richardson, was born in England, a daughter of Sir Thomas Hanford, of London. She died at the comparatively early age of fifty-

three years. They had seven children, none of whom are now living, namely: Julia; Ann; Nathaniel Putnam, first; Nathaniel Putnam, second; Thomas H., the special subject of this biographical sketch; William; and Ann Hanford. The latter was twice married, her first husband having been Mr. Mauger, and her second Henry W. Bishop, formerly of Lenox, Mass., but now a resident of Chicago, Ill.

Nathaniel Putnam Richardson, the second, was a graduate of the Portland College, and was for many years connected with a foundry in that city. In 1866 he established himself as a commission merchant in New York City; but, not meeting with desired success, he went to Geneva, N.Y., and engaged in the nursery business. He subsequently went to Davenport, Ia., where for some time he held an official position in the Episcopal College. He died in Florida, whither he had gone in pursuit of health. He married Mary Smith, a native of Overland, Ohio.

Thomas H. Richardson, the fifth-born of the seven children, received his early instruction in private schools in Portland, completing his studies at the North Bridgton Academy. Under his father's judicious training he acquired a practical knowledge of business methods, remaining at home some time after attaining his majority. He then made a trip to Europe, and travelled extensively on the Continent and in Great Britain, being abroad several years. On returning to this country Mr. Richardson landed at New Orleans, La., whence he made a trip up the Mississippi River, coming then to New York City, where he was sojourning when the death of John Quincy Adams occurred, in February, 1848. He subsequently lived for a while in Portland, prosperously engaged in business; and later he removed to the farm now occupied and managed by his son Albert. On March 12, 1849, Mr. Richardson married Miss Hannah, daughter of the late Ephraim and Sally Crockett, well-known members of the farming community of Norway. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, namely: Albert; George Hanford, who was murdered in Norway village, March 5, 1877; Julia Ann, wife of Chester Horne, of Norway village;

Thomas Putnam, a resident of Norway village; who married Miss Kate Hobson, of North Waterford, this county; and Winnie Maud, wife of William H. Allen, of Coaticook, Canada. Mrs. Richardson lives with her daughter in Canada.

Albert Richardson, the eldest child, was born December 16, 1849. He has succeeded to the ownership of the ancestral homestead, which contains one hundred and eighty-three acres of land, and is carrying on general farming with gratifying success. He has a fine dairy, composed principally of grade Jerseys; and he makes a superior quality of butter, which he sells at the highest market price. With the exception of a few years when he kept books for his father in Portland, Mr. Albert Richardson has always given his attention to agricultural pursuits.

He married Miss Louisa Lakin, who was born November 12, 1849, at Sebago, Cumberland County, Me., where her parents, Arthur and Nancy (Irish) Lakin, spent their entire lives. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richardson have two daughters. The elder, Annie Maude, a graduate of Colby University, was a teacher in the Norway High School. In August, 1896, she became the wife of Professor C. P. Barnes. The other, Ethel May, is a student in the high school. Two children, one unnamed, and Margaret, died in infancy. The mother and her daughters are regular attendants of the Congregational Church of Norway. For the past ten years Mrs. Albert Richardson has thrown open her beautiful house for the accommodation of summer guests from the city, her boarders averaging about twelve in number each season.

**A**RTEMAS L. HERSEY, M.D., a skilful and popular physician, one of the most prominent residents of Oxford, Me., was born in Livermore, Me., March 17, 1826, a son of Isaac L. and Lura (Howard) Hersey. He comes of early Colonial stock, William Hersey, the founder of the family in New England, having settled in Hingham, Mass., in the autumn of 1635.

Samuel Hersey, Dr. Hersey's grandfather,

who was born in Hingham, Mass., became a settler in Livermore, Me., about the close of last century. He died in that town at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Lendall, died in middle life, having been the mother of seven children that reached maturity; namely, Samuel, Isaac L., Simeon, Harrison, Mary, Eliza, and Sarah, none of whom are living.

Isaac L. Hersey, father of Dr. Hersey, was born in Livermore in 1802. He grew to manhood there, and in time became the owner of a valuable piece of agricultural property, which he worked with energy and success during his active period. He died at the age of seventy-seven. A Whig in politics, he joined the Republican party at its formation, and henceforth adhered to its principles. In religion he was a Methodist, and he was for many years a class leader in that church. His wife, Lura Howard Hersey, who was born in Livermore in 1801, became the mother of six children, as follows: George R., who died at the age of twenty-eight; Elizabeth L., who died in childhood, aged nine years; Russell B., now a prosperous farmer of East Livermore; Artemas L., whose name heads this sketch; Lura, now Mrs. John A. Rowell, of Livermore; and Abbie N., wife of Henry A. Tabor, of Vassalboro, Me. Mrs. Lura H. Hersey lived to reach the age of eighty-six years.

Artemas L. Hersey acquired his early education in the schools of Livermore and at the Oxford Normal School in Paris, Me. When twenty-four years old he began the study of medicine with Dr. Edwin Mayberry, of Oxford. Subsequently entering the Maine Medical School, Bowdoin College, he was graduated in 1853, and immediately located in Oxford, where he has since resided. A gentleman of scholarly attainments, he has been successful in his profession, and has made many friends in the community. In politics he is a Republican, and has served most capably as superintendent of schools for over thirty years. Though making no public profession of religion, he is an attendant and liberal supporter of the Congregational church; and his aid and influence

can always be counted upon in behalf of all practical measures having for their object the moral and material well-being of the community. His tasteful residence near the village is situated amidst picturesque surroundings, commanding delightful lake and mountain scenery.

On January 26, 1854, Dr. Hersey was united in marriage with Heloise Helena Keith, a daughter of the Hon. Jairus S. Keith, formerly a member of the Maine House of Representatives and of the State Senate, and a prominent figure in the political life of Oxford. He was graduated at Brown University, studied law with General Fessenden, of Portland, and practised law in Oxford. Mrs. Hersey's mother, who was before marriage Mary C. Norton, was a daughter of Major Norton, who for many years took a leading part in developing the natural resources of this town. Mrs. Hersey's parents had three children, the others being: Eugenia B., wife of Charles A. Spring, of Chicago, Ill.; and Herman N., who died at the age of sixty years. Mrs. Hersey is a lady of much intellectual ability and many accomplishments, and in her younger days was a successful music teacher.

Dr. and Mrs. Hersey have one daughter, Heloise Edwina Hersey, who was born in Oxford, February 22, 1855. She is a graduate of Vassar College, and has devoted her life to educational work, for which she is well qualified, both by reason of her superior mental endowments and her thorough training. She is the founder and proprietor of a private school for girls at 25 Chestnut Street, Boston. She occupies a high position in educational circles, being widely known as an able teacher, an interesting and instructive lecturer, and as a writer of several carefully prepared text-books. An admiring student of Robert Browning, Miss Hersey has successfully essayed the rôle of interpreter of that great poet, who has written so many things hard to be understood: witness her "Introductory Essay on Browning's Theory concerning Personal Immortality," prefixed to a small volume, entitled "Christmas Eve and Easter Day, and Other Poems," also the accompanying Notes.

**G**EORGE S. BLAKE, a successful farmer and fruit grower of Brownfield, was born here, March 21, 1836, son of Francis and Hannah (Rogers) Blake. Mr. Blake's grandfather, Benjamin Blake, who was a native of Gorham, Me., and had followed farming in that town for some years, moved to a farm in Brownfield, and resided here for the rest of his life. Francis, Benjamin's son, then eight years old, in early manhood settled upon a farm in the southern part of the town. His active period was devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he was very successful; and he died April 20, 1885, aged eighty years. His wife, Hannah, who was a native of Parsonsfield, Me., after surviving him about eight years, died January 31, 1893, at the advanced age of ninety years. She was the mother of nine children, namely: Charles M., who married Lucy Brooks, of Porter, Me., and resides in South Brownfield; Mary Ann, now deceased; Albert, who married Rebecca Quint, and is now a merchant in Brownfield village; Jane, who resides in Brownfield; George S., the subject of this sketch; Caroline, who married Daniel Hill, and lives in Brockton, Mass.; Fanny, a resident of Lowell, Mass.; Clara, the wife of Joseph Welch, of Lowell; and Horace F., who married Eva Harris, and is a prosperous farmer in Brownfield.

George S. Blake attended the common schools of his native town. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, and then bought a farm in Porter, Me. After residing on it for five years he returned to Brownfield, and settled upon his present farm. He owns two hundred acres of good land, which, with the expenditure of much time and money, he has brought into a first-class condition. He produces large and superior crops of hay, corn, and potatoes; and he raises more apples than any other farmer in this locality. He also breeds some fine cattle and horses. The latter receive special attention from him, and he has a wide reputation as a producer of speedy driving horses.

In March, 1860, Mr. Blake was first united in marriage with Sylvia Storer, who died June 12, 1867. She was born in Brownfield, daughter of Jeremiah and Orpha (Tiny)

Storer, both of whom are also deceased. On March 25, 1869, Mr. Blake contracted a second marriage with Susan H. Higgins, who was born in Standish, Me., March 30, 1837. Her father, Joseph Blake, also a native of Standish, who was an industrious farmer, died February 25, 1877. Her mother, likewise a native of the same town, is still residing there. In public affairs Mr. Blake has long been a prominent figure. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he was superintendent of schools for several years. He is a member and the clerk of the Baptist church.

**A**LBERT S. HOLMAN, who was born in Dixfield, Me., March 29, 1853, son of Silas L. and Ellen M. (Carlton) Holman, is now successfully engaged in farming in Peru. Ebenezer Holman, his paternal grandfather, who was a native of Sutton, Mass., settled in Dixfield with the early pioneers of the town, and spent the remainder of his life there, successfully engaged in farming. He married Sarah Knapp, and with her reared a family of nine children, all of whom have passed away. He lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and four years, and was the oldest man in Oxford County at the time of his decease. His son, Silas L., also a native of Dixfield, born in 1820, having acquired a knowledge of farming before leaving home, on starting out for himself chose for his occupation that of a farmer. All his life time, except three or four years, was spent in Dixfield, where he was a man of influence. He died March 24, 1896, aged seventy-six years. His wife, who was born in Gardiner, Me., and is now living in Dixfield, bore him eight children, respectively named: Frances E., Albert S., Ida M., George C., Eloise, Darwin B., Arthur C., and Mattie.

Albert S. Holman remained with his parents during his early years, receiving a good practical education in the schools of Dixfield and Canton. After beginning life as a teacher he gave up that occupation, and has since devoted his attention exclusively to general farming and dairying. In 1888 he came to Peru,

where he now owns about one hundred acres of land, and occupies as a tenant under lease about one hundred more. He keeps a dairy of high-grade Jerseys, which, together with his crops, brings him a good income. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for the past four years, and is its present Chairman. On March 10, 1877, Mr. Holman married Miss Lona W. Hines, who was born in Turner, Me., daughter of Leonard Hines. Seven children have been born to them; namely, Grace B., Fred C., Guy F., Carl S., Florence M., Edith M., and Harold L.

**A**RTHUR D. PARSONS, of East Wilton, a member of the firm Clark, Parsons & Co., manufacturers of hay knives, corn knives, and other edged tools, was born in Huntsburg, Ohio, October 4, 1844, son of Lucius P. and Florintha (Loud) Parsons. Mr. Parsons is a descendant of an old Massachusetts family. His grandfather, David Parsons, was a native and, as near as can be ascertained, a lifelong resident of Westhampton, that State.

Lucius P. Parsons was born in Westhampton, and educated in the schools of that town. Some time after his marriage he went West, not any easy task then, as railroads were unknown. On reaching Ohio he managed to get by stage to the town of Albany, thence to Buffalo by the Erie Canal, from which point he went in a sailing-vessel upon Lake Erie to Kirtland. Having had some experience in carpenter work, he secured employment upon the Mormon temple which was then in process of erection in Kirtland. Later he bought one hundred acres of wild land in Huntsburg, Geauga County, Ohio, where the prospects appeared exceedingly promising. His expectations were fully realized, as he succeeded in clearing a good farm, and lived to see the region become a populous and agricultural centre. He had his full share of New England pluck, to which the Western States are so greatly indebted, and continued in active occupation until within two years of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-five years old. In politics he acted with the Re-

publican party after its formation, and he attended the Congregational church. His wife, Florintha, a native of Massachusetts, became by him the mother of nine children; namely, Edwin, Frances, Edward, Arthur D., Lucius, Willis, Flora, Frank, and Fred. She is now eighty-four years old, enjoys good health, and maintains the cheerful and amiable demeanor that has been her characteristic through life.

Arthur D. Parsons received his early education in the schools of his native town. Subsequently he attended the high school and the academy of Bloomfield, Ohio, and completed a business course at Eastman's Commercial College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He then went to Boston, where he was book-keeper successively for a lumber firm and one dealing in paints and drugs. In January, 1886, he was appointed Superintendent and Treasurer of the Hiram Holt Company at East Wilton. This concern, which then manufactured scythes and hay knives, was founded by C. Keyes in the days when these tools were made by hand. When the enterprise was put in the hands of a stock company, Mr. Parsons became its manager; and in 1894 the present firm of Clark, Parsons & Co. was organized, with F. J. Clark, of Farmington, as President, and A. D. Parsons, as Treasurer. Besides manufacturing hay knives, including those known as the "Lightning" and the "Blizzard," they make a specialty of clippers, corn, cane, and bread knives. The private brands of hay knives, as well as the other edged tools manufactured by this firm, are widely known in the American and foreign markets for their durable quality and excellent workmanship, and command a large and ready sale. This satisfactory state of affairs is expected to continue as long as the business remains under the present management. The building has three stories, is well lighted, and thoroughly equipped with machinery of the latest design. None but the most expert workmen are employed.

Mr. Parsons wedded Hattie E. Phillips, of Orrington, Me., and has now two children, namely: Maud N., who was born September 13, 1881; and A. Vernon, who was born June 28, 1883. As a leading business man he has considerable influence in public affairs. While he has no political ambition, he is serv-

ing as Chairman of the Republican Town Committee. The community has the advantage of his counsel as a member of the Board of Health. In the Masonic fraternity he has advanced to the Thirty-second degree and to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, being a member of Wilton Lodge, No. 156; Franklin Chapter, No. 44, Royal Arch Masons; Jephthah Council, No. 17, Royal and Select Masters; and the Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Maine; Pilgrim Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templars; Lewiston Lodge of Perfection; Auburn Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Dunlap Chapter, Rose Croix, of Portland; Maine Sovereign Consistory; and Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Boston. Both he and Mrs. Parsons are members of the Congregational church, and Mr. Parsons at the present time is acting as superintendent of the Sunday-school.

**H**ARRISON FARRAR, an industrious and well-to-do agriculturist of the town of Paris, Oxford County, is a worthy representative of the native residents of this place. He was born March 1, 1837, son of Bela and Lydia (Thayer) Farrar. On the father's side he is descended from an honored family of Massachusetts. His grandfather, David Farrar, an early pioneer of this county, was born and bred in Hingham, Mass. In his young manhood David removed to Maine. Looking about for a favorite spot in which to build a home, he became impressed with the future possibilities of Oxford County, and invested his little hoard of money in a timber tract in Buckfield. Here, having cleared a farm, he lived to a ripe old age, chiefly engaged in cultivating the land and in working at the carpenter's trade.

Bela Farrar, who was born in Buckfield, December 27, 1791, as soon as he was able to wield an axe, assisted his father in his pioneer work. After his marriage he came to Paris, locating on the farm now owned by his son Harrison, and here spent the remainder of his eighty-six years of life. By honest and upright living he established himself in the confidence of the people, and made for him-

self a good record as a valuable member of the community where he lived. He was liberal in his religious beliefs, and was a Democrat in politics. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Thayer, was born in this town, July 3, 1799, and here resided until her death in 1863. Of their ten children three died; namely, Delphina, Maria, and Janet. The others were severally named: Larnard, Arabella, Delphina E., Bela W., Harrison, Fairfield, and Jefferson.

Harrison Farrar grew to maturity on the family homestead, obtaining his education in his native town. After teaching school for one term he then engaged in agriculture, which he has since continuously followed. His industry and business capacity have enabled him to make the home farm one of the finest estates in the vicinity. Owning land also in the towns of Buckfield and Sumner, his real estate aggregates two hundred acres. In political contests he votes independently of party lines. He is a member of Paris Lodge, No. 44, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Farrar was married November 9, 1857, to Eliza A. Hammond, daughter of William P. Hammond, of Buckfield, where she was born, December 30, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar have four children living, as follows: Everett H., a resident of South Paris, Me., born May 16, 1859; Anna Lydia, born August 22, 1864, who is now the wife of H. R. Teague, and resides in Jay, Me.; Harry Douglas, born September 19, 1870, who resides at home; and Carl Edgar, born February 1, 1874, also a resident of Jay.

**A**LBION B. GEE, the proprietor of the Grand Trunk House, South Paris, was born in Chatham, N.H., March 4, 1830, son of Abner and Mary (Cox) Gee. Mr. Gee's father was a native of Three Rivers, Province of Quebec, and left his home at the age of nine years to seek his fortune. At the age of twenty he had acquired a sum sufficient to buy a farm. This farm, after considerably improving it, he sold to good advantage, and bought another in Brownfield, Me. Here he lived for several years, prosperously engaged in tilling the



soil. Then, selling this farm also, he removed to Northfield, Mass., where the rest of his life was passed in agricultural pursuits. He died in 1889, aged seventy-five years. He was considered one of the best violin players of his day, and his services as a violinist were in constant demand. He was prominent in the early State militia, in which he was commissioned Captain. In politics he acted with the Democratic party, while in his religious belief he was a Universalist. He married Mary Cox, a daughter of Isaac Cox, who was an early settler and a progressive farmer of Chatham. By her he became the father of four children; namely, Caroline, Francis (second), Albion B., and Mary. The mother died at the age of forty-seven years.

Albion B. Gee obtained his education in the schools of Brownfield and at the Fryeburg Academy. At the age of fifteen he went to Lowell, Mass., where he learned dancing, with a view of becoming a teacher of that art. Successfully pursuing the profession afterward, he taught over one thousand classes in the different towns from Lowell, Mass., to Bangor, Me. During the summer season he was employed as clerk at hotels in Mount Pleasant, Conway, and North Conway. At a later date he conducted the Washington and Kearsarge Houses, finally buying the Oxford House in Fryeburg, which was destroyed by fire while under his management. He subsequently managed the Lake Auburn House and the Grand View House for four seasons each. In April, 1895, he bought the Paris Hotel, a fine three-story building containing thirty rooms, and situated on Main Street near the depot in South Paris. Since then he has remodelled and refurnished it at a considerable expense, so that the Grand Trunk House, as it is now called, is one of the best appointed hotels in Oxford County. His extensive acquaintance among summer tourists and the travelling public generally insures him a liberal patronage. Although he has resided here but a short time, he has already won the esteem and good will of the leading citizens of the town.

On January 29, 1851, Mr. Gee was united in marriage with Fanny M. Berry, daughter of Isaac C. Berry, of Bridgton, Me. She died in

1883, aged forty-seven years, having been the mother of four children. These were: Addie, who became the wife of O. E. Barker, and died in 1895, aged thirty-five years; Mabel, who died at the age of four years and six months; Frank B., who was born January 6, 1866; and Katie M., who was born January 29, 1868. In politics Mr. Gee is a Democrat. He attends the Universalist church.

**D**ANA B. FOGG, of the well-known firm Byron & Fogg, dealers in general merchandise in Strong, Franklin County, was born in Readfield, Me., June 16, 1832, son of Joseph and Lavina (Russell) Fogg. Joseph Fogg, who was a native of Cornville, Me., and a tanner, currier, and shoemaker by trade, lived in Readfield from early manhood until his death in August, 1842. His wife, Lavina, a native of Fayette, Me., bore him five children — Sarah Emeline, Fannie, Ruth Ann, Lavina Maria, and Dana B. Sarah Emeline married P. H. Fisk, neither of whom is now living. Fannie married Simeon Hearsey, both of whom are also deceased. Ruth Ann passed away in 1842. Lavina Maria was twice married, first to Peasley Morrill, who afterward died. Her second husband was Daniel Weymouth, of Greene, Me., who also died. She is now living in the State of New Hampshire. Her mother died in 1875.

Dana B. Fogg acquired his education in the common school with his sisters. At the age of eighteen he learned the trade of harness-making at Readfield. In 1854 after the expiration of his three years' apprenticeship, he bought out the business of his employer, and managed it for two years. Subsequently going to Skowhegan, Me., he bought the business of Chandler Tuttle, a dealer in harnesses, and carried it on for one year. He then sold out to William Tucker, returned to Readfield, and, purchasing a vacant store, started independently in the business. After a year he forsook this enterprise, and was afterward extensively engaged in cattle dealing. In 1881 he came to Strong, and entered the firm of Fogg, Hoffess & Fogg, wholesale dealers in flour, grain, and agricultural imple-



DANA B. FOGG.

ments, remaining with them for three years. At the end of that time a copartnership was formed with J. H. Byron, under the style of Byron & Fogg, which still continues, Mr. Fogg having resided here ever since. In politics he is a strong Republican, has a high reputation as a party worker, and served the town as Postmaster from 1890 to 1893. He affiliates with Davis Lodge of A. F. & A. M.

On Christmas Day, 1856, Mr. Fogg was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte V. Packard, a native of Readfield, and a daughter of Oakes and Sallie Packard, both now deceased. The father was a carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Fogg have one son, W. Fred. P., born October 6, 1859, who is now a prominent attorney and the General Manager of the Wiscasset Railroad. The first partner of his joys and sorrows was Ollie Hoffess, who subsequently died; and he afterward married Abbie Hodge, of Wiscasset, Me. By his first marriage he became the father of three children — Ona, Freda, and Vera. Mr. Fogg has worked his way from the condition of a poor boy to his present prosperity, all that he now has being doubly enjoyable from the fact that it is the result of his own individual effort. Personally, he is well known and highly respected throughout Franklin County, especially in Strong, where he is very popular. Both he and his esteemed wife attend the Congregational church.

A portrait of Mr. Fogg accompanies this account of his life.

**S**EYMOUR A. FARRINGTON, a veteran of the Civil War, who occupies a prominent place among the thrifty farmers of North Fryeburg, Oxford County, was born where he now resides, September 22, 1836, son of Southwell and Amanda F. (Miller) Farrington. His grandfather, John Farrington, when a young man, came to Fryeburg from Concord, N.H., and settled upon a farm. The grandfather was an energetic and progressive man, whose natural ability not only enabled him to achieve success in agricultural pursuits, but brought him into prominence in public affairs. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen

for a number of years; and he died January 11, 1833. His wife, in maidenhood Nancy Royce, daughter of Captain Vere Royce, had thirteen children. Her death occurred March 12, 1853.

Southwell Farrington was born in Fryeburg, February 27, 1807. In 1825 he settled upon the farm where his son now resides, and tilled the soil with energy for the rest of his active period. He was noted throughout Oxford County as an accomplished singer and a teacher of vocal music, talents which have descended to his children; and he died in November, 1875. His wife, Amanda, whom he married November 29, 1831, was born in Brownfield, Me., April 6, 1810. She had three children by him, as follows: James H., who was born September 27, 1832, and died December 2 of the same year; James H. (second), born October 2, 1833, who married Anna Bassett, and died September 10, 1863; and Seymour A., the subject of this sketch. She died March 11, 1884.

Seymour A. Farrington acquired his education in an academy, and resided at home until the breaking out of the Rebellion. On October 7, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company E, Twelfth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel George F. Shepley and Captain Enoch Knight, and served in the war upon the lower Mississippi and in Virginia. He participated in the siege and capture of Port Hudson, the battle of Winchester, and other engagements, coming out of all uninjured, and received his discharge in Portland, Me., in December, 1864. He returned to Fryeburg, and has since resided at the homestead. The property contains one hundred and fifty acres of fertile land. Since he succeeded to it he has made various improvements. Conducting his farm according to the most approved methods, he takes a high rank as a general farmer, while his crops are above the usual standard in quantity and quality.

On September 30, 1865, Mr. Farrington was united in marriage to Anna (Bassett) Farrington, the widow of his deceased brother. She was born in Lovell, Me., April 8, 1834, daughter of Joseph Bassett, a tanner, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Farrington have had two children, namely: Florence M., born Jan-

uary 9, 1867, who married Frank E. Emery, a prosperous farmer of Lovell, and died April 30, 1891; and Ida M., born August 31, 1874, who is residing at home. In politics Mr. Farrington follows an independent course, supporting the candidates who in his opinion are the best qualified to hold public office. He has made the best use of his opportunities in life. By steadfast adherence to upright principles he has gained the esteem and good will of his townsmen. Like his father he possesses musical talents of a high order. He has an excellent tenor voice, and he has been very successful as a teacher of singing-schools in this locality. His daughter has inherited a liberal share of her father's taste for music, and has cultivated her talent to a high degree. Mr. Farrington is a member of the grange at Fryeburg Centre.

**F**RANK W. LORD, senior partner of the firm Lord & Starbird, general merchants of Oxford, is an enterprising and progressive business man and a leading resident of this town. Prominent positions, both in business and political circles, are filled by representatives of the Lord family, one of whom is S. L. Lord, the present Mayor of Saco, Me. The subject of this sketch was born December 4, 1853, in Peabody, Mass., son of William H. and Chloe (Wardwell) Lord. His grandfather, Isaac C. Lord, by trade a carpenter, was one of the first settlers of Buxton, Me., where, while working at his calling, he was accidentally killed at the age of forty-five years.

William H. Lord, who was a native of Buxton, in early life followed the sea. Subsequently taking up his residence in Peabody, Mass., he was for several years engaged there as a tanner and currier. From Peabody he moved to Otisfield, Me., and thence to Saco, Me. Here he carried on a farm until his death, which occurred in 1872, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was active and industrious, his farming operations were successful, and he enjoyed a desirable measure of prosperity. He served for a time in the City Council of Saco, to which he was elected by the Republican party. His religious principles were

liberal. His wife, who was a native of Otisfield, became the mother of three children, as follows: Lizzie H., now the wife of Alonzo Edwards, of Norway, Me.; Ellen F., who died at the age of twenty-nine years; and Frank W., the subject of this sketch. The mother died in 1894, aged sixty-nine years. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Frank W. Lord acquired his education in the schools of Saco. After completing his studies he learned shoemaking, which he followed for about three years. He afterward secured a position as clerk for T. L. Robinson in a corporation store at Oxford, where he remained for seven years. After this he was engaged in business with E. W. Edwards until 1895, when he bought Mr. Edwards's interest, and admitted his present associate, C. F. Starbird, as a partner. Messrs. Lord & Starbird are the leading merchants here at the present time. Their large business is constantly developing into still greater proportions. The store is heavily stocked with a well-selected variety of general merchandise, including bicycles. Its appearance is that of a well-kept and exceedingly busy store. It is very popular in this section, where it has gained a wide reputation for honest dealing and fair prices.

In 1877 Mr. Lord wedded Tena A. McAllister, a native of Stoneham, Me. Their two children are: I. Blanche, who was born October 4, 1883; and William F., who died at the age of eighteen months. In politics Mr. Lord is a Republican, and he has served two years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is connected with Norway Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

**D**EACON RUFUS TAYLOR, a venerable and well-known citizen of Franklin County, residing at Bean's Corners, in the town of Jay, his native place, where he was formerly a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born October 28, 1815, son of Deacon James and Rhoda (Chandler) Taylor. He is a grandson of Samuel Taylor, who removed from Cape Cod to Readfield, Me., and resided upon a farm in that town for the rest of his life.

James Taylor, son of Samuel, grew to manhood in Readfield. In 1810 he settled at Bean's Corners, which was then a wilderness; and he cleared the farm where his son Rufus now resides. Commencing life as a pioneer, he labored diligently for the prosperity he ultimately acquired; and he resided here until his death, which took place in October, 1845. His wife, Rhoda Chandler, was a daughter of Jacob Chandler, a pioneer farmer of Wilton, who passed his last days in Jay, and died at the Taylor homestead in 1842. She was the mother of six children, as follows: Gorham, who died in infancy; Rufus, the subject of this sketch; Louisa, who married Elias Bean, a farmer and carpenter (both deceased); Lucinda, who became the wife of Joshua Bean, of Bean's Corners, and died in 1839; Hannah, who married Daniel Tarbox, of Phillips, and died in 1847, her husband being now a retired merchant of Lewiston, Me.; and Love, who died in January, 1885. She was the wife of Josiah N. Cutler, a prominent merchant of Chicago, now deceased. Mrs. Rhoda C. Taylor died in December, 1845, having survived her husband but a short time.

Rufus Taylor began his education in the common schools, and advanced in learning by attending the Parsonsfield and Farmington Academies. He subsequently taught several terms of school in Jay, Wilton, and Sumner, and after his marriage settled upon a part of his father's farm. Four years later he returned to the homestead, where he has since resided, having cared for his parents and grandparents during their declining years. He has devoted his time and energy to general farming and fruit growing, raising also some excellent oxen; and his farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres is well improved and exceedingly productive.

On March 12, 1840, Rufus Taylor was married to Abigail T. Dakin. She was born in Wilton, April 12, 1822, daughter of Deacon Levi and Edee (Richardson) Dakin, the former of whom was a native of Dunstable, Mass., and the latter of Temple, N.H. Mrs. Taylor's parents settled in Wilton in the year 1800, and her mother taught the first district school established in that town. Levi Dakin cleared and improved a farm in East Wilton,

and resided there until 1844. He then moved to Embden, Me., where he continued to till the soil for about fourteen years; and he and his wife passed their last years with their daughter, Mrs. Taylor, in Jay. Deacon Levi Dakin died April 17, 1874; and his wife died September 27, 1871. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Edee, who married Nathaniel Gammon; Levi H., who married Florella Smith; Sarah R., who married Jared Smith, all of whom have departed this life; Abigail T., who is now Mrs. Taylor; Sarepta N., who married Samuel Taylor, and neither is now living; Mary R., widow of the Rev. James M. Follett, now residing with her daughter in Oakland, Cal.; William Justus (deceased), who married Abbie Tower, of Dover, Me.; and Rachel, who died in infancy. All of the above named were unusually intellectual and well educated, and most of them filled useful positions in life as teachers.

Deacon and Mrs. Taylor have had six children, as follows: Augustine R., who was born December 25, 1841; Sarepta A., born February 11, 1846, who died May 24, 1852; Hannah T., who was born January 20, 1853, and died April 23, 1867; Floriman J., M.D., who was born December 15, 1854; L. William, who was born September 9, 1858; and Mary Abbie, who was born November 2, 1863. Augustine R. is a dealer in marble and granite, and a manufacturer of monuments in Waverly, Ia. He married Francena C. Butterfield, of Bean's Corners, and has two children, namely: Gorham, a graduate of Mount Vernon College and a civil engineer, who is married and has one child; and Anna M., who married Charles Holt, a druggist of Waverly, Ia., and has one son, named Howard. Floriman J. graduated from the Chicago Medical College in 1880, and is now a practising physician in Pittsfield, Me. On June 12, 1881, he married Nellie M. Vaughan; and she is now a music teacher at the Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield. L. William is a graduate of the Maine State College, class of 1880, and is now a teacher. On July 7, 1885, he married Carrie E. Brown, of Strong, and has two children—Lloyd and Lewis. Mary Abbie is an accomplished musician, and has been a successful teacher. She

has been twice married. Her first husband, to whom she was married May 31, 1884, was Alexander H. Luce, of New Vineyard, who died in March, 1889. In August, 1893, she was again married to Fred H. Ranger, of Wilton, Me. By her first union she has two children; namely, Justin T. and Leon A. Mr. and Mrs. Ranger are residing at the Taylor homestead, and Mr. Ranger assists in carrying on the farm.

Deacon Rufus Taylor is a Republican in politics, and has for many years been a leading spirit in public affairs. He has served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he was for some time a member of the School Board. He is well and favorably known throughout this section of the county as an upright, conscientious man and a worthy citizen; and his life has been successful as well as a busy one. He has been a Deacon of the Free Will Baptist church since 1856, and both he and his family are actively interested in religious work.

**A**SHBEL G. ALLEN, a well-known and influential citizen of Stoneham, Me., was born in this town, May 11, 1823, the son of Elisha and Sarah (Cooley) Allen. He owns about two hundred and sixty acres in Oxford County, in the towns of Stoneham and Lovell, and is prosperously engaged in general farming. A hard worker from his youth, he has well earned success by his own diligent efforts and enforced habits of industry and thrift. His father, Elisha Allen, who was born in Littleton, Vt., came in 1819 to Oxford County, Maine, where he had a brother living. Settling first in the town of Norway, he was there engaged in general farming for some time, and then removed to the farm in Stoneham now owned and occupied by his son, Ashbel G. Here he passed his remaining years. His career was an adventurous one, for part of his early life was spent on the sea as master of a vessel and part in the army as a soldier in the War of 1812. Mrs. Sarah Cooley Allen was a native of Portland, Me. She died in Stoneham. She was the mother

of eight children, namely: Sarah Fox (deceased); Emily, widow of Jacob Merrill, living in Yarmouth, Me.; Jane Small (deceased), who was the wife of John Allen, a citizen of Bethel, Me.; George F. (deceased); Ashbel G., the subject of this sketch; Prudence E., living in Stoneham, widow of R. Smith; Charles, who died at the age of twenty; and Thomas, who died in infancy.

Ashbel G. Allen received but a limited common-school education, as he went to work at the early age of twelve years. He was hired by different farmers in Waterford, and worked out for six years, returning then to his home, and being engaged for a while in a saw-mill making shooks. About 1848 he purchased a farm in the neighborhood, and built a house, which he occupied with his family for a few years; and then he returned to his birth-place to take care of his parents. Since the death of the old people, with the exception of a brief term of years spent in the town of Waterford, he has continued to reside on the family homestead in Stoneham, being one of the leading members of the community.

Mr. Allen was married September 17, 1848, to Ann Maria, daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Adams) Horr. She was born in Waterford, December 15, 1829. Her father was a native of Waterford, her mother of Bradford, Mass.; and both lived for many years, and died in Waterford. Mr. Horr was a farmer. Ten children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Allen — Ellen Maria, who died at the age of thirty-six; Charles Albert, who is in the insurance business in Ellsworth, Me.; Stephen (deceased); Hannah Elizabeth, who lived but eight years; Frank Herbert, employed in a mill at Cumberland Mills, Me.; William Arthur, who married Miss Alice McKeen, and lives in Waterford; George Henry, living in Idaho; Mary Isabel, wife of Charles E. Whitney, of Stoneham; Fred Leroy and Edwin Everett, who are still at home with their parents.

Mr. Allen cast his maiden vote with the Whigs, and has been a member of the Republican party since its organization. He has been a member of the Stoneham Board of Selectmen for a number of years, and was Town Treasurer some time. Mrs. Allen is a mem-

ber of the Congregational church in East Stoneham village.

**C**HARLES N. PORTER, a farmer and milk dealer of South Paris, Oxford County, Me., was born April 7, 1828, on a farm in the town of Paris, now owned by F. Porter. His parents were Charles and Rachel (Hamilton) Porter, and his paternal grandparents Nehemiah and Joanna (Barbour) Porter, the family being of old Colonial stock.

Nehemiah Porter, the grandfather, was a descendant in the direct line of Richard Porter, who settled in Weymouth, Mass., in 1635. He was born in Scituate, Mass., December 14, 1758, and served as a private in the Continental army during the war of independence. After the war he settled in Yarmouth, Me., where he became quite prominent in town and county affairs, and as a member of the Congregational church. His wife, Joanna, who was a native of Gray, Me., bore him thirteen children, all of whom attained maturity, and all of whom, except one, married.

Charles Porter, who was a native of Yarmouth, born June 10, 1794, son of Nehemiah and Joanna Porter, came to South Paris in 1816, and bought three hundred acres of wild land. Finding it heavily timbered, he availed himself of his brother's assistance in clearing it, compensating him for services with half the property after marriage. While engaged in this work, they were able, owing to the presence of a saw-mill in the town, to do some profitable lumbering. Later in life Charles Porter bought the house now the property of his son, Charles N., and on the adjoining lot erected another house, which he afterward let for rent. Yielding to a need for rest in his declining years, he retired from active occupation some time before his death, which occurred April 3, 1861, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. His wife, Rachel, who was born July 19, 1794, survived him until January 1, 1877, when she died in her eighty-third year. She was a daughter of William and Rachel (Lufkin) Hamilton, of North Yarmouth. They reared eight children; namely, Mary Ann,

William H., Samuel N., Alvan H., Lucy H., Rachel L., Charles N., and Granville.

Charles N. Porter, the fourth son as here named, received a good education in the district and high school of his native town. Early in life he bought the R. S. Stowell farm, on which he resided for five years. At the end of that time he sold it, and then purchased the farm where his father's last days were spent. This estate contains about one hundred and fifty acres of valley land, situated on the outskirts of the village. In 1870 Mr. Porter began to sell milk, at first carrying it to his customers by hand. Since then the business has grown to such dimensions that now he keeps twenty fine cows, and supplies the whole village of South Paris with milk. The secret of his success consists in the fact that he is careful to make his milk give satisfaction both in quantity and quality.

On March 24, 1852, he was united in matrimony with Maria L. Millett, who was born in Norway, Me., December 20, 1830, daughter of Nathan and Mercy (Sampson) Millett. Of their eight children, a daughter, Hattie L., died at the age of six months. The others are: Nathan Millett, born October 7, 1853; Frank Lester, born June 29, 1855; Granville H., born June 3, 1857; William Alton, born April 7, 1863; Ellen Millett, born August 26, 1866; Hiram Newell, born October 31, 1870; and Harriet Louise, born November 1, 1872. Nathan, who is a doctor and a druggist in Chicago, married Helen Duffy. Frank, who is in the drug business in Chicago, married Mariann F. Adams, and has one child, Lester W., born June 21, 1884. Granville, a produce dealer and a manufacturer of cider in South Paris, married Ida M. Robbins, and has two children — Susie E., born August 1, 1881; and Ray H., born November 11, 1883. William A., the proprietor of a confectionery and tobacco store in South Paris, married Lena A. Pratt. Ellen M. is the wife of L. L. Powers, a mechanic of South Paris. Hiram N., who is associated with his father in the milk business, married Hattie Bennett, and has one child, Alton M., born September 24, 1894; while Harriet L. is the wife of Fred Douglass, of Boston, Mass. Both parents are members of the Congrega-

tional church. In politics Mr. Charles N. Porter is a Republican. His connection with fraternal societies is limited to membership in the organization of the Golden Cross.

**E**LIAS H. YEATON, one of the successful pioneer gold miners of California, who is now living in retirement at West Farmington, Me., was born in New Vineyard, Me., August 22, 1833, son of Jonathan and Polly (Watson) Yeaton. His grandfather, Jonathan Yeaton, Sr., in the latter part of last century bought a large tract of land in Kennebec County, consisting of the township of Portsmouth, now called Belgrade. He sold the major portion of this purchase to settlers for farm sites, retaining quite an extensive tract, which he cleared and improved into a good farm; and he lived to see the town develop into a prosperous and exceedingly thrifty farming community. His children were: John, Ichabod, Jonathan, Hannah, Mary, and Comfort.

Jonathan Yeaton was born in Belgrade, February 20, 1797. In early manhood he settled in New Vineyard, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of cleared land, which he improved by erecting a new set of buildings; and then selling the property he removed to New Portland, where he bought another farm, most of which was still in a wild state. He cleared the land and brought it to a state of productiveness; and he continued to follow general farming until the death of his wife, when he retired from active labor. He died July 3, 1878. Politically, he acted with the Republican party; and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, who was before marriage Polly Watson, became the mother of six children, namely: George; Joel S.; Ward S.; Mary; Elias H., the subject of this sketch; and Emily C. Mrs. Polly W. Yeaton lived to be seventy-two years old.

After leaving school Elias H. Yeaton engaged in tilling the soil as a general farmer; and he continued thus employed for some time. In 1856 he went to California, and taking up a claim in the old Rich Gulch, Calaveras County, he applied himself energet-

ically to its development. Although prevented by the scarcity of water from working steadily, being obliged to pay ten dollars per day for it when available, he made the best of his opportunities, and was successful. When washing was impossible he worked in a saw-mill, thus keeping himself busy; and after three years of hard work he returned East, having acquired a handsome capital with which to start in life. Soon after his arrival from California he bought a nice farm in the town of Industry, where he resided four years, at the expiration of which time he sold it, and bought another farm in New Sharon, where he resided for the same length of time. Selling that property, he bought the old Porter farm, situated on Porter Hill, and carried on general farming for the succeeding six years. His next move was back to the town of Industry, where he purchased the Elbert Shaw farm, consisting of seven hundred and fifty acres, which, after owning and occupying for eight years, he sold to J. H. Sayer, of Augusta; and in all of these transactions he realized good profits. He then went to Logan valley, Nebraska, where he bought and improved one hundred and sixty acres, which he sold a short time later, and moved to the Omaha Reservation to a place now called Pender, Thurston County. He invested in a tract of two hundred and seventy-eight acres in Pender, Thurston County, land, which he improved, erecting buildings, putting one hundred and fifty acres under the plough, and, then renting this to good advantage, engaged for a time as a stock dealer.

In March, 1896, he again returned to Maine; and, deciding to settle in West Farmington, he bought of E. Thurston the old Marvin property, consisting of a fine residence and twenty-five acres of land. Having retired from active labor, he is now enjoying a well-earned rest. As a self-made man, who obtained a start in life through the rough and somewhat dangerous experience of a miner in California, he has not only maintained his footing, but through natural business ability and rare judgment has steadily advanced in prosperity, being at the present time one of the most wealthy residents of this locality. He is highly respected and esteemed by his



many friends and acquaintances here, who regard his somewhat phenomenal success as well merited; and he is a welcome addition to the society of the numerous residents of Farmington whose easy circumstances enable them to enjoy a life of leisure.

Shortly after his return from California Mr. Yeaton wedded for his first wife Sarah Stoddard. She was a daughter of Samuel S. Stoddard, late of Farmington, who represented a highly reputable family of this locality. She died in 1892, at the age of fifty-six years, leaving six children, who may be briefly named as follows: Samuel S., a mechanic and one of the owners of the Russell Mills in West Farmington, who married Nellie Wing, and has one daughter, Sadie; Almous B., who is in the fruit business at Grand Junction, Col., married Hattie Wright, and has two children—Gladys and Gracie; Augustus R., who married Nellie Seymour, and is now the proprietor of a hotel in Cedarville, Kan.; Charles H., a prosperous farmer of Santa Monica, Cal., who married Jennie Folsom, and has one daughter, Olive; Verton W., a successful farmer of Pender, Neb., who married Georgia Gower, and has one son, Arthur; and Lee H., who is also engaged in agricultural pursuits in Pender. For his second wife Mr. Yeaton married Lula O. Hosmer, daughter of Ira and Diana (Kinney) Hosmer, the former of whom was a progressive farmer of Weld, this county. By this union there are two children, namely: Gertrude L., who was born May 1, 1894; and Walter H., who was born July 23, 1895.

In politics Mr. Yeaton supports the Republican party. He has never aspired to political prominence, as his business activity has always absorbed his entire time and attention. He is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and is liberal in his religious views; and Mrs. Yeaton is a member of the Baptist church. The family occupy a prominent social position.

**F**RED O. WALKER, a prosperous hardware merchant of Rumford Falls, was born in West Peru, Oxford County, Me., June 6, 1863, son of W. S. and Hattie

L. (Tucker) Walker. His parents are natives of Peru, and his father has been engaged in mercantile business in West Peru for over thirty years. The subject of this sketch began his education in the common schools, and was subsequently graduated from the Bridgton Academy. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in trade with his father, and after remaining in business for eight years he sold his interest to the elder Walker. He then became agent for the Portland & Rumford Falls Railroad Company, which position he held for a year. Having in the mean time erected a fine three-story building in Rumford Falls, he in 1893 established himself in business here, being the sixth merchant to embark in trade in this new and rising town. As he carries a full line of hardware, tinware, and kindred articles, he is doing a flourishing business.

On June 6, 1884, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Sadie Hall, of Peru; and they are the parents of one daughter, Lela C. Politically, Mr. Walker is a firm supporter of the Republican party; and for several years he acted as Town Treasurer of Peru. He is connected with Blazing Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Metalluc Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and is a charter member of Penacook Lodge, No. 130, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was the first Noble Grand. He is also connected with the Foresters. He stands in the front rank of the enterprising merchants of this town, and is highly respected by the entire community. He is a member of the Free Baptist church.

**J**AMES C. STEARNS, a member of one of the leading families of Oxford County, is prosperously engaged in farming and dairying in Lovell, his native town. He was born September 10, 1840, a son of Stephen and Mary (Russell) Stearns. His grandfather, David Stearns, who was originally from the vicinity of Boston, Mass., located in Lovell at an early date.

Stephen Stearns, son of David, was a native and lifelong resident of Lovell. He was for some time in the lumber business, engaged in the manufacture of shooks and staves, but sub-

sequently gave his whole attention to the pursuit of agriculture. His death occurred January 15, 1863. His first wife, Mary Russell, was born in Boston, Mass., and reared in Lovell, her parents moving to this town when she was quite young, and settling on a farm, where they spent the remainder of their earthly lives. Mrs. Mary R. Stearns died July 31, 1849. She was the mother of nine children. Of these Sarah R., who was born December 29, 1834, is the wife of Josiah H. Stearns, a farmer and proprietor of a summer boarding-house; George R., who was born September 30, 1836, resides in Pennsylvania; James C. is the subject of this sketch; Theodore, who was born March 25, 1842, died February 5, 1843; Caroline M., now deceased, born October 30, 1843, was the wife of George W. Leighton, who is now living in Indiana; Henry W., born January 4, 1846, is engaged in farming in Iowa, and is married to an Iowa lady; Mary A., born November 20, 1847, is the wife of W. S. Gilman, of South Berwick, Me; Stephen, the youngest, who was born July 23, 1849, is married and lives in Colorado. Miss Mary Gordon, of Fryeburg, this county, who became the second wife of Stephen Stearns, was a daughter of Dr. Gordon, a popular physician of Fryeburg. She is no longer living.

James C. Stearns was the third child born to his parents. He received a common-school education in his native town, and remained a member of the paternal household until the year of his majority, leaving home then to join the troops gathering for the conflict in the South. On November 15, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Twelfth Maine Regiment, under Colonel George Shepley and Captain Enoch Knight, and was soon in active service. His company participated in the siege of Port Hudson and the engagement at Irish Bend, La., and were under Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, fighting at Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and Winchester. Receiving his discharge at Portland, Me., December 7, 1864, Mr. Stearns remained in Lovell three months with a sister; and on March 1, 1865, he enlisted again, joining Company B, Eighth Regiment of United States Veterans. He received his final discharge at Washington,

D.C., March 13, 1866. Returning to Lovell he worked some time for wages, and then purchased a tract of wild land, which he sold after partly clearing it; and he next went into the meat business in Yarmouth. In this occupation, however, he was not content; and six months later he returned to farm work in Lovell. He subsequently managed the town farm for three years; and at the end of that time, purchasing the old family estate, he settled permanently in the home of his boyhood. He has a well-improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, and raises general crops and has a large dairy business.

He was married November 28, 1867, to Miss Sarah A. Hatch, a native of Eaton, N.H., who was born May 30, 1839, daughter of Israel and Rebecca (Lawrence) Hatch. Mr. Hatch, who is a New Hampshire man and has devoted most of his life to farming, is now living with his daughter and son-in-law in Lovell. Though ninety-two years of age and the oldest man in the town, he has never known a sick day, and is now bright and active, and does some work every day on the farm. His wife died July 23, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns have welcomed four children to their home, namely: Mildred D., born June 23, 1869; Mabel E., born February 14, 1872; Mary R., born April 1, 1873, all at home; and George A., born September 19, 1877, who died November 9, 1881.

Mr. Stearns is actively interested in politics, voting the Republican ticket, but is not an office-seeker. He is a member of Delta Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lovell village; and of Parker Post, No. 151, Grand Army of the Republic, of Lovell Centre. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church at the Centre.

**E**DWARD K. HITCHCOCK, a prominent resident of Strong, Franklin County, who is engaged in the real estate business, was born August 28, 1817, in Nobleboro, Lincoln County, son of Benjamin and Violet (Eastman) Hitchcock. Captain William Hitchcock, his grandfather, belonged to Bristol, Me., where he was engaged in ship-building with the rest of his family. In

1788 the captain came to Strong, and settled near Suspension Bridge, within the present village limits, where he engaged in farming. He married Eunice Day, of Bristol, and became the father of ten children; namely, Betsy, Jane, Benjamin, Polly, Daniel, Enos, Eunice, Elias, James, and Martha. His wife died in 1830; while he lived until June, 1852.

Benjamin Hitchcock, son of Captain Hitchcock, was a native of Bristol. He acquired his education in Strong, and worked until he attained his majority. He then returned to Nobleboro, now Damariscotta. Engaging in ship-building there, he remained until 1822, when he came to Strong. Here he bought a farm on which he resided for the rest of his life. He married Violet Eastman, a native of Mount Vernon, Me., and became the father of seven children—Eunice, Edward K., Alfred M., Violet E., Jane, Mary, and Anna. Eunice, born May 8, 1815, married H. O. Read, of this village, and died in Boston in February, 1886. Alfred M., born August 29, 1819, married successively Abbie Somerby, who died, and Delia Dudley, of Lowell, Mass., who now lives in Maine. He died November 13, 1889. Violet E., born October 13, 1821, became Mrs. Lloyd Glover, and she and her husband both are deceased. She passed away in Philadelphia, January 6, 1859. Jane, born November 22, 1823, was united in marriage with William H. Waldron, of Lewiston, now deceased, and died May 11, 1886. Mary, born April 19, 1826, is the widow of Adam Hunter, who died in 1894. She now resides in this town. Anna, born August 13, 1828, married Loren F. Tyler, who died May 8, 1894. She is a resident of Boston. The father, who was a prominent man in this locality, died October 8, 1865; while the mother, after living to the age of ninety years, died May 11, 1881.

Edward K. Hitchcock had excellent educational advantages, attending Farmington Academy and Kent's Hill Seminary after the elementary course. At the age of nineteen, having completed his studies at Kent's Hill he returned home, and was for five years in the employ of the government. He then started a general merchandise store in this village, near the Corners, and conducted it for a num-

ber of years. Subsequently, he built a new store near his home, which he successfully managed until 1861. Then he sold out and engaged in farming, which he still follows. He owns at the present time six good farms. He also deals largely in real estate. In politics he does not affiliate with any party, voting as he thinks best. He has served as County Commissioner for three years, and County Treasurer one year. He has also been Postmaster and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The Masonic fraternity, with which he is affiliated through Blue Mountain Lodge of Phillips, is the only secret organization in which he has membership.

On February 14, 1854, Mr. Hitchcock was united in marriage with Miss Clarinda M. Towle, who was born in Avon, October 19, 1834. Her parents were Daniel and Electa M. (Higgins) Towle, respectively natives of Avon and Turner, Me. Her father was a farmer in the town of Avon until he died August 3, 1874. Her mother is still living in Red Wing, Minn., being now eighty-six years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock have one child—Dr. Alfred, who was born on August 5, 1859. He was a medical practitioner in Strong for five years, but now practises in Farmington, Me. He married Miss Mabel E. Blake of that town. Personally, Mr. Hitchcock is well-known and universally liked. His perseverance and assiduity since early life have won for him a well-merited degree of success and prominence.

**S**IMEON B. CURTIS, an influential citizen and prominent farmer of Woodstock, Oxford County, Me., was born September 17, 1832, on the old family homestead in this town, where his father, Seth Curtis, second, son of Seth Curtis, first, was born in 1813. His grandfather was one of the pioneer settlers of this section of Maine. He owned a tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres of wild forest growth, from which he felled the first tree, and, by his energetic continued efforts, converted a portion of the wooded wilderness into a well-cleared and productive farm.

Seth Curtis, the younger, acquired his edu-

cation in the common schools of Woodstock, which he attended in his boyhood; and he spent his entire life on the old estate, with his own hands ploughing, planting, and harvesting. He married Matilda Lurvey, a daughter of Job Lurvey, of Woodstock. Both he and his wife died in West Paris, he passing away in 1870, and Mrs. Curtis in 1879, having survived him nine years. They were the parents of four children, three of whom are still living, namely: Holland L., who married Miss Eliza Walker, of Paris, and is now a resident of West Paris; Benjamin C., who married Miss Ellen Crawford, of Paris, and is now a widower residing at Snow's Falls, Paris; and Simeon B., of Woodstock.

The farm of Benjamin C. Curtis was greatly injured during the freshet of March 25, 1896, by a phenomenal agency acres of meadow land being swept down and deposited two or three hundred yards from their original position. The earth lifted in this curious fashion covered the tracks of the Grand Trunk Railroad and all of the roads leading into Snow's Falls to a depth of from four to five feet, and days of energetic labor were consumed in clearing the way for public travel.

Simeon B. Curtis, whose birth occurred at the parental homestead, as has been mentioned, spent his early life on the old farm, attending the public schools of Woodstock. At twenty-one years of age he began to maintain himself, securing work on the neighboring farms. In the year of his marriage Mr. Curtis purchased the farm upon which he now resides, and which he has improved by new buildings and by the addition of forty acres of pasture land, which he has put under cultivation. His home is beautifully situated, and is one of the most attractive in the vicinity of Bryant's Pond.

Simeon B. Curtis and Miss Betsy Fickett, a daughter of Simon Fickett, of Woodstock, were united in marriage on the 17th of April, 1857. Though no child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, they have reared a ward, who has taken the place of a daughter of the house. Before her marriage she was Miss Lottie H. Lurvey. She is now doubly allied to them, having become in 1893 the wife of their nephew, Solon C. Curtis, a son of Holland L. and

Eliza Curtis. The young couple have one child, a daughter bearing the name Ruth Marion. She was born December 7, 1894. They make their home with Mr. Curtis, whose family circle is happily contented and as yet unbroken.

Simeon B. Curtis is a man of wide and varied interests, and has served the citizens of Woodstock in several capacities. From 1883 to 1885 he was Selectman of the town, and for a number of years Highway Surveyor. He is a member of Franklin Grange, 124, of Bryant's Pond, Patrons of Husbandry, and belongs to Lodge No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of West Paris, and to Rebekah Lodge of the same place. Mr. Curtis is a representative of the best type of Maine farmers — industrious, intelligent, and progressive — the sort of man who makes a trustworthy friend, a good neighbor, and a loyal citizen. In political belief he is a staunch Republican, as was his father before him. His religious views are broad and liberal, untrammelled by narrow dogma or formal creed. In reviewing his life one feels that his success has been well deserved and that the popularity he enjoys is justly his.

**R**INGMAN CHURCHILL, a substantial representative of the farming interests of the town of Paris, Oxford County, Me., was born June 18, 1823, on the homestead where he now resides.

Mr. Churchill's father, Sprague Churchill, a lifelong resident of Paris, son of Joseph of this town, formerly of Middleboro, Mass., redeemed his farm from the wilderness, having bought the land while it was yet covered with timber. He worked with the persistent energy of the pioneer in the establishment of a home for his family, in the course of time meeting with a due measure of success. Here he engaged in general husbandry until the time of his death, August 9, 1850. His wife, Harriet Holmes, who was a daughter of Captain Lemuel Holmes, survived him some years, dying in January, 1857. Both were liberal in their religious belief, and in politics the father was an earnest advocate of the principles of the Democratic party. They became the

parents of six children, of whom five — William, Asaph, Polly, Clara, and Mrs. Harriet Chase — have passed from earth, Kingman being the only surviving member of the family.

Kingman Churchill grew to manhood on the home farm, obtaining his early knowledge of books in the district school; and with the exception of the few seasons that he worked on neighboring farms has spent his years on the homestead. He has two hundred acres of land, in the care of which he is assisted by his son. A man of strict moral principles and abstemious habits, having never used tobacco or stimulating drinks, Mr. Churchill occupies an assured position among the respected citizens of his native town, and is well known as one of its most enterprising farmers. Politically, he is a faithful adherent of the Republican party, and religiously he is of the liberal type of believers.

On July 20, 1851, Mr. Churchill married Miss Loretta Andrews, who was born in this town, May 29, 1831, a daughter of David Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill have five children, the following being their record: Fannie is the wife of Calvin Bisbee, of Bethel Hill, Me.; Emma married William W. Berry, of Paris; Abbie is the wife of David Dow, of Old Town; Charles Henry lives at home; and Nellie is the wife of William Blood, of South Paris. Charles Henry Churchill, born November 5, 1868, was educated in the public schools of his native town, and since attaining man's estate has continued his residence on the homestead, rendering his father valuable assistance in the management of the farm. He has remained faithful to the political party and the religious belief in which he was reared by his good parents, and is numbered among the rising young men of the community. He is a Trustee of the District Library.

**B**EZER B. HARVEY, second Selectman of Strong, was born April 11, 1837, in New Vineyard, Me., which locality is now included within the limits of the town of Industry. He is a son of Columbus and Esther (Safford) Harvey. Mr. Harvey's father, a native of Leeds, Me.,

when a young man adopted the calling of farmer. He was ever on the alert for opportunities to advance himself. During his active period he cultivated farms at different times in Anson, Industry, New Portland, Strong, and Vienna, Me. Finally he returned to New Portland, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1879. His wife, Esther, who was a native of Greene, Me., became the mother of nine children, as follows: Columbus, who is no longer living; Ann, who is married and resides in Nebraska; Bethiah, who died in December, 1842; Mary Jane, who is no longer living; Charles, who resides in Whittier, Cal.; Bezer B., the subject of this sketch; Harlow E., a horse dealer of New Portland; John, who is now residing in Minnesota; and Ellen, who lives in Whittier, Cal. The mother died in New Vineyard, July 23, 1873.

Bezer B. Harvey was educated in the common schools, and resided at home until he was twenty years old. He then went to Foxboro, Mass., where he was engaged in teaming, and remained there for two years. From Foxboro he went to Boston, where he entered the street-car service, in which he was engaged successively as driver and conductor for four years, and then returned to New Portland. After cultivating a farm in that town for two years he moved to Strong, where he was occupied in the same way for the same length of time. From Strong he removed to Freeman, and was there engaged as a farmer and cattle dealer for the following ten years. He now relinquished agricultural pursuits, and, once more settling in Strong, has since resided in this village, chiefly occupied as a dealer in cattle, sheep, and horses. He is widely known throughout this section as an excellent judge of horses and a reliable man.

On January 7, 1862, in Boston, Mr. Harvey wedded Julia True, who was born in New Portland, daughter of Zebulon and Sophronia True, prosperous farming people. Her father died March 12, 1870; and her mother, October 15, 1865. Ella Esther, the only child of this union, married Frederick N. Beal, of Phillips, Me., and died at the age of thirty years, leaving two children. These are: Hermia, who was born in 1889; and Ella Esther,

born in 1803, whose husband is now a railroad official in Phillips, Me. In politics Mr. Harvey is a Republican. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen in Strong for sixteen years, acting for ten years of the time as Chairman of that body. He has always abstained from the use of stimulants or tobacco, and is looked upon as one of Strong's most upright, conscientious, and useful men.

**W**INTWORTH V LANDER, of the firm of Lander & Bisbee, hardware dealers of Rumford Falls, is one of the brisk and enterprising young business men of this city. A son of Charles P. and Martha (Berry) Lander, both natives of Kingfield, Franklin County, Me., he was born in that town, June 9, 1867. His parents are still living in Kingfield, Charles P. Lander being a well-to-do farmer.

Wintworth V. Lander was given the advantages of a common-school education. At the age of fifteen he began to learn the tinsmith's trade at Bingham, Me., and was employed in that town some six years. He then formed a partnership with Abram Kimball, and was in the hardware business in Jackman, Me., about two years, returning at the end of that time to Kingfield, where he was in business for a similar term of two years. In October, 1892, he formed a partnership with Charles P. Bryant, and opened a hardware store in Rumford Falls. This connection lasted about six months, Mr. Lander then purchasing his associate's interest. For something over two years he managed an independent business, building up a good trade. In April, 1895, Mr. Bisbee bought a half interest in his store. Their establishment is now one of the leading hardware stores in the county, comprising two large rooms and a basement, well stocked with a variety of reliable goods. Mr. Lander was the first hardware merchant in the town, there being but three stores in the place when he opened his establishment; and his remarkable success is undoubtedly due to his ability and "push." On June 16, 1889, he was united in marriage with Miss Abbie A. Hackett, of Freeman, Franklin County, Me., and one daughter has blessed their union, Nellie A. Politically,

Mr. Lander favors the Democratic party. He is a member of Davis Lodge, No. 95, A. F. & A. M., of Strong, Me., and Eureka Lodge, No. 48, Knights of Pythias, of Auburn, Me., and is very popular in social circles. On religious subjects he holds liberal views.

**D**ANIEL W. COLLINS, now living in retirement, and whose portrait is here presented, was formerly a carpenter and real estate dealer of Temple. He was born in Belfast, Me., July 7, 1834, son of Barnabas A. and Nabby (Pratt) Collins. Mr. Collins's grandparents, Daniel and Thankful (Ashley) Collins, who were both natives of Massachusetts, moved from that State to Maine, and were the second family to settle in the town of Industry. There Daniel Collins acquired a tract of wild land, built a log house upon it, and began the work of clearing it for farming purposes. For several years after, he went to market and carried his grist to the mill over a bridle-path through the wilderness. In time, however, roads were made, and his pioneer abode was replaced by substantial frame buildings. By patient industry he succeeded in extracting a comfortable living from his farm, upon which he resided until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty-eight years old. His wife died in middle age. Of his children, Barnabas A., Daniel and Thankful attained maturity.

Barnabas A. Collins, Mr. Collins's father, worked at the carpenter's trade in his early manhood. After succeeding to the homestead he sold it, and later bought a farm in New Vineyard, Me., where he lived for a few years. From New Vineyard he moved to Farmington, where he bought another farm. This he sold in 1852, and removed to Rangeley, this county, where he owned and cultivated a good farm until his death, which happened in 1879, at the age of eighty-two years. He was a member of the first Board of Selectmen of Rangeley, and also served as a Justice of the Peace for several years. In politics he successively supported the Whigs and Republicans, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Nabby, who was



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a daughter of Jesse Pratt, became the mother of ten children, namely: George H., Adeline, George, William W., Daniel W., James L., Henry C., Harrison, John M., and Helen M. She died in her seventy-seventh year.

Daniel W. Collins attended the common schools and resided at home until he was twenty-two years old. For the next eleven years he was employed in the lumber camps, and then engaged in carpenter's work and farming. At first his farming was done on an estate purchased by him in Rangeley, and which he conducted for three years. In 1881, after selling his property, he went to Crystal, Pembina County, N. Dak., where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. Erecting suitable buildings upon this place, he let it for rent, and worked at his trade until 1889. Then failing health caused him to visit Maine, where he rapidly recovered. Returning again to Dakota he was once more engaged in business, when his health again began to fail. In consequence of this he sold his property in 1895, and returned to his native State with the intention of residing here permanently. While casting about for a suitable residence he came to Temple, and, being favorably impressed with the Olin Stephen place, bought it and has since resided here with much advantage to his health. The property consists of a pleasantly located dwelling and twenty acres of land. A large part of the latter is covered with fruit trees, the rest being devoted to farming.

On January 15, 1864, Mr. Collins wedded Rhoda Frazier, daughter of Joseph and Rhoda (Butterfield) Frazier, of Wilton, Me. Mrs. Collins's grandparents, Thomas and Abigail (Knight) Frazier, resided in Peru, Oxford County, where they were prosperous farming people. Thomas Frazier lived to be about eighty years old, having survived his wife. Joseph Frazier's father, who was born in Peru, first settled in Wilton. Subsequently, selling his property there he moved to Strong, and afterward to Rangeley, where he resided for the rest of his life. He died at the age of eighty, and his wife lived to be seventy-eight years. Their children were: Abigail, Lucy B., Hannah, Gustavus and Augustus (twins), Rhoda, Thomas, Joseph, and Olive. Mr. and

Mrs. Collins having had no offspring, have rendered much kindly assistance to the children of others, who were in need of aid. In politics Mr. Collins supports the Democratic party, and in his religious views he is liberal.

**H**ON. PHILIP H. STUBBS, Attorney-at-law, Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, also Treasurer of the Franklin & Megantic Railroad, and an ex-Senator, was born April 7, 1838, in the village of Strong, Franklin County, Maine, where he now resides. His parents were Judge Philip M. and Julia (Eastman) Stubbs.

The father was a native of Fayette, Me., and came to this county in 1830, settling in this village, where he practised law the rest of his life. He was Judge of Probate, one of the builders of the Leeds & Farmington Railroad, and was also connected with the Androscoggin Railroad Company. While living in Strong he also dealt in real estate. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia Eastman, was a daughter of the Hon. Samuel Eastman and a native of this village. She was the mother of four children—Emma J., Philip H., George E., and John F. Emma J. died in 1860, at the age of twenty-four. Philip H. is the subject of this biography. Dr. George E. Stubbs, the third child, married Miss Annie Bell, of Blair County, Pennsylvania, and they now reside in Philadelphia, where he is a successful medical practitioner. John F., the youngest born, died at the age of three years. Judge Stubbs died August 26, 1876, and his wife November 3, 1887.

Philip H. Stubbs, having attended the common schools and Farmington Academy in his boyhood and youth, entered Bowdoin College, and was graduated in the class of 1860. He began the study of law in his father's office in Strong, was graduated at the Harvard Law School in 1863, and was admitted to the bar in the same year. He then commenced practice in this village, where he has since remained. In politics he is actively interested, affiliating with the Republican party. He has served two terms as County Attorney, from 1870-76, and also two terms as State Senator, 1883-86. Since 1884 he has held the office



of Treasurer of the Franklin & Megantic Railroad, which runs between Strong and Kingfield, Me.; and he is also one of the Directors. Mr. Stubbs was formerly a Director of the Sandy River Railroad, which was built in 1878. Besides having a large law practice, he deals in real estate. Fraternally, he is a member and Master Mason of Blue Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Phillips, Me.

On June 2, 1868, Mr. Stubbs was united in marriage with Miss Julia Augusta Goff, of Auburn, Me. She was born March 10, 1844, a daughter of Dana and Abby S. (Baker) Goff. Her father has been a railroad man most of his life, but is now retired, residing in Auburn. Her mother died January 6, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs have five children—Emma A., Annie B., Philip D., Richard H., and Robert G. Philip D. Stubbs, a graduate of Bowdoin College, is now studying law with his father. Richard H. will graduate from Bowdoin College in the class of 1898. Mr. Stubbs and family attend the Congregational church in Strong. Mr. Stubbs is a man of prominence in social, political, and business circles.

**F**RANK R. GLOVER, an enterprising merchant of Hebron, Me., proprietor of the Bellville Hotel and Postmaster, was born in this town, October 15, 1852, son of Robert and Miranda (Marshall) Glover.

Robert Glover was born in Hebron, September 2, 1817. When a young man he established himself in trade here, subsequently becoming a successful merchant. He died in April, 1869. His wife, Miranda, was a native of Paris, Me., born January 18, 1818. She became the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living. She now resides in Hebron.

Frank R. Glover attended the common schools and was graduated from the Hebron Academy with the class of 1872. He then went to Framingham, Mass., where he was employed as a clerk in a grocery, flour, and grain business for twelve years. Returning to Hebron he bought out the business formerly carried on by E. S. Dunham, and has since conducted a large and flourishing country store, which is well stocked with a varied assortment of general merchandise. He possesses both

the personal temperament and the requisite amount of business ability to succeed in mercantile pursuits; and he is very popular with his patrons, which term includes the greater portion of the general public here, his trade being constantly on the increase. In 1890 he erected and opened the Belleville Hotel, which is finely furnished and equipped with all modern improvements and has thirty pleasant and well ventilated rooms.

On October 15, 1877, Mr. Glover married Ellen F. French, a native of Framingham, Mass., and daughter of Captain Leonard French, of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Glover have two sons: Robert Leonard, born August 9, 1879; and Walter Lewis, born July 4, 1881, both of whom are now attending the Hebron Academy. Mr. Glover is a Republican in politics, and has been Postmaster since 1888. He is a member of South Paris Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., and both he and Mrs. Glover attend the Baptist church.

**C**HARLES C. AND SAMUEL S. ROWE, two of the most prominent and successful farmers of Oxford, Me., sons of Nathaniel E. and Esther Lane (Chipman) Rowe, are natives of this town. Charles C. Rowe was born on the 17th of July, 1856; and his brother, Samuel S. Rowe, was born on the 3d of September, 1859.

Nathaniel Rowe was a native of New Gloucester, Me., where he was born on the 19th of January, 1818. He was a farmer, and he also carried on shoemaking to some extent. Early in life he removed to Oxford, and spent the rest of his days here, dying at the age of fifty-six years. His wife, who was formerly Esther Lane Chipman, still lives in her native town of Oxford, where her sons are situated. She is a member of the Congregational church, to which her husband also belonged. In politics he was a staunch Republican. They were the parents of three children, who are all alive to-day; namely, Charles C., Samuel S., and Allura P. Rowe.

Charles C. Rowe was brought up and educated in Oxford. He is a practical farmer, and devotes himself entirely to agriculture.

He married first Emma E. Paine, and had three children — Benjamin E., Annie L., and Charles W. Mrs. Emma Paine Rowe died on July 16, 1890; and he married for his second wife, Mrs. Emily A. Cooper, widow of Albert E. Cooper, of Paris, Me. By this union he has one son, Elmer A. Mrs. Rowe has also one child by her first marriage, a daughter, Eva M. Cooper.

Samuel S. Rowe, like his brother, received his early education in the public schools of the town. He then turned his attention to farming, and has continued thus engaged ever since. He married Rose A. Paine, and is the father of four children — Alice E., Eva L., Walter S., and Willie E. He is liberal in his religious views, and in politics is a Democrat.

The Rowe brothers are connected in the business of farming, applying successfully the economic principle of co-operation. They own their land together, in all about four hundred acres, of which two hundred and sixty acres compose a fine farm right in the town of Oxford, the rest of the land lying outside. Here they carry on one of the first and largest dairy businesses of the town of Oxford, keeping a herd of fine cattle. The Rowe brothers are very energetic and hard-working men, and certainly deserve all the success they have acquired.

**E**LIAS W. GOULD, of Jay, is numbered among the patriotic sons of Maine who honored their State by their gallant defence of the Union during the Rebellion. He was born in Greene, Me., February 26, 1837, son of William and Betsey (Whitney) Gould.

William Gould, first, Mr. Gould's grandfather, who was born in Tyngsboro, Mass., in 1762, settled upon a farm in the southern part of Farmington, Me., in 1782. He served in the War of 1812, and was commissioned Brigadier-general of the First Brigade, Eighth Division of State militia of Massachusetts on February 7, 1814. He took an active interest in town and county affairs, and was elected by his townsmen to various places of trust. He was the first Representative from Farmington who refused to send out a barrel of rum to

treat the voters on the day of his election, but deposited the price of the rum with the Town Clerk to be used for preaching or schooling as the town should choose. He was in the legislature in 1823. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Coburn. She was born in 1766, in Dracut, Mass.

Their son, William, Mr. Elias W. Gould's father, was born in Farmington, January 3, 1796. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his widow many years after received a pension. Like his father he was a strong temperance man. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native town until 1836, when he went to Greene, Me., and five years later he came to Jay. From this town he removed to Carthage; and he afterward tilled the soil in Jay and Wilton, where he died September 13, 1876. His wife, Betsey Whitney, who was born in Freeport, September 19, 1796, was a daughter of Timothy and Martha (Wells) Whitney. Her parents were originally residents of New Gloucester, Me., but removed from that town to Chesterville, where their last years were spent upon a farm. William and Betsey (Whitney) Gould had twelve children, as follows: Etheline, widow of Francis Campbell, late of Utica, Minn.; Melinda, who died December 25, 1827, aged six years; Sebastian, who married Mary Hilton, and is now a farmer of Turner, Me.; Betsey, who died at the age of nineteen years; Martha A., who married Warren Leland, of Jay, and died in 1894; Olive, who was born December 27, 1827, and resides with her brother, Elias W.; Mary Jane, who married for her first husband Henry Clarke, and for her second Clark Hall, and neither is living; William A., who died at the age of three years; William, third, who served in the Twenty-eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, was mustered out of his company, but died six weeks after from disease contracted in the service, and is survived by his widow, formerly Martha A. Bean, now residing in Embden, Me.; Sarah, widow of Dr. J. R. Eaton, late of Wilton; Elias W. the subject of this sketch; and John H., who died at the age of nineteen years. Mrs. Betsey W. Gould died March 12, 1884.

Elias W. Gould obtained a common-school education in his boyhood and youth, and when

eighteen years old he began life for himself as a farm laborer. Two years later he went to Island Falls, Me., where he settled on wild land and commenced clearing and building. He lived there three years. When the Rebellion began he let his place to enter the army; but not having an opportunity to go from there he came to Jay; and on September 7, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry. He participated in several decisive battles, and at the expiration of his first term of service he re-enlisted in the same company. On May 23, 1864, he was wounded in the thigh by an accidental discharge of a gun, and in consequence was confined in the hospital four months, after which he returned to his regiment. He continued in active service until the close of the war, and was discharged and mustered out at Augusta, January 26, 1866. He subsequently bought his present farm in Jay, and has since been engaged in general farming, making a specialty of fruit culture, and also raising some excellent stock.

Mr. Gould is unmarried, and his household is presided over by his sister, Miss Olive Gould. In politics he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party; and he is a comrade of Post E. W. Woodman, No. 18, Grand Army of the Republic, of East Wilton.

**RANSOM COLE** is prominently identified with the agricultural and industrial interests of Oxford County, having a large farm and a saw-mill in Greenwood, where he is carrying on an extensive business. He was born in this town, January 12, 1842, a son of Elbridge and Arabelle (Cole) Cole. His paternal grandfather, Calvin Cole, a native of Maine, was the first member of the family to locate in this part of the county. He bought a tract of wild land near the present home of his grandson Ransom, and was thereafter engaged in tilling the soil.

Elbridge Cole was a lifelong resident of Greenwood, the date of his birth being January 11, 1813, and his death occurring in August, 1869. He continued engaged in the hereditary occupation to which he was reared,

laboring on the land with unwearied industry throughout his years of activity. He married Miss Arabelle Cole, a native of Worcester, Mass., where she was born in 1814. She out-lived him a few months, dying in April, 1870. They had eleven children, as follows: Kingsbury, deceased; Mary, born June 9, 1836, who is the wife of Adoniram C. Swan of this town; Emma, born July 20, 1834, who married Charles Judkins, of Greenwood, Me.; Calvin, who was born October 20, 1840, married Ophelia Cornel, and is a resident of this township; Ransom, the direct subject of this sketch; Sarah, born July 22, 1846, who first married Joseph Stearns, and after his death became the wife of Ephraim Pennel, of Westbrook, Me.; Esther, born May 22, 1847, who is the wife of David Morgan, of Greenwood; Sylvester, also residing in his native town, who married Jennie Tucker; Lorenzo, deceased, who was born in 1851, and married Jennie Swan, who is now living at Manchester, N.H.; Lucinda, deceased; and Wesley, born in 1855, who married Betsey Cummings and lives in Greenwood.

Ransom Cole acquired his education in the common schools of his native town, and on the home farm became thoroughly initiated into the mysteries of agriculture, his early experiences in this industry being of practical benefit to him in after years. At the age of twenty years he began work on his own account in the adjacent town of Woodstock, where he was engaged in farm labor for two and one-half years. Returning to Greenwood Mr. Cole bought a farm near his present home, where he engaged in his chosen occupation for seventeen years. He subsequently bought the large farm of nine hundred acres on which he has since been prosperously engaged in dairying, stock-raising, sheep-raising, and other branches of agriculture, etc. He also owns a large saw-mill, and manufactures lumber of all kinds, doing a very large and profitable business, in which he is ably assisted by his sons.

Mr. Cole was married in 1863 to Miss Alviria J. Cole, who was born in Greenwood, May 12, 1836, a daughter of the late Daniel and Diana Cole, her father having been a lifelong farmer of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are the parents of seven children, namely: Mary,

the wife of Frank Bennett, of Boston, Mass.; Alma K.; Alfonso; Daniel, also living at home, who married Bertha A. Swan; Stanton; Nellie; and Lucretia.

Mr. Cole is a liberal-minded, public-spirited citizen, ever ready to forward the interests of his native town and county; and has held various town offices, having been liquor agent, and, since 1892, a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is independent in politics, voting for the candidates he deems most worthy and capable. He belongs to various social organizations of Bryant Pond, being a member of Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M.; of Golden Cross Lodge; and of the Grange.

**H**ARRISON G. O. PERKINS, an enterprising general farmer of Oxford, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, April 26, 1838, son of Harrison G. and Hannah (Megquier) Perkins. His grandfather, Oliver Perkins, settled in this part of Maine when it was a wilderness, and, becoming the owner of a large tract of land, was one of the prosperous farmers of those early days. After a long life of industry and toil, during which he witnessed and aided in the development of Oxford County, Oliver died in Poland, Androscoggin County, at the age of eighty-nine years. He reared a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom Harrison G., Mr. Perkins's father, was the second in the order of birth.

Harrison G. Perkins, who was a native of Oxford, born in 1809, succeeding to his father's farm, made many improvements in the property, and prospered with the progress of the town. He was chiefly occupied in farming during his period of activity, and he died July 10, 1888. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Originally a Whig in politics, he later joined the Republican party. His wife, Hannah, a native of Poland, had five children, as follows: Sarah Jane and Julia E., who have departed this life; Augustus M., who lives in Cambridgeport, Mass.; Charles F., who occupies the old homestead; and Harrison G. O., the subject of this sketch,

who is the youngest. The mother is still living, and resides at the homestead.

Harrison G. O. Perkins was educated in the schools of his native town. From early manhood, farming has been his chief occupation. On April 26, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Fifth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, and served in the Civil War until its close. He was present at the first battle of Bull Run, and shared in the actions of the Peninsula campaign, including the battles of Fredericksburg, Antietam, South Mountain, and Gettysburg. In the Shenandoah Valley under General Sheridan he took part with his regiment in the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek, and Fisher Hill, and was wounded in front of Petersburg in March, 1865. In July, 1865, he was honorably discharged and duly mustered out of service. Upon his return home he resumed farming, in which he has since continued with increasing prosperity. At the present time he owns two hundred and fifty acres of fertile land. He is one of the most able and industrious general farmers in Oxford.

In 1868 Mr. Perkins wedded Georgia A. Keene, a native of Poland. She died in 1883, leaving six children; namely, Lena G., Annie E., Wilfred, Edith L., Mearl M., and Ida F. Ida F. died in April, 1893. In politics Mr. Perkins supports the Republican party. His religious principles are broadly liberal. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry in West Poland, and is a comrade of T. A. Roberts Post, No. 49, Grand Army of the Republic of Oxford.

**G**EORGE W. MILLS, a veteran of the Civil War, who owns one of the best farms in the town of Salem, was born in Kingfield, Me., January 22, 1830, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Norton) Mills. The family is of English origin. Mr. Mills's grandfather, although but sixteen years old, joined the patriots of the Revolution, and served through the War for Independence. After working for a long time at his trade of weaver in Peru, Oxford County, he spent his last days in Pennsylvania. His grandson, George W., once visited the house in which he

lived, and saw his old loom standing as he had left it. He reared a family of seven children, no one of whom is living.

Moses Mills was born in Livermore, Me., in the year 1800. He became prominent in local affairs, served as Town Treasurer and in other offices, and died in 1877. He was a member of the Baptist church, and in politics he supported the Republican party. His wife, Elizabeth, a native of Martha's Vineyard, was a descendant of Tristram Norton, the founder of the family in America, who settled in Martha's Vineyard in early days, and erected several houses, which are still standing there. She bore her husband three children, two of whom are living, namely: George W., the subject of this sketch; and Sarah N., who is now Mrs. Wentworth, of Sanford Me.,

George W. Mills was educated in the schools of Kingfield and New Portland, Me. After finishing his studies he settled upon his present farm in Salem; and there since he has tilled the soil with success. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company G, Twelfth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, first under Colonel Shepleigh and later under Colonel Kimball and Captain Robson of Portland. He served in the late war on the lower Mississippi under General Butler, participating in the capture of New Orleans; was on duty in that city, in Carrollton, and in Baton Rouge, and was wounded at New Orleans in September, 1862. After being confined in the hospital for a time he was discharged. He owns about three hundred acres of land, of which one hundred and twenty-five lie within the limits of the village, and one-third is under cultivation. In July, 1877, he had the misfortune of losing his buildings by fire; but he rebuilt, and now has one of the finest residences in Salem. He raises some fine stock for dairy purposes, and as a general farmer he takes rank with the leading agriculturists of this section.

In 1855, November 17, Mr. Mills wedded Mariah Heath, of Salem, who made him the father of five children, four of whom are living. These are: Fred G., Ardell, Lizzie A., and Clara B. Fred G., resides in Worcester, Mass.; Lizzie A. is the wife of M. Waltz of Worcester; and Clara B. resides at home.

Mr. Mills is a member of the Free Will Baptist church, and shares in the work of the Good Templars. In politics he is a Republican. He was Postmaster in Salem from 1866 to 1888; and he filled the office of Town Treasurer for two terms.

**H**ARLAND SAMUEL FLINT, an energetic and enterprising agriculturist of Norway, Oxford County, was born here, November 14, 1844. His paternal grandfather, Elijah Flint, was one of the earlier settlers of this part of the county, coming here from Manchester, Mass., where he was born and reared. The grandfather bought a tract of land in its primeval wildness, and from it cleared the homestead now owned and occupied by his grandson, Harland S. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Dolly Pingree, four children were born; namely, Elijah, Dolly, Ruth, and Samuel, all now deceased.

Samuel Flint, the father of Harland S., when old enough, assisted in clearing the land on which his parents had settled, and at their death succeeded to the property. Here he carried on general farming during his life, and died there in August, 1878. He was twice married. His first wife, Hannah (Frost) Flint, was born in Norway, and died on the Flint homestead in 1865. She bore her husband nine children, as follows: Susan Ellen, deceased; David, deceased, who married Ella Shaw; Mary Ann, deceased; Adelia Louesa, deceased, who married Matthew Collins; Hannah, the wife of F. F. Stearns, of Milan, N.H.; Hattie, the wife of Appleton Blake, also residing in Milan; Gustavus, deceased; Harland S., the subject of this sketch; and Joshua Frost, a resident of Andover, Mass. After the death of his first wife the father married Emily Nichols, of Saco, Me., who died in August, 1893.

Harland Samuel Flint remained with his parents until he attained his majority, attending the district schools and rendering such assistance as he was able on the farm. The following two years he spent away from home, employed in a soap factory at Lawrence, Mass., during the first year, and working in

Albany, Me., the following year. He then returned to the old homestead, where he has since been industriously and prosperously engaged in agriculture. After his marriage he purchased the entire property of one hundred and twelve acres. He carries on general farming, dairying, and stock-raising, meeting with remarkable success. He has made substantial improvements on the place, which, as the result of his management, compares favorably with any of the homestead farms of this locality. Mr. Flint has been actively interested in many enterprises conducive to the welfare of the town. Besides serving as Selectman in 1891 and 1892, he has at different times filled various minor offices most acceptably. His political principles are those of a sound Republican.

On July 23, 1871, Mr. Flint married Mary Ella Pingree, who was born July 2, 1854, in Norway, which was also the birthplace of her parents, William S. and Laurana (Poole) Pingree. Mr. Pingree worked at brick-making in Massachusetts for several years, but was afterward engaged in shipbuilding, mason work, and carpentry. He is now living in Norway, having retired to some extent from active pursuits. Mrs. Pingree died October 28, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Flint have seven children, namely: Hannah Belle, who died at the age of two years; Della May, who is the wife of Johnson Haskell, of East Waterford, this county; Leslie Harland; Asa Poole; Guy Irving; Katherina Laurana; and Elyn Lois.

Mrs. Flint is a member of the First Congregational church at Norway Centre.

**W**ILLIAM GREEN, a well-to-do farmer and a highly respected citizen of Waterford, was born here, December 24, 1820, son of Joseph and Catherine (Williard) Green. His grandfather, Thomas Green, who was born in Boston, Mass., served in the French War, and was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. At the close of the latter conflict Thomas removed to Rowley, Essex County, Mass., where he lived until 1789. Coming then to Waterford, he settled on a farm near that now owned and occupied by his grandson. He cleared the land and lived here

until his death, which occurred about the year 1825. His son Joseph, whose birth occurred in Rowley, Mass., carried on farming successfully until his death in 1828, when he was killed by the fall of a tree upon him. His wife, Catherine, who was a native of Harvard, Mass., died about the year 1860. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Samuel Warren and Sophia, both deceased; Sarah, living in Waterford; Dolla, who died when four years of age; William, the subject of this sketch; Cyrus, residing in Manchester, Ill.; Joseph, a resident of Bedford, Mass.; Daniel, also deceased; and two who died in infancy.

At the early age of seven years William Green went to live with a neighboring farmer. Thereafter he worked out on farms until thirty-one years old, receiving in the mean time a practical common-school education. After his marriage he located near his present home, living there from 1852 to 1888. He then came to what is known as the Hale homestead, on which he now lives. It contains about one hundred and twenty-five acres of fertile land. He also owns one hundred acres in the old homestead, besides other land in the county. He carries on general farming, conducts a small dairy business, and raises some stock. Mr. Green is known throughout Oxford County as an unostentatious man, attentive to his home duties, and a successful man of affairs. Like his father, who was alleged to have been the strongest man in the township, he had quite a reputation for physical strength, having made a record at weight lifting.

On June 22, 1852, Mr. Green was married to Miss Mary Carter, who was born in Bridgton, Me., May 10, 1825, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Cochran) Carter, both natives of Massachusetts. Mr. Carter and his wife lived for many years in Bridgton, where he was profitably engaged in farming until his death in 1875. Mrs. Carter died October 22, 1884. Besides Mary, they had sixteen other children, as follows: Henry, Jr., born January 25, 1823, now deceased; Samuel, born February 12, 1824, also deceased; James, born December 20, 1826; Charles, born March 20, 1828, deceased; John, born September 20, 1829; Abigail, born April 20, 1831; Emily, born September 13, 1832; Nancy, born May 21,

1834; Margaret, born October 27, 1836; Henry W., born January 9, 1838, deceased; Wesley, born July 7, 1839; Austin F., born February 23, 1841; Edwin, born August 15, 1842, deceased; Elizabeth M., born March 30, 1844; William S., born January 24, 1846; and Horatio L., born June 30, 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Green have four children, namely: Sarah, born March 15, 1853, who, with her husband, G. I. Hamlin, is residing with her father on the old homestead; Mary I., born January 6, 1855, who died in 1892; Henry W., born September 15, 1858, who married Ella Whitcomb, and resides on a farm near by; and Charles E., born January 15, 1862, who married Hattie Merrill, and is a blacksmith at North Bridgton, Me.

Mr. Green has always been a supporter and a strong advocate of the principles of the Democratic party. Although not a seeker for official honors, he has served in several of the minor offices of the town. He is one of the charter members of the Waterford Grange Society. He was drafted for service in the expected war with Great Britain over the north-east boundary in 1839, being out four weeks; and also during the Civil War in 1864.

**A**LVIN F. HARDY, a skilful farmer of West Farmington, Franklin County, is one of the few Northern soldiers who survived the horrors of Libby Prison. He was born in Wilton, Me., July 6, 1839, the son of Simeon and Damaris (Howe) Hardy. His grandparents were William and Cynthia (Flanders) Hardy. William Hardy, a native of Dublin, N.H., was one of the most successful farmers in the town of Wilton, and died there at the age of sixty-four. His wife attained the advanced age of eighty-eight. This couple reared five children—John, Simeon, Lucinda, Sarah, and David.

Simeon Hardy was born in Wilton, and there spent his life. He was one of the most progressive farmers of his day, and was a shrewd and successful dealer in real estate. Starting in life with a small farm he gradually added to his property until he owned two hundred and forty acres of good land. In the course of his life he bought and sold several

farms, being always ready for a bargain, and seldom making a mistake. He died at the age of sixty-two. In politics he was a Republican, in religious belief a Baptist. His wife lived to be seventy-six years of age. Their children were: Martha L., Adeliza, Alvin F., Cynthia, John O., William, and Charles K.

Alvin F. Hardy received his education in the public schools of Wilton. He assisted his father about the farm until 1861, when, with the purpose of fighting for the Union, he enlisted in Company A, Eighth Maine Regiment, and started for the seat of war. At the battle of Petersburg, April 2, 1864, he was struck in the leg by a minie ball, making a wound that made it necessary to amputate the limb above the knee. On May 16, following, he was taken by the Confederates and cast into Libby Prison, where he was obliged to care for his wounded limb himself. His sufferings during the three months of his incarceration are indescribable. Out of the eighty-four men among whom he was captured, but one other lived to see home again. Mr. Hardy was finally released on parole, and at the close of the war returned home. As soon as he was able to work a little he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for five years. Finding the work unsuitable, he then turned his attention to agriculture. In this occupation, though laboring under great physical disadvantages, he has been very successful. He first bought the Mrs. Trask and later the John Lowell farm in West Farmington, making an estate of sixty acres, and managed the two. Failing health subsequently compelled him to dispose of one. He still retains the other, on which he has remodelled and repaired the buildings, set out a fine orchard, and converted rough pastures into valuable meadow land. He raises general crops and fruit, and has a choice dairy, which adds materially to his income.

Mr. Hardy married Miss Julia C. Pease, daughter of Captain Jeremiah and Julia (Chaney) Pease, of Wilton, Me. Captain Pease, who was a wealthy farmer, died at the age of seventy-eight. His wife passed away in her forty-fourth year. They had five other children—Sarah P., Benjamin F., Daniel, John, and Emily. Four children have blessed

the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, namely: Frank, born February 18, 1869, now a mechanic; Mabel J., born March 3, 1872, the wife of F. S. Newell, of Wilton; Maynard A., born June 27, 1874, a farmer and mechanic; and Daisy E., born May 30, 1877. Mr. Hardy votes the Republican ticket. He belongs to one organization, the E. W. Woodman Post, No. 18, Grand Army of the Republic, of East Wilton. On religious subjects he holds liberal views.

**HENRY F. MORTON**, of South Paris, Me., superintendent and agent of the Paris Manufacturing Company, was born in Corinna, Penobscot County, Me., December 5, 1839, and is a great-grandson of Thomas Morton, who came from England and settled in Plymouth, Mass.

William Morton, his grandfather, was born in Portland, Me. Choosing the occupation of a farmer he settled in Gorham, Me., where, on March 27, 1812, William S. Morton was born. On leaving home this son settled in Belmont, whence he afterward removed to Corinna, Me., and purchased a farm that he carried on until his death, May 3, 1842. He was a Deacon in the Free Will Baptist church. Prudence S. Bates Morton, his wife, bore him three children, namely: Helen J., born July 29, 1838, married Dr. A. E. Bessey; Henry F.; and Benjamin R., born December 16, 1841, who died on October 15, 1864, from wounds received at Alexandria, Va., while performing his duties as Sergeant of Company D, Twentieth Maine Regiment. He left a widow, Lucy Chase Morton. Mrs. Prudence S. B. Morton married a second time, becoming the wife of Martin Crockett. She lived to be seventy years old.

When four years of age, Henry F. Morton went to live with an uncle at Auburn. He was educated at Hebron Academy and Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill. He engaged in teaching at eighteen years of age, and fitted for Harvard College, but, on account of failure of eyes, caused by overwork, he was unable to continue his studies. As soon as his eyes were strong enough to resume work, and after his marriage, he settled at North

Paris and began on a small scale the manufacture of children's sleds, using the basement of the house in which he lived and employing a little help. His goods were favorably received on the market, and he soon removed to West Sumner, where he obtained water-power and erected a factory, adding to the manufacture of sleds that of baby carriages and children's carts. The firm was then known as Morton & Bates, and still later as Morton, Forbes & Crockett.

In 1870 the citizens of Paris Hill induced them to move thither. They purchased a steam-engine, and in 1871 erected a factory; and after a time a stock company was formed, known as the Paris Hill Manufacturing Company, which has become well known throughout the United States, Mr. Morton acting as superintendent and agent. The distance from the railroad proved a great disadvantage, as well as an added expense; and, the citizens of South Paris offering substantial inducements, the stock was bought up and the plant moved to this place in 1884, and a large and well-equipped building erected. Two years later the entire plant was destroyed by fire; but it was soon rebuilt, and to-day the factory covers an area of thirty-nine thousand square feet besides large storehouses in the village near the depot. They now manufacture sleds, carts, children's carriages and wagons, step ladders, tables and school furniture, and the firm has a reputation for finely finished goods of superior quality. They employ about two hundred hands. In 1889 Mr. Morton held the position of superintendent and agent with the Winton Manufacturing Company of Binghamton, N.Y., but returned here in 1892, and accepted his present position of superintendent, agent, and manager.

On September 22, 1861, Mr. Morton was united in marriage with Miss Lucelia C. Forbes, a daughter of Elbridge and Julia (Prentiss) Forbes. She is a descendant of Captain Miles Standish in the seventh generation. Mr. and Mrs. Morton have six children, namely: William P., born June 24, 1862, a decorator and painter, who married Mrs. Jennie Whitney; Julia P., born March 1, 1866, who is a teacher in the South Paris Academy; Walter E., born June 5, 1867, who



died at twenty-three years of age, leaving a widow, Elizabeth Whitman Morton, and two children — Isabel and Katherine; George R., born August 17, 1868, the receiver of the West End Railroad at Allston; Harry A., born June 2, 1876, now attending the Bryant & Stratton Business College; Clarence G., born August 2, 1881. On coming to South Paris, Mr. Morton purchased the Morgan House, 30 High Street, which he has remodelled, and they have a pleasant, attractive home. In politics he is a Republican. He was elected on the first Board of Deacons after the erection of the Baptist church here in South Paris.

**J**OHAN WYMAN, a thriving agriculturist of Oxford County, and an esteemed resident of Norway township, was born June 23, 1838, in the town of Weld, Franklin County, Me., a son of Daniel Wyman. He comes of patriotic stock, his paternal great-grandfather, Captain Daniel Wyman, having been an officer in the Revolutionary War. He lived for many years in that part of Maine then known as Wyman plantation, but now called Chesterfield, where his son John, grandfather of John Wyman, the subject of this sketch, was born.

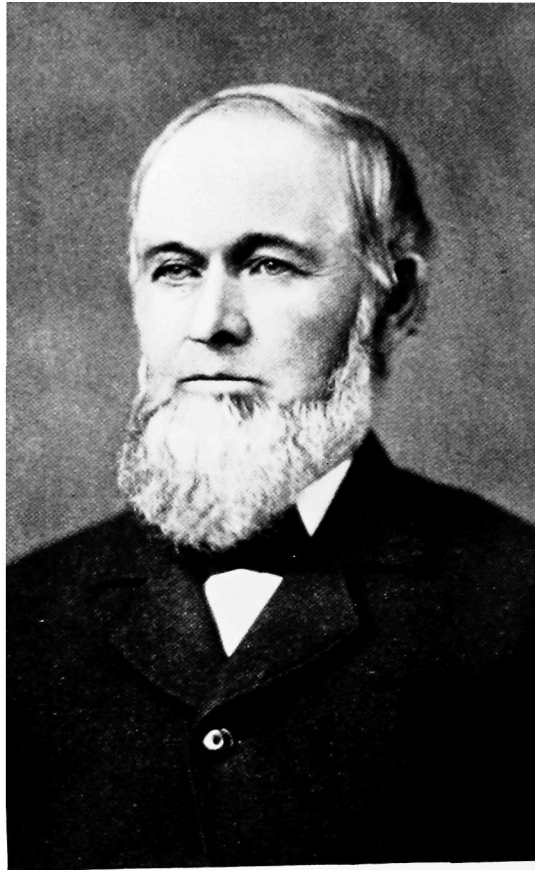
The grandfather was an industrious, hard-working man, engaged as a tiller of the soil during most of his life. He removed from the place of his nativity to Livermore, Androscoggin County, where he carried on farming until his death in 1862. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Susan Peterson, were born eight children, namely: John, deceased; Daniel, father of John; Sylvanus, deceased; Abram, now living in Livermore; Alvin, deceased; Louisa, widow of James Lane, residing at Livermore Falls; Rhoda and Susan, both deceased.

Daniel Wyman lived on the homestead in Livermore until attaining mature years, when he removed to the town of Weld, this State, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the most prosperous farmers in the vicinity. In 1842 he removed to Mount Vernon, continuing his residence there until his demise in April, 1872. He married Miss

Esther Goding, of Jay, Me., a daughter of Jonas Goding, who moved from Roxbury, Mass., to that town when a young man, and was thereafter engaged in tilling the soil until called to depart this life in 1855. Into the parental household were born nine children, briefly mentioned as follows: Elizabeth, deceased; Susan, widow of Peter Albee, living in Auburn, Me.; Emeline, the wife of George Carr, of Dexter, this State; Charles, who married Diantha Carr, and lives in Mount Vernon, Me.; Daniel, in California; Esther, the wife of Jonathan Ralph, of California; John, the special subject of this sketch; Parker, a resident of Canton, Me., who married Vilanti Rollins; and Uroxa, of Auburn, Me. The mother died in the prime of life in July, 1856.

John Wyman attended the district schools and assisted his father in the manual labors of the farm until twenty years of age, when he went to Nevada County, California, where he had a brother and sister living. For nine years he engaged in mining and lumbering in that locality, and then returned to the scenes of his childhood. Settling in Mount Vernon, he operated a saw-mill for three years. Coming thence to Oxford County, Mr. Wyman bought a saw-mill in the town of Newry, where for ten years he was engaged in the manufacture of lumber. Having the misfortune to be burned out, he next came to Norway; and here, on November 16, 1885, he bought the farm which he now owns and occupies. He has one hundred and forty acres of good land, which he is managing with profitable results, carrying on general farming, and keeping a choice dairy of fourteen cows.

On December 28, 1870, Mr. Wyman married Miss Ann D. Trask, the daughter of Nathaniel Trask, a well-known farmer of Mount Vernon. She died September 27, 1883, leaving one child — Alfred L., who was born October 24, 1871, and is now engaged in the insurance business, making his home with his father, and occupying a prominent position among the leading young men of the town. On September 14, 1884, Mr. Wyman was united in matrimony with Miss Eldora H. Barker, who was born December 10, 1864, in the town of Albany, this county, where her



JAIRUS K. HAMMOND.



SMITH DUDLEY.

parents, Amos and Betsy Barker, are now living, her father being a prosperous farmer. Of this union three children have been born, namely: Louisa, who died in infancy; Mabel Louisa, born September 3, 1886; and J. Murphy, born April 27, 1890. Mr. Wyman has also an adopted daughter—Jennie Patterson, who has been a member of his household since she was eleven years old.

Politically, Mr. Wyman is a very active and prominent member of the Republican party in this section, which he has served during the past six years as one of the Town Committee. He takes great interest in local public affairs, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen of Norway in 1891. He is a member of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M., of Mount Vernon; and of Bethel Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Bethel; also of Bethel Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of the Norway Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Mrs. Wyman is a member of the Congregational church.

**J**AIRUS KEITH HAMMOND was a lifelong resident of Paris, Oxford County, the date of his birth being October 26, 1822, and that of his death February 1, 1892. He was of pioneer stock, his grandfather, Benjamin Hammond having been among the earliest settlers of this town; and his father, Moses Hammond, was born in the log cabin in which the grandfather first lived. Moses Hammond was a well-known and influential business man of Paris, Me. He married Mehitable Keith, a native of Bridgewater, Mass., who bore him eight children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth S. Prince; Jairus Keith; Mrs. Juliet H. Brown, widow of Dr. Thomas H. Brown, in whose sketch, which will be found on another page of this volume, a more extended ancestral history of the Hammond family appears; Albert M.; and Frances A.

Jairus K. Hammond obtained a good education in his youth, pursuing his elementary studies in the common schools of his native town, and afterward attending the academies at Bridgton and Hebron. He early chose farming as his life work, and in addition had

an interest for several years in his father's milling operations. He was an intelligent and skilful agriculturist, thoroughly conversant with the various branches of his industry, and had a large portion of his valuable farm in a good state of cultivation. He enjoyed in a marked degree the confidence of his fellow-men, whom he served in positions of trust and responsibility. He held various town offices, including that of Selectman; was a prominent member of the Norway Grange, No. 45, Patrons of Husbandry; belonged to the Maine Board of Agriculture three years; and was a Trustee of the Oxford County Agricultural Society several terms. At the time of his decease Mr. Hammond was serving as a Director of the Norway National Bank, as a Trustee of the South Paris Savings Bank, and a Trustee of the Paris Hill Academy.

Mr. Hammond was three times married. By his first wife, Eliza Hooper, he had three sons, only one of whom survived the mother, namely: Herbert P., who was born February 7, 1855, and is now a farmer at Paris Hill. The others were: Charlie A., who died at the age of ten years; and Fred, who died when only eight years old. By his second wife, Sarah L. Dunham, he had a daughter—Helen, born June 24, 1879, who lives at the home of her childhood. On October 25, 1887, Mr. Hammond married Mrs. Lydia H. Stearns Dudley, the widow of Smith Dudley. Mrs. Hammond was born in Paris, Me., June 2, 1835, a daughter of William and Joanna (Porter) Stearns. She is now living at Paris Hill, where she has a very pleasant home in which she hospitably entertains her many friends. She is held in high regard throughout the community in which her life has been spent, being an important factor of social and religious circles, and a faithful member of the Baptist church. Her father was born in Waltham, Mass., November 8, 1790, and after his marriage with Miss Porter, of North Yarmouth, he had a happy wedded life of sixty-one years. He was a son of William Stearns, Sr., a pioneer farmer of this town, and was a generous, public-spirited man, a strong Whig in his early days, and afterward an ardent Republican. Religiously, he was an active member of the Baptist church, and fraternally was the

oldest Free Mason in Oxford County, having joined the order as early as 1816. He died March 20, 1877, aged eighty-six years; while his wife, who was an unusually bright and intelligent old lady, lived until October, 1894, dying at the advanced age of ninety-six years and three months. They were the parents of eight children, two of whom, William P. and James, are dead. The others are as follows: Charles; George; Mrs. Lucy Woodman; Sylvanus Porter Stearns, of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this work; Mrs. Lydia H. Hammond; and Mrs. Mary Howe.

Mrs. Hammond's first husband, Smith Dudley, was a native of Woodstock, Me., born May 8, 1827. He was reared and educated in this town, whither his parents came when he was two years old. He was an energetic and progressive farmer, and a very highly esteemed citizen. In politics he was a firm advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and in his religious belief was liberal. He died February 19, 1883. To him and his wife four children were born, namely: Ella L., who married Henry D. Hammond, of whom a brief sketch appears on another page of this volume, and died at the age of twenty-two years; Charles S., of Paris, Me.; James S., also of Paris; and Gertrude, the present wife of Henry D. Hammond.

A portrait of Mr. Smith Dudley, and also one of Mr. J. K. Hammond, are published in connection with this sketch.

**J**OHNS DUNSMOORE, formerly a well-known resident of Temple, and an extensive dealer in horses, was born in Temple, January 10, 1817, son of James and Olive (Dresser) Dunsmoore. His parents, who were natives of New Hampshire, settled in Temple when the country was new. Here James Dunsmoore cleared a tract of land now known as the Woods farm, spent the rest of his active period working at his trade of blacksmith and tilling the soil, and died at the age of eighty-seven years. His children were: James, John, and Olive.

John Dunsmoore learned the blacksmith's trade, but, after working at it with his father

for a time, he engaged in stone-cutting. In 1849 he went to California by way of Cape Horn, being one of the first in this section to start for the gold mines. Arriving there during the wet season, he was so unfavorably impressed with the country and climate that he returned after six months. Subsequently, he purchased a farm in the northern part of Temple, and resided there for a time. Later he bought another estate, containing seventy-five acres of land, located near the village, and there engaged in general farming. Being an excellent judge of horses, he devoted his principal attention to the purchase and sale of these animals, becoming widely and favorably known as a reliable dealer, and doing a profitable business for a number of years. In politics he supported the Democratic party. He was a Unitarian in his religious belief. At his death, which occurred at his home in Temple, March 7, 1882, in his sixty-sixth year, he was mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances as an honorable, upright man, and a worthy citizen.

Mr. Dunsmoore was united in marriage to Martha A. Dresser, who survives him. She is a daughter of Oliver and Dorcas (Mitchell) Dresser. Her paternal grandparents were Rufus and Elizabeth (Lawes) Dresser, the former of whom came from New Hampshire to Temple among the early settlers; and he died when his son Oliver was three years old. Oliver Dresser was the owner of two farms located in the western part of Temple. He was engaged in farming until his death, which happened at the age of fifty-nine years. His wife lived to be eighty-four years old. Their children were: Martha A., who is now the widow of John Dunsmoore; Pamela; and Abbie. Mrs. Dunsmoore has had three children—John D., Martha F., and Oliver M. John D., who was born December 20, 1855, died in 1857. Martha F., born October 13, 1854, married Hannibal Russell, an extensive wood manufacturer of Farmington, and died January 12, 1887. She gave birth to three children, namely: Donald, who died young; Mattie F.; and Bernice M. Oliver M., who was born December 22, 1859, now resides with his mother:

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Duns-

moore continued to occupy the homestead until the residence was destroyed by fire. She then sold the estate, and in 1889 bought the Walton place, containing twenty-three acres of land, situated near West Farmington, where she has since resided. By remodelling the buildings and effecting other improvements in the property, she has made a very pleasant home.

**F**RED W. SANBORN, of the Oxford County *Advertiser*, was born in Loudon, N.H., February 10, 1855. He is a son of John Shaw Sanborn, who married Dorcas A. Brown, a daughter of Ephraim Brown, of Norway, Me., and a sister of Ephraim Heald Brown of that town. The subject of this sketch was graduated in 1876 from the New Hampton Literary Institution of New Hampton, N.H.; and he also took a course of commercial training at Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. During the school year of 1877 and 1878 Mr. Sanborn was assistant teacher in the New Hampton (N.H.) Business College, resigning that position in July, 1878, to engage in newspaper business at Laconia, N.H. Previous to his graduation he had learned the printer's trade in the printing offices at Laconia and Lake Village, N.H. and was well fitted to embark in journalism on his own account. In company with Colonel E. C. Lewis, who furnished the capital, he bought the Laconia (N.H.) *Democrat*, and they conducted it for nearly four years, Mr. Lewis being its editor and Mr. Sanborn its business manager. During this time, by means of the same push and enterprise that he has displayed in conducting the *Advertiser*, the circulation of the *Democrat* was more than doubled. In April, 1882, Mr. Sanborn retired from the firm, and in the following month came to Norway, Me. Not long afterward, or on December 31, 1882, he became the owner and manager of the Oxford County *Advertiser*, which was temporarily suspended — the establishment, then conducted by S. Drake & Co., having been burned out two or three months previously. Mr. Sanborn has since retained his control and ownership of the paper. He takes a great interest in the enterprise, to

which he is well adapted, and is thoroughly alive to the advantages of what he aptly describes as, "A little affair carefully looked after in a thriving town filled with good people who want to know what their neighbors are doing and are willing to buy and pay for a paper that contains that news." The paper ranks among the best of its class in New England, and Mr. Sanborn's success in the field of local journalism is forcibly demonstrated by its circulation during the past fourteen years.

February 4, 1879, Mr. Sanborn married Laura A. Hill, of Strafford, N.H. She was born in Strafford, November 2, 1856, and is a graduate of the New Hampton Institution, having been a member of the class of 1877. They have no children. Mrs. Sanborn is a lady of rare literary attainments and business sagacity, and is besides a practical printer. Much of the success of the Oxford County *Advertiser* is due to her untiring energy and ability.

Mr. Sanborn is largely engaged in business outside his newspaper enterprise, being interested in the management of several successful financial institutions and business corporations in this and other States. He has been largely successful in his outside ventures, but it is in local journalism that he takes the greatest pride.

**J**OHN PIKE, a leading merchant of Wilton, was born in Freeman, Franklin County, February 1, 1828, son of Jacob and Laurana (Cummings) Pike. His grandfather was John Pike, a native of New Hampshire, who in early life moved to Norway, Me., cleared a large farm located just west of that village, upon a hill which has since borne his name, and several of his descendants are residing there now. He married a Miss Tarbox, who was also a native of New Hampshire, and she reared several children.

Jacob Pike bought a farm in Norway when a young man. A short time later he sold it, and, moving to Freeman, settled upon one hundred acres of unimproved land, which he partially cleared. Selling this property afterward, he bought another farm of one hundred

acres, in the town of Kingfield, this county, where he resided until 1838. This property he then sold, removed to Strong, and purchased an estate of one hundred and thirty-five acres. Here, with his health impaired, he was engaged in farming until his death from consumption in 1847, at the age of fifty-two years. He supported the Whig party in politics, and was a member of the Universalist church. His wife, Laurana, became the mother of seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were: Mary Ann, Jane, Martha, John, Lucinda, and Henry. Henry resides at the homestead in Strong. The mother, who lived to the age of seventy-seven years, died in 1871.

John Pike obtained a good, practical education by attending the district school and personal study afterward. He resided at home, and, with his brother, carried on the homestead farm until he reached the age of twenty-eight. Then he purchased a farm for himself, and lived on it about ten years. After this he engaged in a general mercantile business with Anson Mosman in Wilton. The firm had carried on a large and profitable business at the old stand for twenty-seven years, when the fire of 1893 swept away his building, with all others in the business portion of the village. Immediately rebuilding he erected a three-story structure with basement, the whole of which, except a portion of the second floor, rented to Dr. Rowell, the dentist, he now occupies. He deals in groceries, dry goods, crockery ware, drugs, medicines, paints and oils, hardware, wall paper, etc., keeping a large stock constantly on hand. He has also dealt extensively and successfully in real estate. At the present time he owns the John Gould place, located on Prospect Street, which he has completely rebuilt; also a double house on Main Street, another at the lower end of the village, together with a farm and some wood lots. He formerly owned the hotel property which he managed at different times, and rebuilt the stables destroyed in the conflagration of 1893.

Mr. Pike wedded Sarah E. Mosman, daughter of George Mosman, of Farmington, who formerly resided in Newton, Mass. Mrs. Pike has had two children, namely: Charles

who died at the age of fourteen months; and Laurana, who was born November 29, 1876. Mr. Pike is an earnest and influential supporter of the Republican party. He served as Deputy Sheriff here for twelve years. The fraternities in which he has membership are: Wilton Lodge, No. 156, A. F. & A. M.; and Williamson Lodge, No. 20, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being Past Chief Patriarch of the encampment. His prominence here, and the high esteem in which he is held, are the result of his fair dealing in all relations. He is a member of the Congregational church, and contributes generously toward its support.

**M**ARCUS MORTON SMART, one of the stirring and progressive farmers of Fryeburg, Oxford County, Me., and a scarred veteran of the Civil War, is a native of this town. He was born January 10, 1841, son of Ira and Esther (McIntire) Smart. His grandfather, Daniel Smart, who was the first of the family to settle in Fryeburg, was a native of Ossipee, N.H., and came here about the year 1812. He bought a farm located in the eastern part of the town, and resided thereon until his death, which took place December 7, 1870. He served as a soldier in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, and in his declining years received a pension from the government. He married Rhoda Davis, who was born in Nottingham, N.H., September 25, 1787, and had a family of eleven children, namely: Moses D.; Daniel; Ira; Rebecca L.; Rhoda D.; Noah D.; Susan D.; Daniel, second; Winthrop; Ephraim K.; and Sarah H. Mr. Smart's grandmother died September 6, 1867.

Ira Smart, son of Daniel Smart, was born in Prospect, Me., May 11, 1813. In early manhood he settled upon a farm situated on what is known as Smart's Hill, where he resided until 1866, when he bought the property where his son, Marcus M., now lives; and his last days were passed upon this farm. He was one of the most able farmers and useful citizens of his day, always manifesting a lively interest in the welfare and progress of the community; and his death, which took place December 14,

1887, was deeply regretted by his fellow-townsmen. His wife, Esther McIntire, who was born in Chatham, N.H., July 8, 1820, was the mother of ten children, as follows: Marcus Morton, the direct subject, of whom see further mention in next paragraph; William T., formerly Postmaster and now Collector of Lewiston, Me., who was born October 6, 1842, and married Sarah Fuller; Laura A., who was born January 20, 1845, and is residing with her brother at the homestead; Daniel, who was born February 2, 1848, and died in May, 1868, in Montana; Esther E., who was born December 31, 1849, and died December 27, 1853; twins, who died in infancy; Ira G., who was born November 14, 1851, married Martha Plummer, and is now a practising physician of Blue Earth, Minn.; John W., who was born April 15, 1858, married Fanny Wyman, and is now engaged in the meat business in Boston; and Esther J., who was born November 28, 1862, and died on the 15th of August, 1882. The children all acquired a good practical education, and two of them became teachers. Mrs. Esther M. Smart died February 5, 1894.

Marcus Morton Smart, the first-born of the ten, was a pupil in the common schools in his boyhood, and he resided at home until he was twenty years old. At the breaking out of the Rebellion his patriotism was aroused, and on October 15, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company E, Twelfth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry. The officers of the regiment were Colonel Shepley, Lieutenant-colonel William K. Kimball, and Major D. R. Hastings; and Captain Enoch Knight commanded Company E. The Twelfth was first attached to the department of the Gulf, under General Butler, and participated in the capture of New Orleans, the battle of Irish Bend, the siege and capture of Port Hudson, and other engagements upon the lower Mississippi; afterward it took part in the Shenandoah Valley campaign under General Sheridan, rendering valiant service at the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek, and Fisher's Hill; and later, joining the army of the Potomac, it assisted in the important operations which resulted in the fall of Richmond. After the completion of his first term of enlistment Mr. Smart re-

enlisted in Company C, of the same regiment, January 1, 1864; and, serving until April 18, 1866, was discharged at Savannah, Ga. During his long period of service he saw a great deal of hard fighting, but fortunately escaped serious injury; and the only mishap which occurred to incapacitate him from active duty was caused by a wound from a spent ball at the battle of Cedar Creek, the scar of which is still visible. Immediately after his return from the army he bought a farm in the town of Sweden, where he resided for fourteen years, and he then moved to Fryeburg village, where he was engaged in jobbing for some seven years. In March, 1887, he bought his present property, which is known as the Uncle Barnes Walker farm. This estate consists of one hundred and twenty acres of well improved land, which he devotes principally to the cultivation of hay, corn, and potatoes; and he also owns some outlying woodland.

In May, 1863, previous to his re-enlistment in the army, Mr. Smart was united in marriage with Ruth E. Charles, his first wife, who was born in Lovell, Me., daughter of Carlton Charles, a prosperous farmer of that town; and by this union there were two children, namely: Nellie G., who was born in September, 1865, and is now the wife of William F. Scruton, a book-keeper and salesman in a clothing store in Lewiston; and Ruth, who died at the age of eighteen months. Mr. Smart's first wife died May 28, 1869; and on January 17, 1871, he wedded Ellen F. Quincy, his present wife, who is a native of Denmark, Me. Her parents were Joseph and Mary C. (Haley) Quincy. Her father, who was a prominent farmer of that town, died when Mrs. Smart was quite young.

In public affairs Mr. Smart has been actively interested for several years, having served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for two terms while residing in Sweden; and he has rendered valuable service to the town of Fryeburg in a like capacity for the same length of time. In politics he is an earnest supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M.; Fryeburg Lodge, No. 49, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Knights of Pythias, No. 34; and is a comrade of Grover



Post, No. 126, Grand Army of the Republic, of this town. He is an industrious and successful farmer who has taken advantage of every available opportunity for advancement; and, while his many estimable qualities make him personally popular, his long and honorable war record is looked upon by his fellow-citizens with pride and admiration.

**D**EACON JOSIAH T. STETSON is one of the old residents of Sumner, Oxford County, Me., his present home having sheltered him for three-quarters of a century. He was born in this house, January 4, 1821, a son of Hezekiah Jr., and Rebecca (Gowell) Stetson.

His grandfather, Hezekiah Stetson, was born in Pembroke, Mass., December 2, 1752, and settled in West Butterfield (now Sumner), in the District of Maine, November 7, 1782, about the time of the close of the Revolutionary War, in which he had taken an active part. He was one of the pioneers of this town, making a clearing first and erecting a log cabin. He owned one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he worked hard to clear and develop; and the house now occupied by his grandson was built by him in 1796. Grandfather Stetson was one of the leading farmers of his day, and his judgment of live stock, of oxen especially, was deemed infallible. In politics he was a Whig, in religious belief a Congregationalist. He died in Sumner in 1833, aged eighty-one years. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Tilson, was born in Halifax, Mass., November 12, 1753, and died at the age of seventy-five. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom married and reared families, namely: Elisha, born in Pembroke, Mass., November 7, 1781; Zenas, born in Pembroke, Mass., August 4, 1782; Abel, born in West Butterfield, Me., November 4, 1784, the third child born in the plantation; Tilson, born in Sumner, Me., October 26, 1786; Hezekiah, September 16, 1788; Lydia, January 7, 1790; Ephraim, August 24, 1794; and Mary, December 17, 1799.

Hezekiah Stetson, the younger, succeeded his father as owner of the homestead in Sumner, and devoted his life to the pursuit of agri-

culture. He was actively interested in public affairs, and was for some time the commander of a militia company, being commonly called Captain Stetson. A Republican in political preference, he was Selectman of Sumner for a number of years. He died July 14, 1873, aged eighty-five years. His wife, Mrs. Rebecca (Gowell) Stetson, who was born in Tops-ham, Me., August 11, 1790, died September 27, 1868, aged seventy-eight years. Captain and Mrs. Stetson were members of the Congregational church. They were the parents of four children, namely: Charles, born March 25, 1813, who died at the age of seventy-six; Solomon M., who was born October 25, 1817, and died at the age of seventy-three; Josiah T., the subject of this sketch; and Jane, who was born August 10, 1823, and married John R. Bonney, whom she survives. Mrs. Bonney makes her home in Sumner with her son, Charles H., who was born January 1, 1861, and who married Miss Ida J. Newell.

Josiah T., the third and youngest born son of Captain Stetson, was reared and educated in his native town. Having become accustomed to farm work in early boyhood, he has continuously followed the pursuit of agriculture, working at shoemaking for a short time only in his early manhood in Massachusetts. Diligent in business and faithful to his trusts, he has met with well-earned success, and has won the respect of the community in which he dwells. He was married May 18, 1845, to Cynthia A., daughter of Ezra and Maria (Hershey) Cobb. She was born in Sumner, Me., December 15, 1822, and died here February 12, 1888. She was a member of the Congregational church at East Sumner, of which her husband has been a Deacon for many years.

Deacon Stetson has seven children and sixteen grandchildren. His children are: Matilda J., born November 3, 1846, wife of Freeman C. Merrill, a manufacturer of agricultural implements of South Paris, Me.; J. Walter, born October 19, 1848, Treasurer of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Auburn, Me.; Ezra H., born November 23, 1850, a shoe manufacturer of South Weymouth, Mass., unmarried; Herbert E., born October 6, 1852, Principal of City Schools, Earlville, Ia.; Charles H., born October 4, 1854, Principal of High

School, Ironton, Ohio; Rachel W., born April 13, 1857, wife of W. H. Eastman, President and Treasurer of Eastman Seed Company of East Sumner, Me.; and Lilla F., born August 29, 1863, wife of Fred S. Palmer, a farmer and box-maker, residing with her father.

The Stetson children attended the public schools of the town with an occasional term at the High School at Buckfield or at Hebron Academy; and all but Ezra, who early developed a taste for manufacturing, taught school. Walter and Herbert took the course at the State Normal School at Farmington, Me. J. Walter Stetson taught in the schools of Maine and New Hampshire for about twenty years, and was Principal of the Ash Street Grammar School at Manchester when called to his present position. He married Miss Agnes Halliday, a native of Calais, Me., and has five children—Mary L., Lilla A., Everett H., Agnes G., and Harold T. Ezra Stetson, the second son, went to South Weymouth, Mass., to work in the shoe business, first with L. Heald, and later with H. B. Reed & Co. Faithfully attending to his duties, he soon became superintendent of Reed's large factory, which position he held until he engaged in business for himself as senior partner of the firm of E. H. Stetson & Co., shoe manufacturers.

After graduation Herbert E. Stetson taught for a time in Maine, then accepted the Principalship of Earlville, Ia., High School. He later engaged for some years in mercantile business, but at the urgent solicitation of the school officials has resumed teaching. He married Miss Hattie E. Smith, and has had six children—Eugene J., Ralph H., Ruth A., Edna F., Isetta M., and Gladys E.

Charles H. Stetson was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1883. He subsequently taught in the Lewiston High School, employing his spare moments in the study of medicine; but owing to poor health he was obliged to give up his chosen profession and seek relief in a milder climate. He has since had charge of high schools in Nashville, Tenn., and Ironton, Ohio. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Ella Bothwell, have had two children: a son who died in infancy, and John Hersey. Rachel W. Stetson, Mrs. East-

man, has three children—Leona, Esther H., and Augusta T.; and Lilla F., Mrs. Palmer, has two children—Richard R. and Muriel F.

Politically, Deacon Stetson is a staunch Republican. Some time ago, for six or eight years, he filled the office of Town Clerk of Sumner. A friend of education and social progress, he is a member of Union Grange, No. 80, Patrons of Husbandry at East Sumner.

**W**ILLIAM P. KNIGHTLY, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Waterford, Me., is one of the self-made men of Oxford County. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, March 17, 1830, the son of Thomas D. and Mary (Payne) Knightly. His parents were natives of the County Kerry and spent their lives there, the father being a prominent farmer. Several children were born to them, namely: Catherine, wife of John Evans, living on the homestead in Ireland; John, now deceased; William P., the subject of this sketch; Ann (deceased), who was the wife of Daniel Green, a farmer of Norway village, Me., now retired; Emily, deceased; Thomas D., Jr., living in Norway, Me., who married for his first wife Ellen Brown, and for his second Mrs. Georgie Doe. Mr. Thomas D. Knightly died in September, 1846, and his wife in 1847, the years of the great famine.

William P. Knightly in his early years received but a limited common-school education in his native land. He left Ireland at the age of eighteen, not long after the death of his mother, and, with his cousin, Robert Knightly, came to this country, taking passage on the "Arcadia," which was five weeks and three days making the voyage. Landing in Boston he went from there to Portland, Me., where he obtained work on the Grand Trunk Railroad, and was made head man of the section between Portland and Yarmouth. The railroad work lasted until October, 1848, and the following winter he hired himself out by the day in Portland, engaging in different kinds of labor. In the spring he went to work as section hand at New Gloucester, Me., remaining three months, and in the summer he carried water to the help on the section. He

next let himself as farm hand to James Deering, of Paris, this county, and when the busy harvest season was over began to attend school, studying through the winter. The next summer he was employed as farm hand by Mr. John Parsons, of Paris, Me., and the following winter also he attended school. In this way for three years he worked during the growing season and studied in the winter, acquiring a very good education.

Mr. Knightly was subsequently employed on a farm in Norway village one summer, and for the next three years he was engaged in running a circular saw in a furniture manufactory in that town for T. G. Barnard. In 1856 he went to Bath, Me., where he was employed in a cabinet-shop for a year, at the end of that time again taking up the pursuit of agriculture, which he has followed since. He was engaged in farming in Oxford village for a season, in the town of Oxford for a year; and he then purchased a small farm in the latter place, which he tilled for seven years. Exchanging that property for a farm in the northern part of Norway, he lived there some three years,—moving next to East Oxford, where also he lived three years. In 1871 he settled on the farm where he now lives in Waterford. He is one of the leading agricultural men of these parts, owning some two hundred acres of land, a well-improved farm, some good stock, and a choice dairy.

While working in the furniture manufactory in Norway village he met his fate in the shape of Miss Lucinda Rowe, the daughter of Zebulon and Abigail (Rowe) Rowe. Mr. Rowe, who died some time since, was connected with a saw-mill in Norway; and his wife is still living in that town. Their daughter Lucinda was born in April, 1841, and was married to Mr. Knightly, November 18, 1855. She died March 30, 1884, aged forty-three years, leaving seven children: Mary A., born July 24, 1857, wife of Horace Cole, of Norway village; William H., born July 16, 1859, who married Miss Ella Swett, and resides in the town of Paris; Charles C., born May 30, 1861, who lives with his father and is engaged in farming; James A., born June 5, 1863, a trader at Cascade Locks, Ore.; Lucinda E., born March 3, 1866, wife of Ludwig Gerhard,

a resident of Allston, Mass., superintendent of the Estes & Lauriat printing establishment, 196 Summer Street, Boston; Fred, born November 8, 1868, living with his father; and Emma, born February 1, 1871, wife of Austin Kellogg, of North Warren, Me. Mr. Knightly was again married on January 19, 1887, to Miss Jane M. Keough, of Quebec, Can., who was born January 7, 1847. Her parents, James Q. and Mary (Cox) Keough, were born in England. Emigrating to this country, Mr. Keough was engaged in farming in Canada for a while, and later moved to Paris, Me., where both he and his wife died.

Mr. Knightly has worked very hard to educate himself and to attain his present prosperity, and has justly won the respect of his fellow-men. He votes the Democratic ticket, and has held several political offices in the town. Mr. Knightly and his wife are esteemed members of the Advent church at North Norway.

**H**ENRY K. STEARNS, a successful dairy farmer of Hebron, and one of the leading young men of the town, was born in Paris, Me., November 20, 1862, son of S. Porter and Ruth Stearns. A sketch of his father, with some account of the family ancestry, appears elsewhere in this work. The subject of this article passed his boyhood and youth in his native town, and after being graduated from the Hebron Academy with the class of 1883 he taught school for four winter terms. Subsequently, settling upon a large farm in Hebron, he at once engaged in agriculture, which he still continues; and he also carries on a good business as contractor for the building of public highways and the furnishing of stone work. He owns three hundred acres of well located land, which he devotes to general farming, fruit-raising, and dairying; and he keeps forty head of cattle, including twenty milch cows. His buildings are new and substantial, the residence being finely furnished, and the barn and other out-buildings well stocked with agricultural implements of the latest improved pattern. An energetic, progressive, and intelligent young man, he has become prominent in

local public affairs, having served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, as Collector and Constable, and in other town offices. His political opinions affiliate him with the Republican party.

On January 1, 1885, Mr. Stearns married Bertha E. Everett, daughter of Hiram M. Everett, late of Hebron. She died June 19, 1888, leaving one child—Ora B., who was born January 20, 1887. On November 20, 1890, Mr. Stearns married for his second wife, Fannie A. Dunham, who was born in Livermore, Me., June 30, 1872, daughter of Dr. J. C. Dunham, of Hebron. Mr. Stearns is connected with Hebron Grange, No. 43, Patrons of Husbandry; and he is a member of the Baptist church. The success which has already attended his efforts, both as a business man and a farmer, is indicative of still greater prosperity in the future, and it is safe to assume that his enterprising spirit and good judgment will enable him to surmount all obstacles in his path.



ORRIN S. TURNER, a successful inventor and manufacturer, of New Vineyard, Franklin County, was born here November 14, 1831, son of the Rev. David and Jane (Merchant) Turner. His grandfather, Captain David Turner, at an early day came from Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and settled on a farm near the village of New Vineyard. Besides carrying on farming, Captain Turner worked at the trades of carpenter and wheelwright. During the Revolutionary War he served as a Captain. His son, the Rev. David Turner, a native of Martha's Vineyard, was at first engaged in farming. He subsequently became a minister, and helped to build the church and organize the society of Congregationalists in this village, officiating as pastor for about thirty years. He married Jane Merchant, a native of Martha's Vineyard, who had six children by him; namely, Priscilla, Hannah, Mary Jane, Solomon, David, and Orrin. Priscilla is deceased. Hannah, now the widow of Otis Corbett, lives in North Paris, Me. Mary Jane, the widow of Solomon Luce, lives in this village. Solomon died at the age of nineteen years. David

has also passed away. The father died in 1858, and the mother some years later.

Orrin S. Turner acquired his education in the common schools. At the age of seventeen he left home to teach in Anson, Me., where he remained two years. He then took employment as a laborer in the Shovel Handle Manufactory in this village. Three years after he started in the same business for himself. Later he began the manufacture of wooden boxes, and continued it for ten years. He then went into the dowel, trunk, and cleat business, and the manufacture of novelties, which he also followed for ten years. Having leisure, and a large stock of dowels on hand, which he could not sell, he tried to make a chair for himself with a reclining back. This proved such a success that he at once had it patented, and it is now known as the self-adjusting back and reclining rocker. He has made large sales of this chair, and still runs a wagon selling sixty chairs a week to the trade. Mr. Turner now intends to sell the patent right. His chair shop is kept running only through the winter. He also conducts a farm of twenty-five acres, upon which he spends most of his time. In politics, since casting his first vote, he has affiliated with the Democratic party. He has served as Township Clerk for the past thirty-seven years. Commercially, he has met several losses by fire. On one occasion, when his factory was burned, he lost seven thousand dollars. At another time his house was struck by lightning and destroyed. He has, however, done well with his invention, which has enabled him to cope successfully with the difficulties in his path.

Mr. Turner has been twice married. On November 20, 1856, he first wedded Rebecca E. Luce, a native of New Vineyard, and a daughter of Solomon Luce. She died June 27, 1873, having become the mother of four children—Herbert, Albion D., Annie L., and Susia L. Herbert married Allie Stone, and lives in this village. Albion D. married Nellie Johnson, and they are also residents of this place. Annie L., who is a milliner, resides at home. Susia L. is the wife of Frank Russell, and they reside near Boston. On September 20, 1875, Mr. Turner contracted his second marriage with Miss Lucy

E. Bixby, a native of Anson, Me., whose parents are both deceased. By this marriage there is one child—Frank R., born in 1876, who still resides at home. Mrs. Turner is a member of the Congregational church.

**F**ON. ALBION P. GORDON, one of the most prominent residents of Fryeburg, and a member of the Maine Senate, was born May 20, 1836, upon the farm he now owns and occupies, son of Henry and Eliza (Barker) Gordon. Mr. Gordon's great-grandfather, Henry Gordon, first, was a native of Ireland, and a weaver by trade. His grandfather, also named Henry, was born in Fryeburg, and settled upon the old Buzzell farm in this town.

Henry Gordon, the third of the name, father of Albion P., was born in Fryeburg, and was a lifelong resident of this town. In young manhood he took up his abode on the farm where his son now resides, and industriously tilled the soil until the time of his death, which took place in February, 1882. He married Eliza Barker, a native of Fryeburg, and she became the mother of seven children, only two of whom grew to maturity, namely: Albion P., the subject of this sketch; and Maria E., who is now the widow of Edgar G. Adams, and lives in Fryeburg Centre. Mrs. Eliza B. Gordon, who is now eighty-five years old, resides with her son at the homestead.

Albion P. Gordon's early education was limited to the simple branches of study taught in the common schools of his day; but, being naturally intelligent and progressive, he has through his own personal efforts accumulated a large amount of practical knowledge and general information. He began at an early age to assist his father in attending to the regular duties of the farm; and after his marriage he took entire charge of the property, which eventually fell to his possession. He owns about two hundred acres, which constitute the homestead farm, the tillage portion being under excellent cultivation; and in connection with farming he has for several years past been engaged in carrying on lumbering operations. For over thirty years he has been a practical land surveyor in this county, and some years

since he was employed by the State to locate the exact boundary line between Maine and New Hampshire from the sea-coast to the Canadian frontier.

On November 16, 1863, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage with Harriet Wiley, of Fryeburg, daughter of the late Enoch Wiley, who formerly carried on a farm in this town, and whose wife is still residing at the homestead. Mrs. Gordon has had one son—Fred, who was born December 30, 1864, and died January 7, 1878.

As an earnest and exceedingly active supporter of the Republican party, Mr. Gordon has long been a potent factor in the political affairs of the town and county. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen and upon the School Board, was County Commissioner from 1871 to 1877, and is at the present time a member of the State Senate. His distinguished public services, it is not too much to say, have given him an honorable reputation throughout the State. He is connected with Pythagorean Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Fryeburg; Oriental Chapter, Bridgton; and St. Alban Commandery, Portland; also with Fryeburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the Grange at Fryeburg Centre. Mrs. Gordon is a member of the Congregational church.

**E**ASTMAN J. ROSS, a prominent farmer and fruit-grower of Phillips, was born in Rangeley, this county, February 13, 1839, son of William and Eunice (Hoar) Ross. The family descends from an early explorer named John Ross, who was its founder in America. Its early representatives were mostly seafaring men. Several generations of the Rosses lived in Bowdoinham, Me. The first representative to appear there was John Ross, who was a mariner. His son, Joseph, the great-grandfather of Eastman J., with several of his brothers, was engaged in the fishing industry and the merchant marine. Joseph Ross was twice married, had twenty-one sons and two daughters, and lived to the age of ninety-eight years. Eben Ross, the grandfather, who was born in Bowdoinham, became a sea captain, passed his last years

with his son, and was ninety-six years old when he died. He married Mercy Toothacker, and had a family of eight children, none of whom are living.

William Ross, Mr. Ross's father, was born in Bowdoinham in 1816. At the age of nineteen he went to Rangeley, where he was engaged in farming and lumbering. After residing there for about six years he came to Phillips, followed the same occupation here for the rest of his life, and died at the age of fifty-seven years. While he took no active interest in politics beyond casting his vote, he gave much of his spare time to religious work, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Eunice, a native of Phillips, was still an infant when her parents moved to Rangeley. In making this journey they followed a trail through the woods, marked by blazed trees, hauling their effects and their daughter on a hand sled. That occasion was well impressed on the minds of both parents by the shock they received when, on the way, they suddenly missed the child from the sled. She had fallen off a short time before, and was recovered a little distance back. They endured much hardship during their first winter in Rangeley on account of the Indians, who robbed them of their supplies, obliging them to subsist for some time upon such fish and game as the father could catch. A younger sister of Mrs. Ross's mother is said to have been the first white female child born in Rangeley. Mrs. William Ross became the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are living, namely: Eastman J., the subject of this sketch; Sarah, who married Joseph Brackett, and lives on Peak's Island; Annis, the wife of B. D. Whitney, of Gardiner, Me.; William J., Raymond C., Charles F., Leland D., and Fred M., all residents of Phillips. The others were: Margie S., who died in 1862, aged twenty years; Luther J., who died at the age of twenty-three; and Nellie M., who married John Z. Everett, of Phillips, and died at the age of forty-four years.

Eastman J. Ross came to Phillips when he was eleven months old. He acquired his education in the common schools of this town. When a young man he went to California, returning after four years spent in mining and

farming. In 1871 he erected a mill, which he operated for about twenty years. His present farm contains two hundred acres of excellent land, which he cultivates to good advantage. He has an orchard of eight hundred trees, and makes a specialty of fruit-growing, which is the source of considerable profit. He also keeps graded stock to the average number of twenty head.

On November 8, 1866, Mr. Ross wedded Valora Beal, of Avon, Me., and is now the father of three children. They are: Margie L., Montieze, and Lee E. J. Margie L. is the wife of William Schofield, Jr., of Phillips, and has one child, Margie Wilhelmine. The others are at home with their parents. In politics Mr. Ross is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he is officially connected as Trustee and Steward.

**H**ENRY R. DASCOMB, who conducts a flourishing general mercantile business in Wilton, and has one of the best appointed stores in this section, was born in Wilton, November 26, 1848, son of Henry A. and Cynthia (Perry) Dascomb. Mr. Dascomb is of French origin. His great-grandfather, Thomas Dascomb, when a young man moved from Needham, Mass., to the town of Jay in this county, carrying with him such articles of domestic and agricultural utility as he could conveniently take. Making his way by the aid of marked trees to his destination, Thomas bought a large tract of wild land. Upon this he built a log cabin, and in due time had cleared sufficient ground for the planting of his first crop. At this early date Hallowell, which was several days' journey away, had the nearest mill. In spite of this, and other inconveniences incident to pioneer life in this region, he became prosperous, and was able to erect frame buildings. The farm so laboriously acquired is now owned by George H. Dascomb. Thomas Dascomb reared a large family of children. His sons were: Thomas, Alexander, John, Timothy, and Elbridge.

Alexander Dascomb, Mr. Dascomb's grandfather, is believed to have been the first male child born in Jay. In young manhood he

settled in the town of Wilton, where he resided for the rest of his life. He was one of the most prosperous farmers and progressive citizens of his day. His last years were spent in retirement, and he died May 20, 1873, aged eighty-three years. In politics he acted with the Democratic party, and in his religious creed he was a Baptist. He married Susan Pike, who died February 14, 1877, when eighty-six years old. Her children were: Miranda, Sarah, Ellison, Hannah, Lovica, and Henry A. Henry A. Dascomb remained at home with his parents, and during his father's declining years took charge of the homestead farm of one hundred and fifty acres. He carried it on industriously until his death from heart disease, which happened April 22, 1872, at the age of forty-nine years. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Cynthia, who survives him, is a daughter of Joseph Perry, of Temple. She was the mother of four children—Henry R., Leander A., William M., and Effie C.

Henry R. Dascomb was educated in the public schools and at the Wilton Academy. After teaching school and working upon the farm for two years he became a clerk in the store of R. B. Fuller. In 1874 he bought an interest in the business, and was associated with Mr. Fuller for seventeen years. At the end of that time C. J. Richards bought Mr. Fuller's interest, and two years later sold it to Mr. Dascomb, who has since been the sole proprietor. After the lapse of some time his increasing trade obliged him to erect his present three-story building. Sixty-three by thirty feet, it is not only one of the most spacious stores in this part of the county, but is handsomely finished and conveniently furnished throughout. The basement is used for paints, oils, rubber goods, etc.; the first floor is devoted to drugs, boots, shoes, and gentlemen's furnishings; the second floor accommodates the custom and ready-made clothing department; while the top story is set apart for storage purposes. He carries a large and varied stock of a superior quality. He makes it a point to have always on hand a full line in each department, so as to be able to supply his customers at all times with just what they

want. By so doing he maintains his established trade while securing new patrons daily. Able, energetic, and popular, his future prosperity is assured.

On January 19, 1875, Mr. Dascomb was united in marriage to Martha P. Keyes. She was born in Jay, January 3, 1857, daughter of Lorenzo and Lucy (Powers) Keyes. Her paternal grandparents were Ebenezer and Jemimah Keyes, who came from Massachusetts to this county among the early pioneers. Mrs. Dascomb's mother belonged to one of the oldest families here, being a descendant of Henry Powers, who came to America in 1720, and settled at Harvard, Mass. Mrs. Dascomb died March 15, 1894, leaving three children, as follows: Edna F., born March 6, 1876, who is now attending Colby University; Colin H., born August 3, 1878, who is a student at the same university; and Otho Lee, born October 5, 1880, who is still at home. Mr. Dascomb is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican, and he has filled with ability the important position of Superintendent of Schools. He is a Past Master of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, A. F. & A. M., and a member of Franklin Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Some years ago he bought the John Bass homestead on Main Street, which he has since greatly improved, and occupies as a residence.

**G**EORGE A. ALLEN, M.D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Fryeburg, making a specialty of difficult surgical operations, is a native of East Stoneham, this county, born November 21, 1857. His parents were George F. and Lucy Ann (Stewart) Allen, natives respectively of Norway, Me., and Freedom, N.H. George F. Allen accompanied his parents to the town of East Stoneham when a mere boy. From his youth until he came of age he was engaged in hunting, which he found very profitable. He subsequently worked for some time at stone-cutting. Finally he settled upon a farm in East Stoneham, which he carried on prosperously for the rest of his active period, and died November 22, 1881. His wife, who survives him, and resides at the old homestead in



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Stoneham, became the mother of eleven children, as follows: Edwin, who died in 1861; Josephine, who married Henry A. Bickford, and lives in East Stoneham; Charlotte, who is the wife of W. S. Butters, and conducts a restaurant in Rumford Falls, Me.; Ida May, the wife of A. C. Holt, of Lynchville, this county; George A., the subject of this sketch; Emma J., who married J. F. Hawkins, and resides in Minnesota; Leon, who is now engaged in the shoe business in Keene, N.H.; John S., who is carrying on a meat market in Newry, Me.; Lizzie Maria, who died July 31, 1879; Melvin E., a resident of East Stoneham; and Ernest C., who resides with his mother at the homestead.

George A. Allen acquired his early education in the common schools and in the North Bridgton Academy. He then entered the Medical Department of the University of Vermont, from which he graduated July 14, 1890. Shortly after he began practice in Acton, York County, where he remained two and a half years. Subsequently, he spent a little more than two years at Milton Mills, N.H., made a short stay at Conway, N.H., and came to Fryeburg in September, 1895. In the brief time that has since elapsed he has acquired a high reputation as a surgeon, in consequence of which he has already a practice embracing a wide circuit in this part of the county. He occupies a pleasant residence situated on Main Street, near the post-office, a most favorable location for his office; and he owns two large farms in the town of Stoneham, which his professional duties leave him no time to cultivate.

On February 10, 1882, Dr. Allen was united in marriage with Linnie A. McKeen. She was born in Pittsfield, N.H., May 10, 1862, daughter of Frank W. and Martha (Saunders) McKeen. Her parents moved to Lovell, Me., when Mrs. Allen was a young girl, and there Mr. McKeen followed the cornage making business; there also both parents died. Dr. and Mrs. Allen have one daughter — Linnie Marguerite, who was born May 9, 1892. In politics Dr. Allen is a Republican; and while residing in Acton he was prominent in public affairs, having served as Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Health. He is connected with Mount Tire'm

Lodge, No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford, and with Hiawatha Lodge, No. 49, Knights of Pythias of East Stoneham. He and Mrs. Allen attend the Congregational church, and are very popular in social circles. A portrait of the doctor illustrates this brief sketch of his career.

JAMES M. SHAW, a representative farmer of Waterford, Oxford County, where he has lived since his birth on October 20, 1817, is a son of the Hon. Josiah and Betsy (Haskell) Shaw. The father, who was born in Standish, Me., October 3, 1773, and lived there until his marriage, came to Waterford about the year 1800, and settled on land a mile and a half south of his son's present farm, near the village of South Waterford. After residing there a few years he bought the farm now owned by his son, and lived on it until his death, January 1, 1842. He was a cooper by trade and a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church of Waterford. He served as Justice of the Peace, was a delegate to the first State convention of Maine held in Portland, and often rendered good service to the town. He was twice married, on the first occasion to Miss Sarah Poore, of Brownfield, this county. She was born January 21, 1777, and died November 23, 1813. Of this union there were seven children, as follows: Polly, born January 3, 1796, who died June 15, 1833; Josiah, born November 25, 1797, who died August 9, 1842; John, born February 12, 1800, who was a Methodist Episcopal minister, and died August 20, 1825; Sallie, born July 28, 1801, who died September 30, 1828; Ann, also deceased, born May 15, 1804; Joseph, born August 12, 1807, who died aged fifty-six years; and Rachel, also deceased, born July 21, 1810. The father's second union was contracted with Miss Betsy Haskell, who has borne him one son, James M.

James M. Shaw, who was very studious in his boyhood, made the most of his opportunities for acquiring an education, although unable to pursue his studies beyond the common schools. After his marriage he continued to live with his parents, working on the

old farm. At their death he succeeded to the property, and has since conducted it with good judgment. It contains about one hundred and twenty acres, in a good state of cultivation. Mr. Shaw carries on general farming, raises some stock, and keeps a small dairy. He was injured in a runaway accident January 2, 1896, and is now about to retire. He was a cooper by trade, and in his younger days taught school in the winter season. He has a collection of about fifteen hundred minerals and shells, the larger part of which he has collected by himself, and which he values at several hundred dollars.

Mr. Shaw has been thrice married. The first time was October 22, 1839, when he was united to Elvira Noble, of Norway. She died July 17, 1847, leaving two daughters, both living with their father. They are: Ophelia M., born September 5, 1840; and Louella Amanda, born December 5, 1841, now the widow of David F. Flint, of Norway, who died May 26, 1890. Mr. Shaw's second marriage was contracted in March, 1848, with Esther Hall, of Norway, who died some time after, leaving no children. On December 14, 1870, he married Miss Harriet U. Stone, of Waterford, who died October 26, 1889. The only child born of this union died in infancy. In political affiliation Mr. Shaw is now a Republican. For eight years he was Superintendent of Schools in Waterford. He is a charter member and Past Master of the Waterford Grange. Both he and his younger daughter, Mrs. Flint, are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church; while Ophelia M. is a member of the Baptist church.

**L**EANDER P. ROWE, carriage manufacturer and repairer, Waterford, Me., was born in Bethel, this State, December 25, 1833. His parents were Caleb and Abigail (Plummer) Rowe; and his grandparents, Ephraim and Martha Twitchell Rowe, the former a farmer of Bethel, the latter the daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of that place.

Caleb Rowe died in 1878. His wife, who was a daughter of Josiah P. Plummer, of Waterford, died in 1891. Their children

were eleven in number, namely: Irene, deceased; Francena, living in Boston, Mass.; Harriet I., widow of Sheldon Walker, residing in Brownfield, Me.; Leander P.; Almon T., dealer in wines and teas, Boston, Mass., who married Miss Carrie Noyes of that city; Ceylon, who married Miss Malvina Grover, of Bethel, Me., where he is a prosperous merchant; Octavia, who died in childhood; Abbie, who also died young; Octavia, wife of Dana Bartlett, living on the old Rowe homestead in Bethel, Me.; Edwin and Calvin E., twins. Edwin Rowe, who is an extensive trader in Bethel, Me., married Miss Ella Godwin. Calvin E. died at the age of sixteen. All of these children who attained years of discretion were well educated, attending Gould's Academy at Bethel.

Leander P. Rowe, the fourth child in the group, is the direct subject of this biographical notice. He remained at home until the winter of his majority, when he entered on a two years' apprenticeship to the trade of carriage-making at Bethel. At the close of his term of service he removed to South Waterford and opened a shop, and since that time he has made all kinds of carriages, wagons, and sleighs. At present he makes vehicles to order, but his principal work is repairing and painting. He owns some land and raises crops for his own use; and, being interested in farming matters, he is a member of the Waterford Grange. He has been very successful in his business, and is widely known and esteemed.

On December 16, 1861, he was married in Bethel, Me., to Maria A., daughter of Ichabod and Sarah (Legro) Hayes. Mrs. Rowe was born in Waterford, August 29, 1840. Her father, Ichabod Hayes, was born September 12, 1803, in Farmington, N.H. He was a carriage-maker, and worked at his trade in South Waterford for some time, dying there October 26, 1857. His wife, who was born in Lebanon, Me., in 1842, passed away September 3, 1881. This couple reared three children, Maria A., Mrs. Rowe, being the third. The eldest, Ichabod, was born August 12, 1830, and died December 3, 1891. The second, Martha A., born October 21, 1833, was twice married. By her first husband,

William Hamlin, of Sweden, Me., she had three children, namely: Ella M., born July 26, 1855, now wife of Samuel Le Broke, of Waterford, who was born January 28, 1855, the son of Daniel and Nancy (Cole) Le Broke; Annie F. (deceased), born in May, 1857; and John Henry, born May 29, 1860, a grocer in Norway village, Me., who married Miss Carrie Bennett, and has one child. The second husband of Martha A. Hayes was David P. Bisbee. By him she had one son, Scott, a mill man, who married Miss Ida Andrew.

Mrs. Rowe is the mother of four children: Bertie A., born June 22, 1862, who died June 12, 1870; Annie F., born August 28, 1871, who died December 27, 1872; Harry L., born March 10, 1874, a graduate of Bridgton Academy in the class of 1892, now a conductor on the electric road in Boston, Mass.; and Sadie M., born January 25, 1884, who still brightens her parents' home and is attending school in Waterford. Mr. Rowe is a strong believer in the temperance cause, and an active worker for its advancement.

**E**MERY PARSONS, a well-to-do farmer and influential citizen of Hartford, Oxford County, was born January 3, 1837, on the farm where he now lives, his parents being Daniel and Harriet (Emery) Parsons. His father's birth occurred in Hartford in 1795, and his mother's in Gorham, Me., in 1804.

Davis Parsons, the father of Daniel, was the second or third settler of Hartford, locating in the south part of the town on the farm now occupied by Ezra Keen. He was industrious and enterprising, winning the respect of all in the community in which he lived. At the time of his death he was eighty-seven years old. He was thrice married, and by the three wives had seven children that grew to maturity. Of these may be named—Annie, Daniel, William, Henry, Olive, and Mary.

Daniel Parsons, the eldest son, like his father engaged in general farming, at which he was very successful. He settled in the northern part of the town, where he cleared a good farm and brought it under cultivation. He served in the War of 1812, and he was

known in after years as Colonel Parsons, having been promoted to that rank. He died on the farm where his son resides, May 20, 1876. Harriet, his wife, died June 15, 1885. In his younger days Colonel Daniel Parsons was a Democrat; but he was afterward identified with the Republican party, of which he was one of the early and staunch supporters. He served a number of terms in the offices of Selectman and Town Treasurer. He was a religious man, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married three times, and by the different unions had fourteen children altogether; namely, Cyrus, Almeda, Merritt, Betsey, William, Daniel, Addison, Lydia, Emery, Martha, Harriet, Henry, Sylvia, and Julia. The six now living are: Merritt Parsons, of Buckfield; Betsey, the wife of Isaac Pulsifer, of Poland, Me.; Addison B., of Rumford Falls; Emery; Harriet, wife of G. H. Fuller, of Lewiston; and Henry, who lives in Buckfield, Me.

It is now, November, 1896, very nearly sixty full years since the birth of Emery Parsons, which took place in Hartford, as above noted, about the beginning of January, 1837. Growing to manhood in his native town he acquired his education in the public schools, and then took up the hereditary occupation of farming, in which he has been very successful. He has thriven through his own efforts, and is to-day the owner of over two hundred acres of land, besides other property, being one of the largest tax-payers of the town.

On January 15, 1870, Mr. Parsons was joined in marriage with Miss Abbie Mitchell, who was born in Waterford, Me., May 19, 1846, a daughter of Zenas and Eliza (Bard) Mitchell. Her maternal great-grandfather, William Bard, was the first white settler in the town of Hartford. Zenas Mitchell, her father, was a farmer of Hartford, where he was born and spent the greater part of his life. He died here aged eighty-three years; and his widow, who is a member of the Free Will Baptist church, now makes her home with her children. She is the mother of seven, of whom five are living, namely: William Mitchell, of Hartford; Abbie, Mrs. Parsons; Wallace, residing in Auburn, Me.; Lois Mitchell, who lives in North Weymouth,

Mass.; and Robert, of Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have lost two children: Bertha E., who died December 17, 1891, aged twenty-one, and an infant who died July 28, 1878, aged seven months; and have three living.—namely, Edith M., Addie L., and Harold E., all at home. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Hartford. In politics Mr. Parsons is a Republican. Fraternally, he is connected with Anasagunticook Lodge, No. 32, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Canton; also with the Patrons of Husbandry, No. 110, of Canton.

**J**OSEPH B. DOW, one of Farmington's most prominent citizens, now retired from active business, was born in Vienna, Me., on the 18th of April, 1825, the son of Daniel L. and Sophronia (Eaton) Dow.

His grandfather was Benjamin Dow, who was born in Concord, N.H., and came to Maine, settling in Clinton, Kennebec County. He married a Miss Robbinson, of Cornville, Me., and they had seven children, of whom two died very young. The five who attained the age of maturity were: Joseph R., Daniel L., Rice, Mrs. Smart, and Mrs. Sarah Currier. Benjamin Dow died at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife at sixty-eight years. He was a Free Will Baptist in religion and a Democrat in his political principles.

Daniel L. Dow, son of Benjamin, started in life as a farmer, like his father, and did very little else all his life. For some time he had charge of the Langdon Hill estate. After his marriage he took charge of the farm previously conducted by his wife's father, at the same time taking care of the old folks. He did a large lumbering business here. Some time later, after his parents were dead, he sold the old homestead, and bought a new farm near Clinton, on the Kennebec River, a farm consisting of about one hundred and fifty acres of land.

He married Miss Sophronia Eaton, the daughter of Deacon Daniel Eaton. They had eight children, who were: Langdon H., Joseph B., Blake T., Rice, Daniel E., Martha J., Adrith, and Catherine. Daniel L. Dow

was in early days a Whig in his political affiliations, and when that party went out of existence he naturally became a Republican. He was a Deacon of the Free Will Baptist church. He died at the age of eighty-seven years, and his wife died at the age of eighty-four.

Joseph B., the second son of Daniel L. and Sophronia Dow, is the special subject of this sketch. In early life he applied himself to learning the trade of a cabinet-maker and later that of a house carpenter, going to Boston and working at these trades for a period of three years. Then he became a contractor. One of his first pieces of work was a block for the medical college, which he erected at a cost of twenty-three thousand dollars; and, this proving a great success, he then went to Lawrence, Mass., where he worked on some of the famous mills. He was also employed on the locomotive works in Lowell.

In 1841 he came to Farmington, Me., where he met and married Mary B. Craig, the daughter of Moses and Lois (Thomas) Craig. She was born on the 31st of July, 1822; and she died on the 21st of March, 1882, at the age of sixty years, having been the mother of four children, namely: Mary L.; Lizzie D., who married Captain E. H. Marwick and has three children—Edward E., Lillian M., and Dwight D.; Melvin, who died at the age of three years; and Charles, who died when five years old. Mary L. is married to Nelson Gould, son of David and Hannah (French) Gould. He is a resident of Farmington, is a farmer and a real estate owner of some prominence, and is a large manufacturer of potash. He has also served as Deputy Sheriff. They have one child, Wallace J., born on the 16th of October, 1884.

After his marriage Mr. Dow went to Lewiston, where he purchased twelve lots of land on College Street, and built a house with the intention of living there. His wife, however, became so homesick that Mr. Dow, in deference to her wishes, moved back to Farmington, buying a farm, on which he lived for four years. Selling that place, he then bought the Bailey estate, and built a new house. This was in 1860. Two years later, when it be-



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came evident that the war was going to be very serious, and that more men were needed, he enlisted in his country's service, was appointed to the responsible office of hospital steward to the Sixteenth Maine Regiment, and went down South, where he remained until the end of the war in 1865. He then went to Louisiana with J. Baldwin, engaged in sugar refining for three years. Later he went to St. Paul, and engaged in the tiling business, laying tilings for walks and floors for a period of two years; and from St. Paul he moved to Kansas City, where he erected a building in which he carried on the same business for some three years more. At the end of this time he rented his business there, and returned home to Farmington, retiring from active life entirely, although he manages his own property.

Mr. Dow is a Republican in politics and a member of the Congregational church, and is also a member of Franklin Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this town. He is much respected and deeply admired among all his friends and acquaintances for his energy, probity, and success.

**B**ENJAMIN F. MAKEPEACE, M.D., a rising young physician of New Sharon, Franklin County, Me., was born in Carthage, in the same State, on the 8th of February, 1860, the son of Alanson and Mercy Jane (Gilson) Makepeace.

His father, Alanson Makepeace, was born in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., in 1808. He came to Maine in 1859, bought a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Carthage, cleared a part of it, and improved the old buildings that stood upon it. He had been married in Norton, Mass. He was the father of eleven children — Jane J., deceased; Sarah E., who married Uriah Moss, and lives in Chesterville; Martha M., deceased; Charles O., who is also married, and who lives in Chesterville; Silas A. and Leander E., both deceased; Josephine; Laura A., deceased; Josiah, who died young; another son of the same name, who died also; and Benjamin F., of whose life this is a slight sketch.

Benjamin F. Makepeace received his early education at the common schools of Chesterville; and later he attended Wilton Academy, a college preparatory school, paying his own way. Mr. Makepeace was twenty-four years old when he went into the employ of the Boston & Lowell Railroad, gradually working himself into the position of station master at Bleachery station, even though Mr. Charles E. Page, the superintendent, told him he was not wanted, and that he would by no means draw any pay for his offered services. He, nevertheless, remained at his self-appointed post, and at the end of the month, presenting himself at headquarters, found that he had been on the pay-roll all the time. After winning his position in this extraordinary manner, he held it for a year and a half, until he was forced to return home, much to the regret of his employers, who had come to admire him for his pluck and determination, in order to take care of his mother, who was far from well.

In the mean time he had been conscientiously pursuing the study of medicine by himself, and in the year 1886 he was graduated from the medical department of the University of the City of New York.

Dr. Makepeace began to practise in Chesterville immediately upon his graduation, and built up quite a little practice there, remaining until April, 1892, when he removed to New Sharon, where he has stayed ever since. His mother had died in 1888; and in 1892 his father followed her to the other side, these deaths being the principal causes of the breaking up of the family life in Chesterville.

During his long preliminary period of hard labor and study Mr. Makepeace earned considerable money by teaching school, being thus occupied for twenty-three terms. In 1884 he was called to Dennysville to become the principal of the school in that place; and while there he met Miss Julia A. Edgecomb, the daughter of Groves Edgecomb, of Hollis. This lady he married on the 25th of October, 1888. They have one child, True E., born April 4, 1891.

Although still a young man, Dr. Makepeace is now the leading physician of New Sharon, and by his ability and steady application com-

mands the respect and good will of the community. A proof of his prosperity is the fact that he has saved up money enough to purchase two acres of land in Chesterville village, with the house that stands upon it, by renting which piece of property he is enabled to add substantially to his income.

**A**LBERT W. WALKER, a prosperous ice and granite dealer of South Paris, was born in Portland, Me., April 6, 1853, son of Charles L. and Mary (York) Walker. His grandfather, Ephraim Walker, a shoemaker, who settled in Portland, later in life purchased a small farm in Baldwin, Cumberland County, where he followed farming in the summer, and in the winter worked at his trade. Charles L. Walker was born in Maine, August 20, 1825. He was engaged in farming until December 12, 1863, when he enlisted in Company I of the Thirtieth Maine Regiment, which was sent to the South. In the spring of the following year he was taken sick and died at Morganza, June 19. He had married on November 11, 1851, Miss Mary York, a daughter of David York, who was a representative farmer of Naples. Three sons live to bless their union—Albert W.; William M., a farmer of Brownfield, with whom the mother is living; and Charles J., an engineer at St. Louis, Mo.

When eighteen years of age Albert W. Walker went to Boston, where he was successively employed throughout the summer season by the Boston Ice Company and the South Boston Ice Company, and taught school in the winter. In 1881 he purchased a farm in Denmark, Me., and was there engaged in general farming until 1887. He then came to South Paris, and bought out the Paris Ice Company. Five years later, in 1892, he bought out the Norway Ice Company. He now supplies both Norway and Paris, running two wagons, and putting up about seventeen hundred tons of ice per annum. During the winter he engages in teaming. In 1892 he bought out J. H. Linscott, a granite dealer, and has since carried on a large business in monumental work and building, also dealing in brick.

Among the several contracts he has since filled was that for the granite and brick work of the Billings Block. Soon after coming to South Paris, Mr. Walker purchased a piece of land at the west end of Pleasant Street. This he cleared, and in 1888 erected a fine house, subsequently grading the grounds, and setting out fruit and shade trees, so that the place is now a very attractive estate.

On February 9, 1876, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Lord, a daughter of Albion and Olive (Wentworth) Lord. Her father, a successful farmer of Denmark, Me., died in 1872, fifty-six years of age. Her mother lived until 1891, after attaining the age of seventy-one years. Their other children were: Lizzie A., Edson A., Abby C., Ada C., Louisa I. (deceased), and Louisa. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have four children, namely: Percy M., born December 2, 1876, who is a graduate of the South Paris High School, also of Shaw's Business College, where he completed the course in May, 1896, and is now in business with his father; Eva E., born August 23, 1878; Mertie G., born November 30, 1880; and Alta C., born August 18, 1882.

Mr. Walker casts his vote with the Republican party. During his residence in Denmark he served as superintendent of schools. He is a member and Past Master of Paris Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled the different chairs; a charter member and Past Grand of Denmark Lodge, No. 50, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined at its organization in 1877; a member of the Odd Fellows Encampment; a charter member of Hamilton Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in which he is Past Chancellor; and a member of the United Order of the Golden Cross, and of the Good Templars.

**J**OEL S. PLUMMER, a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Waterford, and a member of the family for whom the Plummer neighborhood in this town takes its name, was born in Waterford, November 28, 1832, son of Daniel and Amy (Stone) Plummer. His grandfather, Samuel Plummer, was born in Rowley, Mass., in 1769, and


settled in Waterford about the year 1790. While living there Samuel divided his time between carpentry, to which he had served an apprenticeship, and farming. By his thrift, industry, and strong character he won the respect of his townsmen, who elected him to a number of offices of trust. The Plummer neighborhood was so named as a mark of respect to him. He married Elizabeth Jewett of Waterford, who was born in 1778. She was the mother of the following children, all of whom have long since passed away: Daniel, the father of Joel S.; Eben, born in 1801, who successively married Eliza Bryant, Julia Billings, and Mary Knight; Samuel, born in 1803, who married Jane Kimball; Cyrus, born in 1805, who married Harriet Barker; Sophia, born in 1811, who became the wife of Dr. Jotham Goodenow; George W., born in 1814, who married Mary Houghton; and Edwin, born in 1816, who died young.

Daniel Plummer was a native and a lifelong resident of Waterford. Like his father he was a carpenter and a farmer, and was widely known and quite prominent. He died February 5, 1861. His wife, who was also a native of Waterford, survived him until 1894. This couple were the parents of eight children. Amanda, the eldest daughter, married ex-Senator John G. Hamblen, of Lovell, Me., a prominent farmer and lumberman, and a member of the State legislature for several terms. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hamblen died some time since. Frances Plummer, who is unmarried, lives with her brother, the subject of this sketch. Thomas, now deceased, was a baker, and he married Miss Georgie Bolster, of Norway, Me., who also has passed away. Edwin died on the ship "Ida Handy" while the Civil War was waging. Nancy became the second wife of the Hon. John G. Hamblen, of Lovell, after the death of her sister Amanda. She died in May, 1896. Daniel Lewis died young. Mellen, who is a prominent citizen of Bridgton, and the Treasurer of the Bridgton Savings Bank, married Miss Clara Murphy.

Joel S. Plummer acquired a fair education in the common schools near his home. After his father's death he took charge of the old Plummer estate, which has been his home since infancy. The property contains two

hundred acres, and is largely under cultivation. Mr. Plummer has made many improvements, and has been very successful in raising farm products. He has a small dairy, from which he sells quantities of cream. A hard-working and conscientious man, of unswerving integrity, he has won general respect.

On May 31, 1859, he was united in marriage with Frances A. Wheeler, who was born in Waterford, September 18, 1835. She is a daughter of Frank and Caroline (Billings) Wheeler, both likewise of Waterford, and now resting in the cemetery. Mr. Wheeler was a carpenter and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer have two children, namely: Agnes R., born June 16, 1863, who is a graduate of Gorham Normal School, and has taught school for several terms in Waterford; and Carrie, born June 8, 1869, a graduate of the Douglas Seminary, who is now teaching. Mr. Plummer is a staunch Republican, who never neglects his duties as a citizen, while he has no desire for public office. He is a member of Mount Tire'm Lodge, No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford. Both parents and children are members of the First Congregational Church of Waterford.

ALTER W. FARRAR, of the firm Briggs & Farrar, meat dealers in South Paris, was born in the southern part of the town of Paris, August 10, 1859. His father, Bela W. Farrar, also a native of Paris, was born May 30, 1834; and the birth of his mother, Mary Ann (Mayhew) Farrar, occurred April 24, 1837. His paternal grandparents were: Bela Farrar, who was born in Buckfield, Me., December 27, 1791; and Lydia (Thayer) Farrar, also a native of Buckfield, born July 3, 1797. Bela Farrar was a son of David and Judith Farrar.

Walter W. Farrar spent his early years in acquiring an education in the schools of Paris. He remained with his parents until he was eighteen years of age, after which he worked for three or four years at farming. In 1861 he entered the employ of the Paris Manufacturing Company, and did general work for two years. During the next two years he was with Thayer Brothers in the meat business. Then



he purchased a half interest with G. A. Briggs, a meat dealer, with whom he was associated in business about nine months. Selling out that interest to his brother, Wilbur L. Farrar, he started a livery stable at South Paris and one at Paris Hill, having in both twelve horses and suitable carriages. At the same time he carried the mail between the two places. Four years later he sold out to T. Thayer, purchased the General Cushman farm of one hundred acres, located a mile east of South Paris, and went into the cattle and stock business with John Philbrook, of Bethel, shipping principally to the market of Brighton, Mass. After three years Mr. Farrar repurchased the interest sold to his brother, Wilbur L. Farrar, and since that time has been in company with Mr. Briggs, firm of Briggs & Farrar. They have a market and cooler on Western Avenue, South Paris.

On February 22, 1880, Mr. Farrar was married to Miss Dora E. Thayer, daughter of Alexander S. and Ruth (Marston) Thayer, and grand-daughter of Deacon Levi Thayer. Her father was a prominent cattle dealer and farmer, and held many positions of honor and trust in the town. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar have four children: Ronello A., born April 22, 1883; Lester W., born December 4, 1884; Lettie L., born November 10, 1887; and Eva I., born August 22, 1893. Mr. Farrar is a supporter of the Democratic party, and is a member of Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**H**IRAM KELSEY HOBBS, a practical farmer, and one of the most extensive landholders of Fryeburg, Me., was born in this old Oxford County town, December 26, 1839, son of Stephen Farrington and Mehitable (Barker) Hobbs. His grandfather on his father's side was James Hobbs, who resided in Chatham, N.H., and was twice married.

The first wife of James Hobbs was Sarah, daughter of Captain Stephen Farrington, a noted military character of this locality, who was born in Concord, N.H., and was one of the original proprietors of Fryeburg township. He served under Colonel Robert Rogers, was

appointed a Lieutenant by the State of Massachusetts in 1781, and was the last person in New England to receive a special commission to fight the Indians. In 1781 and 1782 he commanded a company of volunteers, raised to protect the early settlers from the frequent attacks of the savages, and he and his company in 1782 went to the relief of Bethel. Captain Farrington died in Fryeburg in 1811. James Hobbs married for his second wife the widow of Seth Chase, of Fryeburg.

Stephen Farrington Hobbs was born in Chatham, N.H., the home of his father, James Hobbs. He had a natural taste for study, and after acquiring his education he taught school for a while, but finally engaged in agricultural pursuits in Fryeburg, where he became quite a prominent man. He died in 1862. His wife, Mehitable Barker, who was born in Fryeburg, was a daughter of John and Hannah (Wilson) Barker, of Massachusetts. John Barker was a Revolutionary soldier, who settled in Fryeburg, about the year 1780, and resided upon a farm in this town for the rest of his life. His daughter, Mehitable, was twice married. Her first husband was Joseph Kilgore, whose father, also named Joseph and a resident of this town, served in the Revolutionary War. The children born of her first marriage were two sons—Joseph, who died about the year 1854; and John, who died in 1857.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Hobbs were the parents of eight children, as follows: Isaac De Witt, who died at the age of nineteen; Hiram Kelsey, the subject of this sketch; Mary Ann Bradley, who died in 1854; Eunice Barker, who died in the same year; Enoch Webster, who enlisted as a private in the Twenty-third Regiment, Maine Volunteers, and was accidentally killed near Washington, D.C., in July, 1862; Stephen Francis and Emma, who are no longer living; and Lyman Kilgore, who is now residing with his brother, Hiram K. Mrs. Mehitable Barker Hobbs died in 1880.

Hiram Kelsey Hobbs, the second son, was educated in the common schools in Fryeburg, and has always resided upon the farm that he now cultivates. His homestead property contains sixty acres of well-improved land, which

he devotes to general husbandry, more especially to the raising of sweet and yellow corn, potatoes, and hay, harvesting a large crop of the last-named product. He has been actively identified with the lumbering industry of this section for several years past, and at the present time he is the owner of three thousand acres of wild land.

Mr. Hobbs is much interested in the political issues of the day, being a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He served efficiently on the Board of Selectmen for several years. He is a member of one of the local fraternal organizations, namely: Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of Fryeburg, and also belongs to the Royal Arch Masons Chapter in Bridgton. Mr. Hobbs is one of the best known among the many well-to-do residents of Fryeburg, and is highly respected by all.

**E**DGAR EUGENE McLAIN, of New Vineyard, Franklin County, a well-known manufacturer of turned wooden boxes and variety goods, and a dealer in flour, feed, and groceries, was born here October 21, 1846, son of Deacon John and Mary Ann (Carsley) McLain. His grandfather, Charles McLain, who was the first representative of the family to come to this town, settled in a spot north-west of the village, where he carried on farming throughout the rest of his life.

Deacon John McLain, a son of Charles, was born in New Vineyard, where he still lives, residing north of the village, and engaged in farming. His wife, Mary Ann (Carsley) McLain, a native of Wilton, Me., became the mother of six children—Elbridge, Lizzie, Edgar Eugene, Abbie, John A., and Lizzie Jane. Elbridge married Sarah Ann Merch, of Carthage, Me., where he is engaged in farming. Lizzie died at the age of seven years. Edgar E. is the subject of this sketch. Abbie lives at home. John A. successively married Lizzie Moshier, who died, and Flora Kennedy, and resides with his present wife in Amboy, Minn., where he carries on farming. Lizzie Jane married Eugene Keniston, a farmer, and resides with him in Temple, Me.

Like his brothers and sisters Edgar Eugene

McLain acquired his education in the common school. At the age of twenty he left home, and was variously employed for a year thereafter. He then bought Mr. Stewart's interest in the saw-mill of Morton & Stewart, and was a partner of Mr. Morton for nearly the ensuing twenty years. Buying Mr. Morton's interest then, he has since managed the mill alone. In 1881 he built a large steam-mill of fifty horse-power, where he employs about fifty men. He manufactures goods for Messrs. E. B. Estes & Sons, wholesale and retail dealers in New York. He also operates the shingle and lath mill, manages a well improved farm, and daily runs a four-horse team to Farmington, selling feed, grain, and groceries. A considerable extent of timber land in the county belongs to him. In politics he has affiliated with the Republican party since he first voted; while he has declined to serve in many town and county offices. He is a member of Lemon Stream Lodge, No. 55, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of West New Portland, Me. His annual income from his business is thirty-six thousand dollars.

On December 8, 1867, Mr. McLain was united in marriage with Miss Eliza H. Morton, a native of New Vineyard, and a daughter of George and Sarah (Hiscock) Morton. Her father is deceased. Her mother now lives with her. Two sons have been born of the marriage, namely: Frank Herbert, who is now in college at Portland, Me.; and Walter E., who is at home. Both the father and mother are members of the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE W. BECKLER, of Albany, Oxford County, Me., who has been locally prominent for years as a member of the town government and as one of the most extensive farmers in this vicinity was born in Greenwood, the adjoining town on the east, April 18, 1836, son of John C. and Abigail (Cole) Beckler.

John C. Beckler was born in Hebron, this county, but made Greenwood his home during the greater part of his life. He was a blacksmith by trade and had a farm in Greenwood, working alternately at the forge and in the field. His death occurred in 1869, his wife's

in 1874. This couple were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Lucy and Daniel, deceased; Isaac, a farmer of Sparta, Wis., who married Miss Sarah Frye; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel J. Frost, of Norway village, Me.; Mary, Mrs. Nason, now living in South Berwick, Me.; Abigail, living in Manchester, N.H.; Jennie, widow of George T. Dresser, in Linden, Vt.; Sylvia, wife of Jacob Dresser, a farmer of Berlin, N.H.; John L. and Valeria, deceased; an unnamed child who died in infancy; Esther, who lived but two years; and George W., the subject of this sketch, of whom further mention follows.

The services of George W. Beckler being needed on the home farm when he was a mere boy, his period of schooling was mostly limited to winter terms. When he was twenty years of age he went to Conemaugh, Pa., where he was engaged in a saw-mill, making shooks, for two years, and then, returning to his native county, he purchased a farm in Albany. This farm he tilled for a number of years, husbanding his income and working always with a view to bettering himself. In 1889 he bought the fine estate on which he now resides, and during his term of ownership has made many marked improvements. His landed property comprises seven hundred and twenty acres, every rood of which is used to the best advantage, the whole affording abundant tillage, pasturage, and timber. Here Mr. Beckler is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, devoting his attention in the winter season to lumbering.

October 27, 1861, he was united in marriage with Julia A., daughter of John and Hannah (Johnson) Palmer. She was born in Lovell, this county, October 23, 1842, her parents, who were natives of Conway, N.H., having removed to Lovell at an early date. Mr. Palmer was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his life. Five children have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beckler, namely: Walter I., born October 12, 1862, now a farmer of Albany, Me., who married Miss Dora Cummings; Warren G., born December 3, 1865, residing with his father, married to Miss Addie Millett; Charles G., born November 12, 1870, Mabel V., born September 11, 1872, and Maude A., born No-

vember 30, 1874, all still under the shelter of the parental roof.

Mr. Beckler is one of the leading Republicans of this part of the county, and is at present Chairman of the Republican Township Committee. He has served on the Board of Selectmen for eleven years, six years as Chairman, and has been second Selectman since the spring of 1896; and he is a member of the Board of Health. He is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Hiawatha Lodge, No. 49, of East Stoneham, this county. Mrs. Beckler is a member of the Congregational church of North Waterford, Me.

**C**HARLES G. ANDREWS, a retired farmer and lumberman of South Paris, Oxford County, Me., was born in Lovell, Me., May 23, 1833, son of Stephen and Betsey (Coffin) Andrews, of that town. He comes of patriotic pioneer stock, being a grandson of Samuel Andrews, who served as a captain in the Revolutionary War, and was afterward one of the first settlers of Lovell.

Captain Andrews bought one hundred acres of wild land, upon which he built a log house. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Elden, was the first white female resident of that town; and she, for several years after settling here, was accustomed to make the journey of sixty miles on horseback to Saco to procure necessary supplies, finding her way by the aid of marked trees, and through the primitive bridle-paths. Grandmother Andrews was a strong and able woman, possessing a robust constitution, and reached the advanced age of one hundred and two, but was totally blind during the last thirty years of her life. She was long a widow, Grandfather Andrews having died at about the age of fifty years. Their family of ten children were as follows: Hezekiah, Catherine, Nathan, Caroline, Moses, Amos, Gibbons, Stephen, Ruth, and Abel.

Stephen Andrews, son of Captain Samuel and Hannah (Elden) Andrews, inherited one-half of his father's farm, later adding more land; and during his active manhood he engaged successfully in farming and lumbering.

His last years were passed in retirement, and he died at the age of eighty-one. In politics he was a Democrat, and in his religious views he was a Methodist. He married Betsey Coffin, and they became the parents of eleven children, namely: Cyrus; Charles G., the subject of this sketch; Sumner; Rufus; Allen; Elwell; Hannah; Naamah; Orrin; Virgil; and Otis. The mother died at the age of fifty-seven years.

Charles G. Andrews, the second son as here recorded, acquired a good practical education in his boyhood, and upon the completion of his studies he began life as a farmer and lumberman. He bought a piece of agricultural property near the homestead in Lovell, where he tilled the soil from planting time to harvesting, and during the winter season he carried on lumbering operations, hauling his logs to the Saco River, and floating them to market. In 1884 he left that farm in charge of his son Orson, and, removing to South Paris, he bought the Wheelwright place with some land adjoining. Here he has since resided. Being unable to suppress his habits of industry, he purchased a wood lot soon after settling in South Paris, and his time has been profitably employed in cutting and hauling the wood, much of which has been sold to the Paris Manufacturing Company.

In early life Mr. Andrews conceived a liking for the practical study of mineralogy, which has been given ample scope for development by the abundant mineral wealth of Mount Mica, and the adjacent region; and his various prospecting tours have resulted in the finding of many rare precious stones, including valuable specimens of the beautiful tourmaline, which he has sold to good advantage. He has secured one of the largest and most unique cabinet collections owned by any single individual in the State, possessing samples from every part of the United States between the Atlantic and Pacific coast, including some valuable gems which have been cut and polished.

On February 23, 1860, Mr. Andrews was united in marriage with Phebe Charles, of Lovell, a daughter of John and Charlotte (Chandler) Charles. Her paternal grandparents were Jonathan and Hannah Charles, the

former of whom was among the early settlers of Lovell. John Charles, who was a progressive and successful farmer, died at the age of sixty-seven, and his wife lived to be seventy years old. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Mary; Olive; Erastus; Elbridge; Betsey; Phebe, who is now Mrs. Andrews; and Eliza.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have three children, namely: Orson, a farmer in Lovell, who was born November 5, 1863, married Gertrude Quint, and has two children—Bertha and Hortense; Ellra, who was born September 9, 1866, and is now a physician and druggist of North Anson, Me.; and Irving, a farmer and can-maker of South Paris, who was born May 15, 1873, married Nellie A. Morse, and has one son, Ralph C.

Mr. Andrews retains the energy and activity of a much younger man, and, though his busy life has been a successful one, he still prefers to spend his time in some useful employment. His social connections are of the most cordial nature, both he and his wife having a large circle of intimate friends and acquaintances; and, fraternally, he belongs to Paris Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M. In politics he supports the Republican party, and he is a member of the Christian church in Lovell. He has served three years as Assessor of Paris, and is present incumbent of that office, which is one requiring the exercise of sound judgment and impartiality.

JOHN P. RACKLIFFE, a manufacturer of all kinds of lumber and boxes at Allen's Mills, was born in Anson, Me., March 2, 1827, son of William and Elizabeth (Perkins) Rackliffe. Mr. Rackliffe's parents were natives of Woolwich, Me. William Rackliffe, who was a boat-builder and a shoemaker, in 1824 moved to Anson, where he followed farming and shoemaking until 1837. He then removed to Starks, Me., and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1860. His first wife, Elizabeth, became the mother of seven children, as follows: a child that died in infancy; Ezekiel, also deceased; William Henry, who died in Wisconsin; Rufus, who has been

twice married, and is now residing in Madison, Me.; John P., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth Mary, who became Mrs. M. Greenleaf, and resides in Starks; and Isora Jane, who married Barker Skinner, and died some time ago. The mother died in 1839. The father contracted a second marriage with Huldah Stover, of New Sharon, Me., who has since died.

John P. Rackliffe acquired his education in the common school, and resided at home until he reached the age of nineteen. He then went to East Stoughton; Mass., where he was engaged in driving a team between that town and Boston for four years. From Massachusetts he went to La Crosse, Wis., and was there employed in a hotel for a year. Returning again to the East, he conducted a mercantile business in Starks for two years, after which he managed a farm in that town for some time. He was later employed in a carriage shop, where he remained until 1866, and then for the next four years operated a saw and grist mill. After selling out the last business he engaged in the manufacture of hubs, which he has since followed. In 1875 he bought his present place at Allen's Mills, began to make long and short lumber, packing-cases, hubs, etc., and has since carried on a large and profitable business. He owns a farm consisting of about three hundred acres of desirable land, which he successfully works by hired assistants.

On June 20, 1861, Mr. Rackliffe married Susan Jane Griffin. She was born in Pasadumkeag, Me., January 4, 1842, daughter of Daniel W. and Fanny (Winslow) Griffin, natives respectively of Levant and Portland, Me. Mrs. Rackliffe's father, soon after his marriage, went to Du Page County, Illinois; then, after two years, to Cook County, Illinois; from which place, seven years later, he returned to Maine. Subsequently, after being engaged in trade in Starks for a time, he moved to a farm in Jay, and died in Vienna, Me., February 28, 1888. His wife's death happened in Jay, March 16, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Rackliffe have had five children. Their first-born died in infancy in 1862. Their next child, Bert Andrew, who was born November 2, 1864, died December 28, 1877. Fanny I.,

born June 1, 1866; died February 11, 1896. Lillian M., who was born February 16, 1868, married Fred A. Allen, and died September 28, 1890, leaving one son, Ralph A., now living with his father in New Sharon. The fifth child, Winifred S., was born November 1, 1881. In politics Mr. Rackliffe is an active supporter of the Republican party, and he has held the office of Town Treasurer, both in Starks and Industry. His prosperity is the result of his personal energy and ability, which, with other commendable traits, have gained for him the good will of the business men of Franklin County.

**I**SAAC F. TITCOMB, a prosperous agriculturist of Norway, Oxford County, was born in this town, January 3, 1840, son of Rodney and Sarah (Smith) Titcomb. His grandparents, Isaac and Azubah (Drinkwater) Titcomb, were natives of Yarmouth, Cumberland County, where the grandmother spent her entire life. The grandfather was a seafaring man, who spent much of his time engaged in nautical pursuits. After retiring from active life he came to Norway, where he spent his last days with his son Rodney, and died in 1860. Of the four children born to him and his wife, none are now living. Rodney was the eldest child, the others being: Dorcas, Alexander, and a child that died at the age of two years.


Rodney Titcomb was born in Yarmouth, where he worked as a farm laborer for some years. He subsequently came to Oxford County, settling first in the town of Paris, where he was engaged in agriculture for fifteen years. Moving then to Norway, he bought a farm in the western part of the town, and there engaged in tilling the soil until quite an old man, when he retired from active occupation. At this time he took up his residence in the village of South Paris, this county, where he died June 7, 1888, aged eighty-one years. He was twice married. His first marriage was contracted with Sarah Smith, a native of Paris, who died at the age of sixty-seven years. She bore him three children, namely: George S., now a resident of Paris, Me., who married Lelia Durfee;

Isaac F., the subject of this sketch; and Cynthia, who died some time ago. By his second marriage he was united to Mrs. Elizabeth (Payne) Dyer, the widow of the late Oliver Dyer, now living in Paris. Of his second union one child was born, Charles L. Titcomb, who married Miss Effie Pratt, and is a resident of the village of South Paris, where he is engaged in the upholstering business.

Isaac F. Titcomb attended the district school, and assisted on the home farm until he was twenty years of age. He then went to Portland, where he was employed in the city hotel for a year. On December 29, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Fifth Maine Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Harris and Colonel Jackson, for service in the Civil War. He took part in several of the more important engagements of the war, including that of the second Bull Run, the battles of Fair Oaks and Malvern Hill, and the Seven Days fight before Richmond. At the battle of Malvern Hill he was seriously injured in the skull by being run over by an artillery wagon, while on the retreat, and at Richmond he received a buckshot wound in the ankle. He also suffered imprisonment in Belle Isle for six weeks before he was exchanged. After the latter event he rejoined his regiment at Fairfax Court House, and continued in the service until July 21, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. On returning to Norway Mr. Titcomb engaged in agriculture, settling on the farm where he has since lived. He has one hundred and seventy acres of valuable land, a part of which is in a high state of cultivation. He carries on the various branches of general farming with success, raises some stock, and keeps a small dairy.

On March 20, 1872, Mr. Titcomb married Miss Lydia A. Parsons, who was born January 24, 1850, in Norway township. Her father, Moses Parsons, was a lifelong resident of this town, where he carried on general farming, worked at the carpenter's trade, and died January 18, 1892, aged seventy-nine years. He married Sallie Brooks, a native of North Yarmouth, whose death occurred in Norway, November 17, 1893, when she was eighty-three years old. Mr. and Mrs. Titcomb have three

children, namely: Addie E., who is now teaching in Norway; Emma P. and Louisa F., who are attending school. In politics the father is a staunch Republican. He is a member of Norway Grange. He also belongs to the Fifth Maine Regiment Association, which has a Memorial Building on Peaks Island, Portland Harbor, where he and his wife spend a few weeks every summer. Both he and Mrs. Titcomb are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

 SCAR E. BARROWS, one of the rising farmers and leading young men of Paris, was born in this town, February 27, 1861, son of John S. and Lucy A. (Hall) Barrows. His grandfather, Cornelius Barrows, was a native of Hebron, Me., where, during the active period of his life, he followed farming. His last days were passed in the society of his children.

John S. Barrows, father of Oscar E., was born in Monson, Me., December 20, 1825. Learning the shoemaker's trade when a young man, he followed it for some time, finally settling in Paris upon a farm which is now owned and carried on by his son. He was a practical farmer, and a very hardworking man. Intelligent and self-respecting, he kept up with the times, and was generally well informed upon current events. He retained his customary activity until his death, which took place September 9, 1893. He stood high in the community as an upright man and a worthy citizen. He adhered to the principles of the Republican party, and was a member of the Congregational church. His wife, Lucy, who was born in South Paris, October 4, 1828, became the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters, as follows: Oscar E., the direct subject of this sketch; Edgar F., who was born in Paris, December 1, 1867, is married, and is now a prosperous farmer in this town; Cora Emma; and Anna L. The two last named died at the age of twenty-one years. Mrs. John S. Barrows is still living, and resides in South Paris village.

Oscar E. Barrows was educated in the schools of Paris. At an early age he began to assist his father upon the farm, and when

but eighteen he rendered valuable aid in lifting from it a mortgage of twelve hundred dollars. This task he accomplished in an unusually short time. Receiving a deed of a half-interest in the farm upon attaining his majority, he purchased the remaining portion after his father's death. He now owns two hundred acres of well-located land, which he devotes to general farming. He raises a considerable amount of fruit, keeps about fifteen graded Jersey cows, and has a good paying sugar bush. Since taking full possession of the property he has made extensive improvements, having at the present time a fine set of buildings, and his position among the well-to-do agriculturists and leading residents of this town is already assured.

On February 24, 1886, Mr. Barrows wedded Eunice Porter, who was born in Paris, August 31, 1864, daughter of John B. and Maria B. (Horne) Porter. Her father was a successful merchant, but is now retired, and resides in Norway, Me. He and his wife attend the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Barrows have two children—Blanche A., born April 22, 1887; and Irving O., born March 13, 1892. In politics Mr. Barrows supports the Republican party. He is connected with Paris Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is independent in his religious views.

**A**LVIN W. McKEEN, a prominent citizen of Fryeburg, Oxford County, Me., holding the office of Second Selectman of this town, of which he is a native, resides upon a farm near North Fryeburg. He was born February 28, 1849, son of Alvin and Livonia (Weeks) McKeen.

The McKeens were originally from Scotland. Mr. Alvin W. McKeen's great-grandfather, Samuel McKeen, was born February 14, 1763, in Londonderry, N. H., being a descendant of early settlers of that town, who came there from the north of Ireland. Settling in Fryeburg, Samuel McKeen resided here for the rest of his life. His son, James, was a prosperous farmer of this town.

Alvin McKeen, son of James McKeen, and father of the leading subject of this sketch, was born in Fryeburg, and reared to agricult-

ural pursuits. His maternal grandfather, John McDaniel, who was a native of Scotland, is said to have served in the Revolutionary War on the British side. More than one of the McKeens, who were stanch patriots, fought for the independence of the Colonies. Alvin McKeen worked at farming on his own account in Fryeburg when a young man, but later removed to Porter, where he resided for one year. Returning to his native place he bought a farm in the northern part of the township, and here he was engaged in tilling the soil during the rest of his active period. He died December 7, 1895. His wife, Livonia Weeks, who was a native of Porter, died May 4, 1892. She had reared but one child—Alvin W., the subject of this sketch.

Alvin W. McKeen was educated in the common Schools and at the Fryeburg Academy, and was for some time engaged in teaching school. He began at an early age to assist in carrying on the farm upon which he has resided since he was seven years old, and, having succeeded to its ownership, has made various improvements in the property. The homestead consists of forty acres of desirably located land, which is devoted to the raising of hay, sweet corn, and potatoes; and he also owns some wild land.

On November 17, 1872, Mr. McKeen was married to Vesta Emerson. She is a native of Stowe, Me., daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Charles) Emerson. Joseph Emerson was a farmer, a cattle dealer, and a lumberman. He removed from Stowe to Fryeburg, where he resided for the rest of his life; and his wife passed her last days in this town. Mr. and Mrs. McKeen have two children, namely: Byron W., who was born July 26, 1874; and Leslie E., who was born August 17, 1887.

Mr. McKeen has served with ability as Second Selectman of this town for the past three years. Although he believes in the principles of the Democratic party, he considers it for the interest of the general community to support the candidates who are the best qualified to hold public office. He is connected with Pythagorean Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Fryeburg; Fryeburg Lodge, No. 49, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Fryeburg Centre; and is also a member of the Patrons of Hus-

bandry. He enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the county, and is highly respected as an industrious and useful citizen.

LEVI L. LINCOLN, one of the representative men of Rumford Falls, and for many years connected with the railroads in this State, was born in Bath, December 4, 1827, son of Abram O. Lincoln and Hannah S. (Wales) Lincoln. Having received his education in the public schools of Bath he learned the baker's trade in his native city. After following his trade for some time he decided that railroad work would suit him better, and entered the employ of the Kennebec & Portland Railroad Company in the winter of 1849-50. For two years he was engaged as brakeman and baggage-master, and during the ten years ensuing he was conductor on freight and passenger trains. He was brakeman on the first train to Gardiner and Augusta, when the road was opened to both places; and he was conductor on the first train to Fairfield Junction and thence to Skowhegan, when that road was completed. In 1869 he was appointed General Freight Agent and Superintendent of the Portland & Kennebec Railroad, and held that position until after the consolidation of the road with the Maine Central in 1875, when it went under new management, being controlled by the Eastern Railroad. In 1879 he leased the Bucksport & Bangor Railroad, and formed the syndicate that purchased the same, and secured a charter to Ellsworth and Bar Harbor. This road was reorganized as the Eastern Maine Railway, and Mr. Lincoln was manager and part owner for about four years. The road then being leased to the Maine Central, Mr. Lincoln took charge of the Rumford Falls & Buckfield Railroad as Superintendent. Under his management the road was extended to Rumford Falls, and from Mechanic Falls to Poland Springs Junction. In 1896 he resigned his position, and is now retired from active business. He is familiar with the entire railway system in Maine, has made many friends during the busy term of his life, and has the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Lincoln was married August 22, 1853,

to Rachel A. Noble, of Brunswick, who died in 1861, leaving two children—Frank L. and Mary A. Lincoln. These are both in the employ of the Portland & Rumford Falls Railway, Frank L. as travelling advertising agent, and Mary A. as cashier in the treasurer's office. On June 14, 1864, Mr. Lincoln was again married, Miss Lydia N. Bates, of Boston, becoming his wife. She died in February, 1896, leaving two sons. The elder of these, Howard A., who is a graduate of Hebron Academy and Amherst College, is employed in the general freight office of the Portland & Rumford Falls Railway. The younger, Levi B., attended the public schools of Bucksport and Deering, and graduated from Hebron Academy. He then obtained a position as assistant in the engineer corps engaged on the survey of the Rumford Falls & Rangeley Lakes Railroad, and is now at the University of Vermont in Burlington. He is a very able and talented young man.

Mr. Lincoln voted with the Republicans until 1884, since which time he has been a Prohibitionist. While he is not a professing member of any religious society himself, his children are all church members.

GEORGE R. MACOMBER, one of Jay's well-to-do farmers, and an ex-member of the Board of Selectmen, was born here May 7, 1827, son of Winchester and Polly (Stearns) Macomber. Mr. Macomber's father was a native of Bridgewater, Mass., and his mother was born in Watertown. They came from Massachusetts to Jay in 1793, and settled upon the farm now owned and occupied by their son, George R. In his younger days Winchester Macomber was a nail-maker by trade, as was also his father; but the greater part of his life was passed in farming, at which he was quite prosperous. He died in 1850, and his wife in 1868. They had eleven children, as follows: Tilson, Edward, Stearns, Samuel, and Albert, who are no longer living; George R., the subject of this sketch; Charles A., who married Elizabeth Parker, and is now living in retirement in Southern California; Saphrona, Sarah, Mary, and Sarah H., who have also passed away.



George R. Macomber began his education in the common schools, and completed his studies at the Wilton Academy. He has always resided upon the home farm, which he has managed since he was twenty-one years old. Thanks to his energy and good judgment he has been very prosperous. He now owns four hundred acres of land. Hay, corn, potatoes, and apples are his principal crops. In his prime he was capable of much physical endurance. He has now practically retired, and the farm is carried on by his son, Arthur C.

Mr. Macomber has been three times married. On March 17, 1850, he wedded for his first wife Mary H. Manwell, daughter of John Manwell, a farmer of Canton, Me. She died December 18, 1871; and on January 5, 1874, he was again married to Lydia Humphrey, who died in December, 1875. She was a daughter of Israel Humphrey, a shoemaker of Jay. His third marriage was contracted February 6, 1877, with Lucy Townsend, a native of Dixfield. She was born May 21, 1841, daughter of Jacob and Sally (Wright) Townsend. Her father was a native of Freeport, Me., who settled in Dixfield, where he died June 30, 1857. Her mother, who was born in Jay, died April 30, 1876. By his first union Mr. Macomber had six children, as follows: Aldana, born September 18, 1851, who is now the wife of Henry W. Fuller, of Jay; George Herbert, born April 6, 1853, who successively married Ada W. Rollins, of Wilton, and Henrietta Leonard, and is now a gardener in Chicopee, Mass.; Marcella M., born in 1858, who died in September, 1876; Eugene W., born in 1860, who married Lucy E. Humphrey, and is now a prosperous farmer in Auburn, Me.; Edward R., born in 1863, who is now a nurseryman in Chicopee; and Arthur C., born in 1871, who now conducts the home farm. His present wife has increased Mr. Macomber's offspring by two children. These are: Harry L., who was born in 1878; and Chester C., who was born in 1880. Both reside with their parents.

In politics Mr. Macomber was originally a Whig; but for many years past he has favored the Democratic party. He has served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen,

and has held other town offices. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry in Jay. Both he and Mrs. Macomber attend the Universalist church.

**J**ULIUS F. FULLER, a prominent resident of Oxford, Me., was born in this town on the 22d of November, 1842, the son of Sullivan and Abigail (Trott) Fuller. His grandfather, Nathaniel Fuller, was the son of Nathaniel, for further particulars of whom and family see sketch of C. P. Fuller.

Sullivan Fuller, son of the second Nathaniel, was a farmer, and spent all his life in Oxford. He was always a prominent man in municipal affairs, and served for several years as Selectman of the town; also as Collector, and filled at different times several minor offices. In religion he was a Universalist, and in political belief and action a Democrat. He died at Oxford on the 24th of December, 1892, his wife, Abigail Trott, having died in November, 1881. They were the parents of four children, namely: Emily J. (Mrs. Stetson) and Eugene F., both now deceased; Julius F., whose personal history is here briefly given; and Alphonso S., who is a stone-mason and lives in the town of Oxford.

Julius F. Fuller grew to manhood in his native town, acquiring his education in Oxford and in Hebron Academy. In 1862, when but nineteen years of age, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-third Maine Regiment, and went to the front, where he served the full term of his enlistment. He received an honorable discharge from the service in 1863, and, returning home, went into business as a stone-mason. For some time he has operated a quarry in the town, and at present he has the largest business in this line in Oxford.

He was married on the 13th of May, 1874, to Miss Annie Clark Holmes, daughter of J. S. Holmes. They are now the parents of two children: Edward S. Fuller, born on the 27th of April, 1875; and Agnes H. Fuller, born on the 19th of June, 1882.

Mrs. Fuller's father, John S. Holmes, son of James and Jerusha (Rawson) Holmes, was born in Oxford on the 2d of February, 1806.

He received his education in his native town and in the Hebron and Paris Hill Academies. In his early manhood he devoted his energies for a number of years to mercantile business; and after that he spent some time in farming, having located in 1841 on the ancestral estate now occupied by his family. In 1852 he went to California and engaged in mining, remaining there until 1856, when he came back to Maine and again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on the old Holmes farm in Oxford. When he first came into possession of the property it consisted of only one hundred acres of land, but he raised the total amount up to three hundred acres. All the more modern improvements were made by himself.

It was while Mr. Holmes was in Bangor in the lumber business that he met and married Sarah A. Clark, daughter of Major Royal Clark, who was a Deacon in the Baptist church.

Four children were born of this union, namely: John C.; Mary Freeland; Annie Clark, Mrs. Fuller; and Frances C. John C. Holmes, who died at the age of thirty-one years, was a farmer. His widow, Mrs. Lena T. Holbrook Holmes, lives in Otisfield. Mary Freeland Holmes is a graduate of the Bangor High School, and has been a teacher in some Boston private schools, where she has demonstrated great proficiency in her profession, in which she is still engaged. In the mean time she and her sister, Frances C., who is the widow of Frederick H. Morse, carry on the old home farm. Mrs. Morse has one son, Arthur Morse, who is rapidly following up his father's line of work, Mr. Morse having been a scientific machinist, and an able writer of magazine articles on the subject of machinery.

Mr. John S. Holmes was always interested and active in municipal improvements in the town of Oxford, and did all he could to further any scheme for their advancement. He was liberal in religious views, and a Republican in politics. He died at his home on the 29th of April, 1883, mourned by all who knew him. Mrs. Holmes followed her husband within a few months, departing this life on the 1st of July of the same year.

Mr. Fuller is a Republican, and has been Chairman of the Town Committee for fourteen years, Selectman for one year, and Town Agent for three years. He is a member of Thomas Roberts Post, No. 49, Grand Army of the Republic at Oxford. Mr. Fuller has always been an active man in town politics, and has made himself popular through his efforts to help the town, as well as by his strong and kindly character and genial nature. He owns a farm of thirty acres in Oxford.

WESLEY H. GINN, the genial proprietor of the Ginn House in Norway, Me., was born in Rockland, Knox County, Me., October 5, 1866, a son of Herman Y. and Ada (Ingraham) Ginn. Jonathan Ginn, grandfather of Wesley H., was born on Penobscot Island, but settled at Ginn's Point, where he engaged in fishing and farming. He married Eliza Young, and they had seven children — Herman Y., Thomas, Alonzo, Lizzie, Jennie, Rebecca, and Anna. Mr. Ginn died when he was about forty years of age, but his wife is still living. Their son, Herman Y., went to sea early in life, and applied himself so diligently to his calling that he became Master at the age of eighteen. On September 1, 1872, while in command of the "Pyrol," owned by Messrs. Cobb, White & Norton, he and his crew were unfortunately lost in a gale, in which, also, many other vessels foundered. He married a daughter of Eleanor Ingraham, and they were the parents of two children — Wesley H. and Ivanalla. Captain Ginn's widow is still living.

Wesley H. Ginn, after obtaining his education in the schools of his native town, began his commercial career in 1887 by opening a restaurant in Richmond, Me. Three years later he leased the Hathern House, changing its name to the Ginn House. He also conducted the Richmond House until 1894, when he leased, remodelled, and refurnished the Hamlin House, again substituting the name Ginn for the old name. The house is located near the Norway Shoe Factory, and contains twenty-four rooms, all of which are occupied. During the short time that Mr. Ginn has resided here he has advanced rapidly in public

esteem, and his future success seems assured. He married Lelia A. Coleman, a daughter of James Coleman, of Richmond, Me., and they have had two children: Earl S., born June 10, 1880; and Ethel May, who died at the early age of six months.

**W**ILLIAM H. STICKNEY, a prominent farmer of Brownfield, and an ex-member of the Maine legislature, was born here, June 18, 1836, son of Deacon Samuel and Virene (Rice) Stickney. His grandfather, Major John Stickney, a native of Concord, N.H., was for several years identified with the hotel business in the early days of its development in this region, having been proprietor of a White Mountain tavern. He settled upon a farm in Brownfield about the year 1786, and resided here until his death. Deacon Samuel Stickney was born in Brownfield, January 26, 1799. After his father's death he ran the tavern for a number of years. Besides carrying on the farm, which he also inherited, he was engaged in lumbering. He died September 25, 1881. His wife, Virene, who was born in Sandwich, N.H., September 22, 1808, became the mother of five children, as follows: Mary Ann, born July 2, 1833, who married Calvin D. Palmer, and died in Detroit, Mich., September 29, 1855; Jonathan Evans, born December 12, 1834, who was for twenty-nine years in the live stock business in South America, and died in London, England, July 5, 1893; William H., the subject of this sketch; Martha Goss, born April 4, 1841, who died September 25 of the same year; and Samuel Nelson, born October 19, 1842, who died August 12, 1846. The mother died April 19, 1891.

William H. Stickney was educated in the common schools and at the Fryeburg Academy. Upon reaching his majority he went to South America, where he was for six years engaged in the live stock business. After returning home and marrying, he spent another six years in that country. He was successful in raising and dealing in sheep and cattle. After his final return to Brownfield he was engaged in the hotel business here for some years, and managed the homestead farm, which

he inherited from his father. In 1892 he relinquished his other occupations in order to devote all his time and energy to the cultivation of the farm. This property contains one hundred acres. He also owns other real estate in this town and in South America.

On June 18, 1863, Mr. Stickney wedded Eliza Ann Gibson, who was born in Brownfield, March 16, 1837. She is a daughter of the Rev. Zachariah and Sally (Boynton) Gibson. Her grandfather, Captain Timothy Gibson, who was born in Stowe, Mass., December 17, 1738, wedded Margaret Whitman, and, settling in Brownfield in 1798, was extensively engaged in farming in this town until his death, which happened January 16, 1814. His wife died June 29, 1838. His son, Zachariah Gibson, born in Henniker, N.H., September 3, 1781, was seventeen years old when he accompanied his parents to Brownfield. Becoming a Methodist minister, Zachariah entered upon his duties in 1805, and preached in Northfield, N.H. Returning to Maine he labored in Kennebec County till 1813. Then, on account of feeble health, he retired to a farm in Winthrop, where he resided until 1825. Returning then to Brownfield, he passed the rest of his life in this town, and died December 6, 1839. He married for his first wife, Theodate Bennett, of Hallowell, Me., who became the mother of six children, and died August 17, 1825. His second marriage was contracted with Susan Howard, of Brownfield, who died in 1831, leaving one child. Sally Boynton, who was born in Brownfield, March 15, 1801, became his third wife, and subsequently the mother of Eliza Ann, Mr. Stickney's wife. Mrs. Stickney's mother died March 7, 1872.

Mr. and Mrs. Stickney have had five children, as follows: Charles Osgood, who was born March 3, 1868, who on February 29, 1896, married Clarita D. Coxe, of Portland, Me., and is a railway station agent at Intervale, N.H.; Whitman Gibson, who was born December 9, 1869; Isabel Hale, who was born January 22, 1874; Samuel, who was born January 13, 1876; and Gibson, who was born June 12, 1877, and died December 18, 1879. The children have attended school at Fryeburg Academy, Kent's Hill Seminary,

and Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. In politics Mr. Stickney is a Republican. He represented his district in the legislature of 1888-89, doing good service in behalf of the town. He also served as Postmaster in East Brownfield for ten years. He is respected as an able, progressive, and upright business man. Mrs. Stickney is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**F**RANK LUCE, a well-known manufacturer of New Vineyard, was born here, November 4, 1842, son of Solomon and Minerva (Pratt) Luce. Solomon Luce, a native of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., after settling in New Vineyard, carried on farming, and conducted a lumber and grist mill until his decease. He was four times married. His first wife (in maidenhood Rebecca Eagle) bore him five children. His second marriage was made with Minerva Pratt, a native of New Vineyard, who had seven children — Solomon, Minerva, Rebecca, Justin, David, Samuel, and Frank. Of these, Frank and Samuel, the latter a resident of the village, are the only survivors. Mr. Luce's third matrimonial partner was Sophronia (Knowlton) Luce, who died without issue. Mary Jane Turner became his next wife and the mother of two additional children, namely: Edmund R., who died in 1894; and Henry, who lived but two years and a half.

Frank Luce, like his brothers and sisters, acquired a common-school education. For some time after his marriage he and his wife made their home with his father. After his father's death he had charge of the grist-mill until 1874, when he sold out, and started a general merchandise store in this village. In 1888 he started the manufactory he now conducts. Here he employs ten men, making wooden boxes for the use of druggists and chemists, handles and knobs of every description to be enamelled, spindles for furniture, screw-top nailing cases, trimmings for toys, and a variety of general goods. In politics he votes with the Democratic party. Mr. Luce has served for five years as Selectman, besides holding minor offices, though he does not seek political preferment. He is a member of

Farmington Lodge of Masons. Always a hard worker, he has well earned the degree of success he has attained.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Luce was united in matrimony with Emma Viles, a native of New Portland, Me. Her father, Rufus Viles, was a lumberman of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Luce have now three children — Ruphelle, Fred C., and Gertrude. Ruphelle is a teacher in New Hampshire. The others are still under the paternal roof. Mr. Luce is a member of the Congregational church in New Vineyard.

**J**OHAN Q. MASON, a prominent and successful farmer of Lovell, Oxford County, was born here, February 27, 1848, son of Jonathan and Dorothy (Butters) Mason. His father, who was a native of Porter township, Me., resided there until two years after his marriage, having been engaged in general husbandry. He then removed to a farm in West Lovell, where he lived, engaged in its cultivation, until he was advanced in years. He then sold the place and moved to North Lovell, where his son, the subject of this sketch, now lives. He married Miss Dorothy Butters, a native of Lovell, and their union was blessed in the birth of ten children. These were: Sarah Jane, Ruth C., Lucinda, Abigail, Simon H., Mahitable, Rosanna, Sewell, John Q., and William Curtis, all of whom are now deceased, except John Q. and Simon H. Simon H. married Mary Evans, and resides at Sand Creek, Me. The father passed away at Lovell, March 26, 1870; and the mother's death occurred September 27, 1891.

John Q. Mason attained to man's estate on the old homestead, receiving his education in the common schools of Lovell. On March 1, 1865, he enlisted in Company G of the Twelfth Maine Regiment, under Colonel Kimball and Captain Bolster, for service in the Civil War. After performing guard duty at Savannah and Augusta, Ga., he was discharged August 5, 1865, at Hilton Head, S.C., on account of disability. He then returned home, and worked on the farm until 1874. In that year he took charge of the old

home farm in North Lovell, and has conducted it since. He has very much improved the estate, which now comprises ninety-six acres. He also owns one of a hundred and twenty-five acres, located in Stoneham township. He carries on general farming, and during the winter engages in lumbering. Formerly, for a dozen years, he had quite a business in sheep and cattle.

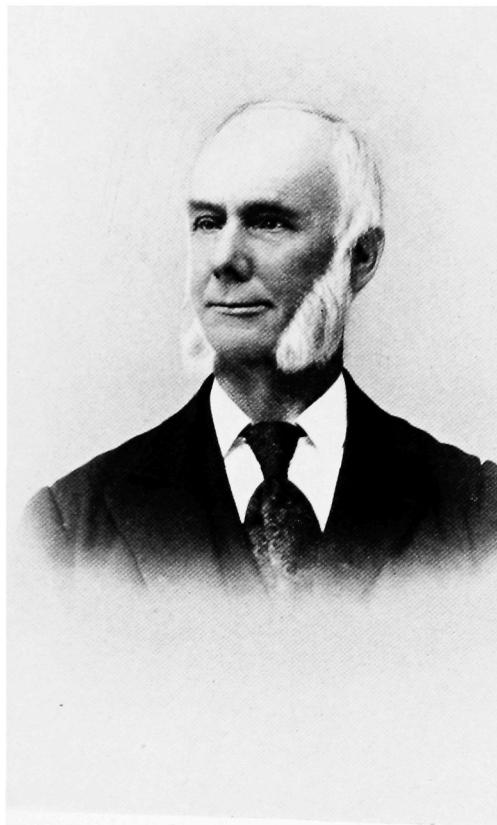
On December 18, 1874, Mr. Mason wedded Miss Ella M. Evans, a native of Stoneham, and a daughter of Frederick and Mahitable (Paul) Evans, to whom she was born April 16, 1852. Mr. Evans was a native of Gorham, N.H., and Mrs. Evans, of Naples, Me. In early life he moved to West Stoneham, where he was engaged for several years in general husbandry. Removing then to East Stoneham, he followed the same calling until 1892, when, on account of advancing years and declining strength, he and his wife took up their home with Mr. Mason, where they still reside. Mr and Mrs. Mason have three children, namely: Charlie C., born July 29, 1876, who still lives at the old mansion; Freddie E., born September 8, 1884, also at home; and Bertrand L., who was born April 24, 1892. At one time a Democrat, Mr. Mason is now a Republican. He has served his town in several positions of public trust. The secret fraternities, of which he is a member, include the Independent Order of Odd Fellows through Crescent Lodge, No. 25, of North Lovell; and the Free and Accepted Masons through Delta Lodge, No. 55, at Lovell village. He is also a comrade of Parker Post, No. 25, Grand Army of the Republic, of Lovell Centre. In religious faith and fellowship both he and Mrs. Mason are members of the Christian church of Lovell. The enterprise and energy which have been characteristic of Mr. Mason throughout his life are now rewarded with a goodly measure of prosperity.

CHARLES A. COOLIDGE, M.D., has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Canton for the past thirty-five years. He was born in this town, December 29, 1830, son of John and Eliza (Bigelow) Coolidge.

Joseph Coolidge, the great-grandfather of Dr. Coolidge, was killed in the battle of Lexington, with which the War of Independence opened. His son Joseph came from Massachusetts to Canton as early as 1792, and was the sixth settler of the place. His home during the first years of his residence here was the usual pioneer dwelling of rough-hewn logs, and it was under its roof that his older children were born. He owned a large tract of land, and was a sturdy, enterprising farmer. His farm, which was then in the east part of the town of Canton, lies to-day in both Franklin and Oxford Counties, and borders on Androscoggin County. He died age eighty-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Adams, lived to be ninety-three years old. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom the fourth was John, the father of Dr. Coolidge.

John Coolidge was born in Canton, December 12, 1796. He spent the active period of his life engaged in farming, and his last years were passed in Canton village, where he died at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Eliza, who was born in Bridgewater, Mass., December 11, 1800, lived to be ninety-three, the age at which his mother died. He was a Universalist, and she a Methodist. Of their four sons, three are living. John O. died in Illinois. He was graduated from Colby University, and had successfully engaged in teaching, his plan being to fit himself for the practice of law. The others are: Rutellius S. Coolidge, a farmer of Wayne, Me.; George M., a painter, who lives in Sharon, Mass.; and Charles A., the subject of this sketch.

Charles A. Coolidge grew to manhood here in Canton, obtaining his preliminary education in the schools of Canton, Norway, and Paris. He afterward entered Bowdoin College, where he took up the medical course, and still later attended the Harvard University Medical School. While engaged in hospital practice he attended lectures in Philadelphia, and in 1855 he was graduated from the Dartmouth Medical College. With this preparation for the work he had chosen, he began practice in the town of Weld, Franklin County, where he remained two and a half



CHARLES A. COOLIDGE.

years, after which he spent an equal period in North Livermore, Androscoggin County. In the spring of 1861 he came to Canton, and has acquired here a large and lucrative business, and is highly esteemed. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, A. F. & A. M., of Canton; and of Androscoggin Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

On November 26, 1856, the twenty-fifth birthday of the bride, Dr. Coolidge was married in Weld, to Miss Sarah N. Foster, who was born in that town, November 26, 1831. She is a daughter of Solomon K. and Adaline (Billington) Foster, the former of whom was born in New Hampshire, and the latter in Wayne, Me. Dr. and Mrs. Coolidge have had three children, of whom Eliza M. died when nine months old. Henry E., born in Livermore, December 22, 1860, who graduated from Bates College in 1881, is now engaged in the practice of law at Lisbon Falls, Me. He married Josephine O. Dearborn, and has one son, Charles W. Charles M., the third child of Dr. Coolidge, born in Canton, September 25, 1865, is a physician, and has a good practice in North Waterford, Me. He married Ida M. Manning, now deceased, and has one daughter, Marion. Dr. Coolidge and his wife differ in their religious views, he being a Universalist and she a Methodist.

**C**ARTHUR PINKHAM, an enterprising carriage manufacturer of North Chesterville, was born here, November 13, 1859, son of Charles Vaughn and Eliza (Nason) Pinkham. Mr. Pinkham's great-grandfather, who was probably named Lemuel, resided in Durham, Me.; and his son Nicholas, Mr. Pinkham's grandfather, settled upon a large tract of wild land in Gardiner, Kennebec County, situated upon territory then known as Litchfield Neck. Nicholas Pinkham's first dwelling here was a log house. After clearing a farm he erected a large frame house. He became quite prosperous, and continued in active occupations until his death, which happened June 8, 1847, at the age of sixty-six years. Like his ancestors he was a member of the Society of Friends.

He married Alice Parker, who died April 8, 1866. Her children by him were: Hannah, Andrew, Lemuel, Israel J., Thomas J., Rachel, Noah, Phebe B., Jeremiah H., and Charles V. Charles Vaughn Pinkham, Mr. Pinkham's father, was born in West Gardiner, June 9, 1832. He was educated at the Friends' School in Providence, R.I., and subsequently taught school for a short time. On reaching the age of twenty-one he sold his interest in the homestead, and, settling in Chesterville, bought a piece of property located in the Centre village known as the Linscott farm. Selling his farm about eighteen months later and purchasing another, he began dealing in cattle, a business which he followed successfully for one year. Finally he moved to a farm situated upon the Valley Road, where he died June 25, 1885. The Patrons of Industry found in him an active member. In politics he was first a Whig, and then a Republican. He was a Selectman for thirteen years. He also served in the capacity of Supervisor of Schools, and he represented his district in the legislature in 1874. His wife, Eliza, was a daughter of William and Aurilla (Leach) Nason, both of whom are now over eighty years of age. The children of this union were: Jessie M., born February 3, 1855; and C. Arthur, the subject of this sketch. Jessie M. became the wife of John C. Downs, and died September 26, 1885, leaving four children—Harry A., Emma L., Ellen M., and Carroll J. The latter died at the age of three months.

C. Arthur Pinkham acquired a good practical education, and resided with his parents until of age. He then came to North Chesterville, where for one year he worked as an apprentice at the carriage-maker's trade with the late J. K. Lovejoy. After the death of Mr. Lovejoy he bought the factory, and has since carried it on successfully. He turns out only first-class work, and, as a consequence, he has increased the business; his output of light wagons, buggies, and sleighs, grows larger each year. At the present time he is one of the best known and most reliable carriage builders in this part of the State.

On September 17, 1885, Mr. Pinkham

wedded Esther A. Lovejoy, daughter of Joseph and Ellen C. (Woodworth) Lovejoy. Her father, now deceased, was engaged in the manufacture of carriages here. Mr. and Mrs. Pinkham have three children, as follows: Charles J., who was born August 15, 1886; Robert A., who was born November 16, 1890; and Jessie, who was born April 18, 1893. In 1887 Mr. Pinkham bought a very desirable lot, containing seven acres, upon which he has erected a fine residence and stable. Mr. Pinkham is a Republican, but, owing to the pressure of business, he does not take an active part in political affairs. His religious views are liberal.

**W**ALTER S. HEATH, Postmaster of Salem, Me., was born in Salem, September 5, 1840, son of Benjamin and Mary J. (Hinckley) Heath. The Heath family, which is of English origin, came from Massachusetts to the State of Maine. The great-grandfather of Walter S., after leaving Martha's Vineyard at an early date, worked for some time at the blacksmith trade in Farmington, Me.; then came to Salem and built a saw-mill, which he conducted for a few years; and died at the age of eighty-five, having previously placed one of his four sons in charge of the saw-mill. Benjamin Heath, Sr., the grandfather, was a blacksmith and farmer. He was one of the early settlers of Salem, and was very prominent in local affairs. He married a Miss Hinckley, of Martha's Vineyard, and had seven children, namely: Daniel, who bore the rank of Colonel, was the first male child born in Salem, and now resides in West Farmington, Me.; Elizabeth, the widow of Philip Harris, of Lowell, Mass.; Maria, the wife of George W. Mills, of Salem; Benjamin, the father of Walter S. Heath; Enoch H., who died at the age of fifty-two; Caroline M., who died at the age of fifty-eight; and John C., who died in his fifty-first year.

Benjamin Heath, Jr., was born in Salem in 1810. He followed agriculture as his principal occupation, and for some time owned the saw-mill in Salem. In politics at first a Whig he later became a Democrat. He took an active part in town matters, serving as

Selectman, Town Treasurer, and Collector; and he was an officer in the militia. He died July 8, 1858, aged forty-seven years and eight months. His wife, who was born in Hallowell, Me., died in 1864. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are living. These are: Clinton B., who resides in Boston; Walter S., the subject of this sketch; Delia E., who is the wife of Lafayette Robbins, of Worcester, Mass.; Clara L., the wife of Frank Lester, of Creston, Ia.; and James O., who is in Austin, Nev.

Walter S. Heath acquired his education in Salem and some of the adjoining towns. After leaving school he worked for about four years at farming, and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he has followed for much of the time since, building houses in Phillips, Strong, and in Worcester, Mass. He has also been employed as a blacksmith, and done carriage and car work of various kinds. He was married in 1867 to Martha B. Harris, of Salem, and now has three children. These are: Cora and Clara, twins, who are with their parents; and Olive J., who was the wife of E. B. Dolbier, of Newton, Mass., and died at the age of twenty-six. Mr. Heath votes the Democratic ticket. He served as Selectman of Salem for a number of years; was Town Treasurer, Assessor, and Collector for several terms; is at present a member of the Town Committee; and for a prolonged period has been Supervisor of Schools and a member of the School Committee. As Postmaster he has been in office eleven years. He is a member of Davis Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Strong, Me., and of Mount Saddleback Lodge, No. 92, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Phillips. Both he and his family attend the Universalist church.

**J**ACOB A. THURSTON, Treasurer of the town of Newry, Me., is one of the successful merchants and manufacturers of Oxford County. He was born in Eaton, N.H., November 15, 1843; and his parents, David H. and Mary Jane (Norton) Thurston, were natives of that town.

David H. Thurston spent his early life on a farm in Eaton, and was married there. He



later moved to Errol, N.H., where he purchased three hundred acres of unbroken timber land. The country about Errol was then sparsely inhabited; there were few roads, and the settler had to undergo all the hardships incident to the life of the pioneer in a new country. Mr. Thurston worked hard to clear his farm and put it under cultivation, and was fairly successful as a farmer. As the town grew he became prominent in its affairs, and was very popular among the political workers, taking his stand with the Democrats. At one time he represented the district in the legislature, and he held all the offices within the gift of the town. Though not a professing church member, he taught Sunday-school for a number of years and sang in the church choir. He died in Errol at the age of sixty-eight. Mrs. Thurston, who is seventy-five years of age, lives with her children.

Of these there were originally ten: Jacob A., the subject of this sketch; Annette C., who died in her thirty-second year; Ernest D., a farmer and lumberman in Errol, N.H.; Mottier L., a lumberman of Newry; Mary, who died at the age of twenty-nine; Young A., a farmer and lumberman of Rumford, this county; Remember B., a farmer and lumberman of Errol, N.H.; Howard F., engineer and foreman in one of his brother's mills at Newry Corner; Lillie A., wife of Levi S. Heyward, of Bountiful, Utah; and Guy L., a farmer and lumberman who lives on the homestead in Errol cleared by his father.

Jacob A. Thurston had but a limited schooling, going to work when he was fourteen years of age. After attaining his majority he worked at logging for monthly wages for about two years, and then began to take contracts for lumbering. He subsequently purchased a farm in Errol, N.H. In 1882 he purchased a store at Newry Corner, which is still under his management, and two years later he built a birch-mill there. In each line of business he was successful, and he eventually erected a second mill at Riley plantation. This was in existence but five years, being destroyed by fire at the end of that time; but Mr. Thurston soon retrieved his loss, erecting his present mill at Swan's Corners in 1893. His mill business aggregates from fifteen thousand to

twenty thousand dollars a year, the output being chiefly spool stock, dowels, and staves. While enlarging his business in trade and manufacturing he has also added to his real estate; and one of his purchases, made in 1892, was a fine farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, on the Androscoggin River in the town of Bethel, this county. Mr. Thurston is an able and sagacious business man, and has the confidence of the community.

He was married January 1, 1879, to Miss Flora Dinsmore, of Colebrook, N.H., and has three children—Maude L., Ruby M., and Paul C. In politics he is a staunch gold Democrat. He does not take an active part in political matters, but has been elected to office and has served efficiently for a number of years as Town Treasurer and as a member of the School Board. Though not an active church member he is in sympathy with Christian enterprise, to which he liberally contributes.

**R**EWELL RUSSELL KNOWLTON, an artist and photographer of Farmington, was born here April 30, 1856, son of Sylvanus and Rebecca F. (Colburn) Knowlton. Mr. Knowlton is a descendant of the family of Knowltons who settled at Ipswich, Mass., in 1640. His great-grandfather, Samuel Knowlton, a shoemaker by trade, was born in that town in 1764. This ancestor in 1786 settled on the west side of Farmington, when it was a wilderness, and there cleared a good farm. He set out the first orchard here, and later, after the trees began to bear, shared the fruit with his neighbors. By industriously applying himself to farming and shoemaking he became prosperous, and he died in 1844. He married Jane Lincott, who, having reached the age of ninety-three years, died in 1857. Her children by him were: Samuel, John, Betsey, Joseph, Ebenezer, Esther, Joshua, Jane, Benjamin, Martha, Sally, and Dean.

Joshua Knowlton, Mr. Knowlton's grandfather, was born in Farmington, September 8, 1797. He learned the harness-maker's trade, and followed it for many years. He bought a farm adjoining his father's property, and carried it on successfully, residing here until

his death, which happened April 15, 1873. His first wife, Lydia, a daughter of John Lowell, died in 1843, aged forty years, having been the mother of three children—Joshua L., Russell L., and Sylvanus. He contracted a second marriage with Belinda Pillsbury. Of his children the only survivor is Sylvanus Knowlton, who was born in Farmington, March 17, 1827. Sylvanus remained at home, assisting his father on the farm, and taking charge of it during the latter's declining years. Succeeding to it subsequently, he carried it on until 1882. He then abandoned agriculture, and leased the Blue Mountain House. After the house was destroyed in the conflagration of 1886, he bought the land and erected upon the site of the old building a modern three-story hotel containing thirty rooms. This he has prosperously conducted since. His wife, in maidenhood Rebecca F. Colburn, was born in Needham, Mass., June 23, 1831, daughter of Newell Colburn, who became a resident of this town. She reared four children, as follows: Emma L., born May 5, 1854, who is the wife of Elbridge N. Allen, and has one daughter, Lillian; Newell R., the subject of this sketch; Sylvanus R., born June 15, 1859, who is clerk at the Exchange Hotel, married Jennie S. Nason, December 25, 1881, and has had one son—Irving S., now deceased; Frederick Lewis, born November 2, 1864, married Lizzie S. Whittier, December 22, 1885, and has had two children—Florentine Mae, now nine years old; and Carroll, who died at the age of two years. Mr. Knowlton's mother died at the age of fifty-six years.

Newell Russell Knowlton obtained his education in the district schools of Farmington and in the Lewiston High School. While attending the latter institution he conceived a fancy for carriage painting, and subsequently applied himself to learn it. Possessing much artistic taste he was soon able to compete with the more experienced in that line of work. After a time he erected a shop, and there engaged in the carriage-painting business for fifteen years. At the expiration of that period he returned to Farmington, and, buying out the journal of the Greenback party, then conducted by Fred Whiting, he published it for a short time. From journalism he went into

the insurance business as agent of the New England Insurance Company of Boston. Afterward he purchased the photograph studio in the Brown and Butterfield Block, formerly conducted by E. Starbird, and has since devoted his principal attention to that business, acquiring a high reputation as an artist. He makes a specialty of copying and crayon work. This year he opened a branch studio in which he is doing a large and satisfactory business. He is also interested in the hotel property. In politics he acts with the Republican party, and for the past eight years he has served as Corporation Assessor. Mr. Knowlton is an Odd Fellow of high standing, being Past Grand of Franklin Lodge, and Past Chief Patriarch of the Encampment. He is also a member of the Golden Cross, and belongs to Keystone Lodge, No. 64, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Maine Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., of Farmington.

CALEB CUSHMAN, JR., who, in his pioneer days, contributed his full share toward the development of Oxford County, was born June 9, 1784, in Turner, Androscoggin County, son of Caleb Cushman, Sr., and Hepzibah (Bolster) Cushman. His paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Sylvia (Sampson) Cushman, who reared a family of children. Benjamin's son, Caleb, was born January 24, 1750. He lived for some time after his marriage in Turner. In 1788 he came to Oxford County, and, taking up a tract of unimproved land in Paris, cleared a homestead, and lived on it until his death, which happened March 16, 1833. He was first married June 19, 1783, to Hepzibah Bolster, who was born in the town of Sutton, Mass., November 4, 1761. She died October 3, 1795, leaving four children: Caleb Cushman, Jr., Alvin, William, and Polly. On August 12, 1796, he entered a second marriage, contracted with Lucy Sinclair, whose children by him were: Benjamin, Sally, Elias, Chandler, Eliza, and Eunice.

Caleb Cushman, Jr., was but four years of age when his parents settled in Paris. He was there educated in the district school, and from his youth up was engaged in clearing and

tilling the land. All phases of pioneer life were familiar to him; and he well remembered when wild game, now considered a luxury, was plentiful, and was relied on for a part of their subsistence by the settlers. He labored industriously in clearing a homestead for himself and family, and before his death, which occurred February 7, 1863, had a well-appointed farm. Boy and man his sterling traits of character and correct moral principles caused him to be respected by the community. He was liberal in his religious beliefs, and in politics was a steadfast Democrat.

On December 26, 1808, Mr. Cushman married Thankful Spaulding, who was born in Buckfield, this county, August 16, 1787. They had three children—Henry H., Cynthia E., and Clementine A. Henry H., born August 23, 1813, married Sarah J. Bateman, and they are now living in Flora, Ill. Cynthia E., born June 6, 1819, who was married May 4, 1843, to the late Charles F. Cummings, died February 7, 1893. Clementine A., born June 20, 1827, still occupies the old homestead on Paris Hill, where she, her brother, and her sister were born and reared. A woman of estimable character, inheriting in a large degree the many fine traits that distinguished her parents, she is a worthy representative of the family from which she has sprung. She is liberal in her religious principles, and progressive in her views on the leading questions of the time.

**M**ERRITT WELCH, of Norway, one of the largest dry-goods dealers in Oxford County, was born in Augusta, Me., December 1, 1864, son of Colonel James W. and Margaret (Merritt) Welch. His father, a native of Bath, Me., was a well-known manufacturer of paints and colors, and a ship-painting contractor. Colonel Welch served his country in the Civil War, to which he went as Captain of a company in the Nineteenth Maine Regiment. By the time the conflict closed he had been promoted to the rank of Colonel of a regiment. He married Margaret Merritt, and they had twelve children, seven of whom are living. These are—Ada, Lizzie, Nettie, Hattie, Mer-

ritt, Thaddeus, and Alice. Colonel Welch died in 1894, at the age of sixty-eight years. His widow, now sixty-four, is still living.

After completing his school education Merritt Welch began his business career as clerk in a clothing store, in which he served three years. Later he entered into business with Mr. L. H. Soper, opening a dry-goods store in Waterville, which they successfully conducted for two years, and then sold to advantage. In 1892 Mr. Welch came to Norway and bought a dry-goods and shoe store in the Opera House Block of the Smiley Brothers. A cloak department has since been located in the basement. Goods of the latest styles are tastefully arranged in its large windows. The courteous proprietor, who is a man of fine presence, takes great pains to please his numerous patrons, and his four assistants follow his example. He carries a very large stock of first-class goods, and does a flourishing trade. In politics Mr. Welch affiliates with the Republican party, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Norway.

On March 15, 1894, Mr. Welch was united in marriage with Miss Cora Schwart, a daughter of Albert Schwart of this town. They have two children—Donald S. and Margaret Welch. Mr. Welch is popular in both social and commercial circles.

**C**HARLES G. DUMMER, Selectman of Weld and a leading merchant of the town, was born here, July 10, 1842, son of Nathaniel and Elvira (Masterman) Dummer. The family, which is one of the oldest in the town, is of English origin. It was founded by Richard Dummer, who emigrated from England with his father, and settled at Newbury, Mass., in 1633. He had six children, of whom his son Nathaniel, the next in line, was born in Newbury, and died there, February 27, 1767, aged eighty-three years. Richard, son of Nathaniel, was a lifelong resident of Newbury, and died in March, 1803.

Nathaniel Dummer, Charles G. Dummer's great-grandfather, was born in Newbury, March 9, 1755. Having acquired a good education, he obtained an appointment as a Com-

missary of the Continental army, and was stationed in Providence, R.I. After the Revolutionary War he settled in Hallowell, Me., where he was engaged in mercantile business until his death, which happened September 15, 1815, at the age of sixty-one years. A man of superior intelligence, he took a leading part in public affairs. He was a member of the State Senate when Kennebec County was set off, and he was a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Postmaster of Hallowell. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist. He married Mrs. Mary Kilton, widow of John Kilton and daughter of Captain Joseph Owen, of Providence, and reared four children, none of whom are living. Joseph Owen Dummer, Mr. Dummer's grandfather, a native of Providence, born March 5, 1780, was reared in Hallowell. He was engaged in trade there for many years, and then went South, where he carried on business for some time. Subsequently his property, of which he had acquired a considerable amount, was swept away by a disastrous fire; and, after passing his last days at the homestead upon the Weld Road, he died February 1, 1844. His religious belief was that of the Congregational church, and he was a member of the local society of that denomination. He married Judith G. Dummer, of Hallowell, and reared three children. Of these, the only survivor is Nathaniel, Mr. Dummer's father.

Nathaniel Dummer, second, was born in Hallowell, December 29, 1816. After finishing his studies at the Hallowell Academy, he was a clerk in a store of that town for four years. He then came to Weld, where he served in the same capacity with James Brown for about a year. At the age of eighteen years he engaged in business on his own account, and carried on a general store here for a time. He now owns the Pleasant Point Hotel, besides other property in this locality. In politics he is a Republican. For a number of years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, serving as Chairman a part of the time. He also efficiently served in the office of Postmaster for ten years. His wife, Elvira, whom he wedded June 21, 1840, is a daughter of Benjamin Masterman. She has had six children by him, namely: Charles G., the

subject of this sketch; Joseph O., a resident of Weld; Helen and Louisa, who are residing at the homestead; Richard G., who lives in Weld; and Eva M., who died June 19, 1891. The family attend the Congregational church.

Charles G. Dummer was educated in Weld. After leaving school he was employed as clerk in a store for a time. Then he became a partner in the firm of B. R. Rollins & Co., which carried on business here for about two years. His next venture was a variety store, which he opened independently, and conducted some five years. At the end of that time he purchased the business of Oliver Gould, and has since carried it on very successfully at the same stand. He owns and cultivates a farm of ninety acres, from which he cuts an average of sixty tons of hay. Also, with his brother, R. G. Dummer, he is engaged in raising fruit and vegetables, and runs a canning establishment, employing fifty hands. They have three large orchards, containing nine hundred trees in all, including some choice varieties of apples and plums.

In politics Mr. Dummer is a Republican. He is now a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he represented this district in the last legislature. In the latter capacity he served on the Committee on Fish and Game, and he secured appropriations for improving the road from Weld to Wilton, and for schools in this county. He was Postmaster here for twenty years, and could have held the office longer, but declined to serve. He is a member of Mystic Lodge, No. 154, A. F. & A. M., of Weld.

**J**OHAN COOLIDGE, one of the leading farmers of Dixfield, Me., his native town, was born May 24, 1821, son of Moses and Lydia (Peterson) Coolidge. Mr. Coolidge's father was a native of Jay, Me. He was engaged in general farming and teaming for the greater part of his active period, and he resided upon a good farm in Dixfield. He lived to reach the advanced age of ninety years, his last days being passed in retirement at the home of his son. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Lydia, who was a native of Canton, Me., became the

mother of seven children, as follows: Louisa Ann and Lucy Ann, who are no longer living; Abigail; Charles; Cyrus; Moses F.; and John, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Lydia Peterson Coolidge lived to be nearly eighty-four years old. Both parents were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

John Coolidge attended the common schools of Dixfield, and at an early age began farming upon his own account. He has been exceedingly prosperous, owning at the present time his homestead farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres, besides other land in this vicinity, and he ranks among the leading, well-to-do agriculturists of the town.

At the age of twenty-six years Mr. Coolidge was united in marriage with Harriet Swett, his first wife, who was a daughter of Abram T. Swett, of Errol, N.H. Of this union were born three children, namely: Clinton E., a prosperous farmer of Dixfield; Nelson A., who resides upon a farm in Canton; and Alice, deceased. Mr. Coolidge's first wife having died, he married for his second wife, Bethiah Campbell, and became the father of three more children, namely: two, who successively bore the name Eddie, both early taken from the earthly home; and Moses, now living with his parents.

Mr. Coolidge is an intelligent and energetic farmer, whose prosperity is the result of perseverance and good management, and he is still smart and active. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion a liberal Christian, attending the Universalist church.

**T**IMOTHY S. DOTEN is one of the largest fruit growers of the town of Hartford, Oxford County, Me., where he is also successfully engaged in general farming. He was born here, March 17, 1823, a son of Paul and Elizabeth (Cobb) Doten, the former of whom was born in Carver, Mass., and the latter in Middleboro, Mass., both Plymouth County towns. Thomas Doten, the father of Paul, was a farmer, and spent his life in Massachusetts.

Paul Doten grew to sturdy manhood in his native State, and there remained a resident till some time after his marriage. He was

one of the first to settle in the town of Hartford, coming here with his wife and one child, the journey from Portland being made on horseback through a region where the route was indicated by spotted trees. On his arrival, having secured his land, he first made a small clearing, in which he built a log house, and then set about the task of bringing a portion of his wooded acres under cultivation, the result being that in course of time he had a productive farm. He lived here until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-seven years old. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Cobb Doten, who attained the age of ninety-two. In religious belief both were Congregationalists; and in politics he was a Whig. They had five children, but only Timothy S., the youngest, is living. The deceased were named Paul, Deborah, Hannah, and Alvin C.

Timothy S. Doten stayed at home with his parents during his minority, receiving his education in the schools of Hartford. He afterward lived in Newton, Mass., for seven years; but aside from that he has always resided in Hartford. In 1853 he purchased his present farm, which contains about one hundred and forty acres, a large part of which is devoted to fruit culture, his orchards containing altogether about one thousand trees. He also keeps a dairy of choice Durham and Jersey cows, and the well-kept buildings and carefully tilled fields all bear witness to the painstaking care and generous labor which he has bestowed upon them.

When twenty-six years of age Mr. Doten married Miss Avis A. Robinson, who was born in Sumner in 1823, a daughter of Esquire Zury Robinson, of East Sumner. Eleven children have been born to them, the six now living being as follows: Lizzie C., the widow of George V. Rose, of Hartford; Zury R. Doten, a leading farmer of Lewiston, Me.; Bertha, the wife of George Bonney, living in Mexico; Nellie, wife of Carroll C. Fernald, living in Weymouth, Mass.; Scott Doten, who married Addie Whittier, and lives at the parental home; and James L. Doten, who is married and lives in Weymouth, Mass. The deceased are: Deborah, who married Thomas Allen; Abbie, the wife of Llewellyn Wood-

cock; Edna, the wife of Fred Mitchell; and two that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Doten are members of the Advent church. In politics he is a Democrat; and, fraternally, he is a member of the grange of Patrons of Husbandry at Canton.

**F**RANCIS S. PACKARD, M.D., of Waterford Village, Me., is one of the influential citizens of Waterford, prominent as a physician, a business man, and a politician. He was born in Parkman, Me., February 18, 1861, son of Levi A. and Rebecca C. (Harris) Packard, both natives of the State of Maine.

Levi A. Packard, who lived in Parkman until a few years ago engaged in farming, is now residing in Exeter, Me., practically retired from active work. His wife died some time since. She was the mother of six children, namely: Lovisa, now the wife of Z. G. Manter, a farmer and stock man of Parkman, Me.; Benjamin F., who died at the age of twenty-three; Edmund L., now in Auburn, Me.; Mabel, wife of Mr. Hudson, a merchant of Guilford, Me.; Nettie, who lived but nine years; and Francis S., the subject of this sketch.

Francis S. Packard, in his early youth laudably ambitious to obtain a liberal education, attended the common schools of Parkman and the academy at Foxcroft, Me., applying himself closely to study in school hours, and to work between terms, in order to secure the necessary funds for his professional training. At the age of sixteen he went to work in a hotel; and thence onward, until his studies were finished, he was employed in different ways, at one time trying his skill at manual labor in an organ factory at Foxcroft, Me. He received his diploma from the medical department of Bowdoin College in 1887. He was in Gardiner, Me., two years, that being his first field of practice. Dr. Packard removed to Waterford in April, 1892. Though in this town but a comparatively short time, he has a large and growing practice, and has won the confidence of all who know him. In 1895 he opened a drug store in Waterford Village, fitting it with all modern appliances, in-

cluding a handsome soda fountain, which in the summer season is well patronized.

Dr. Francis S. Packard was married December 27, 1888, to Hattie C. Sawyer, a native of Gardiner, Me., born October 21, 1867, the daughter of Henry R. and Philena H. C. (Hathorn) Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer, who is now a resident of Gardiner, is engaged in farming, trading, and dealing in real estate. The winter following his marriage the Doctor spent in Florida and Georgia. Dr. and Mrs. Packard have one child, Francis S., born September 29, 1893. They attend the Congregational church.

Dr. Packard is a member of the Maine Medical Association, Vice-President of the Oxford County Medical Association, and a member of the State Board of Pension Examiners. He is President and Treasurer of the Waterford Manufacturing Company of South Waterford, which established in 1894 a plant for making chairs, bedsteads, chair frames, and other articles of wood. He is also Chairman of the Democratic Committee, and a member of the town School Board. As a Mason he belongs to Mount Tire'm Lodge, No. 132, of Waterford, and as an Odd Fellow he is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 30, of North Waterford.

**G**EORGE H. BASS, an enterprising shoe manufacturer of Wilton, Me., and a prominent resident of this town, which is his native place, was born on July 22, 1843, son of Seth and Nancy (Russell) Bass.

The family is of early Colonial origin,—the original ancestors in America, Samuel and Anne Bass, having settled at Roxbury, Mass., in 1630. They later moved to Braintree, where Samuel died in 1694, aged ninety-four; and his wife died in 1693, aged ninety-three years. Before his death Samuel Bass was the father, grandfather, and great-grandfather of one hundred and sixty-two children. The line of descent is traced directly from Samuel and Anne Bass through Samuel, second, and Mary (Howard) Bass, Samuel, third, and Rebecca (Faxon) Bass, Seth and Eunice (Allen) Bass, Samuel and Alice (Spear) Bass, Jeriah and Lucretia (Saville) Bass, to Seth

and Nancy (Russell) Bass, parents of Mr. George H. Bass.

Seth Bass, second, was born in Wilton, where his father, Samuel Bass, fourth, had settled, and when a young man he learned the hatters' trade of his brothers, who carried on a hat manufactory in this town. For some time he travelled all over the State with a team, selling a fine quality of fur hats. He later engaged in mercantile business in Wilton, also becoming interested in a starch factory, which was located here. Retiring from business toward the latter part of his life, he continued to reside here until his death, which took place when he was seventy-nine years old; and his wife died a year later at the age of seventy-two. An upright, conscientious business man and a respected citizen, he labored diligently for the best interests of the community; and he served the town faithfully as Treasurer for twenty-three years. In politics he acted, originally, with the Whig party, later uniting with the Republicans; and he was a member of the Congregational church. Seth and Nancy (Russell) Bass were the parents of six children, namely: Mary Ann; Emily A.; Emmons; George H., the subject of this sketch; Ella S.; and Clara L.

George H. Bass was educated at the common and high schools of his native town and at a private school. At the age of seventeen he taught school for a short time, but relinquished that occupation in order to learn the tanner's trade; and after serving an apprenticeship of two years he worked as a journeyman in Massachusetts until he was twenty-two years old. From that time until 1880 he owned and conducted the tannery in Wilton, which is now carried on by J. O. Ashton; and, having previously bought an interest in the shoe manufacturing business formerly carried on by E. P. Packard & Co., he one year later became sole proprietor of the enterprise. He continued to occupy the old quarters until 1887, when he bought the Eaton carriage shop, which he fitted up with new and improved machinery, introducing water-power; and he is now conducting a thriving business, employing a force of about twenty-five workmen. In 1886 he bought a lot on Prospect Street, where he erected a handsome residence and

stable. He has laid out lawns and otherwise beautified the grounds, upon which he has located an artificial pond to supply his factory with water for fire protection. It is a well-known fact that he has always given his undivided interest to whatever he has undertaken, striving earnestly and industriously to make a success of his business ventures, and the result has been most satisfactory in every particular.

Mr. Bass married Mary Louise Streeter, who was born in Austinburg, Ohio, March 9, 1847, daughter of Sereno W. and Sarah Jane (Willard) Streeter, and grand-daughter of Major John H. Willard, who was of an honored and highly reputable family. Mr. Willard had the honor of proposing the name Republican for the designation of the new political party, originated at a convention held in Strong in 1854, which has since written the grandest pages of American history. Mrs. Bass died May 2, 1896, leaving four children, as follows: Willard Streeter, who was born July 27, 1876, and was graduated from Bowdoin College with the class of 1896; John Russell, who was born September 6, 1878; Elizabeth, who was born August 4, 1881; and Annie Louise, who was born November 26, 1888. In politics Mr. Bass is a Republican, and has served as Town Treasurer with ability for twelve years. He is an active member of the Congregational church.

**J**OHAN BACHELDER, a retired farmer and cattle dealer of North Fryeburg, Oxford County, Me., was born in Stoneham, this State, April 8, 1820, son of Richard and Martha (Bryant) Bachelder. Mr. Bachelder's paternal grandfather, Henry Bachelder, was a native of England, who, upon his arrival in America, resided in Massachusetts for a time; and he later settled in Fryeburg, where he spent the rest of his life.

His son, Richard Bachelder, was born in Chelsea, Mass., and in young manhood he settled in the northern part of this county upon what is known as Batchelder's Grant. He was a carpenter by trade, but about the year 1822 he removed to North Fryeburg, and here spent the rest of his life in tilling the soil of the farm which is now owned by his son. He

died September 8, 1862. He married Martha Bryant, a native of New Market, N.H., and she became the mother of three children, as follows: Henry, who died in January, 1893; John, the subject of this sketch; and Martha, who is the widow of J. L. Farrington, and resides in Fryeburg. Mrs. Martha B. Bachelder died August 22, 1858.

John Bachelder was brought by his parents to North Fryeburg when he was two years old, and he was educated in the common schools of this town. At the age of twenty-two he began farming upon his own account, advancing in prosperity as he grew older in experience; and he also engaged extensively in the buying and shipping of cattle. At the time of his retirement, which took place in 1866, he owned and cultivated one of the best farms in Oxford County, and harvested annually seventy tons of hay, five hundred bushels of oats, and the same quantity of potatoes. Besides his tillage land in this vicinity, which is worked by hired assistants, he owns several village lots, together with a pleasant residence in North Fryeburg, and some timber land in Stoneham and Lovell, Me., and in Chatham, N.H.

In 1846 Mr. Bachelder wedded Ann B. Wiley, of Fryeburg, daughter of George and Ellen (Charles) Wiley, early settlers of this town, who are no longer living. Mrs. Bachelder died October 18, 1885.

Although Mr. Bachelder has been frequently solicited to become a candidate for public office he has always refused nomination; but he takes a live interest in political affairs, and has voted with the Republican party ever since its formation. He is a Master Mason, being a member of Pythagorean Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of this town. He has long occupied a leading position among the farmers and business men of this county, where he is well known and highly respected. With the exception of an occasional attack of rheumatism, which was brought on by hard work and exposure, he enjoys good health for one of his years.

Mr. Bachelder was a member of the State Board of Agriculture for two years, and he has served a number of different times both as grand jurymen and also trial jurymen.

**J**AMES EVERETT HISCOCK, of Wilton, Me., manufacturer of and dealer in long and short lumber, and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, June 16, 1855, son of James M. and Leonora (Parker) Hiscock.

Mr. Hiscock's great grandfather, Samuel Hiscock, moved with his family to Wilton among the earliest settlers, and cleared the farm which is now owned by F. S. Gammon. He attained prosperity as a general farmer, and died at about middle age. He married Betsey Teague, and she reared five of her seven children by this union; namely, John, Jesse S., Thomas, Samuel, and Matthew C. Mrs. Betsey Teague Hiscock married for her second husband, John Wheeler, and lived to be eighty years old.

Jesse S. Hiscock, son of Samuel, and the next in this line, carried on the homestead farm some time after his father's death, but he later removed to Dixfield, Me., and there bought and operated a saw-mill. He finally returned to Wilton, where he built the residence now owned by Dr. Rowell; and he followed the carpenter's trade until his death, which took place when he was forty-seven years old. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a Whig in politics. He married Jennie Wheeler, who was a daughter of John Wheeler by his first wife, her husband's mother, widow of Samuel Hiscock, being her father's second wife. Jesse S. and Jennie (Wheeler) Hiscock, had a family of eight children, namely: Mary J.; Charity; Samuel; James M.; Sarah; Charles; Betsey; and Rosamond, who died young. Mrs. Jennie W. Hiscock died at the age of forty-seven years.

James M. Hiscock, son of Jesse S. Hiscock, was born in Wilton, and at the age of seventeen he began to learn the trade of a blacksmith. After serving his apprenticeship he relinquished it for a time, during which he worked at the tinner's trade; but eventually he resumed the former occupation, and, buying the property where his son now resides, he erected a building, the lower part of which he used for a shop, the upper part for a dwelling. With the assistance of his son he later transformed the old building into a handsome cottage, laying out and beautifying the



grounds; and, putting up a new shop near the street, he was for the rest of his active period engaged in ironing carriages. He was widely and favorably known throughout this section as a worthy, upright man, a reliable workman, and a useful citizen; and at his death, which took place June 14, 1895, when he was sixty-eight years old, he was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In politics he was a staunch Republican from the formation of the party, and he served as Town Clerk for three years. He was connected with Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Wilton, and in his religious belief he was a Universalist. His wife, Leonora Parker, who was a daughter of Enoch Parker, of Jay, Me., became the mother of six children. The youngest of these, a daughter, died when five months old. Five are now living, namely: Joseph H.; Ora S.; James E., the subject of this sketch; Lester P.; and Jennie L.—all of whom were educated in the public schools and Wilton Academy. Mrs. Leonora P. Hiscock is now sixty-seven years old.

Joseph H. Hiscock, when twenty years old, went to New York City, where he worked for his uncle, Orin Parker, who was a member of the firm of E. W. Baxter & Co., which did a large furniture business. From there he went to Indiana, thence to Iowa, and later to Minneapolis, Minn., where he now resides. He has been connected with the furniture business nearly all the time since he left home, and has been superintendent of the Minneapolis Furniture Company for a number of years. He is married and has two daughters. Ora S. Hiscock, after his school-days were ended, went to work in the peg-mill at Wilton, owned by B. F. Sturtivant, where he remained until the business was moved to Conway, N.H., more than twenty years ago. He then went to Conway to continue in the same business, and has lived there ever since, working for the same firm all these years. He is married and has one daughter.

Lester P. Hiscock began his work in life for G. H. Bass, in the boot and shoe business. After a time he became a member of the firm of G. H. Bass & Co. In 1890 he was elected Representative to the legislature, and at about

this time he and Mr. Bass dissolved partnership. In 1891 he opened a furniture and undertaking business in Wilton, which he conducted successfully about two years. He then closed out the business in Wilton, and moved to East Brookfield, Mass., going in company with W. G. Keith, formerly of Chesterville, Me.; and they are now running a hardware business in connection with furniture and undertaking. He was Town Clerk in Wilton quite a number of years. He married Ida M. Miller, a native of Wilton.

Jennie L. Hiscock, after leaving Wilton Academy, took the course of study at Westbrook Seminary, and was graduated with the class of 1883. After that she worked in the *Wilton Record* office. She devoted quite a good deal of time to music, taking lessons in Portland and Boston, and giving lessons in Wilton and Livermore. She also sang in church at Livermore about four years. She married in 1892 W. C. Hobbs, then a teacher of Providence, R.I., who fitted for college at Wilton Academy, and was graduated from Bates College. Since they were married Mr. Hobbs has been Supervisor of Schools at North Attleboro, Mass., where they now reside. They have one son, James Beecher Hobbs.

James Everett Hiscock assisted his father until reaching the age of twenty-four, when he entered the Ploughkeepsie Commercial College, where he was graduated in 1879. After his return to Wilton he engaged for a time in the manufacture of cans. He also for several years acted as superintendent of Leavitt's corn packing factory in Livermore. He then bought the Sawyer packing factory in Wilton, where for some years he put up the well-known Gilt Edge Corn and the famous Wilton Apple, which acquired a high reputation and a large sale in the metropolitan markets. In 1885 he leased the Wilton saw-mills, which he has since operated with energy, manufacturing over two hundred thousand feet of logs annually into all kinds of lumber for building purposes; and his business ability is making this enterprise a most gratifying success. He has remodelled and enlarged his residence, and since the great fire of 1893 has bought the vacant land oppo-

site, which adds much to the pleasantness of the location.

Mr. Hiscock married Addie Bartlett, daughter of Silas P. Bartlett, of East Dixfield, and she died August 24, 1895, at the age of twenty-nine years. She was a graduate of Farmington State Normal School, class of 1887, and was a successful school teacher.

Politically, Mr. Hiscock is one of the active members of the Republican party in this section, and his ability in local public affairs has been of great value to the town, which he is now serving for his fifth term as clerk; and he is also a member of the present Board of Selectmen. He is Past Grand of Williamson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Past Chief Patriarch of the encampment. In religious faith he is a Universalist.

**J**OHAN A. TWADDLE, M.D., who has followed his profession in Bethel for nearly twenty years, was born in Weld, Me., August 14, 1849, son of John and Irene H. (Phelps) Twaddle. John Twaddle was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to America when about thirty years of age. He settled in Weld, and was engaged in agriculture up to the time of his death, which happened when he was about eighty-five years old. His wife, who was born in Weld, is living on the homestead in that town where her wedded life was passed. Of her three children Dr. John A. Twaddle is the eldest. The second, Joseph B., is a physician practising in South Norridgewock, Me. The youngest, William V., is a graduate of Bates College and Yale Law School, and is now a lawyer in El Paso, Texas.

John A. Twaddle was reared on the farm in Weld; and, while becoming familiar with agricultural work, he attended the common schools near his home and completed a four years' course at Kent's Hill Seminary. Taking charge of a district school when seventeen years of age he taught it in the winter season for some time, while he engaged in farm work in the summer. Then for three years he read medicine with Dr. J. R. Eaton, of Wilton, Me., attended Bowdoin College for three terms, and graduated from the medical depart-

ment of that institution on June 6, 1877. Shortly after receiving his degree he opened an office in Bethel, and has been here since. In the years that have passed he has built up a large and lucrative practice. Having ample means he indulges a liking for good horses by keeping some handsome animals.

On May 1, 1878, Dr. Twaddle was married to Harriet L., daughter of Deacon Joseph Brown, of Bethel, and has now three children. These are: Eva V., born April 19, 1880; Widd V., born March 11, 1884; and Gard W., born January 31, 1890. In politics the Doctor favors the Democratic party. He has been a member of the Bethel School Board for two years, and of the Board of Pension Examiners for Oxford County for three years. Well advanced in Masonry he is a member of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, and of the Blue Lodge at Weld, Me.

**E**PHRAIM WIGHT, of Gilead, is spending the sunset of life in quiet retirement among the scenes of his boyhood. He was born in Gilead, May 6, 1820, son of Ephraim and Susanna (Patch) Wight. Ephraim Wight, Sr., who was a native of Dublin, N.H., settled in Gilead in early manhood, purchasing the farm now occupied by his son, and died at the age of fifty-five. His wife, a native of Massachusetts, lived to be seventy-four years old. Both were members of the Congregational church. They had a family of eleven children, who have all passed away except the subject of this sketch.

Ephraim Wight had good educational opportunities, attending the common schools of Gilead and Gould's Academy at Bethel. By the time he attained his majority he was a competent farmer, and he then left home to make his own way in the world. Locating in Gorham, N.H., he engaged in farming and lumbering, both of which he followed for thirty years, broken only by a term of service in the army. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company L, First New Hampshire Regiment of Heavy Artillery, which, on reaching the capital, was assigned to duty there. Mr. Wight was honorably discharged in June, 1865, and returned to his business in Gorham.

After a time he disposed of his business there and purchased the homestead in Gilead, where he has since resided. His health has been very poor for the past seven years, but he still enjoys a chat with an old friend.

Mr. Wight was married March 31, 1841, to Priscilla D. Burbank, who was born in Shelburn, N.H., September 29, 1821. Four children have grown up in his home, namely: Elizabeth, now the wife of Benjamin F. Hicks, of Gilead; Lifert, a shoemaker of Lynn, Mass.; Osman C., a farmer in Leeds, Me.; and Albert D., who is with his parents. Mr. Wight votes the Republican ticket. Though he was away from Gilead for a number of years he is looked upon as one of the old residents of the place, many of the companions of his boyhood being yet alive, as well as others who remember his parents and his brothers and sisters.

**C**ALVIN D. SEWALL, late an influential and highly esteemed citizen of Farmington, Me., who died November 5, 1883, was born in the town of Chesterville, Me., June 12, 1822. He was a son of Oliver and Betsy (Sylvester) Sewall, and a grandson of the Rev. Jotham Sewall, who was the son of Henry, grandson of Nicholas, great-grandson of John, and great-great-grandson of Henry and Jane (Dummer) Sewall, of Newbury, Mass. The last named Henry Sewall was a grandson of Henry Sewall, first, who was the Mayor of Coventry, England, in 1589 and 1606. Mayor Sewall's son Henry, second, and his grandson Henry, third, above mentioned, both emigrated to America, and settled in Essex County, Mass.

Jotham Sewall was born in York, York County, Me., January 1, 1760. Somewhat early in life he learned the trade of mason, and by his own exertions later he educated himself for the ministry. On the 18th of June, in the year 1800, this good man was ordained as an evangelist. He had a wide field of labor, being employed as a missionary until near the close of his long life. He was much venerated and beloved. When he settled at Lake Hill, Chesterville, he bought land that was for the most part wild and uncultivated; but he

was as full of practical energy as of spiritual zeal, and he went to work and put the land under cultivation. His first house was a log cabin. He afterward erected a comfortable frame dwelling on the same situation. He died in 1850, in the ninety-first year of his age. His wife, Jenny Sewall, lived to be seventy years. Their children were: Oliver, Nathan, Jotham, Jennie, Julia, Sarah, Mary, Otis, Rachel, Betsy, and David.

Oliver Sewall, son of the Rev. Jotham, was born July 10, 1788. He learned and practised surveying; was also a conveyancer and wrote deeds, following the carpenter's trade between whiles. He bought a farm of seventy acres in the town of Chesterville, Me., where he lived until his death on the 29th of August, 1861. His wife, Betsy Sylvester, was born in 1788, and died in 1878. In politics Oliver Sewall was a Whig and later a Republican; and he served as a Representative in the legislature. For twelve years he was a Selectman, and he was also Town Clerk and Deacon in the Congregational church. The children of Oliver and Betsy (Sylvester) Sewall were: Harriet G., Eliza J., Maria S., George O., Calvin D., and William S.

Calvin D. Sewall having obtained his education in the district schools of his native town learned the trade of tempering axes, following this for some time as a means of living in Massachusetts. Returning to Chesterville he engaged in the manufacture of carriages and wagons. He afterward removed to Farmington, where he purchased a farm on the south side of Sandy River, at the corner of River and Wilton roads. This estate consisted of sixty acres, and here he had a handsome residence and a shop in which his manufacturing business was conducted, the machinery in use being run by horse power. Mr. Sewall served as a Representative in the legislature and as a County Commissioner. He was a man of keen perceptions, and his advice was often sought in deciding difficult questions. At the time of his death, which occurred in the sixty-second year of his age, he was Deacon of the Congregational church.

Mr. Sewall was first united in marriage with Miss Eliza Mayhew, of Chesterville, their nuptials being solemnized January 1, 1847.

Mrs. Eliza M. Sewall was a woman of great moral worth and strength of character. She died January 8, 1873, leaving six children—Elmer, Carrie, Willis, Alice, Lucy, and Oliver. Mr. Sewall's second wife, whom he married on February 10, 1874, and who survives him, was Miss Eliza T. Moore, daughter of John S. and Lucinda (French) Moore, of Canterbury, N.H. She was educated in the public schools of her native town, Canterbury, N.H., and in the high schools of Concord and Haverhill, Mass., and early adopted the profession of teaching. A young woman of unusual mental ability and most estimable traits of character, she won for herself an excellent reputation in her chosen field of effort. For some time previous to her marriage she was an assistant teacher in the State Normal School at Farmington. Of her faithfulness and competence in her new relations as wife and mother it is not needful here to speak. Mrs. Sewall enjoys the esteem and good-will of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

After the second marriage of Deacon Sewall his family was increased by the birth of two daughters: S. Belle, who was born January 6, 1876; and Helen A., born on March 10, 1877. Both are graduates of the Farmington State Normal School, like their elder sisters aforementioned, and both are now engaged in teaching. It may be said of the Sewall children in brief that they are all well educated and are worthy sons and daughters of such parentage.

The youngest son, the Rev. Oliver D. Sewall, is a graduate of Bowdoin College and of Andover Theological Seminary, and is at the present time pastor of the Congregational church in Durham, N.H.

**H**ON. JAMES S. WRIGHT, an eminent lawyer of South Paris, was born in the town of Jay, Franklin County, July 17, 1845, son of Reuben and Sarah (Putnam) Wright. His grandfather, Oliver Wright, who was a native of Keene, N.H., removed to Jay, and bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, where he resided, and was engaged in farming for the remainder of his life. He died at the age of eighty-one years, having been one of the pro-

gressive men of the town. His wife, Sally (Butterfield) Wright, lived to the age of eighty-six years. Their children were: Oliver, Sally, Reuben, Thomas, Jonathan, and Betsey. Oliver died when forty years old. The rest lived to ages varying from seventy-five to eighty-three years.

Reuben Wright was a native of Jay, born December 3, 1803. He also followed farming as an occupation. When the opportunity offered he bought the homestead farm, remodelled the original buildings and erected others, and enlarged the land acreage by further purchases. Energetic and intelligent, he was a leading man in the community. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican, and he was Tax Collector for a time, besides serving in minor offices. His wife, Sarah, bore him nine children, namely: Frederick W.; Arvilla; Melvina; Augusta; James A., who died young; James S.; Emery V.; Silas; and Reuben F. Both parents were supporters of the Free Will Baptist church. The father died in September, 1885. The mother lived until 1892, when she passed away at the age of eighty-six years.

The Hon. James S. Wright, after attending the district school for the usual period, subsequently pursued the more advanced studies at the high schools of Wilton, Livermore Falls, and Dixfield. Upon leaving school he read law with William W. Boster and E. B. Richardson, of Dixfield, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1868. Mr. Richardson having died, he entered into a partnership with Mr. Boster, lasting three years. After this he spent a year in partnership with S. F. Gibson, of Bethel, Me., when he was elected clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court. He had filled this office with distinguished ability for ten years, when he was elected to the more important position of County Attorney. At the end of four years he resumed private practice, coming in 1891 to South Paris, where he has since become one of the leading lawyers. Mr. Wright is a Director of the Paris Manufacturing Company, and was the first President of the corporation that erected the Billings Block in Market Square, considered the finest structure of the kind in the county.

On May 2, 1869, Mr. Wright was married

to Miss Hannah E. Woodbury, daughter of William Woodbury, a prosperous farmer of Sweden, Me., who afterward resided at South Paris. His children are: Lena Frances, who died at the age of seventeen; and Fred N., born August 6, 1874, a graduate of Shaw's Business College at Portland, who is now employed as a clerk. Mr. Wright takes an earnest and influential part in public affairs. He represented the town in the lower chamber of the State legislature in 1887, and in the Senate in 1889. In 1890 President Harrison appointed him Census Supervisor for the western half of the State of Maine. As a member of the School Board for four years he did much for the educational interests of the town. While his law offices are located in the Billings Block, he resides at 15 Pleasant Street, which, since he purchased it from F. A. Thayer, he has transformed into a handsome dwelling by remodelling.

**CAPTAIN ERNEST H. MARWICK**, the well-known proprietor of the handsome furniture store on Broadway, Farmington, Me., was born on October 13, 1852, in Berlin, Prussia, son of Wilhelm v. Grantzow, a Lieutenant in the German army. His name, originally Ernest H. Grantzow, was afterward changed by adoption to Ernest H. Marwick.

At the age of fourteen, stimulated with a desire for adventure and novelty, Ernest H. Grantzow left home, and took ship to America. He sailed on board the ship "Wheeland," bound for Quebec, Canada, and was landed at Montreal after a long voyage, without one cent of money or any other property, except the clothes he wore. Moreover, he could not understand a word of English or French. Nevertheless, with indomitable pluck, he started out to find work, and after persistent efforts obtained employment as driver of a butcher's wagon. He remained in this position for eight months, during which time he picked up quite a little English. The business being uncongenial for a boy of his spirit, he then got a berth as a sailor-boy on board the brig "Agenora," Captain F. White, and made the voyage to Montevideo, and back to

New York. The captain, finding him pleasant, faithful, and capable, soon advanced him to the position of common seaman. He received eight dollars per month for his services, and during the two years in which he was thus engaged he made the trip to Buenos Ayres, and back to New York.

On November, 1871, the brig struck a sandbar on the Irish coast, and was almost lost. While in the rigging trying to save the sails, young Grantzow was struck in the face by a stick of wood blown by the wind, and suffered the loss of two teeth. He remained with the wreck for three weeks before it was gotten off the bar. So severe were the brig's injuries that she sank just as she was entering dry dock, but was raised again and repaired. She was loaded at Cardiff with coal, and started on her next voyage, which was to Havana.

Upon reaching that port, our hero, worn out with exposure and fatigue, was stricken down with yellow fever, but he rallied under the care and nursing of Captain White, and recovered on the return voyage to New York, where he left the ship in order to regain his strength. He found some work on shore in the Singer Sewing Machine Factory, where he labored for the salary of four dollars and a half per week, paying at the same time five dollars per week for board and lodging. After a short time, wishing to be more out of doors, he went to New Jersey, where he started in as a farmer, working on shares; but, soon deciding that he was not adapted to that pursuit, he left for New York to try the sea once more.

Going on board a ship lying at a wharf, which proved to be the "Lizzie M. Jackson," of Portland, he asked the Captain, whose name was E. A. Marwick, if a boy was wanted. He received the rather discouraging answer that boys were "more bother than they were worth," and had already turned away, when the Captain called to him to come around in the morning and he would see. When the next morning came, he arose early and hurried down to the ship. Finding no one about, and seeing that the decks were covered with snow that had fallen in the night, he began shovelling it off. Soon the Captain came on deck, and asked him who had

told him to clean the decks, to which he replied that no one had told him to, but, seeing that it was necessary, he thought he had better do it. This answer pleased Captain E. A. Marwick, and he immediately gave him five dollars to go and buy some rubber boots, articles that the lad stood very much in need of.

So faithful, capable, and uniformly respectful and attentive, did Captain Marwick find him on the voyage to Havana and back that, on the ship's arrival at New York, he offered to adopt him as his own son, having no children of his own. On the acceptance of the offer, Judge Virgin, of Portland, made out the necessary papers, and the identity of Ernest H. Grantzow, the son of the German Lieutenant, was merged in that of Ernest H. Marwick, son of an American sea captain. The new-made American received a fine outfit, and was sent to school. Later he came to Farmington, where he attended the Little Blue School, a preparatory school for business and college.

While here Ernest H. Marwick met and loved Miss Lizzie E. Dow, the daughter of J. B. Dow, of Farmington, and was married to her on the 28th of September, 1874. After a short wedding trip, he went to sea as first officer under his father, Captain Marwick, and remained with him five years. He then left Captain Marwick, and shipped as first officer on the "Fanny P. Tucker," a ship bound from St. Johns, N.B., to Gloucester, England, and Cuba. After making this voyage he sailed with the same rank on board the "Edward L. Maybury," on which he made the voyage from Portland, by way of Boston, to Australia and Callao (Peru) to Liverpool. He was absent twenty-three months, and on his return home found a little daughter a year old awaiting him. Remaining at home but two weeks, he then went to New York, and on arriving there he found two chances awaiting him, with such equal inducements that he was obliged to decide the question of preference by tossing up a coin. Fate was propitious, for the vessel decided against was wrecked, and all on board lost. Subsequently to his Cuba voyage he sailed in the "Ada Gray," Captain Plummer.

On leaving Captain Plummer he went with

his father on board a new and handsome ship, called the "Rose Ines," which Captain Marwick had built at Bath, Me. Here also the younger Marwick served as first officer. After a period of three years, old Captain Marwick, wishing to retire and to give his son a chance, left the ship at Valparaiso, Chile, and, telling the young commander that if he lost the ship he would lose twenty-seven thousand dollars, he made over the vessel to him. In this fine ship our new Captain Marwick made several voyages across the ocean, and around Cape Horn. He also established a new record between Hampton Roads, Va., and New York, making the trip in eighty-one hours, whereas one hundred hours was considered a quick passage. He then took his little family on their first trip, touching at Callao (Peru), and at Liverpool, where his father met him and took charge of the vessel. Captain E. H. Marwick thereupon returned to New York, and then came home to Farmington with his family. Soon after he established himself in trade with H. P. White, opening a stationery store, but he sold out his interest in a year and a half to his partner, and bought L. M. McDean's hardware store in West Farmington. At this time he received a telegram from James Cebello, a ship-owner, asking him to take charge of his vessel, the "Mary Fink," for one hundred dollars a month, an offer which Captain Marwick accepted; and, upon assuming command, he set sail for Spanish and other foreign ports, sailing the ship for three years. On one of these trips his crew deserted him, and he was obliged to take the vessel home, with a crew of but four men, a feat which he accomplished in twenty-nine days.

Later he again took command of his father's old ship; and at one time, while on a voyage around Cape Horn, came up with a disabled vessel, and with much difficulty rescued her crew of twenty-one men. She turned out to be the ship "Glencover" from Liverpool, and her owners subsequently offered Captain Marwick a handsome reward for his humanity, which he refused, on the score that he had done no more than his duty. But at Boston he was presented by the English government with a fine set of marine glasses in a handsome

rosewood case with a silver plate, on which was inscribed, "Presented to Captain E. H. Marwick, of American Bark 'Rose Lines,' for his Kindness and Humanity in rescuing the Crew of the 'Glencover,' which was abandoned at Sea off Cape Horn, December 21, 1893." Captain E. A. Marwick finally sold the "Rose Lines," and, buying a smaller vessel, named the "Screamer," presented it to his son, Captain E. H. Marwick, who sailed her for a while on different voyages, until, on a voyage two days out from Turk's Island, the brig sprang a leak. Captain Marwick put his crew into a boat, and, taking six gallons of water and what provisions he could, they watched the "Screamer" go down, and then set out for the land, which was eighty-five miles distant. They were in an open boat for two days and nights, finally bringing up at Turk's Island; but, not being able to land there, they rowed to Salt Key Island, where they were cared for by the American Consul for three weeks, and at last sent home to New York, four weeks after the ship had foundered.

Captain Marwick there became very sick, chiefly from the results of his exposure; and after his recovery, upon the urgent request of his father and his wife, he decided to abandon the calling of a sailor, and remain on land for the rest of his days. He entered into partnership with W. S. Dillingham, doing a business in furniture and undertaking at Farmington, buying out his partner later, and continuing in the business alone. He has now one of the finest and most attractive furniture stores in the county.

Old Captain E. A. Marwick died in his devoted adopted son's arms in Portland in the year 1893, and in testimony of his affection he willed to the young Captain and family about ten thousand dollars. Captain E. H. Marwick and his wife have three children — Eddie E., born June 23, 1875; Lillian M., born December 12, 1879; and Dwight D., born September 8, 1883.

Although Captain Marwick has given up the sea at a comparatively early age, he has travelled on more voyages than many an old seafarer. He has crossed the Equator forty-four times, has been around Cape Horn thirty-two times, around the Cape of Good Hope

four times, and has cruised up and down this coast very often in all sorts of weather. He is a strong Republican in politics. He is Vice-Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Farmington, and Secretary of the encampment. He is also a life member of the Portland Marine Society. Captain Marwick is one of the best known and most liked men in the town of Farmington, and fully deserves the universal respect which is accorded him. After thirty-two years of sea life the Captain has settled down for good on land. This record will show what a poor boy can come to if he has a will to push ahead. Very few boys at the age of fourteen years old will leave their home and country, and come out into the world, as did Captain E. H. Marwick.

**J**OHAN F. DE COSTA, M.D., of Rumford Falls, is one of the best physicians and surgeons in Oxford County. He was born in Hebron, this county, September 9, 1858, son of Thomas and Almeda (Whitman) De Costa. Thomas De Costa, who was born and reared in Hebron, spent his mature years in the pursuit of agriculture in that town. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Universalist. He died at the age of seventy-five. His wife, a native of Buckfield, this county, lived to be seventy-seven years old.

John F. De Costa attended the common schools of his native town until he was eleven years old. Subsequently he attended Hebron Academy for three years, walking back and forth each day three and a half miles, the distance between it and his home, and paying for his tuition by taking care of the building. He graduated from the academy at the age of fourteen, and at the age of fifteen entered Colby University. While studying there he taught school for two winters. As soon as his preliminary training was finished he took up the study of medicine, attending lectures at the Maine Medical School, and finally graduated from the Medical University of New York City in the spring of 1885. Immediately after receiving his degree he was appointed Assistant Surgeon at Bellevue Hos-

pital, New York, and for a year he walked the wards of that famous institution, observing and treating critical cases. Then, fully qualified for his lifework, he opened an office in Buckfield, Me. He has been here since September 1, 1895. Although but a few months over a year has elapsed, he has already won the confidence of the community and possesses quite a large practice. The energy and persistence that conquered all obstacles when he was struggling for an education enables him to surmount the difficulties of his professional career. Gifted by nature with fine social qualities, he is very popular. He is a member of the Maine Medical Association, the Maine Academy of Medicine, the Oxford County Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. De Costa married Mrs. Nellie (Abbott) Record, a native of Rumford, who was reared in Buckfield, and has one child, Thomas A. He has been affiliated with the Republican party since the year of his majority. In Buckfield he was a member of the School Board and Supervisor of Schools until the fall of 1895, when he resigned. He has taken several degrees in Masonry, and belongs to Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, of Buckfield, and to Rumford Chapter, of Rumford Falls. He has also affiliation with the Odd Fellows through Nezinscott Lodge, No. 104, of Buckfield. Both he and Mrs. De Costa are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**A**LDEN B. SEVERY, formerly a well-known and universally respected citizen of East Dixfield, who died at his residence in this town, April 16, 1883, was born in Dixfield, Oxford County, Me., December 3, 1823, son of Aaron and Hannah (Morse) Severy.

The late Mr. Severy's father, who was a native of Sutton, Mass., came to Dixfield in young manhood, and is said to have been one of the first three settlers in the township. He became a very prosperous farmer, clearing and improving a large farm, upon which he later erected a handsome brick residence, and in after years he was known as the father of the town. He held many offices of public trust,

the duties of which he discharged ably and faithfully; and, aside from possessing a noble upright character, he was very active in religious matters, for a long period being a pillar of the Free Baptist church. He lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-one years. By his union with Phebe Tucker, his first wife, there were seven children—Phebe, Aaron, Silas, Rufus, John, Charlotte, and Polly. His second wife, Hannah Morse, became the mother of four children, namely: Charles; Clarinda; Alden B., the subject of this sketch; and Cyrus. Mrs. Hannah M. Severy died at the age of sixty-six years.

Alden B. Severy acquired his education in common schools and academies; and, when a young man, he went to Lowell, Mass., where he served as Deputy Marshal for six years. Returning to Dixfield, he bought a small farm, which he occupied for a short time. After that he succeeded to the possession of the homestead by purchasing the interests of the other heirs, and there carried on general farming with energy and success until his death, which took place, as above stated, at the age of nearly sixty years. He was elected a Representative to the State legislature in 1863. He was a progressive, high-minded, and exceedingly intelligent man, generous and sympathetic by nature, with a noble desire to assist others who were less fortunate than himself; and his removal from the midst of his fellow-townsmen was the cause of sincere regret.

Mr. Severy married Miss Rosella Richmond, who was born in Dixfield, May 13, 1822, daughter of Israel and Sarah (Bramhall) Richmond. Israel Richmond, who was a thrifty and successful agriculturist, was a native of Hebron, Me. He died in middle age. In politics he supported first the Whig and later the Republican party, and in his religious views was a Baptist. By his union with his first wife, whose maiden name was Chloe Crocker, he had two children; namely, Chloe and Israel; and by his second wife, Sarah Bramhall, who was born in Plymouth, Mass., he was the father of eleven children, as follows: Sarah; Hannah; Martha; Lydia; Nancy; Simeon; Reuben; Nathan; Rosanna; Ruth; and Rosella, who is now the widow of



Alden B. Severy. Mrs. Sarah B. Richmond lived to be eighty-one years old.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Severy, namely: Ella, who died at the age of two years; and Charles, who grew to manhood, and died at the age of twenty-three. Bereft of their own daughter, they adopted Ella R. Hall, a little girl of six years, whom they carefully reared and educated; and as a reward for her kindness and generosity Mrs. Severy now has a pleasant home with her foster-child, who is the wife of F. W. Morrison, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of this town, and has one son, Vivian. Mrs. Severy has also assisted in caring for other children who needed help, and her motherly interest and charitable disposition have found ample scope to do a great deal of good in this direction. She has been a member of the Baptist church ever since she united with it at the age of eighteen. Some time ago Mrs. Severy exchanged her farm for village property, and this she is now renting to good advantage.

THOMAS J. ALLEN, a prosperous agriculturist of Hartford, Oxford County, one who owes his success to his own enterprise and industry, was born here, May 10, 1831, a son of Thomas and Nancy (Cole) Allen — the father a native of Hartford, Me., and the mother of Plymouth, Mass.

Thomas Allen, first, his grandfather, was born in England, whence he came to America when a young man. The one-hundred-and-thirty-acre farm, on which the immigrant settled, is now owned by his grandson. It was then practically wild land, but its owner was a man of foresight and untiring diligence, and effected numerous improvements. To him belongs the credit of having set out the first fruit orchard in the town. He lived to a good age. In religious faith he was a Baptist, and in political affiliation a Whig. His eight children all grew to maturity, but none survive.

Thomas, his namesake, the father of the special subject of this sketch, also engaged in farming in Hartford for many years. He died in Livermore, Me., at the advanced age of eighty-seven, Nancy Cole Allen, his wife,

having lived to be but fifty-three years of age. Both were members of the Baptist church. In politics he was a Republican. They had ten children, four sons and six daughters, and six are now living; namely, Elizabeth, Nancy, Abigail, Sarah, Jane, and Thomas J. The deceased are: John C.; Betsy; Lucius, who was in the Third Maine Band, and died in service; and Emerson.

Thomas J. Allen, the youngest of the six surviving members of his father's family, grew to manhood in Hartford and Livermore, and was educated in the district schools of these towns. Since he was a boy of fifteen he has followed the trade of a carpenter. He also owns and carries on the farm that belonged to his Grandfather Allen.

In 1853 Mr. Allen was united in marriage with Miss Mary Walker, who died in September 20, 1868, leaving four sons; namely, Lucius F., Arthur B., Charles T., and Floyd F. Mr. Allen subsequently married Miss Deborah S. Doten, who was born in Hartford, a daughter of Timothy S. Doten. Three children were the fruit of this marriage, namely: Pearley and Myrton (deceased); and Lillian. Their mother died January 11, 1883, aged thirty-one years.

The Republican party has in Mr. Allen a staunch supporter. He belongs to the Masonic order, being a member of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, at Canton, and is an esteemed member of the Free Will Baptist church at Canton.

JESSE D. RUSSELL, an old and honored resident of Hanover village, was born here July 19, 1829, son of Elijah and Almira (Bean) Russell. His father, who was also a native of this town, after a well-spent life, the active years of which were devoted to farming, died here at the age of eighty-three. In politics Elijah Russell was a Republican; in religion a Methodist, having membership in the local society here. His wife, a native and a lifelong resident of Hanover died in her seventy-eighth year.

Jesse D. Russell remained with his parents during his minority. Having acquired in the

district school a thorough knowledge of the ordinary branches of study, was able to teach school himself for several years in the fall and winter. On coming of age he rented his father's farm for a time. In 1863 or 1864 he and his brother, William B. Russell, came to Hanover village and built a small tannery, in which he still owns a half-interest. Their specialty is the tanning of harness, boot, and strap leather. Mr. Russell also owns a small farm in Rumford, this county.

In September, 1869, Mr. Russell was joined in marriage with Miss Elsie Jordan, of Newry, this county. She died at the age of twenty-three years, leaving a daughter, Mary E., four months old. The latter is now the wife of Osmond Twitchell, a merchant of Hanover village. In June, 1875, Mr. Russell formed a second matrimonial alliance with Miss Betsey Wheeler, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Burbank) Wheeler. Her father, who was born in Gilead, Me., when a young man removed to New Hampshire, where he spent the rest of his life engaged in farming, and died aged seventy-six. Her mother, a native of Shelburne, N.H., lived but thirty-nine years. This second union of Mr. Russell's has been blessed by the birth of one son — Burchard J., who lives at home. In politics Mr. Russell is a staunch Republican, and takes much interest in local affairs. He has served in all the town offices. For the past twenty-five years he has been a member of the mutual insurance organization known as the Pilgrim Fathers.

**D**EACON EZRA B. HERSEY, a well-known and much respected resident of Waterford, Oxford County, Me., is a native of Manchester, N.H. He was born on the 26th of October, 1848, son of Asa J. and Sarah (Brown) Hersey. His father was a native of Waterford, and his mother of Boylston, Mass.

Asa J. Hersey learned the mason's trade at Ellsworth, Me., and worked at it all through this county. After his marriage he lived for a while in Manchester, N.H., working there as a mason; then he moved to Boylston, Mass., where he remained for some time. Finally, returning to Waterford, he took a

farm and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits summers and taught school winters. He was a noted and veteran teacher, having taught over thirty schools. Mr. Asa J. Hersey was a great mathematician in his time, and could solve problems in his head that other teachers tried in vain with slate and pencil. This gift he transmitted in great measure to his children and grandchildren. He died on the 16th of May, 1893. His widow is now residing with her second son in this town.

Asa J. Hersey had three children: Ezra B., above named; William A.; and Charles F. William A. Hersey, who was born in Waterford, married Marilla Lamb, of Charlestown, Mass., and lives in the southern part of the town, where he is a farmer. William A. Hersey and his wife have at the present time four children: Wilfred A., who was born April 4, 1880; George L., born August 23, 1881; Roxy L., born July 28, 1883, who is a sample of Maine girls, having tipped the beam at twelve years of age at the figures one hundred and forty, avoirdupois; and Sarah A., born September 20, 1888. Mr. William A. Hersey and wife are members of the Waterford Congregational church, of which he is Deacon. They are also members of the Bear Mountain Grange at South Waterford, of which he has been Master for the past two years, having the esteem of all connected with the church and grange. His younger brother, the Rev. Charles F. Hersey, born in Waterford, married Sarah Weeks, of Wakefield, N.H., and is now living in New Bedford, Mass., where he is city missionary.

Ezra B. Hersey, the elder of the three brothers, received his early education at the public schools of his native town, and then attended the High School at Norway. He remained on the home farm with his parents until his marriage, which took place on the 1st of November, 1875. Miss Mary L. Brown, of Norway, who on that date became Mrs. Hersey, was born on the 1st of May, 1853, the daughter of David and Sarah (Hill) Brown. Mr. Brown was a farmer of Norway, and his wife now lives with her son in Norway.

Deacon Hersey and his wife have had four children: Charles A., who was born on the 20th of August, 1878, and who works on the

farm with his father; Clara H., who was born on the 27th of June, 1880; Ida May, born on the 3d of December, 1889, who died on June 11, 1891; and Fannie L., born on the 13th of September, 1891.

After his marriage Deacon Hersey remained on his father's old farm until April 25, 1883, when he moved to the place which he now occupies, and where he and his family have lived ever since. This farm lies in North Waterford, and consists of about two hundred and sixty acres of fine land. Here he carries on practical agriculture, including stock-raising, dairying, and some lumbering in the season. He also does an extensive business in poultry raising, being the owner of a large and well stocked hennery, and has shown that he possesses as much enterprise as ability in successfully conducting these various interests. Mr. Hersey is a Republican in politics, having always voted with that party. For three years he was Superintendent of the School Committee of his town, whose educational interests he has always in view. The pursuit of husbandry having claimed so much of his time, it is natural that he should be connected with the order instituted in its behalf, and that he should be, as he is, a Granger, belonging to the Grange of Norway, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Hersey are allied in religious faith, both being members of the Congregational church of North Waterford, in which the former is a Deacon. Few are more generally esteemed as citizens and neighbors. Deacon Hersey's paternal grandmother was the first female child born in Waterford, his great-grandmother having been the first white woman brave enough to remain in the new settlement during the rigorous winter, transmitting to her descendants the heritage of courage and endurance which has come down to the present generation of Herseys.

**E**VERETT F DYKE, one of Chester-ville's most extensive farmers and fruit-growers, was born at the homestead where he now resides on August 23, 1854, son of Fuller and Abigail (Pierce) Dyke. He is a grandson of Fuller Dyke, Sr., who was a native of Bridgewater, Mass., and

came to Maine when a young man and settled upon one hundred and sixty acres of new land in the town of Buckfield.

Fuller Dyke, Sr., erected his log house, cleared up a good farm, and resided there until 1813. He then sold, and, removing to Canton, Me., bought a farm there, which he cultivated with energy until 1850, when he sold his property and removed to New Sharon. Having purchased a residence and fifty acres of land in the last named town, he remained there until his wife died. He then sold his homestead and passed the rest of his days with his son William in Chesterville, where he died October 29, 1863, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, six months, and twenty-five days. He married Jerusha Harlow, and had a family of fifteen children, as follows: Salmon; Fuller; Drusilla; Verrin; Cyrus, first; Cornelia; William; Betsey; Laodasea; Almeda; Cyrus, second; Lucinda; Lavonia; Sidney; and Samuel. Mrs. Jerusha H. Dyke died August 25, 1858, aged seventy-two years and two months.

Fuller Dyke, the younger, second son of Fuller, Sr., was born in Buckfield, January 28, 1811. When two years old he went with his parents to Canton, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits, residing there until becoming of age. He then went to Newton, Mass., and was employed by Deacon Fuller as a farm assistant for three years, and at the Newton Chemical Works for the same length of time. Returning to Canton he assisted his brother Cyrus in carrying on the home farm for one year. From this time forward he cultivated his own land. First purchasing a farm of one hundred acres in Livermore he lived on it fourteen years, and then selling this to Mr. Gill he purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Chesterville, which consists of a part of the homestead now owned by his son, Everett F. Later he added one hundred and thirty acres to the estate. He labored diligently to improve his circumstances and provide amply for his family, and by hard work he succeeded in gratifying his ambition in this respect. The entire active period of his life was one of usefulness; and he died at the homestead in this town, May 8, 1896, aged eighty-five years.

He served the town faithfully as Tax Collector during the years 1866, 1867, and 1868,

was a Democrat in politics, and attended the Calvinist Baptist church. His wife, Abigail Pierce, whom he married June 12, 1838, was a daughter of Jonas Pierce, of East Jaffrey, N.H. She became the mother of six children, as follows: Caroline A.; Abbie F.; Elbridge F.; Emily A.; Everett F.; and an infant, who lived only eleven days. Abbie F. Dyke married Samuel F. Hodgkins, of Tamworth, N.H., and died March 4, 1878, aged thirty-four years, leaving two children, namely: Leona M., who was born August 22, 1867, married George H. Stinchfield, of Farmington Falls, and has one son, Benjamin; and T. Frank, who was born March 29, 1874, married Edith Carter, and resides in Conway, N.H. Elbridge F. Dyke was born August 23, 1846, and died in infancy; and Emily A. was born February 14, 1849, and died September 26, 1863. Mrs. Abigail P. Dyke lived to reach the age of eighty-one years, and died January 21, 1896.

Everett F. Dyke began his education in the town schools of Chesterville, advanced in learning by attending a school at Farmington Falls, and then pursued a course of study at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill. His father gave him at the age of eighteen a deed of half the homestead, and a deed of the other half when he was twenty-one, making a full title to the property. Mr. Dyke has since devoted his time and energy to the cultivation and improvement of the ancestral acres. He has an orchard of thirty acres, containing over one thousand trees, mostly grafted fruit; and he cans and ships annually four hundred barrels of apples, which are sold in the markets of Boston and other cities. In connection with farming and fruit-raising he also deals quite extensively in live stock, which has netted him a good profit. He has made additions to his estate, and now owns four hundred acres of valuable land.

On June 18, 1875, Mr. Dyke married Lydia L. Crowell, daughter of Nathan and Hannah (Cousins) Crowell. Her father was a native of New Sharon, and her mother was born in Dover, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Dyke have six children, as follows: Ernest E., who was born March 11, 1876, and is residing at home; Loren H., who was born January 25, 1878;

Ada L., who was born April 20, 1882; Leona M., who was born September 17, 1884; Leroy F., who was born February 22, 1887; and Edith L., who was born January 13, 1894.

As an able and successful farmer, a man of good judgment, and a progressive citizen, Mr. Dyke is highly respected by his fellow-townpeople. His ability in public affairs has been displayed to good advantage in forwarding the best interests of the town during his long term of service as a member of the Board of Selectmen, to which body he has been elected by acclamation for nine consecutive years; and he has been Tax Collector since 1894. He is a Democrat in politics, and he attends the Free Will Baptist church.

**W**ALTER K. HAMLIN, proprietor of the Waterford Creamery, is one of the most enterprising citizens of Oxford County, Maine, actively interested in agriculture, trade, and manufacturing. He was born in Waterford, October 27, 1854, the son of Albert and Sarah K. (Woodsum) Hamlin.

The first of his immediate kinsfolk in this vicinity was his great-grandfather, America Hamlin, who came to Waterford from Harvard, Mass. He was married twice, and had ten children. America Hamlin, Jr., one of the ten, married Huldah Keyes, and had seven children. He settled on a ridge of land in South Waterford and cleared up a farm. Dying at the age of forty-eight years he left his son Albert, his first-born, to manage the homestead and provide for the family.

Albert Hamlin was at that time only nineteen years old, having been born on November 20, 1816. He spent his life on the homestead in Waterford, following the pursuit of agriculture. He died May 22, 1875. His wife, who was born in Harrison, Me., December 21, 1819, survived him nearly nineteen years, dying in Waterford, January 27, 1894. They were the parents of seven children. The eldest, Hattie, born September 13, 1846, is the wife of George W. Morgan, of Auburn, Me. Samantha, a year and a half younger, born April 4, 1848, is living in Bridgton, Me., with her second husband, J. F. Bennett. Her

first husband was T. C. Bell. The third child, Annie M., born February 3, 1850, was married July 8, 1874, to Oscar G. Fish, and is living in Lowell, Mass. The fourth, Mary, born May 28, 1852, was married March 27, 1873, to R. P. Bean, and lives in Acequa, Col. The next in order is Walter K., whose birth date has been mentioned. The sixth, James B., born March 14, 1857, was married March 12, 1884, to Miss Addie Atherton, and lives in South Waterford. The youngest, Cora J., born December 4, 1859, was married May 14, 1879, to W. F. Bell, who is now farming in Egan, Dak.

Walter K. Hamlin was given good educational advantages, finishing his studies at the high school. When he attained his majority he started in life for himself, going to New Haven, Conn., where he worked some five years and a half in the wheel department of the carriage shop of Henry Hook & Co. When he left their employ he received from them a high recommendation. Returning then to Waterford he took charge of the family homestead and devoted his attention wholly to farming. In 1882 he bought an adjoining farm, and in 1883 he became interested in the wheel manufactory of Waterford. Establishing the firm of W. K. Hamlin & Co. he inaugurated a prosperous business, at the same time attending to his farm. In 1887 he added to his property the wool carding mill in South Waterford village, which now, under his direction, has an extensive business; and on May 1, 1889, he in company with others, started a creamery in the village. Having purchased his partner's interest in May, 1893, he is now sole proprietor of the creamery, which has a capacity of one thousand pounds of butter a day, and is in a flourishing condition, supplying markets in the neighboring towns and in Boston. Mr. Hamlin also deals extensively in grain and flour. He owns a good farm of two hundred and fifty acres, much of which is under cultivation; and he has a beautiful residence in South Waterford village.

Mr. Hamlin was married September 9, 1878, to Clara J. Bell, who was born in Waterford, September 19, 1854, the daughter of Eben F. and Jane M. (Willard) Bell. Mr. Bell is a native of Albany, this county. He

has devoted his life to farming in Albany and Waterford, and is now living in the latter place. His wife, who was born in Waterford, has passed to the world beyond. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin have five children, namely: Alice M., born September 30, 1879, who is now away from home attending the academy; Jennie, born June 30, 1881; Flora G., born June 28, 1884; Carrie A., born April 30, 1886; and Albert W., born November 9, 1890.

For one who has had to make his own way in the world the success in business which Mr. Hamlin has already achieved is remarkable. Such industrial leaders are very helpful to the community in which they live. While not an active politician, Mr. Hamlin regularly votes the Republican ticket. He is a charter member of South Waterford Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and a member of Mount Tire'um Lodge, No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford, both he and his wife being connected with the order of the Eastern Star.

**W**ILLIAM S. PIERCE, an extensive farmer and dairyman of Norway, was born on his present homestead July 23, 1853, son of William C. and Aurelia (Upton) Pierce. His paternal grandfather, William Pierce, was born in New Gloucester, Cumberland County, September 27, 1787. The grandfather grew to maturity in the town of his birth. In 1812 he came to Norway, locating on land now the farm of his grandson, William S. He cleared a portion of the tract, which was heavily timbered, placing it in a fair state of cultivation. On June 23, 1825, he was accidentally killed by the falling of a tree. His wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Wells, was born August 23, 1790, and died August 21, 1875. They had six children, as follows: Simeon W., born January 24, 1813, who died April 9, 1877; William C., born February 15, 1815; Martha, born March 6, 1817, who died April 20, 1889; Arrie, born June 6, 1821, who died September 6, 1880; John W., born May 1, 1823, who died September 21, 1842; and Betsey, born January 24, 1827, who is the wife of M. O. French, of Norway.

William C. Pierce was a lifelong resident of

the home in which he was born. Although but a lad when his father was killed, he and Simeon, his eldest brother, took charge of the home farm, and, until his death, September 9, 1878, was there engaged in general farming. He was a man of prominence in the town, and was everywhere respected for his sterling integrity. His wife, in maidenhood Aurelia Upton, who was a native of Norway, died in this village, August 12, 1885, at an advanced age. The following is recorded of their ten children: Lucetta H., born May 8, 1843, died November 3, 1850; Roscoe W., born April 19, 1845, died September 16, 1847; Ashley F., born July 1, 1847, died November 11, 1850; Mary E., born May 18, 1849, died May 11, 1876; Harriet A., born May 28, 1851, died November 30, 1852; William S. is the subject of this sketch; Charles A., born December 15, 1854, died May 1, 1880; Abbie L., born December 2, 1857, married Walter Griswold, the manager of the gas works at Los Gatos, Cal., and died in November, 1895; Wesley C., born June 28, 1859, is a photographer in British Columbia; and Rose N., born October 23, 1861, married the late Arthur French, and died September 13, 1885.

William S. Pierce acquired a practical education in the common schools, and was well trained in agriculture on the homestead. On reaching man's estate he gave up farming for shook binding, at which he was employed until the death of his father. He and his brother jointly managed the farm for the following three years. At the end of that time William S. bought his brother's interest in the estate, and has since managed it most successfully. He carries on general agriculture and dairying, and makes a specialty of fruit-growing. His orchard is one of the largest and most prolific of any in Oxford County. Its yield of apples for one season was six hundred barrels. Politically, he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and he has acceptably served his townsmen in several town offices. He belongs to the Norway Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Both he and Mrs. Pierce are members of the Advent church.

On November 24, 1881, Mr. Pierce married Lucy Etta Brown, who was born November 18, 1859, in Norway, daughter of David Brown.

Mr. Brown was born in Pownal, Me., October 19, 1811. He married Sarah G. Hill, who was born in Yarmouth, this State, October 27, 1816. They had seven other children, namely: P. Ellen, born August 12, 1839, who died in April, 1882; Orin S., born September 19, 1841, who died October 7, 1847; Harland P., born November 1, 1843; Orin, born September 22, 1846; Alvin, born June 25, 1850; Mary L., born May 1, 1854; and Lizzetta, born October 3, 1856, who died April 5, 1863. Mr. Brown died November 26, 1866. His widow resides with her son Orin in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have had two children of their own, and have an adopted daughter. Their first child, Earl B., born October 8, 1884, died April 15, 1885. Their adopted daughter, Edith May, was born March 8, 1884. Their other child, Leoni Maud, a bright and interesting girl, was born November 5, 1888.

**J**OHAN H. ROBINSON, a prominent and influential citizen of Sumner, Me., was born here, March 25, 1838, a son of Leonard and Sophia (Sampson) Robinson. His grandfather, Joseph Robinson, who was born April 4, 1762, served in the Revolutionary War. Grandfather Robinson and his comrade, Meshach Keen, related many anecdotes of that famous struggle. To our Revolutionary heroes, who were none too well fed, the loss of a meal was generally a serious matter. One day Joseph was threatened with this disaster by a larger man, who had captured the dinner kettle, when Keen came to the rescue, and put the hungry raider to rout. Joseph served for a part of the time on a privateer, and was taken prisoner in an action off Halifax, N.S. After the close of the war he settled in Sumner, cleared a farm, and there worked industriously for the rest of his life. He died February 24, 1826. His wife, whose maiden name was Patty Spaulding, was born September 14, 1765, and died September 24, 1830. Of her nine children, the eldest, Rebecca, whose birth occurred March 18, 1785, was the first female white child born in Sumner. Rebecca died March 17, 1871. The other children were: Joseph, born May 26,

1787; Lydia, born October 16, 1789; Loammi, born January 16, 1792; Stephen R., born June 8, 1794; Patty, born July 10, 1796; Leonard, the father of John H.; Serene, born July 9, 1802; and Spaulding, born March 6, 1805.

Leonard Robinson, born in Sumner, May 10, 1800, was a lifelong resident of this town. He established a home for himself on a part of the old Robinson farm, and was successfully engaged in agriculture during his life. His first vote was cast in favor of the Whig party, and in the latter part of his life he was a staunch Republican. In religious belief he was a Universalist. He died in Sumner, July 7, 1871. His wife, Sophia, was born in Middleboro, Mass., January 27, 1799, and died in Sumner, May 21, 1865. They were the parents of four children—Sophia H., born November 6, 1823, now deceased; Marietta T., born April 28, 1825, who died January 25, 1838; Leonard S., born May 5, 1829, who died July 16, 1861; and John H., the subject of this sketch.

John H. Robinson acquired his education in the district schools of his native town. He then learned the mason's trade, at which he has worked up to the present time. He has also followed agriculture since early manhood, and has a good farm of ninety acres, on which he has made many improvements. His present prosperity has been well earned by hard work. Mr. Robinson was married July 24, 1859, to Sabrina R. Bryant, who was born April 2, 1838, daughter of Levi and Sabrina (Robinson) Bryant. Their children are: Henry M., born December 16, 1860, now residing in Buckfield, Me.; Sophia H., born August 31, 1866, the wife of Frank E. Foster, a farmer of Hartford, Me.; Lennie C., born April 27, 1873, a resident of Sumner; and J. Perley, born October 13, 1879, also residing in Sumner.

Mr. Robinson, who is a Republican, has served on the Board of Selectmen for nine years, five of them consecutively. He is a prominent member of Nezinscot Lodge, No. 104, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Buckfield; and of Union Grange, No. 80, Patrons of Husbandry, of East Sumner. Both he and Mrs. Robinson attend the Universalist church.

THE DYER BROTHERS, FRANK L. AND CHARLES E., the former of whom is railroad station agent in Strong, and the latter, an enterprising druggist of this town, are sons of Albion and Minerva (Luce) Dyer. Their grandfather, O. Israel Dyer, resided upon a farm in Strong for many years, and passed his last days in Freeport, Me. Grandfather Dyer successively married Mary Richards and Jeanette Pennell. The second wife, who was born January 30, 1808, died August 13, 1896, aged eighty-eight years. Albion Dyer, who was born in Strong, became a prominent merchant of this town, where he remained in business until 1888. He then moved to Topeka, Kan., and is now a clerk in a dry-goods store of that city. His wife, Minerva, who was born in New Vineyard, Me., is a daughter of Solomon Luce, a millwright of that town. She became the mother of four children, as follows: Fred A., born in 1852, who married a Miss Huntzinger, has three children, and is now a merchant in Golden, Col.; George, deceased; and Frank L. and Charles E., the subjects of this sketch.

Frank L. Dyer was born in New Vineyard, February 26, 1854. He acquired a common-school education, and at the age of eighteen he went to Lewiston, Me., to serve an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade with Richards & Merrill. A year and a half later he returned to Strong, and was thereafter a clerk in his father's store until 1880. He was then appointed station agent, in Strong, of the Sandy River Railroad Company. In 1884 he received a similar appointment from the Franklin & Megantic Railroad Company, whose line passes through Strong. He also acts as express and telegraph agent. He first wedded Marcia A. Dyer, daughter of William H. Dyer, a machinist of this town. She died January 18, 1890. On December 15, 1893, he contracted a second marriage with Cora E. Gates, daughter of Decatur and Maria Gates, of Lincoln, Me.

Charles E. Dyer was born in Strong, July 10, 1863. After attending the common schools in Strong he became a student at Washburn College, and then took a course at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. For

twelve years he was employed in the drug store of J. K. Jones, in Topeka, Kan., after which he returned to Strong for the purpose of recuperating his health. He was next employed by Shoemaker & Miller, druggists of Wichita, Kan., where he remained for a short time. Once more returning to his native town, he in 1894 bought out Richardson & Sherman, put into the store a full line of drugs, chemicals, confectionery, cigars, wall papers, etc., and has since done a profitable business. In addition to being a first-class druggist and apothecary, Mr. Dyer possesses business ability.

Both brothers are Republicans in politics, and members of Marathon Lodge, No. 96, Knights of Pythias. Frank L. Dyer is a member of the Congregationalist church.

**G**EORGE A. BRIGGS, of the firm Briggs & Farrar, meat dealers of South Paris, was born in the town of Paris, Oxford County, May 13, 1852, son of Samuel and Mehitabel R. (Smith) Briggs. His grandfather, Jesse Briggs, served in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted, according to the record, on June 10, 1780, being then twenty-one years old. Jessie came from Wareham, Mass., and settled on the centre lot of the township of Paris. Selecting the site near a good spring of fresh water, he built a log house and a barn, and thereafter devoted his attention to clearing and cultivating his land. At that time the settlers were few and far between, the district was practically a part of the wilderness still, and wild animals were numerous and aggressive. To protect his stock from raids by the latter, Grandfather Briggs had to build a high log pen. Yet, the story is told that, on one night, a bear managed to get into the pen. Bruin was in the act of killing a yearling heifer, when Jesse, who had been awakened from sleep by the riot in the pen, scantily dressed as he was, attacked the brute with a sled stake, and fought for the heifer until morning. A man of powerful physique weighing over two hundred and twenty-five pounds, he killed the bear and saved his heifer, but at the expense of several wounds and much loss of blood. Laborious

and full of hardships though his life was, it did not terminate until he reached an advanced age. His wife, Naomia, who was a daughter of Robert Bailey, of New Gloucester, Cumberland County, made him the father of twelve children. These were: Polly, Simeon, Jessie, Alanson, Thankful, Lucinda, Martha, Joseph, Sally, Celia, Samuel, and Emeline.

Samuel Briggs, who was born in 1806, early in life began dealing in cattle. When the railroad was building he did a large business by butchering meat, and supplying it to the men engaged on the work. He also owned and successfully carried on a farm of two hundred acres. His sterling character earned for him the high esteem of the community. He was a member of the Baptist Church at Paris Hill, and in politics he was a Democrat. While bathing June 16, 1872, he was drowned, having reached the age of sixty-six years. His wife, who was a daughter of Archibald and Lydia (Hammond) Smith, survived him until 1895, when she died, aged eighty-six years. They had nine children; namely, John, Naoma, Samuel F., Abbie W., Hiram H., Jane M., Lucinda A., Angeline A., and George A.

After finishing his education, being then of age, George A. Briggs engaged in the meat business in the employment of his brother, Samuel F. After some time, having acquired a thorough knowledge of the trade, he entered into a partnership with his brothers, Samuel F. and Hiram H., with whom, under the firm name of Briggs Brothers, he carried on a prosperous business until 1884. In this year he bought out the interests of his brothers, and was sole proprietor for the ensuing two years. He then disposed of a half-interest to W. W. Farrar. His new partner had held his interest but a short time when he sold it to W. L. Farrar. However, in 1893, W. W. Farrar repurchased it, and since then the *personnel* of the firm has remained unchanged. Messrs. Briggs & Farrar are the leading meat dealers in the town. They also are profitably engaged in shipping stock to Boston and Portland. The market on Western Avenue was built by Mr. Briggs on a lot that he had previously purchased. In 1885 he bought the Robert Skillings farm near the court-house, and in



the following year he erected upon it a house and barn, with other buildings.

On April 22, 1876, Mr. Briggs was united in matrimony with Miss Cora Skillings, daughter of Frank H. and Ellen (Dunn) Skillings. He is now the father of two children, namely: Cassie Gladden, born April 26, 1879, now a member of this year's graduating class of the Paris Academy; and Carl Skillings, born March 1, 1886. In political contests Mr. Briggs votes in favor of the Democratic candidates. He is a member of Paris Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M. Formerly he had affiliation with Mount Micah Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

CLINTON P. HUBBARD, M.D., a well-known physician of Lovell, Me., who has a large practice throughout the western part of Oxford County, was born in Hiram, this county, April 9, 1849, son of Thomas L. and Mary Jane (Mason) Hubbard. Thomas L. Hubbard was a native of Hiram, and — with the exception of a short period spent in East Fryeburg, Me., and about four years which he spent in California engaged in mining, going there in 1852 — his entire life was passed in that town. His regular occupation, however, was farming. A worthy, upright man, and a useful citizen, he was one who gained the good will of all with whom he came in contact. He married Mary Jane Mason, a native of Porter, and they reared a family of three children, namely: Clinton P., the subject of this sketch; Elwin T., who married Nellie Churchill, of Madison, N.H., was for ten years physician in Rochester, N.H., where he had a large practice, and died in December, 1894; Lansing H., who married Iza Fessenden, and is now following the painter's trade in Hiram, Me. Thomas L. Hubbard died in Hiram, October 18, 1871, and his wife, September 2, 1877.

Clinton P. Hubbard began his education in the common schools of Hiram, and subsequently took a two years' course at the Limington Academy. At the age of twenty-one he located in Hiram village, where he worked in a saw-mill for a time, and was also employed in the manufacture of axe handles. When

thirty-two years old he commenced the study of medicine, and in 1884 was graduated from the medical department of Bowdoin College. Returning to Hiram, he practised his profession for one year. On September 15, 1885, he moved to Lovell, where the only resident physician at that time was an aged Dr. Isaac Chandler, who had been settled there about forty years, and who died three years later. Purchasing the property formerly owned by Dr. French, Dr. Hubbard thus began practice in this town under the most favorable circumstances. He has acquired and retained a large and profitable practice, which is distributed over a wide circuit, and his professional career has been successful from the start.

On July 6, 1870, Dr. Hubbard was united in marriage with Esther J. Wentworth, who was born in Hiram, February 12, 1851, daughter of William and Lavinia (Cram) Wentworth. Her father, who was a native of Hiram, is no longer living. Her mother, who was born in Baldwin, Me., still survives, and resides in her native town. Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard have three children, namely: Fanny L., born April 9, 1871; Carrie, E., born February 12, 1877; and Elwin T., born December 16, 1879, all of whom are residing at home. Politically, Dr. Hubbard is a Democrat. He has been a member of the Board of Health, but is not an aspirant for public office in general, as he believes that he can be of the greatest benefit to the community by giving his undivided attention to his professional duties. He is a member of Delta Lodge, No. 153, A. F. & A. M., of Lovell; Keazar Valley Lodge, No. 66, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and he was connected with the lodge of Knights of Pythias, which formerly existed in Lovell. He is widely and favorably known throughout this part of the county.

RATHAN W. MILLETT, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of the town of Norway, Oxford County, was born December 5, 1834, on the farm where he now lives. He is of pioneer ancestry, his grandfather, John Millett, who was born in 1767, having settled in the southern part of this town when a young man, here tak-

ing up a timbered tract, which he cleared and improved.

Nathan Millett, son of John and father of Nathan W., was one of a family of eleven children born to his parents. After his marriage he removed from the home farm to the northern part of Norway, where he purchased a tract of wild land, from which he redeemed a good farm. Having placed a portion of it under cultivation, he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in March, 1890. His wife, whose maiden name was Mercy Sampson, was born in Massachusetts, but was reared to womanhood in the village of Norway, whither her father, a cooper by trade, came when she was an infant. She died December 3, 1863, leaving five children, of whom the following is a brief record: Harriet R., the widow of Benjamin Bird, lives in the town of Paris, Oxford County; Maria Louisa is the wife of C. N. Porter, of South Paris; Nathan W., afore mentioned, lives in Norway; Martha M. is the wife of Franklin Porter, of Paris, Me.; and Julia E. lives with her sister, Mrs. Bird.

Nathan W. Millett was educated in the schools of Oxford County, and from his earliest youth has worked on the old Millett homestead, which he now owns and occupies. Early choosing farming as his life work, he has labored diligently to add to the improvements begun by his parents, and has now a valuable farm of three hundred and seventy acres, much of his land being in a good state of cultivation. He keeps for dairy purposes a fine herd of Durham cattle, and sells the rich cream in the village of West Paris.

Mr. Millett was married May 11, 1866, to Miss E. Augusta Noyes, who was born in Norway, February 28, 1844, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Southern) Noyes, both natives of the city of Portland. Mr. Noyes was a book-binder, and worked at his trade in his native city until 1843, when he removed to this town, where he continued actively engaged in his vocation until his death, March 16, 1888, having outlived his wife but a month and two days. Mr. and Mrs. Millett have five children, all at present devoted to educational work. They are: Robert N., who is now teaching in West Rockport, Me.;

Mercie E., a teacher in the town of Norway; Susie L., teaching in the village; and Gertrude A. and Hattie W., who are both attending school.

Politically, Mr. Millett is a strong Republican, and a prominent man of his native town, in which he has held the office of Selectman, besides serving in various minor official positions. He is Past Master of the Norway Grange, and an active member of the Pomona Grange, of Norway, of which he has been Chaplain the past five years. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

**HENRY WEBSTER**, who owns and occupies one of the most productive farms in East Wilton, situated about one-quarter of a mile from the village, was born in the northern part of this town, January 9, 1837, son of Thomas E. and Lois (Scales) Webster. Mr. Webster's grandfather, Abel Webster, was a prosperous farmer of Weare, N.H., and his father was born in that town and State, February 25, 1806. At the age of twenty-one Thomas E. Webster settled upon a farm in the northern part of Wilton, where he resided until 1852. He then bought a ninety-acre wood-lot covered with a second growth of timber, and converted it into the farm now occupied by his son Henry. The proceeds of the timber, which he sold to the woollen factory in East Wilton, paid for the erection of as fine a set of farm buildings as can be found in this section to-day. By setting out maple trees for shade, and otherwise beautifying the grounds surrounding the residence, he has made of the property a handsome estate. The same careful attention paid to the rest of the property enabled him to realize his desire of possessing a model farm. He passed his last days in the enjoyment of the fruits of his labor, and died in 1870. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen for four years. A worthy upright man he gained the sincere respect of the community. His wife, Lois (Scales) Webster, whom he married October 3, 1830, was born in Wilton, May 29, 1810. They had

six children, as follows: Susan B., who was born June 29, 1831; Anna M., who was born February 22, 1833; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Volina M., who was born July 18, 1841; Vanander, who was born July 8, 1846; and Octavia C., who was born January 21, 1858. The mother died January 2, 1864.

Henry Webster acquired his education in the public schools of Wilton. He assisted his father in carrying on the farm. Having cared for his parents during their declining years he succeeded to the homestead. Continuing to make improvements he keeps well advanced in the line of progress. Besides repairing the buildings he has added more land to the estate. He keeps a herd of excellent stock, a flock of one hundred and thirty-five sheep, and pays careful attention to a fine orchard.

Mr. Webster has been twice married. On November 6, 1876, he wedded for his first wife Laura Russell, daughter of Isaac Russell. She died young, leaving no children. His present wife, in maidenhood Achsa J. Weeks, was born March 6, 1849, daughter of Abel H. Weeks. By this union there are three children, namely: Celia L., who was born September 2, 1879; Glenn H., who was born September 19, 1882; and Addie O., who was born October 16, 1886.

Mr. Webster is a Democrat in politics, and has most acceptably rendered his share of service to the community. In his religious belief he is a Free Will Baptist; while Mrs. Webster favors the Methodist Episcopal church.

**C**HARLES N. TUBBS, senior member of the firm of C. N. Tubbs & Co., of Norway, was born here August 27, 1837, son of James and Hannah J. (Wentworth) Tubbs, and is descended from one of the pioneer families of Norway, his great-grandfather, Jacob Tubbs, a native of Bingham, having been the first to settle on Lee's grant, coming from Hebron to this town about the year 1795, and receiving a deed of land direct from Mr. Lee. His wife, whose maiden name was Jemima Churchill, bore him four sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob, Jr.; Angier; Hannah; Charles; Sally; and

Samuel. Angier Tubbs, the grandfather of Charles N., was born in Hebron, January 18, 1785, and was therefore about ten years old when, with his parents, he came to Norway. He became a farmer, and cleared up a good-sized farm. He married Miss Philena Packard, and they had nine children: James; Eunice; Charles; Jacob; Philena; Mary Ann, who died when less than two years of age; Orrin; Mary Ann; and Nathan N.

James Tubbs was born here in Norway, January 5, 1809. He taught school for a time, but in early manhood purchased a tract of heavily timbered land at the head of the lake. After clearing it up and bringing a large part of it into a state of cultivation he sold it and purchased another large farm, selling this also a few years later and removing to Gorham, N.H., where he engaged in the meat, provision, and grocery business, taking into partnership a little later his son, Charles N. Tubbs. They carried on the business there up to 1873, when they sold out and returned to Norway, establishing the present firm of C. N. Tubbs & Co., with which the father was associated until his death, October 26, 1884. He was a Democrat in politics, and while in Gorham served on the Board of Selectmen. A liberal in religious views he was always a free giver to the Congregational and Methodist Episcopal churches. He married Hannah J. Wentworth, who was born April 1, 1811, and is still remarkably active. A kind and loving mother and a wise counsellor in her husband's business affairs, she has led a life of noble deeds and thoughtfulness for others. Her father, Samuel F. Wentworth, was a successful farmer of Gloucester, Me.

Charles Newell Tubbs, the only child, received his education here in Norway. As a young man, during the quiet winter months passed in his parental home, he took up the work of building carriages, at which he engaged until he entered into partnership with his father in the meat and provision business at Gorham, N.H. He subsequently sold his interest and went into the dry-goods business at Gorham with his uncle, Orrin Tubbs, with whom he continued five and a half years, withdrawing at that time on account of impaired health. After a season of rest, on March 26,

1873, he returned to Norway, and with his father bought a lot and erected a building in which they started a general store. After the death of his father, Mr. Tubbs conducted the business alone up to 1890, when he entered into partnership with C. S. Akers. This association continued till 1893. Purchasing his partner's interest Mr. Tubbs was again alone in business for a year, and then he took as partners Orrin and G. E. Tubbs, the name of the firm being C. N. Tubbs & Co., as above mentioned. They have enlarged the store, and to-day are among the leading dealers in general merchandise in the county. Mr. Tubbs has built several houses, two of which were destroyed in the fire of 1893. He now owns two double tenement-houses, a block of tenements and store; and is closely identified with the business interests of the town in other ways, being a stockholder and Director of the shoe factory and railroad company, President and Director of the National Bank, and one of the trustees of the Savings Bank.

Mr. Tubbs has twice married. His first matrimonial union was with Miss Abbie J. Crockett, a daughter of Ephraim Crockett. She was the mother of four children: Inez M., born July 14, 1875; James M., born September 8, 1880; Idonia C., born March 30, 1882; and Oscar J., born March 8, 1886. Mr. Tubbs married for his second wife Mrs. Leona G. Kilgore, a daughter of Lewis Brackett, of Harrison, Me.

In politics Mr. Tubbs is a Democrat. He is a member of the Congregational church, of Norway Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Union Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**H**ON. ECKLEY T. STEARNS, of Lovell Centre, Me., is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Oxford County. He was born in Lovell township, August 30, 1843, a son of Caleb and Eliza W. (Russell) Stearns, both natives of Lovell. His grandfather, David Stearns, who was originally from the vicinity of Boston, Mass., settled in Lovell at an early date.

Caleb Stearns, who was born in 1810, son of David, settled after his marriage in the vil-

lage of Lovell Centre, and lived here for some time. He then moved to a farm at some distance, and was actively engaged in the pursuit of agriculture until 1866. Retiring in that year he returned to the Centre, where he was residing at the time of his death, April 1, 1881. His wife, who was born March 1, 1820, and is now seventy-six years of age, is living with her son Eckley T. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Stearns was brightened by the birth of seven children—Marcellus L., Augustus W., Timothy S., Eckley T., Rensalier C., Frank C., and Georgiana. Marcellus L., who was born April 29, 1839, entered Waterville College in 1859, enlisted in Company E, Twelfth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, as a private, was promoted to First Lieutenant and Brevet Major for meritorious service, and lost his right arm in the battle of Winchester. He was a man of character and ability, and was Governor of Florida four years. His death occurred in 1891. Governor Stearns married Miss Ellen Walker, who is now living in Baltimore, Md. Augustus W., born September 5, 1840, died July 20, 1860. Timothy S., born March 30, 1842, also served in the late war, in Company E, Twelfth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, and, being incarcerated five months in a rebel prison, suffered much injury to his health. He died January 10, 1895. His wife, who was Miss Serena F. Stearns, has also passed away. Eckley T. is the subject of this sketch. Rensalier C.—who was born July 26, 1845, also served in the late war in Company E, Twelfth Regiment, Maine Volunteers—is engaged in the sale of general merchandise in Quincy, Fla. He married Miss Ida Jones. Frank C., born November 23, 1852, who is in the hardware business at Hot Springs, Ark., married Miss Maggie Smith. Georgiana, born October 18, 1859, died November 19, 1864.

Eckley T. Stearns enjoyed good educational advantages in his youth, attending the academies at North Bridgton and Fryeburg. He helped his father about the farm until after the war broke out; and in September, 1862, he enlisted for nine months as a private in Company H, Twenty-third Regiment of Maine Volunteers, under Captain Noyes. He was more fortunate than his brothers, for he was

neither wounded nor taken prisoner, but, receiving his discharge near Alexandria, Va., in January, 1863, returned to Lovell unhurt. He then resumed his studies, attending school until 1866; and in that year started a general merchandise business in Lovell Centre. In 1883 he sold his stock in trade and went to Hot Springs, Ark., where he remained six years, being four years of that time in the hardware business with his brother. In 1893 he returned to Lovell and settled on the old Stearns farm. He owns a fine estate of three hundred acres, and also other land in the township, and is actively engaged in general farming. His dwelling on Main Street, Lovell Centre, is one of the handsomest residences in the locality.

On September 22, 1872, Mr. Stearns was united in marriage with Anna L., daughter of Henry and Lucy A. (Stearns) Russell, of Lovell. Mr. Russell, who was a carpenter, died in February, 1893. His wife resides in Lovell Centre. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns have three children: Marcellus W., born September 12, 1873; Alice A., born September 30, 1882; and Edward T., born July 5, 1886.

Mr. Stearns is one of the prominent Republicans of the State of Maine. He was in the State Senate in 1882 and 1883, and in his native town he has served as Selectman for a number of years and presided as Chairman of the Board four years, besides filling a number of minor offices. He belongs to Pythagorean Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 11, of Fryeburg, Me.; to Oriental Lodge of the same order in Bridgton; and to St. Albans Commandery, Knights Templars, of Portland. As an Odd Fellow he belongs to Kezar Valley Lodge, No. 66, of Lovell; and as a Grand Army man he is a member of Parker Post, No. 151, of Lovell Centre. He and his wife and family are members of the Congregational church at the Centre, and are actively interested in church work.

**L**ESLIE E. MCINTIRE and his brother, BERTRAND G. MCINTIRE, well-known cattle dealers of Waterford, Me., are among the largest buyers and shippers of live stock in this section of

the State. They are the sons of Justin E. and Amanda (Johnson) McIntire, the former of whom is a retired cattle dealer and lumberman and a prominent resident of Waterford, a sketch of whose career, together with an account of the family ancestry, will be found elsewhere in this work. Like their father the McIntire Brothers are industrious, energetic business men, who devote their entire attention to their enterprise, which includes the buying and shipping of cattle, sheep, lambs, and hogs, the stock finding a ready market in Portland, Me., and in Massachusetts. They have rapidly advanced to a firm business footing, and have established a high reputation for practical ability, good judgment, and honorable methods.

Leslie E. McIntire was born in Norway, Oxford County, September 5, 1858. He acquired a good practical education in the schools of his native town, and resided at home assisting his father until reaching his majority, when he engaged in business for himself with the above mentioned result. On February 1, 1880, he was united in marriage with Edith R. Sawin, who was born in Waterford, January 31, 1861, daughter of Thomas H. and Chloe E. (Sampson) Sawin, both natives of Waterford. Thomas H. Sawin was for many years engaged in farming in this town; but in 1880 he entered mercantile pursuits at North Waterford, where he carried on a profitable trade until 1895, when he retired. He is now living in Norway village. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. McIntire have two children: Clayton S., who was born July 21, 1882; and Lulu G., who was born March 28, 1884.

Bertrand G. McIntire was born in Norway, Me., October 27, 1866. After completing his studies he also, until becoming of age, was engaged in helping his father. He then entered into partnership with his brother in the live stock business, with which he has since been identified, and has developed an energy and ability which are of great value.

On June 2, 1890, he married Alice Sawin, who was born in Waterford, June 25, 1867, and is a sister of his brother's wife.

The McIntire brothers are both members of Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford. In politics

they are active supporters of the Democratic party, and Leslie E. McIntire has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years.

**H**IRAM GATCHELL, one of the foremost citizens of Brownfield, Me., an admirable specimen of the thrifty and prosperous New Englander, was born in South Monmouth, Kennebec County, Me., August 28, 1829, son of Benjamin and Judith (Jackson) Gatchell.

His father, Benjamin Gatchell, who was a native of Brunswick, Me., was brought up to agricultural work, and in early manhood settled upon a farm in South Monmouth. Later in life he moved to Winthrop, in this State, and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1854. He was twice married. By his first wife, a Miss Hall before marriage, he had six children, named respectively Priscilla, Rebecca, Catherine, Josiah, Deborah, and Rachel. Catherine and Josiah were twins, as were also Deborah and Rachel. The first five are no longer living. Rachel Gatchell married James Burke, a native of Litchfield, Me., and is now a resident of Lee, Penobscot County, Me.

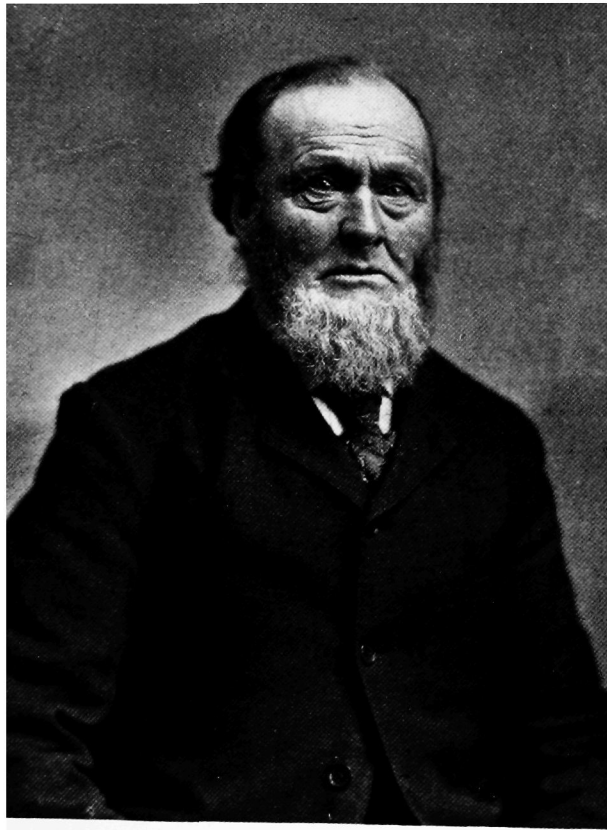
His first wife dying, Mr. Benjamin Gatchell married for his second wife Mrs. Judith Jackson Small, widow of Isaac Small, a native of Limington, Me. She was the mother of three children by Mr. Small, namely: Samuel; Zana, who became the wife of Eben Sawyer, of Baldwin, Me.; and Luther, who died soon after the close of the Civil War, in which he served in the Union forces with the rank of Lieutenant. By her union with Mr. Gatchell she had six children—Isaac, Mary A., Alexander, Hiram, Maria L., and Lucy. Isaac Gatchell was twice married, first to a Miss Folsom, and after her death to a Miss Farnum, of Winthrop. He is now a prosperous farmer in Monmouth. Mary A. Gatchell married Darius Blake, of Cambridge, Mass., and both have departed this life. Alexander is also a successful farmer of Monmouth. He married Annette Strout, who is now deceased. Maria L. is the widow of Silas Strout, and resides with her children in Minneapolis. Lucy, now

deceased, married Lemuel Snow, of Somerville, Mass. Mrs. Judith J. Gatchell, the mother of these children, died in 1860. The father was a veteran of the War of 1812-14.

Hiram Gatchell, the youngest son, and the special subject of this sketch, received his elementary education in the common schools and pursued more advanced studies at a private school. At the age of nineteen he engaged in manufacturing shoes with his brother in Wales, Me., and remained in that business for six years. He then went to Racine, Wis., where for a year and a half he was occupied in farming. Returning to Maine and settling in Baldwin, for about thirty years he carried on farming and lumbering in that locality; but in 1887 he removed to a farm located near East Brownfield village, and four years later to his present residence. He owns several thousand acres of wild land, and is still extensively engaged in lumbering.

Although a very busy man during his long active career Mr. Gatchell has found time to render his share of official service to the community. While a resident of Cumberland County he was a Justice of the Peace, and he represented the towns of Baldwin and Standish in the legislature. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen in Brownfield in 1892, and is now Chairman of the Board of Health and Surveyor of Lumber. His first Presidential vote was cast for Franklin Pierce in 1852, but he has been affiliated with the Republican party since its formation. He is connected with Ossipee Valley Lodge, No. 54, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Cornish, Me., and with the order of Good Templars. His business ability and long experience have been of great service in assisting to develop the natural resources of this region; and as a leading representative of an important industry he occupies a prominent position among the residents of Brownfield.

On November 1, 1852, Mr. Gatchell was united in marriage with Mary S. Given, who was born in Corinna, Me., June 24, 1833, a daughter of John and Hannah (Small) Given. Her parents were natives of Wales, Me., whence in middle life they removed to Corinna, where they ended their days. Mr. and Mrs. Gatchell have had nine children, namely:



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Willis L. ; Carrie L. ; Marion F. ; Mary S. ; Cora and Flora, twins ; Helen S. ; Hannah C. and Georgie F., twins. Willis L. Gatchell is now a practising physician of this town. Carrie L. is the wife of Joseph H. Bachelidor, of Sebago, and has one child, Arthur Willis. Marion F. married Z. O. Wentworth, a meat dealer of Fryeburg, and has one son, Herbert Hiram. Mary S. married M. C. Dow, and resides in Lodi, Cal. She has two children -- Eva May and Clarence Gatchell. Helen S. died February 20, 1889. The children were all educated at the Fryeburg Academy, and the four daughters residing at home are teachers in the public schools of Brownfield.

**S**ERGEANT WILLIAM R. KNEELAND, a prosperous farmer of Lovell, Oxford County, is one of our war-scarred veterans. He was born November 14, 1840, in the town of Sweden, this county, and is a son of William H. and Mary (Giles) Kneeland. His grandfather, David Kneeland, settled on a farm in Sweden township when his son, William H., was one year old, and there passed the rest of his life. William H. Kneeland, born in Bridgton, Me., was reared in Sweden, and there spent the greater part of his life engaged in agriculture. His wife, who was a native of Shapleigh, Me., died in 1879. After this event he went to live with a daughter in Lynn, Mass., at whose home he died in May, 1883, being then over eighty years of age. His children were: Mary, deceased, who was the wife of William E. Delano; Dorcas, deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Trull, also deceased; Elizabeth D., the wife of Hiram R. Swain, of Rumford Centre, Me.; Sarah G., the widow of Joseph Barrett, living in Stoneham, Mass.; Cordelia, the wife of F. G. Lorendo, of Lynn, Mass.; William R., the subject of this sketch; Flora P., the wife of David Walker, of Lynn, Mass.; and a child who died in infancy.

William R. Kneeland received a common-school education. On his twenty-first birthday, November 14, 1861, he enlisted at Sweden, Me., as a private in Company B, Twelfth Maine Regiment of Volunteer Infan-

try, under Captain S. B. Packard. He joined the ranks as a three-years man, and was in active service most of the time. The Twelfth Regiment was organized in Portland, November 16, 1861, and under the command of Colonel Kimball was assigned to the Second Brigade, Fourth Division. It left for Lowell, Mass., November 24, and embarked on a south-bound steamer, January 12, 1862. It was consolidated with General Butler's New England Division, and took part in its first battle in the extreme South. In December, 1863, Mr. Kneeland was promoted to the rank of Corporal. On May 27, 1863, during an engagement at Port Hudson, he received a gunshot wound in the left leg below the knee, which confined him to the hospital for three months. On his recovery he went home on furlough for sixty days. Returning to his company at Carrollton, La., December 1, he was honorably discharged December 31, 1863. He re-listed January 1, 1864, joining Company D, Twelfth Maine Regiment, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on July 22 of the same year. After receiving his final discharge at Savannah, Ga., April 18, 1866, he returned to Sweden, and, purchasing a farm in that town, he lived there until 1879. In that year he bought the Eastman farm in Lovell, his present home, an estate of forty acres, in the management of which he has been very successful. He also owns other land in the township.

Mr. Kneeland was married July 4, 1861, to Miss Mary Parker, of Lovell, who was born in December, 1840, daughter of Levi Parker, a well-to-do farmer of Lovell. She died May 27, 1864; and on January 25, 1868, Mr. Kneeland was united to Miss Marilla J. Sanderson, of Sweden, Me., who was born in 1849. Her father was Edwin Sanderson, a farmer of Sweden. She died June 11, 1885, leaving two children, namely: Lillian, who was born February 25, 1869, now the wife of Arthur Mason, and residing near her father; and Fred Gustavus, who was born June 5, 1874, now a student in Bowdoin College. Mr. Kneeland contracted a third marriage, September 2, 1886, with Miss Sarah P. Keniston, of Lovell. She was born August 2, 1843, and is a daughter of William and Caroline (Harris-



man) Keniston, both of Lovell. Her father, who was a farmer, died in December, 1878, while her mother is living in Lovell. Mr. Kneeland, who is a Democrat, has served as Selectman of Lovell. He is a member of Delta Lodge, No. 153, A. F. & A. M., of Lovell village; and of Parker Post, No. 151, Grand Army of the Republic, of Lovell Centre. Well known throughout the locality, he is highly esteemed, and has many friends.

**J**AMES GLOVER, a successful farmer and stock trader of the town of Hartford, Oxford County, was born in Hartford, on his present farm, July 19, 1827, son of James and Anna (Bonney) Glover. The family has been American for more than two and a half centuries. Its founder, John Glover, who was born in England, August 12, 1600, settled in Boston, Mass., about the year 1628. His death occurred in that place on November 12, 1653. James Glover, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born September 22, 1748, in Pembroke, Mass., son of Robert and Bethiah Glover. A ship carpenter by trade, and a good general mechanic and industrious, he was successful in his undertakings. He came to this county in 1803, and was one of the early settlers of Sumner, where he reclaimed and cultivated a farm. In politics he was a Whig, in religious belief a Universalist. He died in Sumner, December 12, 1846, lacking but two years of completing a century of life. His wife, Ruth, a daughter of Robert Stetson, of Pembroke, Mass., was born September 29, 1772, and died July 22, 1837. She was the mother of three sons and one daughter, who all attained maturity. They were: Nathaniel S., born March 20, 1793; James, born September 27, 1796; Joshua S., born November 29, 1806; and Caroline, born December 11, 1813.

James Glover, Sr., who was also a native of Pembroke, Mass., in 1824, settled on the land now occupied by his son. At that time it was wild and unimproved, and he devoted the rest of his life to its development and cultivation.

The property, which at first covered one hundred and twenty-five acres, was extended

by him from time to time until it became one of the largest estates in the locality. He began to take an interest in politics as a member of the Whig party, but in the latter part of his life he was a Democrat. Reared a Universalist, he became interested in Spiritualism, and died in that belief. This event occurred on the homestead May 29, 1873. His wife, who was born in the town of Sumner, April 16, 1797, died on the Hartford farm June 8, 1885. They had eight children, namely: Susan, born January 29, 1820, now residing in Lewiston, Me.; Charles, born February 27, 1822, now in Hartford; Benjamin F., born March 30, 1825, in Illinois; James, the subject of this sketch; John T., born March 7, 1832, who lives in Hartford; Ruth, who was the twin sister of John T., and died in 1837; Sewell, born April 10, 1835, who died in 1886; and George Q., born September 4, 1838, who died March 12, 1842.

James Glover was educated in the common schools of his native town. He began to earn his own livelihood when eighteen years of age, obtaining work in a shoe factory in Massachusetts at very good wages. After five years of steady employment, during which he had carefully husbanded his earnings, he returned to Hartford, and purchased the old homestead. This was in 1850, forty-six years ago. Mr. Glover has since made many improvements on the farm, and has added to it, so that, with the additions made by his father, it now covers two hundred acres. During all this time he has been successfully engaged in mixed husbandry, and in raising and trading in cattle. He is looked upon as one of the leading farmers of the locality.

Mr. Glover was married April 21, 1850, to Miss Cynthia E. Crockett, a native of Hartford, born May 4, 1832, daughter of John and Cynthia (Morell) Crockett. They have two daughters — Adaline E., born in Hartford, November 30, 1851; and Bertie H., born October 2, 1868. The elder is the wife of Israel F. Gammon a farmer and carpenter of Sumner, and has two sons — James Glover Gammon; and one not yet named. Bertie H. Glover is married to Oscar E. Turner, and she and her husband reside with her parents. Mr. Glover votes the Democratic ticket. He is a believer

in the teachings of the Universalist church, while Mrs. Glover is a Spiritualist.

**F**REMONT E. TIMBERLAKE, the present Bank Examiner for the State of Maine, was born in Livermore, July 18, 1856, son of Nathan and Adelia (Millett) Timberlake. Mr. Timberlake's family trace their ancestry back to two brothers who came from London at an early date, one settling in Massachusetts Colony, the other going South. James Timberlake, grandfather of Fremont E., came to Maine from Massachusetts in the year 1800, and settled in Livermore. He cleared the farm which has since remained in possession of the family, and at the present time is owned by Asa G. Timberlake, brother of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Timberlake's early life was spent on the farm, and his early education was obtained in the common schools of his native town and at Monmouth and Wilton Academies. He taught school winters, and was at one time assistant in Bethel Academy. Having decided on the practice of law as his permanent profession, he entered the office of Hutchinson & Savage, Lewiston, Me., in 1879, was admitted to the bar early in the summer of 1883, and opened an office in Phillips, Me., where he has since resided. Diligent and capable, it was not long before he built up a large and varied practice, his candor, his fairness, his zeal in the advocacy of the claims of his clients, when assured their claims were just, soon causing him to obtain the respect and confidence of all. Much of his legal work for several years has been in connection with the railroads of this section of the State. He is Attorney of the Sandy River Railroad, and it was largely through his influence that the Phillips & Rangeley Road was built. During the construction of the latter road he was its Treasurer. He has always been its attorney and one of the Directors, and he was recently elected General Ticket Agent, and re-elected Treasurer. As a business man his abilities have been generally recognized, and the public have full confidence in his judgment. For eleven years he was Treasurer of Phillips Savings Bank, and one of its Trustees. In

1895 he was appointed State Bank Examiner. Mr. Timberlake has always been a staunch Republican, and has been continuously active in forwarding the interests of his party. He is a member of the Republican State Committee. He was elected County Attorney for Franklin County in 1886, and served three consecutive terms. As a citizen Mr. Timberlake has shown himself to be public-spirited and progressive, having always sought to promote every enterprise that might benefit the village where he resides, that would have a tendency to promote its financial, moral, and social welfare.

The home of Mr. Timberlake is the abode of hospitality. He has a large circle of friends, whom he has won by his liberality, genial nature, quiet and unassuming manners. From his exceedingly busy life he manages occasionally to steal a few hours for rest and recreation at his cottage on the shore of Rangeley Lake. Many are the friends who can attest to the happy hours enjoyed under his generous hospitality at this delightful retreat.

June 16, 1883, he married Emma Augusta Grover, of Bethel, Me., only daughter of Leonard A. and Mary A. (Barnes) Grover. Mrs. Timberlake was born August 10, 1862, at Roxbury, Mass., and died in April, 1887, mourned not only as a true wife and loving mother, but by a wide circle of friends, to whom she had endeared herself by her beautiful character. She left three children, who are now living — Mellie Grover, Leonard Fremont, and Emma Augusta.

**G**EORGE W. RIDLON, one of the prominent residents of Mexico (Ridlonville), Oxford County, was born in the town of Woodstock, January 23, 1856, son of Ezra and Eliza J. (Thurlow) Ridlon. The father, a native of Cornish, Me., was for many years a farmer and lumberman. He has been an invalid for twenty years, and is now a resident of Mexico. His wife, who is a native of Woodstock, still lives to cheer the evening of his life.

George W. Ridlon received his education in the common schools, and remained with his parents until he attained his majority. He

was afterward engaged in the poultry and provision business for one season in Washburn and Aroostook County. Subsequently returning to his native town, he there carried on farming and lumbering until he was thirty-three years old. Then he became a travelling salesman for the Pioneer Chair Factory, and later a member of the firm. He sold out this interest after two years, and for the three following years travelled through Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont for Shaw, Hammond & Curry, a Portland grocery firm. In 1894 Mr. Ridlon's enterprise led him to purchase a large tract of the best land on the Androscoggin River, and to organize the Shaw-Ridlon Land Company, of which he has since been the manager. This land, which is located in Mexico -- a small inland town, containing but two stores -- has been laid out in building lots. The company has erected about thirty cottages and Hotel Ridlon. These buildings form a little settlement, which is called Ridlonville in honor of its builder. Mr. Ridlon is also President of the Rumford Falls Brick Company, having been one of the organizers.

In October, 1883, Mr. Ridlon married Miss Gertie Owen, of Woodstock. She died August 31, 1885, leaving one son, Clarence L. Mr. Ridlon contracted a second marriage in 1891 with Winnie E. Fuller, of Paris. By this union he has a daughter, Bertha A.

His religious creed is that of the Universalist church. In politics he is a staunch Republican, is Chairman of the Paris Republican Committee, and one of the best party workers in the county. In 1894 he was elected County Commissioner. He is a prominent Mason, having membership in Granite Lodge, of West Paris, and Union Chapter, No. 36; and he is an Odd Fellow through his connection with Lodge No. 15, in the same town. Mr. Ridlon is one of the most enterprising men in Oxford County.

**WARREN TYLER VOTER**, an enterprising and highly respected resident of West Farmington, Me., was born in his present home March 2, 1839. He is a son of Warren and Lucy (Corbett) Voter, and a grandson of Louis and Polly (Baccus)

Voter. Louis Voter, who was born in Free-town, Mass., when a young man accompanied his uncle, John Voter, to Sandy River, Me. In 1797 he settled on lot No. 23, in the northern part of Farmington, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, now occupied by a Mr. Partridge, cleared the land, and devoted the rest of his life to its cultivation. He died at the age of sixty-six.

Warren Voter was born in Farmington, December 7, 1806. He, too, was an enterprising farmer, and owned one of the finest estates in the town. It comprised two hundred acres of land, a part of the Page and part of the Stoddard farms, and commands one of the finest views in this section, overlooking the valley and the villages. Although the land is so high it is of the very best quality. Warren Voter made a fortune here. He then sold the property to his son, and, purchasing a smaller place in West Farmington, retired, and died December 6, 1881. He was a man who had no fear of hard work. Besides attending to his farm he took contracts for heavy labor of different kinds, including bridge building and road building. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, a daughter of John Corbett, of West Farmington, now eighty-four years old, is yet living. They had three children -- Andrew J., Apphia J., and Warren Tyler.

Warren Tyler Voter received a good education, attending the public schools and Farmington Academy. He was thirty years of age when he bought his father's farm. Since that time he has accomplished a great deal as a farmer and a dealer in real estate. His property now comprises four hundred and twenty-five acres in the home farm, several outlying lots, and the farms formerly owned by J. Hilman, G. Gower, L. Hardy, and W. Mosher. Besides raising general crops he has several large orchards of fine grafted fruit, and keeps some thirty head of valuable cattle and two hundred and twenty-five sheep. In 1886 he erected, at a cost of two thousand dollars, a barn eighty-six by forty-four feet, with basement and modern conveniences. He is now building a fine residence.

Mr. Voter was married March 2, 1861, to Lydia, daughter of Joseph and Betsey (Hobart)

White, of Temple, Me. Born in 1840 she died in 1873, leaving four children — Cora F., Charles A., Henry B., and Mark L. Cora F., born July 22, 1862, is the wife of Amlin B. Russell, and has three children — Marion, Arline, and Cora. Marion is now deceased. Charles A., born January 9, 1865, married Laura Sherman, and has one child, Hazel. Henry B., born May 8, 1867, married Miss Anna Randall. Mark L. was born June 2, 1871. Mr. Voter was married again June 20, 1875, when Mrs. Ella Eliza (Conant) McLeary became his wife. She is a daughter of Ephraim and Eliza (Doble) Conant, and the widow of Justin E. McLeary. By her first marriage she had two children: Wilfred, born June 6, 1866, who married Miss Affie Butler; and Justin E., born July 5, 1871. By his second marriage Mr. Voter has four children. These are: Nellie G., born December 25, 1876, now the wife of H. G. Jennings; Ernest W., born July 3, 1879; Arthur L., born May 17, 1883; and Pearl C., born April 30, 1889. He votes the Democratic ticket, and he attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

**HON. JONATHAN K. MARTIN**, once a prominent resident of Rumford, who died October 2, 1878, was one of the best-known and most highly respected citizens in the State of Maine. A son of Jeremiah and Nancy (Brown) Martin, he was born in Rumford, January 6, 1829. His father, a native of Concord, N.H., was one of the first settlers in Rumford, locating here about 1820. Jeremiah Martin lived first in that part of the town known as Red Hill, and afterward moved to a farm which was his son's home for a number of years. There he died at the age of seventy-six.

Jonathan K. Martin received good educational advantages, finishing his studies at the high school. He resided during the entire period of his life on the farm in Rumford, which he inherited from his father, and he was extensively engaged in general farming and stock dealing. A stanch Republican, he was very active in political matters, and had the fullest confidence of his constituents. He

was Selectman of the town of Rumford for a number of years, was in the House of Representatives two years, and in the State Senate two years. Though not a professing member of any religious society, he attended and contributed toward the support of the Universalist church. He was well known throughout the State, and had a great many friends, standing high in the estimation of all. His death occurred in his forty-ninth year. Mr. Martin married Miss Frances E. Willard, a native of Colebrook, N.H., who spent most of her life in Rumford, her parents moving to this town when she was a child. She died July 30, 1863, at the age of thirty-four, leaving four children, namely: Susan E., wife of S. E. Newell, of Hyde Park, Mass.; Jerry H.; Freelon B.; and Frances A., the wife of J. W. Doolittle, of New York City. Jerry H. and Freelon B. are now managing the homestead, which is one of the best farms in the township, and besides raising general crops they keep summer boarders. They are brisk and enterprising young men, and occupy a leading position in the town. Politically, they are affiliated with the Republican party. Jerry H. Martin is now serving his fourth year as Selectman of the town, while Freelon B. has entered on his seventh year as Town Treasurer. They have both lived on this farm since birth.

**FRANCIS H. SKILLINGS**, one of the most prominent business men of South Paris, was born in this town, May 2, 1834, son of Robert and Caroline (Ryerson) Skillings. The family is of Scotch ancestry. Its founder, John Skillings, was a native of Scotland who settled in the north of Ireland. He was a weaver by trade, and a devout Presbyterian who officiated as a preacher of that faith. On June 11, 1822, he emigrated with his family to the United States, his destination being New York; but, on account of sickness, the entire family landed at Portland. John Skillings eventually went to New York, where he passed the rest of his life; and he lived to the advanced age of one hundred years. John Skillings, second, Mr. Skillings's grandfather, was born in Tollinagoe, County

Down, Ireland, September 23, 1790. He learned the weaver's trade, and followed it in his native country until he came to America with his father. He and his family remained in Portland. His national dialect was at first an impediment to his progress, as it was difficult to make himself understood; but, being a Mason, the sign of distress brought immediate relief from his brother craftsmen, and ere long he was placed in a position to follow his trade. He was an expert weaver of muslin, and he subsequently followed that calling in Portland until his death, which occurred July 13, 1861. He married Eleanor Mum, who was of English ancestry. His children were—Robert, James, Mary, Ellen J., Elizabeth R., Nancy R., James W., and Caroline. Robert Skillings was born in Ireland, February 25, 1812. He learned the carriage-maker's trade in Portland, and in 1833 he came to South Paris, where he was employed as a journeyman by J. Langley. He was an industrious and able mechanic. Purchasing a desirable lot of land here he erected a pleasant home for himself and family, and there resided for the remainder of his days. He took the interest of an intelligent citizen in public affairs, and he served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen. His wife, Caroline, a daughter of Colonel William Ryerson, of Paris, bore him four children—Francis H., Augusta E., Sarah P., and Caroline J. She was about fifty years old at her death.

Francis H. Skillings acquired a good practical education. At the age of seventeen he went to Portland, where he filled the position of mailing clerk in the office of the *Portland Advertiser* for a year and a half. Returning then to South Paris he was employed in the shop with his father for some years, later entering a mercantile business with C. P. Knight. In 1861 he went to California, where he was engaged in mining and carriage painting until 1865. He then returned east, and during the succeeding five years acted as agent of the True Flouring Mills of this town. Becoming then a member of the firm, a connection lasting six years, he infused a spirit of enterprise into its management that brought it into prominence as one of the leading flour firms of this section, so that its daily product

reached as high as one hundred and twenty-five barrels. In 1876 he engaged in the manufacture of gas at Chippewa Falls, Wis., superintending the work for one year, after which he sold his interest in the enterprise. Becoming then a general agent for William Deering, of Chicago, a manufacturer of machinery, he travelled throughout the United States, South America, and Europe until 1892. Since then he has resided in South Paris, having charge of the old True Mills, and superintending the grinding and handling of flour, grain, and feed.

On December 31, 1855, Mr. Skillings wedded Ellen Dunn, daughter of David Dunn, of Poland, Me. Mrs. Skillings has had three children, namely: Cora, who was born May 13, 1859, and is now the wife of George A. Briggs; Katie, born January 16, 1863, who married L. M. Linder, cashier of the First National Bank of Mankato, Minn., and has four children; and Roy, who died at the age of seven months.

The father is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Paris Lodge, No. 94, the Chapter and Commandery in Portland, and the Norway Council. His presence in South Paris, with his prolonged and practical experience acquired in different parts of the world, is regarded as a boon to the business interests of the place.

**C**HARLES THEODORE LADD, a leading merchant of Fryeburg, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 6, 1847, son of Stephen L. and Maria (Hapgood) Ladd. Stephen L. Ladd, who was a native of Starks, Me., in early manhood engaged in mercantile pursuits. He conducted business in Saco for several years, was similarly engaged in other places, and also resided for some time in Ohio. He died in 1869. His wife, Maria, was a native of East Fryeburg, and a daughter of William Hapgood, who at different times followed farming in Waterford and Fryeburg, dying in the last named town. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Ladd reared two children: Augustus A., who is a carriage ironer by trade; and Charles T., the subject of this sketch. The mother died October 25, 1865.

Charles Theodore Ladd, after attending the common schools, at the age of fifteen began life for himself. His first employment was in a carding-mill at Saco, where he remained for eight years. Going thence to Boston he was a conductor upon the street cars in that city for three years. He then established himself in the gentlemen's furnishing business, which he carried on for some time; but finally selling out his store he came to Fryeburg village, and in the summer of 1875 he opened a barber shop here, which he carried on in connection with the fruit and confectionery business for fifteen years. Subsequently, enlarging the store, he put in a full line of drugs, gentlemen's furnishings, and other articles, and now has one of the largest and best appointed establishments of its kind in Fryeburg. As he gives his personal attention to every detail of the business, he knows just what his customers require, and by meeting their wants has built up a large trade. On November 29, 1887, he was united in marriage with Sarah F. Kimball, a native of Buxton, Me. In politics Mr. Ladd is a Democrat, and has voted with that party since attaining his majority. He is a member of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., and of Peckwankee Lodge, No. 34, Knights of Pythias, of this town. He is a self-made man, having begun life without cash capital, and, with nothing but his own individual resources to aid him, he has attained his present high business standing.

**F**REELAND HOWE, a representative real estate and insurance man, who for many years has been closely identified with the growth and prosperity of Norway, Me., is a native of Sumner, Me., born December 5, 1833, son of Jacob F. and Polly B. (Howe) Howe. Following up the ancestral line, the lineal representatives of this branch, so far as traced, beginning with the grandparents of Freeland Howe, are: Jesse and Lydia (Dunham) Howe; Jacob, third, and Betty (Foster) Howe; Jacob, second, and Lydia (Davidson) Howe; and Jacob and Lidea (Jacob) Howe, of Rowley, Mass.

Jacob Howe, second, who was born in Rowley, Mass., February 9, 1724, was a pa-

triot soldier of the Revolutionary War. His son, Jacob Howe, third, born in Rowley, July 9, 1760, married Miss Betty Foster. After serving for a time in the Revolutionary War, in 1782 he settled in Baldwin, Me., but subsequently removed to Bridgton. He was the first mail carrier from the latter place to Portland; and, being a man of great physical endurance, he followed this occupation until Oxford County was settled, when he was made the first mail carrier between Oxford and Portland. In both cases the trips were made on horseback, there being for a part of the distance only a bridle path. He finally settled in Paris, where he died on June 30, 1830. His wife survived him until 1853, reaching the venerable age of ninety-four years. Eleven children were the fruit of their union; namely, Fanny, Jesse, Salome, Jacob J., Betsey, Jeremiah, Huldah, Lydia, Roxanna, Polly, and Miranda.

Jesse Howe, the eldest son, born February 16, 1786, in Sumner, Me., where his parents resided a while, was married on March 23, 1809, to Lydia, daughter of Asa Dunham, of Norway. Jesse Howe and his wife continued to live in his native town, where he became the owner of five hundred acres of land, a large part of which he cleared and put into shape for pasturage and tillage. He died March 2, 1870, and his wife on December 20, 1871. Nine children were born to them; namely, Henry, Jacob F., Jeremiah, Jesse, Jr., Eli, Cyrus H., Benjamin F., Edwin W., and William R.

Jacob F. Howe, the father of Freeland, was born November 30, 1811. On starting out in the battle of life he chose the occupation of a farmer, and purchased two hundred acres of land at West Sumner, on which were a saw-mill and grist-mill. He at once proceeded to the task of clearing his timbered land, a part of which he afterward sold to adjoining farmers, also carrying on both lines of the mill business with success. Several years after he built a large house and store, and carried on a general mercantile business until his death, which occurred May 31, 1865. He was a Democrat in politics, and for several years served as Postmaster of West Sumner. The temperance cause had in him an ardent advo-

cate. Polly Howe, his wife, was a daughter of Jeremiah and Sylvia (Benson) Howe. Her father was engaged in mercantile business at Sumner, and was Captain of a company of State militia. Mrs. Polly Howe is still living and enjoying good health. She bore her husband three sons, namely: Freeland; Lester M., who died in infancy; and Frank W.

Freeland Howe received his early education in the district school; and, being an ambitious scholar, he fitted for college, and was a student of Colby University one year, leaving at the end of that time, then about twenty years old, to engage in teaching. Among the places in which he taught are: Kent's Hill, Sumner, Bryant's Pond, West Paris, and Fairfield, Va., and Stillwater Academy in New York State, teaching for eighteen years in Maine, New York, and Virginia. For thirty-three terms he taught penmanship in different places, during nine of which he was Professor of Penmanship in Westbrook Seminary. For two years, beginning with 1857, he travelled and sold maps and books, after which he became an adjuster of fire insurance, and as time went by interested himself more and more in that business until he now represents a large majority of the leading fire and life insurance companies of the country. He came to Norway to live in 1863; and the year following he established the Oxford County Insurance Agency, which he still conducts with credit and honor. His handsome residence at 100 Main Street, formerly known as the Jeremiah Howe home, was built in 1847, but has since been greatly altered and improved. At 104 Main Street, in the business centre of the town, is the building in which he has his office. Mr. Howe has dealt quite largely in real estate, buying and selling, and laying out house lots. When others had failed, it was through his instrumentality that the First National Bank charter was secured; and he was for many years one of the bank Directors. He was also for some years a Trustee of the savings-bank. In the organization and establishment of the shoe factory Mr. Howe, together with I. A. Denison, rendered very material service; and, when the railroad was proposed, he went himself with the paper, and solicited the support of the people. He was a charter member of

the water works company, and was a charter member and stockholder of the street electric railway company, of which he is now President. In fact, all worthy enterprises tending toward the development of the town have met with his hearty co-operation; and he is justly held in the highest esteem by his townsmen.

On December 5, 1857, Mr. Howe was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Fields, daughter of George and Mary (Taylor) Fields. Her father, who was a carpenter by trade, at his death left five children—George; John; Mary L., now Mrs. Howe; Annie T.; and Lucy. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have three children, namely: George R., born August 4, 1860, a mineralogist and insurance agent, who married Miss Emma J. Boardman, by whom he has a daughter, Marjorie May; Fannie R., born November 15, 1868, now the wife of Arthur E. Morrison, of Rumford Falls, Me., and mother of two children—Robley H. and Freeland J.; and Freeland Jr., born May 30, 1870, who holds the position of cashier in the *World* office, New York City.

Mr. Howe has always been a staunch Republican. In religious views he is a Universalist. Fraternally, he is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., in which he is Past Master; Union Chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons; Oxford Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masters; Portland Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templars; Norway Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Grand Encampment of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, State of Maine.

ELBRIDGE H. RACKLIFFE, a prosperous general merchant of Allen's Mills, in the town of Industry, Franklin County, Me., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Industry, October 20, 1827, son of Henry B. and Elizabeth (Oliver) Rackliffe. Mr. Rackliffe's parents were natives of Georgetown, Me. His father, who was in his younger days a seafaring man, and also a shoemaker, moved to Industry in 1823, and bought a farm. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits successfully for the rest of his life, and died in Jay, Me., August 8, 1886, at the advanced age of ninety-two years.



ELBRIDGE H. RACKLIFFE.



His first wife, Elizabeth Oliver, died August 29, 1877; and he was again married to the Widow Bean. By his first union there were five children, as follows: John Sumner, a teacher and afterward a farmer, who was born January 2, 1823, married Mary Cordis, of Bridgton, and died in Kansas, leaving a widow and two children: Emeline, who was born March 6, 1826, married Samuel A. Walker, of Embden, by whom she had seven children, and died January 18, 1878; Elbridge H., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, who was born July 16, 1829, and died December 16, 1836; and Sarah E., who was born July 15, 18—, and married first Lucius W. Hall, of Westbrook, Me. Mr. Hall died a prisoner in the Civil War, December 4, 1864. He left one daughter, Addie, who was born September 16, 1863, married Charles H. Brann, and died March 18, 1886, leaving one son. Mrs. Hall wedded for her second husband John E. Johnson.

Elbridge H. Rackliffe acquired a common-school education in his early years; and at the age of fifteen he went to Anson, Me., where he served an apprenticeship at the tinner's trade. He later worked at his trade in Wilton, Bethel, and Bridgton; and during his residence of two and one-half years in the last-named town he was a member of the firm of W. J. Hayden & Co., dealers in stoves, tinware, and general merchandise. After his withdrawal from this firm he worked in different places in Connecticut and Massachusetts; and in 1852 he went to Saco, Me., where he followed his trade for some time, being married while residing in that town. From Saco he went to Bridgton, from there to Fryeburg, and thence to Denmark, in the latter place following his trade in connection with farming for about two years. Returning to the homestead in Industry in 1859, he resided there for a year; and then he went to West Mills, where for nearly four years he followed his trade, and held the office of Postmaster. On September 26, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, under Captain A. Walton. His service in the Civil War extended through its most decisive period, and his regiment participated in a series of engagements which

culminated in the defeat of the Confederate forces. He was present at the battles of Chapin Farm, Bermuda Hundred, Fair Oaks, Deep Bottom, the siege of Petersburg, and several other battles of note; and he was discharged June 12, 1865. He made out the voting list for the Regiment when the soldiers voted in the Presidential election. He was afterwards offered promotion, but declined on account of poor health. Upon his return from the army he bought the Rackliffe homestead in Industry; and, after carrying on the farm for two years, on account of failing health he moved to Lewiston, where for the next ten years he was engaged at his trade. Returning once more to his farm, he tilled the soil steadily until 1889, when he engaged in trade at Allen's Mills. His store is well stocked with groceries and general merchandise, including tinware; and, aside from doing a very profitable business in that line, he still continues to work at the tinner's trade, which he seems unwilling to relinquish.

On August 29, 1852, Mr. Rackliffe was united with Oraville S. Potter, a daughter of John and Huldah (Simons) Potter, prominent and esteemed residents of Sebago, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Rackliffe became the parents of four children, namely: Frank D. and Joseph Henry, twins, who were born July 18, 1856; Charles S., who was born November 5, 1857; and William Luther, who was born March 8, 1859. Joseph H. Rackliffe wedded for his first wife Nellie Mary Brackett, who died in 1876, leaving one daughter, Lillian M. R. By his union with his present wife, who was before marriage Ida Hardenbrook Lewis, and is a native of Auburn, Me., there are four children, namely: Lena D., who was born October 31, 1879; Garfield E., who was born September 8, 1881; Mildred E. and Millard L., twins, who were born August 20, 1883. Frank D. Rackliffe wedded Emma Rogers, and has five children; namely, Eugene E., Maude, Orrie, Verna Mabel, and Estella. Charles S. Rackliffe married Annie E. Wheeler, and has five children—Bert W., Charles Guy, Minnie M., Hattie, and Sybil. William Luther Rackliffe married Hattie M. Niles, of Auburn, Me., and has one daughter,

Dora E., who was born September 28, 1882. Mrs. Oraville S. Rackliffe died July 11, 1895.

In politics Mr. Rackliffe is a firm supporter of Republican principles. He was Postmaster at Allen's Mills for several years; but, having no desire for political honors, he has never taken an interest in public affairs beyond casting his vote. He was formerly connected with several fraternal orders. He and his family attend the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE I. BURNHAM, a prosperous and successful farmer of Gilead, is a member of one of the old and respected families of the town. He was born in Gilead, June 18, 1853, on the farm cleared by his grandfather about a century ago, and of which his own farm is a part. His parents, George and Flora (Burbank) Burnham, are also living on this farm, where the father was born February 2, 1816. The latter, who is now very feeble, was a successful farmer, and a prominent and influential man. A member of the Republican party he filled a number of local offices. He was in the State legislature in 1864, serving as chairman of a committee, and working successfully for the erection of the suspension bridge across the Androscoggin at Gilead. His wife, who is a daughter of James and Susan (Ingalls) Burbank, was born in Gilead, October 23, 1823. Now, at the age of seventy-three, she is an active and intelligent lady, attends to her household duties, and cares for her ailing husband.

George I. Burnham has had the advantage of a good education received in the common schools of Gilead and Gould Academy at Bethel. After remaining with his parents until about thirty years of age he purchased a part of the homestead farm and erected on it his present residence. His land lies along the Androscoggin River and is beautifully situated. He is engaged in mixed husbandry and keeps some live stock. He was married August 24, 1881, to Stella L. Willis, a native of Massachusetts, and a daughter of John W. and Stella J. (Felton) Willis. Mr. Willis was born at Paris Hill, this county, in 1811. He followed the business of miller for many years, and is now living retired in his native town.

His wife, who was a native of Massachusetts, died at the age of seventy-nine. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Burnham is a skilled musician, and has quite a number of piano pupils. Mr. Burnham, who is a Republican, has served as Selectman of Gilead four years in succession, and has been on the School Board two years. Though he is not a regular church member he contributes to religious work. He sings in the choir of the Union Church, in which Mrs. Burnham has been organist about fifteen years.

**S**ERGEANT WILLIAM WARREN DURGIN, of Stoneham, a veteran of the Civil War, was in Washington at the time of President Lincoln's assassination, and took an active part in the events that followed. He was born in Stoneham, December 18, 1839, son of Levi and Sarah (Parker) Durgin. His father was born in Limerick, York County, and his mother in Lovell, this county. His grandfather, Ephraim Durgin, was a lifelong resident of York County.

Levi Durgin, who was a native of Limerick, York County, moved to Oxford County when a young man. He was a blacksmith, and he worked at his trade for a while. Afterward he settled on a farm in the part of Stoneham now called Durgin Hill. An active and athletic man, he worked at his trade, tilled his farm in summer, and worked at lumbering in winter, and won fame as a hunter, killing many bears in Stoneham. In town affairs also he took a prominent part, and served in sundry public offices. He died October 23, 1865. His wife, to whom he was united in Stoneham, was a native of the town of Lovell. She died October 9, 1865. Eleven children blessed the marriage of this couple, namely: Martha, the widow of Philip Barrows, now living with her children in Stowe, this county; Hannah, the widow of Barber B. Barker, of Bridgton, Me., residing in Stoneham; Nancy, deceased, who was the wife of Captain George J. Thestrup, master of a vessel, yet following the sea; Angeline, who died October 20, 1865; Benjamin, a police sergeant, who has been one of Boston's "finest"

for the past thirty years; Joseph P., who died at the age of sixty; Elias, who died in infancy; Phœbe P., the wife of Samuel Davis, of Bridgton, Me., and the mother of eight children; William Warren, the subject of this sketch; Ellen S., deceased, who was the wife of Benjamin Whitehouse, also deceased; and Barber B., now in Lynn, Mass., who married Miss Lillian Thompson, of Gorham, Me. It is further stated of Barber B. that he served in the late war with the Twelfth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, having enlisted at the age of sixteen, and that he is now a comrade of Post 5, Grand Army of the Republic.

William Warren Durgin was given a good practical education in the common schools. He went to work at farming and lumbering when seventeen years of age, and was steadily employed thereat until his twenty-second year, when he responded to the call of his country for men to defend the Union. He enlisted April 25, 1861, in Company G, First Maine Infantry, under Captain George L. Beal, of Norway, and Colonel N. J. Jackson. After serving three months he returned home and re-enlisted in Company K, Ninth Maine Infantry. This company participated in the capture of Port Royal, S.C.; of Fernandina, Fla.; of St. Mary's, Ga., of Talbert Island, Fla.; and of Yellow Bluff on the St. John's River. In July, 1863, Mr. Durgin was transferred from the Ninth Maine Infantry to the Tenth Regiment of Veteran Reserves, being assigned to Company F. In the spring of 1864 he re-enlisted, joining the same company and regiment. He was promoted to the rank of Orderly Sergeant while in Company K, and retained his rank when transferred to Company F. He has to-day a more forcible reminder of his term of military service than his commission, for he was wounded in the ankle, and suffers yet from the hurt. When President Lincoln was assassinated Sergeant Durgin, then in the veteran reserve force, was immediately called into action. He was one of the military bearers who escorted the body of the President to the rotunda of the Capitol, and was one of the guard of honor that accompanied the remains to Springfield, Ill. He is the proud possessor of a medal presented to him on that occasion, one of

twenty-nine in the whole United States, and the only one in Maine. He was one of the guards who surrounded Mrs. Surratt's house, the alleged place of rendezvous for the conspirators. He also retains a vivid recollection of the excitement caused by the news that Booth had been shot by Sergeant Corbett on Garrett's farm, near Port Royal on the Rappahannock.

After serving in all four years and seven months, Sergeant Durgin received his discharge in November, 1865, and returned to Stoneham. Settling in North Stoneham, he remained there four years, working at farming and lumbering. He was subsequently engaged in turning spools in a mill in Stowe, this county, where he remained one year, and for nine months working in a clothespin factory in Chatham, N.H. Then for eighteen or nineteen years he was engaged in turning spools at North Lovell. At the end of that time he settled on the farm where he now lives, and has since given his attention chiefly to agriculture, except one year spent at Albany, N.H., turning spools. He has forty-five acres of farming land, and he owns timber land in different parts of the county. He has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser; but he is unable to do much active work, on account of his ankle, and is now receiving a pension from the government. A staunch Republican, Sergeant Durgin takes an active interest in politics. He is now serving his eighth term as Noble Grand in Crescent Lodge, No. 25, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Lovell; and he is a comrade of Parker Post, No. 151, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lovell Centre.

OSIAH G. ADAMS, who owns and conducts one of the most productive farms in East Wilton, was born in the neighborhood of his present residence, August 3, 1833, son of Jephthah H. and Hannah (Green) Adams. His paternal grandparents were Moses and Martha (Kinney) Adams. Jephthah H. Adams was born in Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc County, in 1796. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812 while still a youth, and his wife received a

pension from the government after his death. Having acquired a good district school education he was quite noted as a schoolmaster in his day. After residing for a few years upon a farm in the western part of this town he bought in March, 1823, the farm now owned by Mr. Newman. The buildings upon this estate were erected by him. He owned in all some one hundred and seventy-five acres of land. Originally a Whig in politics he subsequently joined the Republican party, and held various town offices, but declined most of the nominations tendered him. Jephthah Adams died in 1872, regretted as a model farmer and a progressive citizen. He married Hannah Green, who was born in Wilton in 1799, daughter of Josiah Green, a native of Dunstable, Mass. (A more extended account of Mr. Adams's maternal ancestors will be found in the sketch of Charles L. Green.) Mrs. Jephthah Adams was the mother of twelve children; namely, Alexis, Lydia B., Hannah, Jefferson J., Albion K. P., Nathaniel R., Betsey D., Dorcas, Josiah G., Flavilla S., Jonas G., and William D. Jefferson, Albion, Nathaniel, and Jonas G. served as soldiers in the Civil War. The mother died in 1886.

Josiah G. Adams attended the district schools and resided at home until he was twenty years old. He then went to Ashland, Mass., where he was employed at A. Tilton's shoe factory for three years, during which time he operated the first waxed-thread machine introduced in the United States. From Ashland he went to Minnesota upon a prospecting trip, and while there was engaged to some extent in the lumbering business. Not having been favorably impressed with the people he returned to the East. Settling in Dixfield, Oxford County, he bought a farm, which he subsequently sold after carrying it on for eight years. He then came to Wilton and purchased the Prescott farm of seventy acres. This farm is a part of the property originally owned by his father, and was later occupied by Mr. Adams's brother, who erected the present buildings. These latter he has remodelled and enlarged, besides making other improvements. He keeps twelve head of fine Jersey stock, carries on the butchering business, both wholesale and retail, and rears a number of

horses. He also handles an agricultural device known as a horse fork, one hundred and fifty of which he has sold in this and adjoining towns.

On April 5, 1860, Mr. Adams wedded Ellen R. Staples, who was born November 18, 1836, daughter of Ansel and Rebecca Staples, of Dixfield. Mrs. Adams's father was a pioneer settler and a prominent resident of Dixfield. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have had four children. Their eldest child, Amy E., born June 7, 1861, who commenced teaching when she was fourteen years old, has been engaged in that occupation for thirty-six terms; Wellen died at the age of eighteen months; Albion L., who was born May 16, 1868, is now employed by H. C. Baxter & Brother of Brunswick, Me.; and Harry H., who was born August 10, 1876, graduated from the Shaw Business College, and is now engaged in agricultural pursuits. Politically, Mr. Adams acts with the Republican party. His natural ability joined to his personal characteristics has gained the sincere good-will and esteem of the entire community. He and Mrs. Adams attend the Universalist church.

**F**RANK H. NOYES, of the firm of Noyes & Andrews, Norway, Me., large dealers in dry goods and clothing, was born in this town, January 17, 1856, son of Amos F. and Lydia F. (Hobbs) Noyes.

Ward Noyes, the father of Amos F., settled in Norway in 1800. He was a carpenter by trade, and a large number of the houses and barns of that day were erected by him or under his supervision. He was born in Andover, Mass., in 1772, and died in Norway in 1822. He married Miss Clarissa Wood, also a native of Andover, who was born in 1776, and died in 1840. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom four sons and four daughters grew to maturity; namely, Alice B., Ward, Sophia, Harriet N., Clarissa, Amos F., David F., and George.

Amos F. Noyes was born in Norway, December 14, 1812. He became the owner of a fine farm in this town, and spent the greater part of his working period of life profitably engaged in agricultural pursuits. Shortly

after the beginning of the Civil War, although then past the age when military service was required, he responded to the call of President Lincoln for troops to defend the Union. He was made First Lieutenant of Company G, Fourteenth Maine Regiment on December 12, 1861, and resigned his commission on June 14, 1862. After a few months, on October 17, 1862, he again entered service as Captain of Company H, and was discharged with the regiment on July 15, 1863. He became the Captain of Company B of the Thirty-second Maine Regiment on March 10, 1864, was wounded May 18, and, on account of the consolidation of the regiments, was honorably discharged on December 1, 1864. Having sold his farm and purchased a residence in Norway, he is now living quietly, enjoying good health and the society of a large circle of acquaintances. He is a Republican in politics, and has served six years as Selectman. He is an honored member of the Masonic order, also of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife, Mrs. Lydia F. Hobbs Noyes, who was born June 27, 1814, died February 9, 1895. She was a daughter of Jeremiah Hobbs, Jr. Captain and Mrs. Noyes had three sons and seven daughters; namely, Amos Oscar, Lorenzo H., Georgianna, Marcia, Elizabeth E., Catherine H., Clara A., Lydia E., Frank H., and Wealthy H.

As a boy, Frank H. Noyes attended the common schools of Norway. When fourteen years of age he entered the drug store of his brother, A. Oscar Noyes, for whom he worked five years. The constant indoor confinement having proved injurious to his health, he took a vacation, spending much of his time in the open air, and in a few months had so far recovered that he was able to accept a position in a grocery store at Mechanics Falls, and later on he held a similar position at Paris. In 1876 he started a grocery store on the old bakery stand in Norway, remaining there a year, then removing to the old Shackley stand at the head of Main Street, where he carried on his business for three years. Having erected a new store, the one now occupied by Henry Bangs, he moved into it, and remained until 1886, when failing health compelled him to again take a season of rest. His con-

dition was such that he had little hope of living beyond a few weeks at the most, and he accordingly put his affairs in order; but release from business cares and outdoor exercise again wrought a cure so that in a comparatively short time he was once more able to resume business, and in company with P. W. Judkins he opened a gentlemen's clothing store.

Some time after, he purchased his partner's interest, and carried on the business alone up to 1892, when he formed a co-partnership with L. B. Andrews, and started a dry-goods store in the Beals Block. They soon found they had not sufficient room for their business, and moved into the Noyes Block. In January, 1894, they purchased the T. L. Weeks Blue Store, and added a large line of gentlemen's furnishings, including ready-made clothing, hats and caps; also adding a custom department. They to-day carry the largest line of clothing and gentlemen's furnishings in the county, and their dry-goods department also is quite extensive, employing from five to eight clerks. In addition to his mercantile business Mr. Noyes has dealt to a considerable extent in real estate, and invested in such enterprises as have helped in the progress of the community, owning stock in the shoe factory and water works, and being a Trustee of the Savings Bank.

On January 14, 1877, Mr. Noyes was married to Miss Ella A. Bennett, a daughter of James C. Bennett, of this town. They reside on Crescent Street in a substantial and attractive house which Mr. Noyes owns. In political affiliation Mr. Noyes is a Republican. He has served as Selectman and Corporation Assessor. Fraternally, he is a member of Norway Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Wiley Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Wellington Hobbs Camp, Sons of Veterans.

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**D**R. EPHRAIM CALVIN WALKER, a noted veterinary surgeon of the town of Norway, Oxford County, has a wide reputation as an expert practitioner, thoroughly acquainted with the different branches of his profession. He was

born September 26, 1847, in Denmark, Me., son of Daniel Walker, and is a grandson of Ephraim Walker, an early settler of Albany, N.H.

Ephraim Walker and his wife, Mary Woodman, were both natives of Wolfeboro, N.H., where they lived until after their marriage. They then removed to Albany in that State, there engaging in farming for a time, after which they came to Maine, locating in the town of Denmark, where the grandfather cleared and improved a homestead. Both lived to a ripe old age, he dying in his eighty-fifth year, and she in her eighty-seventh. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Eli, Daniel, and Orin, now deceased; Lorenzo, a farmer in Fryeburg, who first married Judith Charles, and after her death married Caroline Sands; Charles, who died while in the army; Richard, in Pennsylvania; Sarah, widow of the late Ephraim Sanborn, living with her children in Denmark, Me.; Benjamin, a minister of the gospel, who is preaching near Johnstown, Pa.; and George, who died in 1895.

Daniel Walker, the second son, lived for many years of his earlier life in Albany N.H., where he ran a saw-mill. He subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits in the town of Denmark, this State, living there until 1854, when he removed to Stoneham, another Oxford County town, a few miles north, and there continued in the same occupation nine years. Going thence to North Lovell, bordering on the town of Stoneham, he carried on farming six years, with the exception of the months from March, 1864, until the close of the War of the Rebellion, when he was in the Federal army. Subsequently buying land in Norway Centre, he carried on general farming until his death, January 29, 1885. He married Julia Ann Walker, a daughter of Robert and Sallie (Martin) Walker, the latter of whom was born in the town of Denmark, Me., and the former in Kennebunk, where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Walker had a family of seven children, namely: Mary Ellen; Malora Edward, who died at the age of two years; Ephraim Calvin; Jennie I.; Daniel; Laura; and Austin,

who died at nineteen. Mary Ellen first married William Etter, who died in the army, and she is now the wife of William Nelson, formerly of Nova Scotia, but now of Lynn, Mass; Jennie I. is the wife of Levi L. Pierce, a tanner by trade, but now engaged in farming at Rockland, Mass.; Daniel, who lives in South Paris with his children, married the late Melissa Judkins; Laura has been five times married. Her first husband was Roswell Sylvester; her second, Henry Sawyer; her third, Charles Smith; the fourth, Ed Copeland. Her present husband is the proprietor of a wholesale and retail store in Lynn, Mass. Dr. Walker's mother died in August, 1882, and his father afterward married Mrs. Jane M. Williams.

Ephraim C. Walker acquired his general education in the common schools, and some time afterward obtained his professional equipment at the Veterinary College of Lynn, Mass., where he pursued a thorough course of study, and was graduated March 5, 1875. After receiving his diploma, Dr. Walker located in Norway Centre, and during his residence there he built up a good practice. Being burned out in 1886, he then removed to Noble's Corner, and, buying a farm, erected a house, and made other substantial improvements. In 1889 Dr. Walker purchased his present property, known as the Highland Blueberry Farm, containing seventy acres of land, on which he has since resided, carrying on general farming in addition to attending to his professional duties. He is the only veterinary surgeon in this part of Oxford County, and has a very extensive business, which takes him to all parts of the State. He has had a varied experience as a practitioner, and is considered eminent authority on all diseases of cattle and horses, having been very successful in his treatment of the cases to which he has been called, especially in performing delicate and difficult operations. The Doctor compounds his own medicines, such as Walker's Blistering Ointment for ringbone and bone spavin, Walker's Liniment for sprains and lameness, and Walker's Condition Powders, in the sale of which he has a large business, their merits being recognized by the public generally.

Dr. Walker was married to Mrs. Hannah J. (Reed) Brown, widow of John Brown, of Norton, Mass. Mrs. Walker was born in Norton, a daughter of Lorenzo and Jane M. Reed. Her father died when she was an infant; and her mother subsequently married first Bradish Williams, who died January 28, 1869; and second, Daniel Walker, the Doctor's father. Since the death of her third husband Mrs. Jane M. Walker has lived in Stoneham, Me., with her brother. Dr. and Mrs. Walker have three children, namely: Dellbert C., born August 19, 1882; Guy L., born February 24, 1884; and Richard A., born May 21, 1888.

**E**VERETT FOSTER, engineer on the Maine Central Railroad, and a well-known and highly respected resident of West Farmington, Me., was born on the 20th of November, 1837, in the town of Leeds, Me., the son of Timothy and Nancy (Morse) Foster.

Mr. Foster is a grandson of Stephen Foster, who was born in Winthrop, this State, and who was among the early settlers of the town of Leeds, where he bought a tract of land, and, clearing a portion of it, erected some stanch farm buildings. Leeds, at that period of its existence, was little more than a wilderness, and it was no small thing to become a pioneer in such a place in those days. Stephen Foster was very industrious and capable, and naturally became a very well-to-do man. He died on his own farm at an advanced age.

Timothy Foster, son of Stephen, early in life learned the trade of a shoemaker, but circumstances prevented him from giving much of his time to it, as he was greatly needed at home, where he took care of his parents in their declining years, besides carrying on the farm, and doing a large business in shingles, manufacturing them himself on the place. Inheriting the homestead on the death of his parents, he made many improvements, remodelling and repairing the buildings, and generally enriching the farm and increasing its value.

He died in 1867, at the age of seventy-nine years and seven months; and his wife

died in 1874, at the age of eighty-six years and nine months. They had twelve children, as follows: Alonzo Foster, born July 21, 1808; Aurelia, born July 14, 1810; William H., March 20, 1812; Leonard, July 2, 1814; Lydia, June 9, 1816; Hannah A., September 2, 1821; Ward L., January 17, 1823; Charles R., February 14, 1825; Mary Ann, November 14, 1826; Martha L., June 4, 1828; Emeline, July 21, 1832; Everett, November 20, 1837.

Everett Foster, who was the youngest born of the twelve children, was educated at the district schools of his native town and at the Lewiston High School, afterward going onto the farm, and helping his father in agricultural labors. He was thus employed until he had arrived at the age of twenty-eight years when he came to West Farmington, and went into the machine shop of the Maine Central Railroad. Here he spent three years learning the trade of a machinist and engineer; and in 1867 he was given charge of an engine running from Farmington to Lewiston, drawing a freight train. The position was a more or less responsible one, and Mr. Foster filled it faithfully for ten years. In 1879 he was promoted to the management of the engine of an express and passenger train from Farmington to Lewiston, Me., and later running from Farmington to Portland. This position he has filled ever since that time with the utmost satisfaction to his employers. It is moreover worthy of note that, in all the years that he has passed in the employ of the Maine Central Railroad, he has never received a single reprimand, or been reproved for the least negligence. He has never had any accident that was at all serious, or in any way due to his lack of vigilance and care.

Mr. Foster married Miss Myrtie A. Morse, the daughter of J. Lewis and Anna J. (Lyford) Morse, of Livermore Falls, Me. In 1866 he bought land of Thomas Davis on Water Street, in the town of West Farmington, and built a substantial set of buildings on the same. Here he has lived ever since 1866, and has made many friends and acquaintances in the neighborhood.

Mr. Foster is a constant attendant of the Free Will Baptist church, and has been one of

the Trustees of that institution for three years. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are well known, and are justly popular and prominent members of society in the town in which they live. After the death of his father, Mr. Foster's mother lived with him, till she, too, passed away.

**H**ORATIO CHANDLER, a prosperous general farmer and real estate owner of Sumner, Me., is a native of this town. He was born July 7, 1835, son of Stephen and Lovina (Gray) Chandler. His paternal grandfather, Elijah Chandler, who was a native of Massachusetts, settled among the pioneers of the town of Minot, Androscoggin County. A hardworking and successful farmer, he died here at a good old age. His wife also lived a long and useful life. Both were members of the Baptist church. They reared a family of four children — Allen; Betsey; another daughter, who became Mrs. Record; and Stephen, who was the father of the subject of this sketch.

Stephen Chandler was born in Minot, August 16, 1793. He was reared to farm life and labors, and settling in Sumner he bought the farming property now owned by George G. Whitman. Here he was actively engaged in tilling the soil until his death, which took place January 8, 1863. He was one of the stirring men of his locality. Honest and upright, through toil and industry he acquired a good estate, and was held in high regard by his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. Religiously, he was a Baptist, and, politically, a Democrat. His wife, Lovina Gray, who was born in Paris, Me., November 21, 1794, became the mother of six children, as follows: Vesta Walker, born June 2, 1820, who died May 10, 1857; Augusta, who was born August 28, 1821, and is now Mrs. Bates, of West Sumner; Sanford, born October 31, 1823, now residing in California; Horatio, first, born May 4, 1827, who died March 29, 1832; Hannibal, born May 7, 1830, who died in September, 1852; and Horatio, second, the subject of this sketch.

Horatio Chandler was educated in the dis-

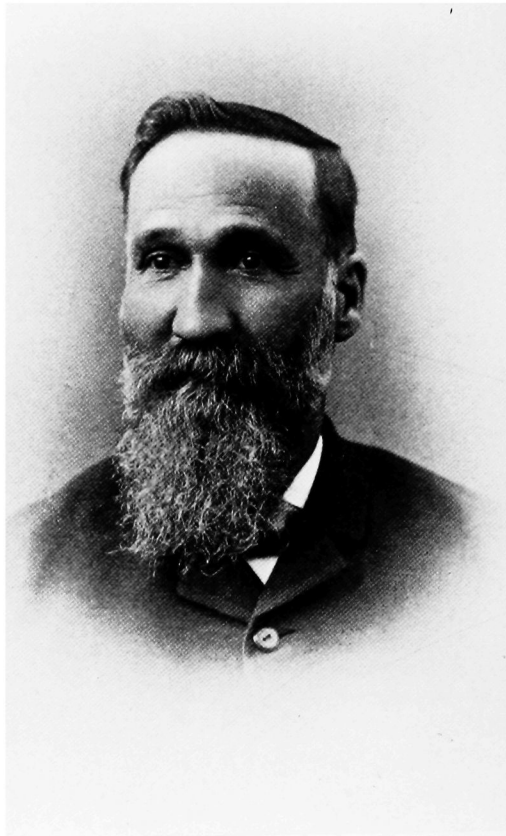
trict schools, and, after completing his studies, he began to assist in carrying on the farm. At the age of twenty-one he acquired an interest in the paternal homestead, which eventually fell to his possession; and, selling it after his father's death, he bought his present home farm of one hundred and fifty acres. He has made good use of his means and opportunities, managing his affairs judiciously, and has bought other lands in this town, his holdings in all amounting to two hundred and twenty-five acres.

On December 4, 1857, Mr. Chandler was united in marriage with Emily Dunham, who was born in North Paris, April 9, 1837, daughter of Sylvanus and Esther Dunham. Mrs. Chandler is the mother of eight children, as follows: Ella A., born May 17, 1858, now the wife of Rodney Chandler, of South Paris; Elsie G., born June 15, 1861, who married G. Horace Barrows, of Sumner, and has two children living,—namely, Nellie C., and Charlie A.; Jennie E., born February 4, 1864, who is now the wife of C. M. Thomas, of Sumner, and has one child, Arthur M.; Herbert H., born February 16, 1866, now foreman of the shoe shops at the Massachusetts State Prison; Frank L., who was born May 12, 1868, and is now a shoemaker in Haverhill, Mass.; James E., born November 12, 1871, now engaged in teaching and farming in Sumner; Fred M., born July 4, 1875, who also is a farmer of this town; Alice M., born March 31, 1880, residing at home. Mr. Chandler is considered as one of the leading representative farmers and progressive citizens of Sumner. He is a member of the South Paris Grange, No. 44, Patrons of Husbandry. He acts with the Democratic party in politics, and both he and Mrs. Chandler are liberal in their religious views.

**F**RANK L. WARREN, a representative farmer of Hartford, Oxford County, Me., son of David and Phoebe (Libby) Warren, was born February 4, 1849, on the farm where he now lives. His father was born in Buckfield, Me., and his mother in Saco, York County.

His paternal grandfather, David Warren,





SAMUEL W. DUNHAM.

Sr., was one of the pioneers of Buckfield, but in 1805 or 1806 he came to Hartford and settled on the farm which his grandson owns and which was then practically unimproved. He died here at a good age. For eleven terms he served as a Representative to the General Court in Boston, and he also held the office of Justice of the Peace. David Warren, son of David, Sr., spent his life on this farm. He died at sixty-two years of age, and Phœbe, his wife, at eighty-four. Both were members of the Free Will Baptist church, and in politics he was a Republican. They were the parents of one son and three daughters, but only the son, Frank L., is living. The daughters were: Mary, Emily, and Lucy.

Frank L. Warren, who is the direct subject of the present sketch, was a mere boy when deprived of his father's care. He was educated in the district schools of Hartford and East Sumner. Since then he has given his attention to general farming, cultivating the soil and keeping stock. He also deals in grain and fertilizers. He owns about three hundred acres of land.

On September 1, 1889, Mr. Warren married Louella J. Hersey, the daughter of Henry B. Hersey. Three children live to bless their union; namely, Mary A., Hersey, and George L. Mrs. Warren is a member of the Congregational church, and Mr. Warren is of the liberal faith in religion. In political affiliation he is a Republican, and for seven years has served his town as Selectman, being the present Chairman of the Board. He was also a member of the House of Representatives in the year 1893. He is a member of Neginscot Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Buckfield.

**S**AMUEL W. DUNHAM, a retired merchant living at West Paris, was born in Woodstock, this county, February 8, 1828, son of Sylvanus and Esther (Benson) Dunham. His grandfather, Asa Dunham, was one of the early settlers of Norway. Asa was a farmer by occupation, served in the War of 1812, and died in Burlington, Vt. Lydia (Cobb) Dunham, his wife, was between ninety-seven and ninety-eight

years of age when she died. Their family consisted of eleven children, all of whom grew up, but none survive.

Sylvanus Dunham, born in Norway, Me., July 9, 1795, who grew to manhood in Norway and Paris, in early life turned his attention to general farming. When only twenty-two or twenty-three years of age he moved into the woods of Woodstock, took up a tract of wild land, cleared a ten-acre lot, and built a log house, in which he lived for several years. He subsequently removed to the town of Paris, purchased land, and carried on general farming until his death, which occurred May 4, 1879. He was a hard-working man, and, being a good manager, his labors brought him good returns. From the formation of the Republican party he was one of its staunch supporters; and he was a member of the Baptist church. His wife, who was a native of Paris, born November 18, 1800, bore him eleven children, of whom five have passed away, namely: Lydia and Polly, who died young; William; Jackson; and Augusta, who lived to be twenty-two years old. The living are: Laura, widow of John Reed, of West Paris; Samuel W., the subject of this sketch; Joseph H., living in North Paris; Emily, the wife of Horatio Chandler, of Sumner, Me.; Wellington W., residing in North Paris; and Anna, the widow of James Rowell, late of North Paris.

Samuel W. Dunham spent the early years of his life in North Paris, and was educated in the district schools of that town. At the age of twenty-one he started for himself. A year later he bought the old homestead, and thereafter carried on general farming for several years. He then sold it and purchased other land. Later in life he conducted a general store in North Paris for about twenty-two years, and a milling business in West and North Paris for several years. Selling out in 1884 to James Bird he came to West Paris, where he is now living in retirement. He was Postmaster of North Paris for sixteen years.

On March 1, 1849, Mr. Dunham was married to Miss Rachel E. Andrews, who was born in Woodstock, this county, December 18, 1829, daughter of the Rev. Ziba and Thankful (Washburn) Andrews. Her father, who was a Calvinistic Baptist preacher, was born in

Paris, October 24, 1806, and died May 10, 1888. Her mother was born in Hebron, Me., September 10, 1805, and died November 29, 1876. They had twelve children, of whom six, besides Mrs. Dunham, are living, namely: Isaac W. Andrews, of Woodstock; Anna F. Ellingwood, of West Paris; the Rev. John C. Andrews, a Baptist minister located in Utah; Lizzie Carlton, M.D., of Brookline, Mass.; Lottie D. Benson, of South Weymouth, Mass.; and Charles A. Andrews, of Buckfield, Me. Those who have passed away are: Cyrena, born May 22, 1826, who died June 23, 1828; Alvesa, born January 22, 1828, who died September 24, 1852; Morton C., born April 22, 1834, who died October 23, 1853; Ziba, born November 9, 1847, who died February 13, 1871; and Cynthia, born October 22, 1850, who died November 5, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham have had ten children. These were: Hiram W., born October 27, 1850, merchant and the Postmaster of North Paris; Cynthia E. Curtis, born September 13, 1852, who died July 15, 1885; Lineas M., born October 4, 1855, who died December 7, 1864; Charles W., born July 1, 1857, a wholesale and retail boot and shoe dealer of Brattleboro, Vt.; George L., born June 15, 1859, who is in business with his brother; Horatio R., born January 16, 1861, who is a clothier of Waterville, Me.; Lizzie A., born June 29, 1864, who died May 26, 1867; Lilly A., born March 8, 1866, who died April 28, 1866; Lyndon L., born July 7, 1868, who lives at Bellows Falls, Vt., and is a member of the boot and shoe firm of Dunham Brothers; and Fannie F., born January 10, 1872, unmarried, who is living at West Paris. The father casts his vote with the Republican party. He is a member of Granite Lodge, No. 182, A. F. & A. M., at West Paris; of West Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at West Paris; and of the Rebecca Lodge. In religious belief he is a Universalist.

**S**EWELL GOFF, a first-class farmer of the town of Mexico, Oxford County, Me., was the first child born within the present city limits of Auburn, the date of his birth being January

15, 1824. His parents were James, Jr., and Rachel (Brown) Goff; and his grandfather was James Goff, Sr., who served as a patriot soldier during the Revolutionary War, becoming Sergeant at the early age of sixteen, and after the war settled in Yarmouth, but finally went to West Minot on a farm.

His son, James Goff, Jr., a native of Minot, lived on the farm, and was a merchant for a short time in Stephen's Mills. He was prominently identified with the history of Auburn, where he was engaged in business for a great many years, opening the first store, and doing much to promote the growth of the city. Mr. Goff owned most of the land on the present site, but at an early date he sold the greater part of it for building lots. The returns from this sale made him wealthy. James and Goff Streets were named for him. He was the largest contributor to the building of the Universalist church, being a member of that society. Mr. James Goff enlisted in the latter part of the War of 1812, but was not in active service. He lived to be seventy-six years of age. The maiden name of his wife was Rachel Brown. She was a native of North Yarmouth, Me., and a respected member of the Universalist church. Her earthly course was ended at the age of fifty-eight years.

Sewell Goff spent his early manhood working on the farm with his father; but in 1857 removed to Williamsburg, Me., where he was engaged in farming for six years. Returning to Auburn he devoted his energies to the stone business for six years more, subsequently buying a fine agricultural estate of six hundred acres on Swift River, where he now lives. This is one of the most desirable farms in the town of Mexico, and Mr. Goff is one of the largest tax payers.

In politics he is a staunch Republican, being at present (1896) Chairman of the Republican Committee in this town. He has also officiated for a great number of years as Selectman. Having led a good life, Mr. Goff grows old gracefully, being well preserved and active at the age of seventy-two. On March 4, 1845, on the day of James K. Polk's inauguration at Washington, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ham, of Lewiston, Me. Their union has been blessed by the following

children: Marcia, who died at the age of twenty-six; Wallace, who passed away at the age of seventeen; Sewell, who did not outlive his infancy; Albion, a farmer in this town; Julia, who married R. L. Taylor, also a resident of this place; Rachel, who married F. R. Reed, civil engineer of this county, residing at Rumford Falls; and Sadie, wife of John Reed, a farmer and mill owner of Oxford County.

**J**AMES M. DAY, a well-known native resident of Bryant's Pond, Woodstock township, ex-Deputy Sheriff of Oxford County, was born on the 31st of July, 1852, the son of Elijah and Mahala F. (Jackson) Day.

The first of the name in Woodstock was his grandfather, Alexander Day, who came to this place from Kennebunk. His wife, Mercy Dacey Day, came from Poland. They settled about a mile below where the present homestead is located. Their son, Elijah Day, was born on the 3d of September, 1820. He received his early education in the public schools of Woodstock, and spent his entire life following the occupation of a farmer. He was married on the 12th of September, 1848, to Mahala F. Jackson, the daughter of Benjamin Jackson, a general farmer of Woodstock. From this union were born four children—Belinda, who is now the wife of Gaveston Cole, who is a resident of Greenwood; James M., about whom this biographical notice is written; Emogene C., the wife of James H. Farnum, of Woodstock; and Benjamin Franklin, who died at the age of eleven months.

The original farm bought by Alexander Day comprised about one hundred and fifty acres; but his son Elijah worked hard, and finally, by dint of immense expenditure of energy, and by careful calculation and indomitable will, brought it up to the large extent of four hundred and eighty acres of arable land, and three hundred acres more of valuable wild territory.

James M. Day spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, and received his education in the public schools of Woodstock. At the age of twenty-three years he started in life for

himself, carrying on a general shipping business from the almost limitless resources of the farm, dealing almost exclusively with the products of the great estate.

He was married on the 1st of March, 1874, to Etta A. Cole, a daughter of William H. Cole, a farmer and merchant of Woodstock. By this marriage he became the father of one child, Matoira E., who was born on the sixth anniversary of the marriage of her parents, March 1, 1881.

Both Elijah Day and his son James, who live together on the old homestead, are true Republicans in politics. The latter favors the Universalist church, and his father is a liberal man in religious matters, not being connected with any particular denomination.

James M. Day is a member of Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M., of Bryant's Pond; of Christopher Lake Commandery, Knights Templars; Golden Cross Society of Bryant's Pond; and Franklin Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, No. 55, of Bryant's Pond. He held the office of Deputy Sheriff of Oxford County from 1880 to 1884, and was the incumbent of the office of Tax Collector of the county from 1878 to 1882. All that he and his father own has been made by hard labor and continuous industry, and they may well be proud of the fact that their success is the result of self-help.

**J**OSHUA E. COLLINS, a well-known carriage manufacturer and general blacksmith of Knowlton's Corner, Farmington, was born February 13, 1857, in New Sharon, this county, son of Eben and Jennie (Sherman) Collins. His grandfather, Lemuel Collins, a native of Cape Cod, Mass., who in young manhood settled upon a tract of unimproved land in New Sharon, reclaimed a good farm, and resided there for the rest of his life. Lemuel was successful both as a farmer and a business man, and lived to an advanced age. He married Sally Greenleaf, who reared three children, and lived to a good old age.

Eben G. Collins, Mr. Collins's father, was a native of New Sharon. Upon reaching manhood he took charge of the home farm, and

cared for his parents during their declining years. Succeeding to the property, he continued to reside there until 1861, when he sold it and bought a farm in Starks, Me. This after a short time he also disposed of, and removed to Industry, where he was engaged in farming for four years. From Industry he moved to the Craig farm, situated in the northern part of Farmington. Selling that property in turn, he bought the McKeen farm at Farmington Falls, where his last years were passed. He died in 1894, aged seventy-four. He was an able, industrious farmer, and a useful, upright citizen; and his children had from him the advantage of a comfortable home and a good education. In politics he was a Republican, while in religion he was a Methodist. His wife, Jennie, became the mother of six children, namely: Joshua E., the subject of this sketch; Hersey J., Joshua's twin brother; Carrie; Gardner J.; Ellen D.; and Anna E. Mr. Collins's mother is now sixty-nine years old.

Having acquired his education in the common schools, Joshua E. Collins served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. After working as a journeyman for four years he bought the William Page property at Farmington Falls, and engaged in business for himself. At a later date he sold this property, and moved to Auburn, Me., where he followed his trade for a year. From there he went to Philadelphia, Pa., where he was employed for four years. Returning then to Farmington, he carried on business for himself for about three years. At the expiration of that time he bought the Knowlton property at Knowlton's Corner, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land, with good buildings, and excellent facilities for carrying on the general blacksmith business. After establishing himself here as a general blacksmith he began the manufacture of light Concord wagons and sleighs, an enterprise which is proving very profitable. He is also engaged in general farming and dairying, and keeps a herd of fine Jersey cows. His orchard, which is one of the largest in this vicinity, has several choice varieties of grafted fruits, and brings him a good income.

On November 20, 1876, Mr. Collins wedded

Belle F. Knowlton, daughter of John and Romelia (Conner) Knowlton, late of this town. John Knowlton, Mrs. Collins's great-grandfather, was a general farmer and carriage-maker in this locality, which bears his name, and was widely known as a local preacher and an exemplary citizen. He married Sally Green; and his son John, Mrs. Collins's grandfather, was born at Knowlton's Corner, June 17, 1820. Besides following his father's trade he tilled the soil. He was a lifelong resident of Knowlton's Corner, and left behind him an honorable record as a worthy and useful citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have had two children, namely: Donald K., who died in infancy; and Sarah May, who was born June 5, 1889. Mr. Collins is one of the leading spirits in the organization of Good Templars here, and he is connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, in which he has held all of the important chairs. In politics he supports the Republican party, and in religion he is a Congregationalist.

**CYRUS SHAW TUCKER.**—For nearly a century has the name of Tucker been prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of the town of Norway, Me.; and Cyrus S. Tucker is the third saddler and harness-maker of his family. He was born in Norway, October 11, 1841, the fourth son of Benjamin and Sarah (Millett) Tucker.

His grandfather, Benjamin Tucker, Sr., was born in Canton, Mass., September 20, 1776. He removed to Worcester, Mass., and from there to Norway, Me., walking hither from Portland in 1801. Having learned the saddler's trade, he engaged in the business of making saddles, which were much in use in those days, when most of the travelling was done on horseback; and after the country became more thickly settled, and good wagon roads were common, he filled many orders for harnesses. An expert and thorough workman, he soon established a large trade, and he was the only harness-maker in the town for many years. He owned many acres of land, and he built a number of houses, including one for himself, which is still standing, now owned

by C. N. Tubbs. In 1832 Grandfather Tucker sold his business to Lewis Crockett, and retired. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican. He was Deacon of the Universalist church, the first church in the town, and contributed liberally toward its establishment. The first meeting of the Norway Universalist Society recorded was held November 20, 1798, and the first meeting-house was built in 1801. Deacon Benjamin Tucker, Sr., died October 27, 1857. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Pike, passed away October 5, 1859. Their children were: Benjamin, John, Jane, Mary, Rosilla, Luther P., and nine others who died in early childhood.

Benjamin Tucker, son of Benjamin, Sr., and Mary (Pike) Tucker, was born in Norway, April 1, 1805. He learned to make saddles and harnesses in his father's shop, and after finishing his apprenticeship he was in business two years in Sebec, and two years in Buckfield. In 1832 he returned to Norway, and, purchasing his father's old stand from Mr. Crockett, he conducted a successful business there until 1866, when he retired, selling the business to his son, Cyrus Shaw, the subject of this sketch. The house which Benjamin Tucker occupied was destroyed in the great fire of 1851, and he immediately erected another building. He was one of the leading citizens of the town, a Whig and later a Republican, and represented Norway in the legislature in 1842. He, too, was a Deacon and a liberal supporter of the Universalist church. He died March 2, 1876. His wife, Sarah, who was a daughter of John and Martha (Sawyer) Millett, died in 1869, aged sixty-one years. She was the mother of nine children—Benjamin, third, born March 11, 1831; Sarah Melissa, born November 17, 1832; Charles Henry, September 12, 1834; William, March 25, 1836; Angelia, December 17, 1838; Cyrus Shaw, of whom more anon; Henry, born March 27, 1843; Albert Eugene, October 4, 1846; and Mary Alice, June 24, 1850.

Cyrus Shaw Tucker, having obtained his education in the public schools and the old Norway Liberal Institute, learned his trade, working with his father in Norway, and with

his brother in Skowhegan. Enlisting in July, 1862, in Company F, Seventeenth Maine Regiment, for the defence of the Union, he went to the seat of war and for some time was called to endure the hardships and brave the dangers of a soldier in the ranks. At length, becoming unable longer to march with his company, he was detailed for special duty, being employed as a saddler at the brigade headquarters till his discharge on June 10, 1865. Mr. Tucker's military service seriously undermined his health, which he has never fully regained; but by close application to business, while observing hygienic laws, he has been enabled to accomplish more than many who are physically sound, yet lacking in mental and moral stamina.

In 1866 he purchased the business which has now been under his able management for thirty years. His father's shop was in an adjoining building on the second floor, the first floor being occupied by a shoe store. In 1867 Mr. Tucker built a small block on the site of his present place of business, which was also the site of a house erected by his grandfather. In this block the shop and salesroom were on the first floor, while the upper floor was occupied by Mr. Tucker as a dwelling. Here for twenty-seven years he conducted an increasingly successful business, meeting with no serious financial check until 1894, when the second great fire that visited Norway destroyed his building. The disaster, however, only seemed to give a fresh impetus to his enterprise, for he immediately began to build the handsome brick block, thirty-four by sixty-seven feet in dimension, which now bears his name. There is a fine suite of rooms on the second floor heated by steam and lighted by electricity. The ground floor is occupied by the harness shop and salesrooms, the manufactory in the rear, where some of the finest harnesses made in the State are finished. The salesroom has a handsome plate-glass front, and, well stocked with a complete and first-class line of harnesses and carriage furniture, trunks, grips, valises, and other leather goods, is the crowning beauty of an establishment which commercial men say is the finest of its kind in the State.

As a successful business man Mr. Tucker is

actively interested in other financial enterprises of the locality. He was one of the founders of the Norway Savings Bank and the National Bank, and is now President of the Savings Bank; is a Director and stock holder in the water works, being one of the company that put in the plant; also was one of the company organized to supply the town with electric lights; and is a stockholder in the Opera House Block and in the railroad; in fact, he has been one of the foremost in inaugurating local improvements; and the town of Norway owes much to his energy, public spirit, and foresight.

October 10, 1866, Mr. Tucker was married to Kate S., daughter of Lucius and Adeline C. (Hobart) Denison. Her mother was an aunt of Garret A. Hobart, of Peterson, N. J., Vice-President Elect of the United States. Lucius Denison came from Boston to Norway in 1861, and was for ten years engaged in trade with I. A. Denison, selling his interest at the end of that time, and building a large pulp-mill on Crooked River. The latter part of his life was spent in retirement in Norway, where he died in 1882, at an advanced age. Mrs. Kate S. Tucker died March 14, 1875, at the age of thirty-two, leaving three children — Kate, born December 7, 1869, who died July 2, 1876; Carrie, born September 1, 1871; and Agnes, born March 3, 1875, now teaching school. Mr. Tucker was again married September 12, 1876, to Miss Georgie A. Nelson, daughter of Chaplin and Emily (Hicks) Nelson, of South Waterford, Me.

In politics he favors the Republican party. He has been clerk of the Norway Village Corporation a number of years, receiving his appointment in 1867, and Town Treasurer eight years, entering on his duties in 1880. He is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Oxford Council; and Portland Commandery, Knights Templars; and has been Treasurer of all the Masonic societies in Norway since 1878. He was the first Adjutant of Harry Rust Post, No. 54, Grand Army of the Republic, and has ever been an active comrade. He is an active member of the Universalist Parish, as were his father and grandfather before him, and he has efficiently served for

fifteen years as one of the Parish Committee, a leader in the good works which are the outward manifestation of saving faith.

WALLACE REED TARBOX, a prominent business man of Fryeburg, Me., son of Dominicus G. and Sarah (Paine) Tarbox, was born in Denmark, Me., March 25, 1852. Mr. Tarbox's father was a native of Biddeford, Me. He was born in 1800, and was a year old when his parents removed to Kennebunk, Me. Upon reaching manhood he settled in Fryeburg, where he ran a carding-mill until 1830. He then moved to Denmark, Me., and engaged in the clothier's business, in which he continued several years. Squire Tarbox possessed a large amount of natural ability, which, combined with his honesty and candor, enabled him to be of great assistance in transacting legal affairs, as he was for years Justice of the Peace, and filled many other offices of trust. His advice was considered of inestimable value by all his associates in the community where he lived, also in the adjoining towns. His death, which occurred in 1885, was profoundly regretted by all who knew him. His wife, Sarah L. Paine, who was a native of Standish, Me., was a very sweet, amiable lady, beloved by all who knew her. She died in 1883. They had nine children — Samuel P., who died in 1896; William Henry, whose home is in Fryeburg, but who is engaged in business in Boston; Sarah E., wife of C. H. Walker, of Fryeburg; Mary O., who married M. M. Rogers, and lives in Cambridge, Mass.; James L., who died in June, 1877; Augusta R., wife of Nathan Sanborn, of Baldwin, Me.; Ena M., who died in 1863; Wallace R., the subject of this sketch; and George E., who resides in Harrison, Me.

Wallace R. Tarbox attended the common schools in his boyhood, later he was employed for a time on a farm, and he completed his education at Fryeburg Academy. He learned the harness-maker's trade with Deacon John Evans, of Fryeburg, coming here in 1870. After completing his apprenticeship Mr. Tarbox went West, with the intention of locating there, but after working at his trade for a few

years in Wisconsin and in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., he decided that his preference was for the East. He therefore returned to Fryeburg, bought the business which his former employer, Deacon Evans, had carried on for forty years, made extensive improvements, and is to-day doing a good business as a manufacturer of harnesses and horse clothing, and carrying a fine line of saddlery, hardware, robes, trunks, and so forth. His store is one of the finest of the kind in the State. It does not, however, absorb all the energies of Mr. Tarbox. He is the local agent for several reliable fire, life, and accident insurance companies, and he has been very successful in securing a large number of risks in this locality, and does a profitable business, especially in the fire insurance.

His well-won reputation for being upright and honorable in all his dealings has secured for him merited confidence, and is thus the keynote of his success. In all movements relative to the improvement of the town and the development of business, Mr. Tarbox is deeply interested, and may be depended upon for active support. He has been Treasurer of the West Oxford Agricultural Society for the past ten years, and at one time acted in the same capacity for the Oxford Hotel and Land Company. He is also Treasurer of all the lodges with which he is connected. He is a member of Pythagorean Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Fryeburg; Oriental Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Bridgton; and of Portland Commandery, Knights Templars, of Portland. He was Master of the Blue Lodge here for two years, and District Deputy for several years. He was a charter member of Pequawket Lodge, No. 34, Knights of Pythias, of this town. The leading citizens of the town and county are numbered among his friends and acquaintances, his prominence and popularity in business and social circles being largely due to his enterprise and progressive tendencies and his naturally genial manner. Mr. Tarbox is actively interested in political affairs, and votes the Republican ticket.

He was married June 21, 1892, to Miss Mary E. Reardon, a native of Belfast, Me. Mrs. Tarbox is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, Manchester, N.H., and for several years

previous to her marriage was a popular teacher in Maine and Massachusetts.

**C**HARLES B. BONNEY, a veteran of the Civil War, and an industrious and successful farmer of Sumner, was born in the adjoining town of Peru, Oxford County, Me., January 10, 1832, his parents being Asa and Elizabeth (Bisbee) Bonney, the former of whom was a native of Pembroke, Me., and the latter of Sumner.

Isaac Bonney, the father of Asa, was one of the first to settle in East Sumner, Me., where, with the indomitable energy which characterized the thrifty pioneers of that day, he set himself to the task of clearing his land, and before his death had brought his one-hundred-and-twenty-five-acre farm into good shape for cultivation. During the struggle of the American colonies for independence, he did personal service as a soldier. He died in Sumner at an advanced age. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Robinson, bore him the following children: John, David, Isaac, Olpha, Annie, Asa, and Abigail.

When Asa Bonney, the youngest son, went out from the parental roof to gain his own livelihood, he took up the occupation to which he had been reared, and his life was successfully spent in agricultural pursuits in the towns of Peru and Sumner. In politics he was at one time a Free Soiler, but during his later years he became a Republican. He died in Sumner when eighty-two years of age. His wife, Elizabeth Bisbee Bonney, also lived to be over fourscore years of age. Both were members of the Methodist church. They were the parents of twenty-one children, of whom eighteen, seven sons and eleven daughters, grew to mature years. Of this number, eleven have passed away, namely: Sarah, the eldest-born; Elmira; Abigail; John; Stephen; Ann; Vesta; Elizabeth; Lydia; Jones; and Fanny—the seven now living being Mary, Elizabeth (second), Isaac, Asa, Cyrus, Charles B., and Thankful, the last named being the youngest child.

Charles B. Bonney, the youngest son, passed the early years of his life in the towns of Sumner, Hartford, Turner, and Peru, his



education being obtained in the schools of Sumner and Turner. At the age of sixteen he went to Boston, where he secured employment in a linseed oil factory, at eight dollars per week, which was two dollars more than the usual wages then paid for the class of work which he did. After a year spent in Boston he returned to Peru, and purchased his first land, a timber lot, and renting a saw-mill he engaged in the manufacture of lumber for two and one-half years. Selling the land in Peru, he then moved to West Sumner, and bought a farm, which he carried on with profit for six years.

For five months the open contest between North and South had been gathering force, when, on September 21, 1861, Mr. Bonney enlisted in the Ninth Maine Regiment, Company F, under Captain Horatio Bisbee. He was first given the position of teamster, and later that of wagon master, serving in the latter capacity until his honorable discharge in 1865. Returning to Oxford County he purchased a farm of sixty acres in Turner, having in the mean time sold his West Sumner farm; and four years later, in January, 1872, he sold the Turner farm, and bought the place on which he has since resided here in Sumner. This farm contains about one hundred and sixty acres, is under good cultivation, and has well-kept and convenient buildings. He is engaged in mixed farming, and keeps a dairy of blooded stock, including grade Jerseys.

On September 30, 1855, at the time he was engaged in clearing his first land, Mr. Bonney married Cynthia Cary, who was born in East Sumner, Me., January 4, 1830, daughter of Dr. Bethuel and Lucy (Robinson) Cary.

John Cary, the first American progenitor of the family, was a native of Somersetshire, England, whence he came to this country about 1634. On his arrival he connected himself with the Plymouth Colony, and settled in Duxbury, but subsequently removed to Bridgewater, Mass. Ezra Cary, the father of Bethuel, was a native of Bridgewater, Mass. born in 1749; and his wife, whose maiden name was Cynthia Brett, was born in Stoughton, Mass. He came to Turner, Me., at an early date, and was known as a progressive

farmer. He also followed the occupation of a tanner. For fifty years he was a Deacon in the Congregational church. He died in Turner in 1839, aged eighty-nine years, ten months, and fifteen days. He was twice married, and by both unions had eleven children (eight sons and three daughters), as follows: Thomas, Zachariah, Luther, Ezra, Daniel, John S., Cynthia, Bethuel, Tolman, Cynthia, and Susanna.

Bethuel Cary, the eighth child, was born in Turner, Me., in 1793. He spent his life principally in East Sumner, where he was a pioneer in the medical profession, and acquired a large and successful practice, devoting fifty years of his life to this work. In religious faith he was a Baptist, in political affiliation, a staunch Republican from the formation of that party; and in 1841 he represented the towns of Sumner and Hartford in the Maine legislature. For a number of years Dr. Cary served as Town Clerk, and he was Postmaster for quite a period. He died at East Sumner, September 2, 1866, aged seventy-three; and his wife, Lucy Robinson, who was born in Sumner in 1797, died March 9, 1880, at nearly eighty-three years of age. They had six children, of whom three are still living, namely: Benjamin F. Cary, of Hartford; Cynthia, Mrs. Charles B. Bonney; Sarah D., born May 16, 1832, who was married May 28, 1854, to Isaac Bonney, a successful farmer of Sumner, brother of Charles B. Bonney. The others were: Lucy A., wife of Eleazer Ellis, of Sumner, born May 13, 1818, who died April 16, 1890; Bethuel Cary, a boot maker by trade, born May 19, 1825, who died August 29, 1852; William R. Cary, late a farmer and breeder of fancy cattle and horses, residing in Hartford, Me., born July 8, 1820, who died August 13, 1891.

Four children have been born to Charles B. Bonney and his wife, Cynthia Cary Bonney, and three are still living; namely, Sadie D., Hattie May, and Charles Augustus. Tolman C. died, aged five years. Sadie D., who is now the wife of Frank W. Palmer, the depot master at East Sumner, has five children—Howard, Bessie, Raymond, Elsie, and Dorothy. Hattie May married Epyrus Bosworth,

a farmer of Sumner. Charles Augustus Bonney, unmarried, is engaged in farming.

Politically, Mr. Bonney is a supporter of the Republican party; fraternally, he is a member of Nezinscot Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Buckfield. He and his wife and family are all members of the Baptist church, in which he has been a Deacon for many years.

**C**HARLES PORTER FULLER, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Oxford, Oxford County, Me., was born in East Oxford, April 2, 1820, son of Ira and Sally (Merrill) Fuller. In the latter part of the last century, when this locality was a dense wilderness abounding in game, and inhabited by a few venturesome settlers who were obliged to travel on horseback, finding their way by means of marked trees, to reach Portland, the nearest market town, Mr. Fuller's grandfather, Nathaniel Fuller, a native of Massachusetts, began clearing up a farm in East Oxford, which was then a part of the town of Hebron. The sturdy pioneer of those days, which witnessed the dawning of civilization in this part of Maine, was under the necessity of producing nearly everything used in his family, including the flax and wool which were spun, woven, and made into clothing by the thrifty housewife. By dint of hard work, long continued, Grandfather Fuller cleared and improved a good farm. In 1794 a Methodist meeting was held at the house of John Caldwell in East Oxford, its members later organizing a class or society, which for sixty years formed a part of the Hebron and Oxford circuit; and Mr. Nathaniel Fuller was one of the promoters of this religious movement. He died here at the age of nearly eighty-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia Holmes, lived to attain a good old age, having reared to maturity five children — Ira, Nathaniel, Pamela, Jerusha, and Caleb.

Ira Fuller, son of Nathaniel and Julia (Holmes) Fuller, was born in East Oxford, September 24, 1786. He grew to manhood upon the farm which his father had cleared, and in his turn became an energetic and indus-

trious farmer, and a highly respected resident of this town. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and in his religious views he was a Methodist. The greater part of his mature life was spent in useful and honorable toil; and his last days were passed at the house of his son, Charles P., where he died December 1, 1855. His wife, Sally Merrill, who was born in Hebron, March 15, 1796, and died September 21, 1874, was the mother of eleven children, as follows: Merrill W., who was born January 13, 1817; James O., who was born February 11, 1818; Charles Porter, the subject of this sketch; Prescott H., who was born February 29, 1822; Harriet N., who was born June 6, 1824; George C. W., who was born February 15, 1826; Augustus I., who was born April 19, 1828; Sarah J., who was born May 25, 1830; Jabez H., who was born September 17, 1832; Janette H., who was born April 7, 1835; and Edward H., who was born August 1, 1838. The surviving sons are: Charles P., Prescott H., George C. W., and Edward H., and a daughter, Janette H., it is thought is still living also.

Charles Porter Fuller was the third-born son of his parents. As he grew toward manhood he attended the district schools of his native town, and, when old enough to be of use in assisting upon a farm, he began work for Zebulon Cushman, of East Oxford, who paid him eighteen dollars for six months' services. He continued as a farm laborer for several years, giving the greater part of his earnings to his father. During the years 1836 and 1837 he was in the steamboat service between Portland and Boston, being employed on the steamers "Portland" and "McDonough," commanded by Captain J. Howe and Captain Stanley, respectively. He enlisted in the militia at the time of the North-eastern boundary trouble in 1839, known as the Aroostook War, also serving the State in an incipient Indian uprising. The first real estate bought by him consisted of a farm known as the Joseph Swift place, situated upon the Rumford road in the town of Paris. He resided there until 1861, when he moved to his present farm in Oxford, where he has fifty acres of excellent tillage land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation; and he

has also made various improvements upon the buildings. As a general farmer he has made the most of his facilities and opportunities, raising large and superior crops, which he markets to good advantage, and his untiring industry has always been attended with prosperity.

On May 8, 1842, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage with Abbie A. Swift, who was born in Oxford, June 13, 1820, daughter of Samuel and Statira A. (Gammon) Swift. Her father, Samuel Swift, was born in Paris, Me., February 2, 1791. The greater part of his life was passed in Oxford, where he was a prosperous farmer and a worthy citizen. He lived to reach the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Statira Gammon, who was born in Oxford in 1802, died July 25, 1837, aged thirty-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have had two children, as follows: Charles B., who was born in Paris, December 30, 1844; and Augusta S., who was born in the same town, December 16, 1846, married Eugene E. Record, and died March 5, 1871, leaving two children—Abbie L. and Mabel A., neither of whom is living. Charles B. Fuller resides with his parents. He owns a farm of fifty acres, and in addition to general farming he gives special attention to raising fancy poultry, and keeping bees of the Italian variety, of which he usually has from twenty-five to fifty stands. He is a progressive and useful citizen, and in politics acts with the Democratic party.

Charles Porter Fuller and his wife have for many years been members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Fuller has taken an active interest, and has been a class leader. Politically, he is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller are among the best-known residents of Oxford. In May, 1892, their friends assembled in large numbers at their home, to congratulate them on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, and to wish them "many more of quiet years."

**G**ESSIUS FLORUS JENNINGS, now living in retirement, who was station agent of the Maine Central Railroad Company at Farmington for twenty

years, was born in Leeds, Me., January 28, 1829, son of Perez S. and Joanna (Lane) Jennings. Mr. Jennings's grandfather, Samuel Jennings, born in Sandwich, Mass., November 15, 1762, came to Maine in early manhood, and bought a tract of wild land. Samuel erected a log house, cleared a portion of the land for cultivation, and, returning to Massachusetts, induced his brother John to take half of his purchase. Dividing the tract between them, the brothers made two good farms, erecting on them substantial buildings. Samuel Jennings died March 23, 1842. He married Olive Tupper, who was born in Sandwich, Mass., February 10, 1763, daughter of Enoch Tupper. Her children by him were: Samuel, who was born February 7, 1787; and Perez S., Mr. Jennings's father. She died April 20, 1848.

Perez S. Jennings was born in Leeds, March 2, 1792. When a young man he engaged in mercantile pursuits, which he carried on successfully for several years. He retired from trade in order to care for his aged parents. Succeeding to the homestead, he continued to reside there until his death, which occurred June 19, 1853. A worthy, upright citizen, whose ability both as a farmer and a business man was of the highest order, he had the esteem of his townsmen. Originally a Whig, he later supported the Republican party; and he was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. His wife, Joanna, who was born in Leeds, October 18, 1794, daughter of James and Abigail Lane, became the mother of six children, as follows: Orville, born January 14, 1825, who graduated from Bowdoin College in 1849, became United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and died at the age of forty-three years; Gustavus A., born June 13, 1827; Gessius F., the subject of this sketch; Eliza Ann, who was born October 9, 1831; Roscoe G., M.D., born June 17, 1833; and Rollin F., born June 15, 1837. The mother died April 9, 1863.

Gessius Florus Jennings attended the Monmouth and Litchfield Academies. At the age of twenty-one he went to Massachusetts, where he was for a year and a half engaged as an operative in a shovel factory. Upon his return he settled at the homestead for the pur-

pose of caring for his parents during their declining years, and for the succeeding twenty years he tilled the soil during the summer season, and taught school in the winter. In 1872 he came to Farmington as station agent for the Maine Central Railroad Company, a position which he ably filled for twenty years, giving the most complete satisfaction to the general public, as well as to his employers. Upon his retirement in 1892, the company lost the services of a faithful and popular official.

On May 24, 1860, Mr. Jennings wedded Orra M. Foss, daughter of Uriah and Mary (Leadbetter) Foss, both of whom were natives of Leeds. He has since become the father of two children, namely: Elmer E., a popular young man, who succeeded his father as station agent here; and Flora M., April 9, 1865, who is now the wife of Eugene Brown, a printer of Farmington, and has two children — Zilda J. and Leo J., born respectively November 27, 1891, and August 10, 1895. Upon retiring from the railroad service, Mr. Jennings bought the Stillman Tarbox House, situated at the corner of High and Middle Streets, and has since resided there. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Baptist. He takes a lively interest in the progress of the town. While in Leeds he was Town Clerk and superintendent of schools. He is connected with Franklin Lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand.

**S**TEPHEN R. PARSONS, who owns and cultivates a large and exceedingly productive farm in Paris, Oxford County, Me., was born in the adjoining town of Norway, August 15, 1830, son of John and Apphia (Robinson) Parsons.

The family of which Stephen R. Parsons is a representative was founded by Jeffrey Parsons, a native of Ashprington, County of Devon, England, who emigrated first to the Island of Barbadoes, and from there to Gloucester, Mass., where he settled permanently. He married Sarah Vinson. The line of descent continues through their son,

John, Sr., and Isabella (Haines) Parsons; John, Jr., and Elizabeth (Haskell) Parsons; William and Sarah (Rust) Parsons; to John, third, and Dorothy (Stevens) Parsons who were Stephen R. Parsons's grandparents. From Gloucester, Mass., some of the family removed to New Gloucester, Cumberland County, Me., where they were among the early settlers.

Grandfather John Parsons was born in that town. In 1787 he settled in Norway, Oxford County, upon a large tract of unimproved land, from which he cleared a good farm. The rest of his life was passed in Norway, where he died December 5, 1847, aged eighty-two years and nine months. He was an attendant of the Baptist church. He was three times married, his first wife being Esther Smith. His second wife, Dorothy Stevens, who was a daughter of Deacon Stevens, of New Gloucester, died February 11, 1809, having been the mother of nine children, as follows: Esther, who was born December 26, 1791; Abigail, who was born April 13, 1793; John, fourth, who was born April 21, 1795; Jacob, who was born February 22, 1797; Dorothy, who was born February 11, 1799; Joel S., who was born February 5, 1801; Betsey, who was born December 22, 1803; Olive, who was born December 11, 1805; and Isaac, who was born April 2, 1808. Grandfather John Parsons wedded for his third wife Eunice Witham, and to this union there were born four children, namely: Charles, who was born February 9, 1811; Moses, who was born March 29, 1812; Eunice, who was born September 19, 1814; and George W., who was born May 16, 1816.

John Parsons, fourth, son of John and Dorothy (Stevens) Parsons, was born in Norway, on the date above mentioned. He acquired a good education in the schools of his native town and at the Hebron Academy. When a young man he was a schoolmaster of considerable note, and presided over schools in Paris and other towns in this vicinity, in Freeport, Cumberland County, Me., and also in Massachusetts; and he later engaged in farming. Purchasing the Tubbs farm in Norway, located about two and one-half miles from the village, he there carried on general farming for a num-

ber of years, and about 1845 moved to the Robinson farm in Paris, which was the property of his wife's father, and which is now owned by his son. Here he continued to till the soil, diligently laboring to obtain the best results; and he retained his customary activity until his death, which took place in April, 1868. In politics he was originally a Whig, later acting with the Republican party; and while residing in Norway he served one year as a member of the Board of Selectmen. In his religious views he was liberal. His wife, Apphia Robinson, whom he married October 26, 1829, was a daughter of Stephen Robinson, of Paris. She died in November, 1861, having been the mother of but one child—Stephen Robinson, the subject of this sketch.

Stephen Robinson Parsons began his education in the schools of Norway, and, removing with his parents to Paris when he was fourteen years old, he completed his studies in the schools of this town. Since reaching manhood he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits, owning the old Robinson homestead of two hundred and fifty acres, which is a desirably located and valuable piece of property. The substantial buildings were erected by his grandfather, Stephen Robinson, about the year 1802. Mr. Parsons is one of the most successful general farmers and well-to-do residents in this section of the county, his long-continued activity having produced such satisfactory financial results as to place him in easy circumstances, while his well-known energy and capacity for hard work are still unabated.

On January 3, 1865, Mr. Parsons was married to Mary Chase Thomas, who was born in Oxford, Me., February 10, 1843, daughter of George W. and Margaret Ann (Blankenburg) Thomas, neither of whom is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have six children, as follows: Apphia J., who was born November 2, 1865; John T., who was born February 12, 1868; Annie I., who was born December 30, 1869; Dora A., who was born October 15, 1871; Mary T., who was born June 29, 1875; and Oscar W., who was born January 18, 1879. The children have been well educated. All are still single, except Apphia J., who, on August 19, 1886, became the wife of Wallace

K. Clifford, and now has four children: Wallace, who was born June 30, 1887; Carrie M., who was born July 16, 1889; Earl R., who was born October 13, 1893; and Stephen Longley, born June 28, 1896.

Politically, Mr. Parsons supports the Republican party, and though not an aspirant for office he takes an active interest in all matters of public importance. He is a member of the Congregational church in South Paris, of which he has been Deacon for a number of years; and both he and Mrs. Parsons are among the most highly esteemed and best known residents of their neighborhood.

**J**AMES J. ABBOTT, a retired farmer and produce dealer of Sumner, Oxford County, Me., and an ex-member of the Maine legislature, was born in this town, March 3, 1824, son of Daniel and Sally (Tripp) Abbott. His grandfather, George Abbott, was an early settler of Falmouth, Me. Later, however, he removed to Sumner, where the rest of his active days were passed in industriously tilling the soil. He lived to reach a good old age, esteemed and respected by all who knew him. He married and was the father of six children, namely: Daniel; Amos; George; Hannah; Levi; and Andrew, who died young.

Daniel Abbott, who was the eldest of the five sons of George Abbott, was born in Falmouth, July 11, 1790. Accompanying his parents to Sumner, when a young man he settled upon a farm in the north part of the town near Black Mountain; but, after carrying on general farming in that locality for a number of years, he removed to Franklin Plantation, and there made his home for a time. His last days were passed in Sumner, where he died August 16, 1872. By his first marriage he had one child; and by his second wife, Sally Tripp, who was born in Gloucester, Me., June 3, 1792, he was the father of seven children, as follows: Margaret C., Lucy C., and Andrew, who are no longer living; Allen G., a prosperous farmer of Sumner; Marian, who is now the widow of Barney Rowe, and resides in Sumner; James J., the subject of this sketch; and Alpheus A., who lives in Frank-

lin Plantation. Mrs. Sally Tripp Abbott died June 7, 1888, having lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years. Both parents were active members of the Free Will Baptist church; and the father was a Republican in politics from the formation of that party until his death.

James J. Abbott, whose antecedents have thus been made known to the reader, passed his boyhood and youth in Sumner and Franklin Plantation, and acquired his education in the schools of his native town. He has followed various occupations, giving his principal attention, however, to farming and the buying and selling of country produce, having been successfully engaged in this latter business for many years, or until his retirement from active pursuits.

Mr. Abbott's first wife, Nancy R. McAllister, with whom he was united in marriage on November 29, 1850, died March 26, 1854, leaving one daughter, Ella R., who died in December of the same year. His present wife, whom he married January 16, 1855, was before marriage Clementia Buck. She was born in Sumner, March 13, 1832, daughter of Charles A. and Charlotte (Heald) Buck, both natives of Sumner. Her father was born December 24, 1806; and her mother was born February 23, 1808. Mrs. Abbott's maternal grandfather, Captain Benjamin Heald, was one of the first settlers in the town of Sumner, where he owned more land than any other man of his time. To-day the family name stands high in the list of summer residents.

Mrs. Abbott's great-grandfather on her father's side, Moses Buck, first, was one of the early pioneers of Sumner, where her grandfather, also named Moses, was born March 12, 1781. His wife, whose maiden name was Polly Warren, was born in Paris, Me., November 25, 1790. Grandfather Buck passed the active period of his life as an industrious general farmer; and he died in Sumner, November 22, 1840. His wife died October 6, 1857. Charles A. Buck, Mrs. Abbott's father, was one of the stirring and successful agriculturists of his day, and resided in Norway, Me., thirteen years preceding his death, which took place November 10, 1878. In politics he was originally a Whig, and later joined the Republican party. He and his wife Charlotte reared

three children, as follows: Clementia, who is now Mrs. Abbott; Harriet J., who was born March 17, 1837, and is now the wife of Hiram Howe, of West Sumner; and James M., who was born November 22, 1838, married Alice Leighton, of Monmouth, and resides in West Sumner. Mrs. Charlotte H. Buck died August 20, 1854. Mrs. Abbott's parents were Universalists in their religious views. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have one daughter — Ella C., who was born May 31, 1857, and is now the wife of Dr. C. M. Bisbee, of Rumford Falls.

Mr. Abbott is an earnest worker in upholding the principles of the Republican party; and, being a man who possesses great natural energy and ability, he has necessarily attained a far-reaching influence in the political affairs of the county. While residing in Franklin Plantation he served as superintendent of schools and in other offices; and in Sumner he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen four years, and has also held office as Collector and Treasurer. As Representative to the legislature during the session of 1892 he displayed careful judgment and a due regard for the interests of his district. He is connected with Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, A. F. & A. M., of Mechanic Falls, having joined it in 1853; and he is also a member of the lodge of Odd Fellows at West Paris. Both he and Mrs. Abbott attend the Universalist church. He is highly respected as a public-spirited citizen and a representative of an old family, a man whose success in life is the result of steady application to business.

THOMAS HUNTINGTON BROWN, M.D., who was widely known and honored throughout Oxford County, was actively engaged in the practice of medicine for more than twoscore years at Paris, Me., where his death occurred August 3, 1880. His life record was a praiseworthy one, rendered notable by professional skill, integrity, and sterling worth; and his memory will long be cherished throughout this community. He was born August 27, 1813, in Minot, Androscoggin County, a son of Thomas Brown, a resident of that town.

Thomas Brown was born in Newbury, Essex

County, Mass., and there grew to years of maturity. In the early part of the present century he came to Maine, settling in Minot, where he was engaged in mechanical pursuits until his death. He married in 1811 Mrs. Mary Rawson Bridgham, the widow of Sullivan Bridgham. She was born in Sutton, Mass., July 5, 1780, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Chase) Rawson.

Thomas H. Brown acquired his elementary education in the common schools of Minot and Paris, this county, later attending academies in Buckfield and Readfield. At the age of twenty years he began the study of medicine with Dr. Levi Rawson, of Grafton, Mass. He attended his first course of lectures at the Maine Medical College in Brunswick, Me., subsequently further pursuing his studies at Pittsfield, Mass., and being graduated from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1837. On May 15 of that year, just after receiving his diploma, Dr. Brown established himself in Paris, Me., which had been his early home, and here met with such eminent success that he continued to practise here during his life. He became identified with the best interests of the town and county, and was very prominent in professional, political, military, and religious circles. He belonged to the Maine Medical Association, of which he was at one time President, and for five years was Judge of Probate. He was Surgeon of the First Regiment of the First Division of the Maine State militia, receiving his honorable discharge after seven years of service, and for eleven years was Examining Surgeon for the Pension Department. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and in religion was a conscientious member of the Baptist church. He was a clear and forcible writer, ably filling the chair of political editor of the *Oxford Democrat* from 1853 until 1856 and from 1874 until 1876.

Dr. Thomas H. Brown was twice married. His first wife, Maria S. King, daughter of Samuel King, was born in Paris, Me., in 1813, and died in this town in November, 1846. Of their three children all died in infancy. On December 7, 1847, the union of Dr. Thomas H. Brown with Juliette Hammond was solemnized. Mrs. Brown was born

in Paris, a daughter of Moses Hammond. Her great-grandfather, Benjamin Hammond, Sr., who held the rank of Captain in the Revolutionary army, is said to have been the thirteenth of the original settlers of this town. He died from sickness at Ticonderoga, while in the service of his country. His son, Benjamin, second, was born in New Gloucester, Cumberland County, Me., July 15, 1760. About the year 1785 he came to Oxford County, locating in Paris, where he took up a tract of heavily timbered land, on which he erected a log house, and in the years of incessant toil that followed won from the wilderness a comfortable homestead, where he resided until his decease, February 28, 1838. He married Rebecca Smith, who was born October 13, 1763, at Cape Ann, Massachusetts, and died in Paris, Me., on the home farm, February 10, 1843. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Rebecca; Esther; Benjamin, third; Moses; Sally; Ezra; Olive; and Bela. In politics Benjamin Hammond was a Whig and in religion a Baptist.

Moses Hammond, son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Smith) Hammond, was born on the old homestead, about a mile and a half from the village of Paris, June 2, 1791, and died April 10, 1871. He was a man of great enterprise, an expert mechanic and draftsman, and in his younger days was engaged in trade at Paris Hill. He subsequently became extensively engaged in the lumber business, buying large tracts of timber in both Oxford and Penobscot Counties, and owning large saw-mills. He selected the site of his home on Paris Hill, and there built a fine residence, in which he spent his remaining days. He was liberal in his religious beliefs and a staunch Republican in politics. A man of fearless honesty, he was prominent and popular in public life, and for many years was one of the Selectmen of Paris. His wife, whose maiden name was Mehitable Keith, was born in Bridgewater, Mass., in December, 1794, and died in Paris, Me., July 13, 1867. They had eight children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth S. Prince, of Paris Hill; Jairus Keith, who died in 1892; Mrs. Juliette H. Brown, widow of the late Dr. Brown; Albert M., of South Paris; and Miss

Frances A., who lives on the Hammond homestead.

Dr. Thomas H. Brown left three children, namely: Edward Thomas, born June 7, 1849; Agnes Mary, born September 7, 1850; and Gertrude Juliette, born February 12, 1855. Edward Thomas, who is a Lieutenant in the Fifth United States Artillery, married Angeline Watson, of Ohio; and they have two children—Thomas W. and Edith. Gertrude J. is the wife of Major J. R. Brinckle, who was born at Wilmington, Del., and is now an officer in the Fifth United States Artillery. Major and Mrs. Brinckle lost their only son, John R., who died in infancy, and have now three children living—Julia B., Gertrude, and Frances H.

**S**YLVANUS PORTER STEARNS, one of the leading farmers of Oxford County, an extensive landholder in the town of Paris, was born March 20, 1832, on the farm where he is now residing, awaiting the completion of his handsome residence at South Paris. He comes of old Colonial stock and of substantial English ancestry, being a direct descendant of Isaac Stearns, who came from England in 1630 in the same ship, it is thought, with Governor Winthrop, and settled at Watertown, Mass., where he was admitted as a freeman, May 18, 1631. He served several years as Selectman. The next in line was his son, Samuel Stearns, who in turn was succeeded by three bearing his name, Captain Samuel of the fifth generation having a son William, who was the grandfather of Sylvanus Porter.

William Stearns was born in Watertown, Mass., and in his early manhood married Mary, daughter of Phineas Stearns, of the adjoining town of Waltham. They subsequently removed to this State, locating in Paris, where the grandfather bought eight hundred acres of land, a portion of which is included in the present Stearns homestead. With the true pioneer perseverance and courage he set to work clearing a homestead. He first built a humble log house, bringing the shingles to cover the roof a distance of six miles on a horse's back. He subsequently

bought a portion of the land under cultivation, and was engaged in general farming until his decease, November 25, 1850, at eighty-six years of age. He was the father of nine children, namely: Mary; William, Jr., the father of Sylvanus Porter; Phineas; Abigail; Samuel; Thomas; Marshall; Nancy; and Thomas, the second.

William Stearns, Jr., was born in Waltham, Mass., November 8, 1790, and was brought to Paris by his parents when but an infant. In connection with carpentering, a trade which he learned when young, he was engaged in farming throughout his years of activity. He succeeded to the management and ownership of the old homestead, and was known far and wide as one of the sterling farmers of his day, being systematic and progressive in his methods and successful in his various undertakings. In politics he was a Whig and in religion a Baptist. He attained a venerable age, dying March 20, 1877. He married Joanna Porter, who was born August 6, 1798, at Yarmouth, Me., a daughter of Nehemiah Porter. Their nuptials were solemnized on January 30, 1819; and their wedded life lasted fifty-eight years. They had eight children, namely: William Porter, born August 22, 1819, who died in January, 1890; Charles H., born October 28, 1820; James, born August 9, 1823, who died in November, 1888; George F., born September 20, 1825; Lucy A., born April 12, 1828; Sylvanus Porter, born March 20, 1832; Lydia H., born June 2, 1835, now the widow of the late J. K. Hammond; and Mary S., born February 11, 1839. The mother survived her husband seventeen years and seven months, passing away on the 8th of November, 1894.

Sylvanus Porter was the sixth child and the youngest of the five sons. He passed his boyhood days on the old home farm, receiving his education in the public schools of Paris; and since reaching man's estate, he has been here engaged in farming, gardening, and dealing in real estate. Possessing foresight and good financial ability, Mr. Stearns has been eminently successful in business, accumulating a competency. In recent years he has been especially interested in building projects, and at the present time is erecting at South Paris



for his own occupancy one of the most beautiful houses in this section of Oxford County. On removing to it with his family he expects to live retired from active pursuits, enjoying the deserved leisure earned by many years of labor. An uncompromising Republican in politics, Mr. Stearns takes a genuine interest in the welfare of his native town and county. He has served as Selectman two years, having been Chairman of the Board one year. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oxford County Agricultural Society, of which he was a Trustee three years; and he also belongs to the South Paris Grange, No. 44, Patrons of Husbandry. Religiously, he and his wife are Universalists.

Mr. Stearns was married April 29, 1856, to Isabella R. Partridge, daughter of Austin Partridge, of Paris. The following is a record of their eight children: Austin P., born January 20, 1858; Frank P., born October 5, 1860; Henry K., born November 20, 1862; Willie C., born May 10, 1865; Mary I., born September 14, 1868; Emily R., born November 24, 1871, died June 14, 1875; George, born November 5, 1877, died January 15, 1878; and Joan, born February 26, 1879. Frank P., the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Stearns, was the State Auditor of Kansas in 1891, and was a candidate for Clerk of Courts at Oklahoma, Ok. Ter., in 1896.

**A**LBERT MELLEN GREENWOOD, who is successfully engaged in the jewelry business in Phillips, Me., was born in Augusta, Me., February 2, 1853; his parents being Zina H. and Emily M. (Fellows) Greenwood. He was educated in the schools of Farmington and Wilton Academy. After leaving school he worked a few years with his father and older brother in carriage manufacturing, then learned the jewelry business, and opened a store in Phillips in March, 1880. Six years later he was obliged to give up the business on account of poor health; and for five years he worked at carpentry, after which he again resumed the jewelry business, which he has since successfully conducted, carrying a fine line of watches, clocks, jewelry, optical goods,

etc. In politics he is a Republican, and is now serving the second year as one of the Assessors of the Phillips Village Corporation. He is a member of the Congregational church, and for a number of years has held the office of Deacon and Treasurer.

The family is without doubt of English origin, though the connection has been traced only to a Thomas Greenwood, who was a weaver in Boston, Mass., in 1665, and who soon removed to that part of Cambridge now Brookline. He was made freeman in 1681, was a member of the church, and held the positions of Constable, Town Clerk, and Selectman. He married July 8, 1670, Hanna, daughter of John Ward. She died a few years later, leaving him two sons. Thomas, the elder, graduated at Harvard College, and was minister of the church in Rehoboth, Mass. John, the second son, became a prominent citizen of Newton, Mass. Thomas Greenwood, Sr., by his second wife, Abigail, had two sons. The younger, William, born October 14, 1689, married June 21, 1715, Abigail, daughter of John Woodward, of Cambridge, and removed about 1725 to Sherborn, Mass. Here he held the responsible positions of Deacon, Selectman, Representative, and Town Clerk. He died about 1756.

The ninth child of William Greenwood was Joseph, who was born June 10, 1734. He was a carpenter, joiner, and weaver, living first in Sherborn, afterward in Holden, and still later in Dublin, N.H., where he was the most prominent citizen in the town, serving as Selectman, Treasurer, Town Clerk, schoolmaster, Justice of the Peace, and Representative to the First Provincial Congress of New Hampshire. In 1793 he removed to Maine, and died at Bethel, December 27, 1825. Joseph Greenwood married about 1758 his cousin Sarah, daughter of Josiah Greenwood. They had three sons—Ebenezer, born in 1759; John, born in 1760; and Nathaniel, born November 6, 1761. Nathaniel Greenwood married June 24, 1782, Mary, daughter of Moses and Lydia (Knap) Mason. In 1793 he removed to Bethel, Me., where his wife died February 25, 1825. In 1827 he married Mrs. Abigail Irving, of Paris. The later years of his life were spent in Farmington,

Me., where he died November 7, 1846. He had eleven children by the first marriage and three by the second.

Among the former was Nathaniel, Jr., born December 27, 1790, in Dublin, N.H. When he was three years old his father removed to Bethel, Me., where he spent the early part of his life, and where he married May 11, 1815, Huldah, daughter of Jacob and Betty (Foster) Howe, her father having been a soldier in the Revolutionary War. In January, 1832, Mr. Greenwood moved to Farmington, Me., where he engaged in the lumber business and farming, and where he died April 15, 1867. His wife, Huldah, after that lived with her son Zina until her death, at the age of ninety-six years.

Nathaniel and Huldah (Howe) Greenwood were the parents of ten children; namely, Julia, Mason Knap, Albert Newton, Zina Hyde, Alfred Alanson, Marcia Almeda, Huldah Jennie, Alma Esther, Charles Mellen, and Charles. Julia, born March 14, 1816, married in 1847 George B. Brown, of New Sharon, who died May 4, 1862. They had three children, all of whom died young. Mrs. Brown now lives with her niece at Farmington Falls, Me. Mason Knap, born July 17, 1818, died December 9, 1827. Albert Newton, born August 14, 1820, married Matilda Soule; and they removed to Fairfield, Me., where he carried on farming, buying and selling wool, sheep, etc. He was Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner two terms, besides doing quite a business in fire insurance. He died about 1887. His widow now lives in Norridgewock, Me. They had one child, who married George Kimball, of Pittsfield, Me.

Zina Hyde Greenwood, born September 21, 1824, married November 8, 1849, Emily M. Fellows, born in Athens, Me., June 11, 1829. He settled in Augusta, Me., and pursued his trade as a carpenter until 1854, when he removed to Farmington, Me., where he carried on farming, and at one time manufactured carriages. The latter part of his active business life he was engaged in fire insurance. He served six years as Selectman of the town of Farmington, Me., and is a life member of both the State and County Agricultural Societies. He left the farm in 1885, and now lives

in the village of Farmington. He and his wife have six children — Edward, Albert M., Orville S., Chester, Lizzie A., Emilie.

Edward Greenwood, born November 17, 1850, married January 1, 1880, Emma R. Dutton, born in Phillips, Me., November 27, 1860. He followed the carriage manufacturing business for a number of years in West Farmington. In 1890 he came to Phillips, Me., and went to work in the shops of the Sandy River Railroad Company, where he is now foreman.

Albert Mellen Greenwood, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, born February 2, 1853, married June 22, 1882, Affie M. Sanborn, born January 7, 1861. Orville Short Greenwood, born July 14, 1855, married April 6, 1882, Cora L. Prescott, and has three children. He is now in the hardware and plumbing business in Malden, Mass. Chester, born December 4, 1858, married October 12, 1884, Isabel S. Whittier; and they have four children. He invented and is manufacturing Greenwood's champion ear protectors, is also engaged in the telephone business, and deals in mill supplies in Farmington, Me. Lizzie Armsby, born April 13, 1861, is a school-teacher in Haverhill, Mass. Emilie, born June 28, 1863, lives with her parents in Farmington, where she does quite a business in selling tomato plants and other products of her hot-house.

Alfred Alanson Greenwood, born February 25, 1827, married in 1851 Eliza Ann Ness, who died in March, 1867, in Attica, Ind., where they had previously moved. He married the second time, in 1868, Mrs. Amelia Greenwood, and still lives in Attica, Ind. He has five children. Marcia Almeda, born March 28, 1829, married July 1, 1847, Ira Armsby, who died September 20, 1849. She married the second time October 9, 1852, Zadoc Mayhew, of Hampden, Me., who died November 23, 1860; and she married the third time, November 11, 1863, Cyrus G. Morrill, who died in Washington, D.C., April 9, 1869. She had two children, both now deceased.

Huldah Jennie Greenwood, born June 17, 1831, was a school-teacher in Haverhill, Mass., where she died March 28, 1885. Alma

Esther, born May 11, 1833, married in 1858 James H. Bullen, and removed to Kansas, and now lives in Oklahoma, Ok. Ter. Charles Mellen, born December 31, 1834, died December 14, 1836. Charles Greenwood, born February 17, 1837, married November 27, 1862, Martha A. Prescott, of Hallowell, Me. He carried on the hardware business, first in Farmington, Me., then in Augusta, and later in Lewiston, Me. He now lives in Malden, Mass., and carries on a wholesale woodenware business at 4 South Market Street, Boston. They have had three children, but only one is now living.

**L**EWIS A. SAWIN, an esteemed resident of Albany township, Oxford County, was born here, March 20, 1855, son of Lewis H. and Lydia M. (Abbott) Sawin. His maternal grandfather was Obed Abbott. His father, who was a native of Waterford, Me., remained in that town until one year after his marriage. Then, with his wife, he came to Albany, the birthplace of the latter, and settled on the farm where his son lives at present. Here he was engaged in farming until the end of his life. He died November 16, 1870, leaving a wife and three children to mourn his loss. The widow now resides on the old homestead with her eldest son, Lewis A. Sawin. The other two children were Merritt and Lottie M. Merritt, born on the 26th of September, 1859, married Nettie J. Hersey, of Waterford, by whom he is the father of two children—Annie L. and Grace. The family live with Mr. Sawin and his mother on the old homestead. Lottie M., who was born on the 10th of February, 1868, is a dressmaker in Auburn, Me.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of his native place. With the exception of a few years, during which he worked in a laundry at Manchester, N.H., he has resided on the home farm. After the death of his father he and his brother Merritt took charge of the farm, which they have since both improved and enlarged. They now own about one hundred and sixty acres of land, comprising one of the

most beautiful farms in the locality. Besides carrying on general farming they keep a neat little dairy. On September 2, 1893, Mr. Sawin was married to Miss Martha Brown, who was born May 30, 1863, in Bethel, Me., daughter of Walter M. and Elizabeth E. (Mason) Brown, both of Albany. The mother is now deceased. The father still resides at Bethel, where he has spent his life. Mr. and Mrs. Sawin have one child, D. Holden, who was born June 13, 1894. In politics Mr. Sawin is a Democrat. He was Selectman of the township from 1887 to 1890, and he is now serving as Superintendent of the Board of Supervisors. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Oxford Lodge, No. 61, of North Waterford. Mr. Sawin has been fairly successful through life, chiefly because he has been such a hard-working, energetic man. He is both in a business way and socially one of the most prominent men of Oxford County.

**W**ILLIAM BARKER, one of the leading farmers of New Vineyard, was born in this town, November 5, 1860, son of Stephen and Ellen H. (Keith) Barker. Mr. Barker's grandfather, William Barker, a native of Greene, Me., was the founder of the family in New Vineyard, where, after settling, he followed agriculture throughout the rest of his life. Stephen Barker was born in New Vineyard, and always resided at the Barker homestead. He carried on the farm very successfully during the active period of his life, was respected as a worthy and useful citizen, and died June 4, 1893. His wife, Ellen, who was born in England, and accompanied her parents to the United States when she was four years old, became the mother of three children, namely: William, the subject of this sketch; and Ada E. and Ida E., twins, who were born October 9, 1862. Ada E. married Frederick A. Leavitt, and Ida E. is the wife of Elmore Winslow. Both husbands are prosperous agriculturists of Farmington. The mother is now the wife of George Welch, and resides in Farmington.

William Barker was educated in the public schools of New Vineyard, and resided at home

until he was seventeen years old. He started in life as a mill hand, later working at the carpenter's and mason's trades for about seven years. He bought the Barker homestead of his father some time before the latter's death, and has since been engaged there in general farming upon an extensive scale. He is especially interested in dairying, and he raises considerable stock.

Mr. Barker was first married to Emma S. Wilcox, a daughter of Charles and Hannah Wilcox, who were prosperous farming people of New Vineyard. She died March 16, 1893, leaving one son, Almon C., who was born August 2, 1885. On July 27, 1895, Mr. Barker contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Allie D. (Doyen) Walton, who was born in Lynn, Mass., September 21, 1863. She is a daughter of Charles E. and Carrie Doyen. Her first husband was Herbert Lester Walton, of New Portland, Somerset County, who died September 21, 1889. Mrs. Barker's father, who was a shoemaker by trade, died in 1864. In 1870 the mother married for her second husband Charles E. Parsons, a baker of Lynn, who died in 1881. In November, 1883, she was again married, this time to Wesley Baker, a farmer of New Portland. He died in July, 1890; and on March 11, 1892, she wedded her present husband, Fifield Luce, of Farmington Falls. He is an industrious farmer, who was born June 8, 1823; and Mrs. Barker's mother is his third wife. By her first union Mrs. Barker had one son, Everett P. Walton, who was born in March, 1889. In politics Mr. Barker supports the Republican party. Although not an office-seeker, he has rendered good service as Road Commissioner. So far he has met with a good share of success.

**W**ILLIAM T. TAYLOR, formerly a respected resident of Porter, Oxford County, and an ex-Representative of the Maine legislature, was born in Freedom, N.H., April 24, 1810, son of Samuel and Sarah C. (Towle) Porter. His father, who was a native of Hampton, N.H., born March 27, 1781, resided in New Hampshire until some time after reaching his majority. Coming then to Porter among the early settlers,

Samuel Porter was for several years engaged in mercantile business at the village. He afterward moved to the farm where his granddaughter, Mrs. Norton, now lives, built a store, which he carried on in connection with farming and lumbering for the rest of his life, and died August 31, 1846. His wife, Sarah, who was born March 26, 1785, in Epsom, N.H., bore him eight children, as follows: William T., the subject of this sketch; Samuel, Simon, and Eliza Ann, who are no longer living; Daniel, who successively married Jane Towle and Mrs. Ann Andrews, and is now residing in Eppingham Falls, N.H.; Josephine, also deceased; David, likewise deceased; and Amos, David's twin brother, who married Hannah Andrews, and is residing in Philadelphia, Pa. The mother, who survived her husband nearly twenty years, died April 10, 1866.

Having acquired a good practical education, William T. Taylor engaged in agricultural pursuits in Porter. After his father's death he bought the interests of the other heirs to the homestead, and thereafter made it his residence. He was very prosperous, became one of the most prominent farmers in the district, and died July 26, 1883, at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. Taylor first married Sally Rice, who, born in Buxton, Me., November 2, 1809, died March 16, 1866. By this union there were four children, as follows: Samuel, a real estate dealer in East Somerville, Mass., born November 11, 1835, whose wife, Evelyn M. (Thompson) Taylor, formerly of Cornish, Me., died in August, 1874; Sarah Frances, who, born December 14, 1836, died October 7, 1864, having married Joseph F. Parsons, who is now living in Somerville, Mass.; Ursula, born June 5, 1838, who is now the widow of Gilman A. Norton; and Ruth Rice, born October 17, 1840, who married William Ridlon, and died June 12, 1885, survived by her husband, who now resides in Boston, Mass. By a second marriage Mr. Taylor was wedded to Mrs. Judith F. Libby. She was a native of Porter, born November 13, 1821; and she died April 12, 1892, leaving no children. In politics the late Mr. Taylor was an active supporter of the Democratic party. At the age of twenty-one he was elected Town

Clerk of Porter. He was afterward a member of the Board of Selectmen, and represented his district in the State legislature. For a number of years he acted as a Justice of the Peace. He was widely known as an honorable, upright man and an able public servant.

Mrs. Ursula Norton, who now owns and occupies the Taylor homestead, was educated at the academy in Parsonsfield, York County. On April 3, 1872, she was united in marriage to Gilman A. Norton. He was born in Porter, September 18, 1838, son of Gilman J. and Abra (Fox) Norton, natives respectively of Limington and Porter. Mr. Norton's parents, who were well-known and prosperous farming people of this town, are no longer living. After his marriage Mr. Norton took charge of the Taylor farm, relieving his wife's father from all cares; and he successfully managed the property until his death, which occurred January 1, 1893. He was a successful farmer and a useful citizen, and he served the town ably and faithfully as a Selectman and Town Clerk. In politics he was an earnest advocate of Republican principles. Mrs. Norton has one son, William T., who was born April 19, 1873, and is now residing at the homestead. He is an active and intelligent young man. He manages the farm of one hundred and fifty acres with judgment, and his prospects in life are of a very promising character.

**S**AMUEL R. BRADFORD is a prosperous farmer and fruit grower of Hebron, owning one of the most extensive farms in Oxford County. He was born in Livermore, Androscoggin County, July 4, 1823, a son of Samuel and Mary R. (Loring) Bradford. On the paternal side he comes of Revolutionary stock, his grandfather, Peabody Bradford, who was a Massachusetts man, having served under Washington's banners. Samuel Bradford, who was born in a part of the State then included in Cumberland County, but now in Androscoggin, removed to Hebron in 1825, and there spent the rest of his life engaged in general farming. He served in the War of 1812, was a member of the Congregational

church, officiating as Deacon for a number of years, and died at the advanced age of ninety-one. His wife, a member of the same church, was born in Hebron, where she passed all her life, and died at the age of eighty-four. Their children were: Samuel R., Mary Jane, and Horace L. The latter, who was born February 26, 1836, died on November 11 of the same year.

Samuel R. Bradford acquired a common-school education in Hebron. Being the only child of his parents who attained maturity, he remained with them until he was twenty-five years old, when he purchased a farm in his native town. This was the nucleus of his present estate, which covered about three hundred acres of land. He is engaged in mixed husbandry and fruit culture, and his farm is one of the best in the locality. He is a member of the grange at West Minot, Androscoggin County, and was Master of the subordinate grange in that county for ten years and of the Oxford County Grange for five years.

On June 27, 1847, Mr. Bradford was united in marriage with Miss Roxanna Whitamore, of Hebron, who died at the age of forty-nine years, eight months, and six days, leaving one son, Francis W., now in the milk business in Portland, Me. There were two other children by this union, namely: Henry R., who died at the age of eighteen; and Ada, who died at the age of thirteen years and ten months. Mr. Bradford was again married January 29, 1873, when Miss Martha E. Millett, of West Minot, Androscoggin County, became his wife. By this union he has one son, Samuel E., who is living with his parents. Mr. Bradford, who is a staunch Republican, has taken an active part in local politics. He has served as Selectman for three terms. He is not a professing church member. Mrs. Bradford is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**J**OSHUA R. HOWARD, of Hanover, Me., is a man of varied abilities and accomplishments, being a practical farmer, a carpenter by trade, an experienced and popular teacher of vocal music, and late a commissioned officer in the Army of the Republic. He was born in this town, which

was formerly known as Howard Gore, November 3, 1835, son of Joseph and Zeruah (Roberts) Howard.

His grandfather, Phineas Howard, was a native of Temple, N.H. Having lived there on a farm during his boyhood years, when quite a young man he came to Oxford County and purchased a large tract of land—in fact, all of that now included in the town of Hanover, he being one of the first to settle here. He erected saw, grist, and carding mills, which he operated for several years. His success in the management of his own affairs caused his judgment to be frequently sought in matters of public interest, and during the active years of his life he was one of the leading men of Oxford County. He lived to be eighty-four years of age.

His son Joseph was born in Hanover, and was a lifelong resident of the town, his death occurring at the age of seventy-five years. He was a successful farmer. In political views he was a Democrat, but invariably refused all official honors. His wife, whose maiden name was Zeruah Roberts, was born in Hanover, and lived here until her death at sixty-nine years. Both were active and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their seven children are: Arabella, wife of Henry M. Abbott, of Rumford, Me.; Milton R., a resident of Welchville, Me.; Joshua R.; Osmond P., a farmer in the town of Rumford; Philantha L., wife of Isaac C. Wight, of Dummer, Coos County, N.H.; Neville S., a farmer in Hanover; and Sarah P., wife of Prescott Goud, of Dummer, N.H.

Joshua R. Howard, the second son as the names are here recorded, received in his early years a common-school education to fit him for the duties of life. He remained at home until eighteen years of age, then began working at the carpenter's trade in Manchester, N.H., where he was employed until after the beginning of the Civil War. September 10, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-third Maine Regiment. A short time after he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and still later he became Second Lieutenant, Henry B. Cleaves, the present Governor of Maine, being First Lieutenant in the home company. Lieutenant Howard was out about eleven months,

two months beyond the term of his enlistment. Seven months were spent in guard duty between Harper's Ferry and Washington, D.C.; and the remainder of the time he was at Alexandria, Va. On his return from the war he settled in Gorham, N.H., where he worked at the carpenter's trade until about 1871, then went to Stark, N.H., and for eleven years had charge of the repairs on a large mill. At the expiration of that time he came to Oxford County and purchased the farm on which he still resides, the implements of carpentry having been laid aside and the years profitably spent in agricultural pursuits.

On April 10, 1877, Mr. Howard was married to Miss Mary E. Ryerson, a daughter of Nathan P. Ryerson, of the adjoining town of Newry. In 1884, about seven years after their marriage, Mrs. Howard had the great misfortune to lose her eyesight.

Mr. Howard has always taken a deep interest in local political matters. In 1892 he was the Democratic nominee for Representative from this district to the State legislature, but was defeated, owing to the strength of the Republican party. He has filled the office of Selectman very acceptably for ten years, has served on the School Committee and as Chairman of the Board of Health. Although not a church member he contributes freely toward church work, and is a member of the choir of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has taught singing-school in this vicinity for several years.

**E**LBRIDGE DILL, one of the largest real estate owners and most extensive farmers of Phillips, Franklin County, Me., was born in Berlin, Me., October 4, 1834, son of Orrison and Mary J. (Hammond) Dill. Mr. Dill's grandfather, James Dill, was a native of Greene or Lewiston, Me., who settled in Berlin, and there spent his active years in farming, being quite a prominent man in his day. He died May 12, 1867, aged eighty-four years and ten months. He was three times married; and by his union with his first wife, formerly a Miss Eliot, there were three children, of whom the only survivor is Seward, a resident of California, who

is now eighty-six years old. By his union with Mary Goff, his second wife, there were twelve children, two of whom are living, namely: Ansel, a resident of Phillips; and Delany, widow of William Lake, late of Farmington. The family name of his third wife was Hodsdon.

Orrison Dill, Mr. Dill's father, was born in Berlin, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. A stirring and industrious farmer and a worthy, upright man, he served the town of Berlin two years as a Selectman; and he was Highway Agent for some time. In politics he was a Whig. He died at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Mary J. Hammond, was a native of Avon, Me. They had four children, three of whom are living, namely: Lettice, who is the wife of Joseph Fairbanks, of Granite Falls, Minn.; Charles O., who resides in Phillips; and Elbridge, the subject of this sketch.

Elbridge Dill acquired a common-school education in his boyhood, and after completing his studies he assisted his father for two years on the home farm. He then engaged in agricultural labors upon his own account, first buying the present Graffam place, where he resided for three years, and then buying the Benjamin Wilbur farm in Phillips, where he has since lived. He has been exceedingly prosperous from the start, and owns at the present time a large amount of valuable real estate in this town, consisting of five farms, two of forty acres each, one of thirty acres, one of seventy acres, and one of one hundred acres. He has made various improvements in his homestead property, both upon the land and buildings, having one of the finest residences in this town; and his large barn, which is one hundred and twenty-eight by forty-four feet, is tested to its fullest capacity in holding his hay and cattle. He cuts an average of one hundred tons of hay annually, and his last year's hay crop amounted to one hundred and fifty-six loads. He also raises large crops of grain and other products. He keeps an average of over thirty head of registered Hereford stock, making a specialty of this breed; and he has eight horses.

Mr. Elbridge Dill and Octavia H. Bangs, a native of Phillips, were married on March

10, 1860, and are the parents of eight children, as follows: Myra B., who is living at home with her parents; George B. and Seward E., both residents of Everett, Mass.; Charles E., who lives in Strong, Me.; Lizzie M., Robert O., Willie A., and Joseph H., all of whom are living at the homestead.

In the capacity of Highway Surveyor, for a number of years Mr. Dill rendered good service to the town. In politics he is a Democrat; and during the recent campaign, 1896, he supported the sound money wing of that party. He is one of the Trustees of the Franklin Agricultural Society, and was instrumental in placing it upon a sound financial basis. His ability to persevere and succeed is fully demonstrated by the position he now occupies among the most prominent and wealthy residents of Phillips, his success being the result of his own personal energy. Mr. and Mrs. Dill attend the Union and Methodist churches, but are Universalists in religious belief, trusting that good will come at last to all.

**W**ILLIAM B. BRADLEY, formerly a successful stock raiser in the Far West, who is now living in retirement in his native town, Fryeburg, Me., was born August 20, 1843, son of Alexander R. and Mary O. (Barrows) Bradley. Mr. Bradley's paternal grandfather, Robert Bradley, a native of Concord, N.H., settled in Fryeburg in 1801; and he was engaged in agricultural pursuits here for the rest of his life.

Alexander R. Bradley, son of Robert, was a prominent lawyer of his day. He was a man of sterling ability, possessing brilliant legal attainments; and he practised successfully in the courts of New Hampshire and in Oxford County, Maine. He resided in Fryeburg for many years, and died in this town in February, 1862. He married Mary O. Barrows, of Yarmouth, daughter of William Barrows, and a sister of Judge Barrows, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine. She became the mother of thirteen children, as follows: Samuel A., who is no longer living; Alexander Stewart, who is now a lawyer in Chicago, Ill.; Mary F., who died in February, 1896; William B., the subject of this sketch; Rich-

ard, who is now a resident of the State of Washington; Frank Y., who died in 1890; George P., a surgeon in the United States Navy; Daniel W., who is conducting a real estate business in Denver, Col.; John J., who was drowned in Lovell's Pond in 1876; and four others who died in infancy. Mrs. Mary O. Bradley died in December, 1861.

William B. Bradley, the third of the eight sons above mentioned, when he was two years old went to live in Bridgton with his uncle, Thomas F. Perley. He accompanied his relatives to St. John, Fla., where he remained until he was about seventeen years of age; and he then returned to Fryeburg. He acquired a college education; and some time after his return from Florida he went to reside with an uncle in Washington, D.C., where he remained about thirteen months. After another visit to his native town he went to Washington Territory, where he engaged in sheep raising, a business which proved exceedingly profitable; and in 1882 he retired with a fortune sufficient to make him independent for the rest of his life. Returning once more to Fryeburg, he purchased his present residence, which is one of the handsomest dwellings on Main Street; and he has since passed his time in managing his investment interests. He also owns a large farm, which is carried on by hired assistants; and he is to-day one of the most wealthy residents of this town.

In December, 1882, Mr. Bradley was united in marriage with Almira T. Blake, who was born in Bridgton, Me. Her father, Dr. Josiah Blake, who was formerly a well-known physician of that town, is no longer living. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have one daughter, Annie Carey.

In politics Mr. Bradley has supported the Democratic party since becoming a voter until the recent election in the autumn of 1896, when, on account of his views in regard to the money question, he felt compelled to act with the Republicans. As one of the native-born citizens of Fryeburg and one whose family has had an abiding-place here for nearly a century, he takes an active interest in the general welfare of the town; and he is highly respected by all. Mrs. Bradley is a member of the New Church at Fryeburg village.

**A**BEL SANBORN, an able and successful farmer of Fryeburg, was born in this town, February 23, 1834, son of Jonathan and Betsey (Lord) Sanborn. Mr. Sanborn's father, who was a native of Limerick, Me., settled in Fryeburg when he was twenty-one years old, and, selecting a tract of wild land, improved it into the farm now owned by his son. He continued to till the soil as a general farmer during his years of activity, and he lived to the advanced age of eighty-nine years. His wife, Betsey Lord Sanborn, was a native of Denmark, Me. She became the mother of twelve children, of whom four are living, namely: Jonathan, who resides in Windham, Me.; James C., now of Hastings, Minn.; Elias, a resident of Buxton, Me.; and Abel, the subject of this sketch. The others were: Eliza; Joanna; Mary L.; Lorana; Daniel, who died while serving as a soldier in the Civil War; Deborah; Laura; and Job L., the last named being killed in the Rebellion. Mr. Sanborn's mother died at the age of sixty-four years.

Abel Sanborn received a common-school education, and upon finishing his studies began to assist his father upon the farm. Continuing to reside with his parents, he cared for them during their declining years, and eventually succeeded to the ownership of the homestead. Besides the original property of one hundred acres cleared and cultivated by his father, he has added one hundred and fifty acres of adjoining land, thus making a large farm, which gives him ample scope to display his energy as an agriculturist. The improvements he has made upon the land and buildings have greatly enhanced the value of the property and increased his facilities for raising large and superior crops. He makes a specialty of raising sweet corn, apples, and hay.

On March 27, 1859, Mr. Sanborn wedded Amelia Thompson, who was born in Limington, Me., January 19, 1836, daughter of Sewall and Statira (Libby) Thompson. Her father resided for many years in Limington, where he followed the carpenter's trade in connection with farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn have had four children, as follows: Sewall T., born August 30, 1861, died July 26, 1862; Sewall T., second,



born February 21, 1863, married Lucy E. Warren, of Conway, N.H., and is now in the grocery business in Chelsea, Mass.; Frank M., born September 6, 1867, married Mary A. Howe, and is now engaged in the bakery business in Chelsea; and Walter L., born December 6, 1869, is residing at home.

Politically, Mr. Sanborn is a Republican, but is connected with Fryeburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Pequaket Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and with the grange at Fryeburg Centre. He is well known as a capable, industrious farmer and an upright, worthy citizen, and enjoys the good will of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. Mrs. Sanborn is a member of the Congregational church.

**L**OUIS VOTER, a rising young lawyer and the present efficient Town Clerk of Farmington, Me., is a representative of the fourth generation of his family in this State. He was born in Madrid, Franklin County, Me., March 14, 1862, son of Gilbert and Nancy (Bangs) Voter.

His paternal grandfather, whose name he bears, Louis Voter, first, was born in 1774, in Freetown, Mass., being, however, of French extraction. At the age of nineteen he accompanied his uncle, John Voter, to Maine, and, settling upon lot No. 23 in the town of Farmington, he built a primitive log cabin. He cleared a good farm from the wilderness, later erecting a set of frame buildings; and he continued a prosperous tiller of the soil until his death, which took place in 1840. On November 28, 1799, he married Sally Backus, daughter of Nathaniel Backus; and she was a most valuable and faithful helpmate in the establishment of their home and their later progress. The family of Louis and Sally B. Voter consisted of eleven children, as follows: Mary S.; Nathaniel B.; Louis, Jr.; Warren; Sarah B.; Gilbert; Keziah; Elmina C.; Franklin; Julia A.; and John B. Mr. Voter's grandmother lived to be eighty-two years old.

Gilbert Voter, fourth son of Louis, first, was born in Farmington, Me., March 20, 1811. When a young man he bought a small farm near his father's property; but later he

sold it and moved to Salem, Me., where he settled upon uncultivated land. After clearing a good farm and erecting a set of buildings, he sold that property, and, removing to Madrid, cleared and improved another farm from the wilderness. But, having accomplished all this, he did not live much longer to enjoy the fruits of his toil. Overwork had injured his health; and he died of dysentery on September 12, 1863. He was respected as an exceedingly industrious and worthy citizen. His wife, Nancy Bangs, whom he married November 29, 1838, still survives. She has reared eight children, namely: Sally; La Forest G.; Imogene; Warren S.; Allen B.; Calista E.; Flora A.; and Louis, the subject of this sketch.

Louis Voter attended the town schools of Phillips until he was nine years old, when he continued his education in Lewiston. He prepared for his collegiate course at the Nichols Latin School in that city, and after pursuing his studies two years in Bates College he taught eighteen terms of school. He began the study of law in the office of F. E. Timberlake, of Phillips, later coming to Farmington, where he continued his studies with E. O. Greenleaf; and, being admitted to the Franklin County bar in June, 1894, he located here permanently, and has acquired a large and profitable general law practice.

In politics Mr. Voter is an active supporter of the Republican party, which his father joined at the time of its formation; and, having been elected Town Clerk in 1894, he has ably and satisfactorily filled that office ever since. He is a member of Franklin Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the encampment. He is also connected with the Good Templars, being now District Templar of Franklin District Lodge, and has rendered much valuable assistance to the cause of temperance and total abstinence.

**S**AAC F JEWETT, of Waterford, Oxford County, Me., unites in his veins the blood of two old and highly respected New England families. The son of Eben and Tabitha (Frye) Jewett, he was born in Waterford, November 24, 1843. His

grandfather, Eben Jewett, Sr., was born in Massachusetts in 1772. In 1790, with his father, Captain Stephen Jewett, an officer of the State militia, he removed from Rowley, Mass., to Waterford, Me., where they engaged in agricultural pursuits. Eben Jewett, Sr., married Miss Susan Stickney, of Rowley.

Their son, Eben Jewett, Jr., was born in Waterford, and spent his life there as a tiller of the soil. He died in the spring of 1861. His wife was the grand-daughter of General Joseph Frye, the founder of Fryeburg, Me. She was called to rest in 1871. This couple were the parents of nine children, namely: Henry A., born December 22, 1820; Isaac F., born January 30, 1822, who died in infancy; Nathaniel, born October 27, 1824, who died young; Samuel, who also died before attaining maturity; Abbie, deceased; Samuel S., born February 20, 1830, who died in May, 1881; Noyes F., born July 5, 1834, who died in 1852; Susan P., born April 7, 1836, who died in 1867; and Isaac F., the subject of this sketch.

Isaac F Jewett acquired his education in the common schools of his native town, and spent the early part of his life, with the exception of one year, on the home farm. In his nineteenth year, May 31, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Sixteenth Regiment of Maine Volunteers, and was mustered in at Waterford with the rank of Corporal. After reaching the seat of war in the South he was in several skirmishes and important battles, and on December 13, 1862, he was shot through the left thigh. The wound was a severe and painful one; and he was not able to leave the hospital until October, 1863. As soon as he was able to move about he was assigned to the Veteran Reserve Corps on detached service, and was on guard duty about Washington, D.C., until July, 1865, when he received his discharge. Returning to Waterford he was employed for a year in the general store of Rand & Jewett, and then purchased a farm in North Waterford, which he was engaged in cultivating for ten years. Selling his farm he worked for four years in a spool-mill, and next took charge of C. D. Morse's general store at Waterford Flat. He was in trade for a number of years, but was finally obliged to retire on account of

rheumatism and trouble from the wound received while in the army.

Mr. Jewett was married November 5, 1870, to Nancy B., daughter of John C. C. and Elizabeth (Brown) Warren, of Waterford. She was born in Waterford, July 7, 1849, and has one sister and two brothers — Jennie L., wife of L. G. Stone, of Waterford, a carpenter; George L., who married Miss Jessie Bennett, of Bridgton, Me.; and Jesse W., an attorney in Wilton, Me., who married Miss Lucy Mayo. Mr. Jewett has many social affiliations, belonging to Mount Tire'm Lodge, No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford; Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Daughters of Rebecca. He is widely known and holds the regard of a large circle of friends.

JOHN J. CALHOUN, a leading merchant of Rumford Falls, was born in Orwell, Vt., June 20, 1865. He is the eldest of the eleven children of David Parker and Sylvia Ann (Witherbee) Witherbee. As his opportunities for attending school were few, young Witherbee at the age of eleven years left home and walked eighteen miles to the village of Orwell with the view of earning the means to educate himself. He found employment at the house of a physician, for whom he worked mornings and evenings and during the summer vacations, for his board and clothing, with the privilege of attending school. After remaining there four years he was employed as a farm assistant for a year. Then the Rev. S. F. Calhoun, a Congregational preacher, who had no children of his own, becoming interested in the struggling youth, adopted him, at the same time having his name changed to Calhoun by act of legislature.

John J. Calhoun graduated with honor from the Orwell High School. He subsequently taught school for several terms in that locality, and then entered Phillips Exeter Academy, where he pursued a four years' course, retaining a position at the head of his class all the way through. It had been his intention to enter Harvard University; but on account of

impaired sight, caused by prolonged study, he was obliged to change his plans, and he decided to turn his attention to mercantile pursuits. In furtherance of this purpose he took a commercial course at Eastman's National Business College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he graduated second in his class. He then went to Boston, and secured a position as travelling representative for the Gurney Hot Water Heating Company. For this firm he travelled through the New England States until the fall of 1892, when he discovered what he considered a good opening in Rumford Falls. Thereupon he started a furniture store here, and established himself in trade, becoming the third merchant doing business in the place. His stock now includes house furnishings of every description, and he has a profitable trade. He is a Director of the Odd Fellows Building Association and of the Rumford Falls Building Association.

On August 4, 1891, Mr. Calhoun wedded Grace E. Mallon, of Exeter, N.H., who graduated from the Robinson Female Seminary after a course of eight years. They have one daughter, Mae Mallon.

In politics Mr. Calhoun actively supports the Republican party, and is Treasurer of the Republican Club, having also served as ballot clerk. A man of much ability and scholarly attainments, he takes great interest in the moral and educational advancement of the community. He is connected with Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., and is Vice-Grand of Penacook Lodge, No. 130, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this town. In his religious belief he is a Methodist, and he has official connection with the local society as Trustee and recording secretary of the Board of Stewards. Mrs. Calhoun is a member of the Baptist church.

CLARENCE E. FOSTER, who cultivates a large farm in Buckfield, Me., and is also interested in stock dealing and lumbering, was born in East Machias, Washington County, Me., February 12, 1848, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Comstock) Foster.

Mr. Foster's father was a native of East

Machias, and upon reaching manhood engaged as a lumber operator. He carried on business in different localities, finally settling in Oxford County; and he continued to reside in this part of the State until his death, which took place in Paris when he was fifty years old. An able and industrious business man and a worthy citizen, he took a liberal view of religious matters; and in politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Elizabeth Comstock, who was a native of Eastport, Me., became the mother of six children, as follows: Sarah O.; Clara O.; Mary L.; Clarence E., the subject of this sketch; Lucian W.; and Alma M. Mr. Foster's mother lived to reach the age of seventy-six years.

Clarence E. Foster grew to manhood in Paris, where his education was commenced in the town schools, his course of study being completed at the Hebron Academy. At the age of twenty-one he began to work by the month as a farm assistant, receiving for his services the highest wages of any young man in the neighborhood; and by carefully saving his earnings he soon realized a sufficient sum with which to engage in agricultural pursuits upon his own account. Buying a farm of seventy acres in the town of Buckfield, he carried on general farming so energetically and with such good results that in 1888 he was able to purchase a much larger piece of property, his present farm, to which he removed in that year. He owns three hundred acres of land, which includes some of the richest soil and most desirable property for general agricultural purposes in this locality; and he is not only one of the most extensive farmers here, but also one of the most diligent, sagacious, progressive, and successful. Aside from tilling the soil and dealing in live stock he has utilized his otherwise unoccupied time during the winter season by carrying on lumbering operations, in which his capacity for hard work and his good judgment have been fully demonstrated; and he is still actively engaged in conducting a profitable business.

On August 20, 1880, Mr. Foster was united in marriage with Lelia Winslow. She was born in Buckfield, September 23, 1855, daughter of Kendall and Melissa (Jordan) Winslow, well-known residents of this town and repre-

sentatives of highly reputable families. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are the parents of seven children; namely, Maud A., Mary L., Amos C., Melissa Leora, Stanley E., Bessie Agnes, and Florence L.

Although not in any way an aspirant for public office, Mr. Foster takes more than an ordinary interest in local affairs and the general progress of the town. A few years ago he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen, in which capacity he served with ability for one term. He supports the Democratic party in politics, and both he and Mrs. Foster are liberal in their religious views.

**A**NSEL T. MASON, one of Franklin County's prosperous practical farmers, a highly respected citizen of New Sharon, was born in Norridgewock, Somerset County, Me., on the 9th of May, 1835, son of John and Cynthia (Curtis) Mason.

Mr. Mason's grandfather lived in Bloomfield, and he died there at an advanced age. His son, John Mason, went to Norridgewock when a young man, bought a farm of one hundred acres of wild land there, and proceeded to clear and cultivate a portion of it, ten acres in extent. By dint of hard and assiduous labor, and with the help of his wife, whom he married in the little town of Athens, Me., he made a fair living. John Mason remained at Norridgewock, cultivating his farm there for twenty years; but selling that place in 1846 he moved with his family to Mercer, where he bought another farm of one hundred acres. He remained at Mercer, living the laborious and useful life of a farmer up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1871. John Mason and his wife Cynthia were the parents of nine children: William, who died in 1894; Ripley E., who lives in Vermont; Ansel T., of whose life this is a short sketch; Emma, who lives at Lowell, Mass.; Levi P., who lives at Carthage, Me.; Alexander, who died in the Civil War; Ella, who lives in Milford, Me.; Edwin F., who died in extreme infancy; another Edwin F., who lives at Farmington, Me.

Ansel T. Mason spent most of his boyhood on his father's farm at Norridgewock, at the

age of eleven going from there to Mercer, where he resumed his interrupted studies at the public schools. At the age of seventeen he went to work in a logging camp about one hundred miles above the town of New Sharon, deep in the wilderness. He remained there for a season, and then returned to Mercer. He worked on the surrounding farms, and later came to New Sharon, where he worked on a farm for two years, chiefly for Mr. John Dyer, a resident of New Sharon. Later still, when he came of age, he returned to New Sharon, and undertook the running of the farm where he now lives, managing it for Oliver Gould on shares. He made a success of it, doing his youth and his ability at once great credit, and continued in this way for five years, when he bought out Mr. Gould's interests and made the farm his own property. Since that time the work has been a labor of love alone, and he has made a beautiful and attractive place of the farm, on which, so to speak, he worked out his apprenticeship. His original purchase was a farm of only one hundred acres in extent; but he now owns over three hundred, including much valuable timber land.

Mr. Mason's first wife, formerly Lizzie West, of Jay, died in 1863, leaving one child — Addie, born in 1862, who died in 1886. His second wife, Nancy A. Tolman, of New Sharon, died in 1882, and left five children, of whom four are still living, as follows: John T., born February 27, 1869, who was educated at the New Sharon schools, and, being unmarried, lives at home; Ezra W., born April 18, 1871, who was, like his brother, educated at the New Sharon schools, but at the age of twenty left home to go to Baldwinville, Mass., where he works for Mr. Day, of the firm of Day & Smith of that town; A. Bert, born March 8, 1877, who received his early education at the schools of New Sharon, and in 1893 entered Wilton Academy, where he is still studying, being employed during the summer months in the chair factory of Day & Smith, where his brother Ezra works; Harold, born April 4, 1882, who lives at home in New Sharon, and is still attending school; and Bertha E. Mason, who was born on September 27, 1873, died October 27, 1879. On the 28th of September, 1889, Mr. Mason

married Florence E. Hamlen, the daughter of Lauriston and Mary A. Hamlen, of New Sharon.

Mr. Mason is and has always been a hard-working man, and has invariably refrained from accepting any town offices. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in his religious belief a Congregationalist. His prosperity can hardly fail to prove his tireless industry and his keen intellect. He is especially fond of live stock, and usually has a great number of animals on his place; but he is just now a little short, although he owns at the present time one hundred and fifty sheep with coarse wool, six handsome Jersey cows, and five horses.

**G**EORGE W. HOBBS, of Norway, Me., proprietor and manager of the largest variety store in the county, was born here, November 30, 1845, son of J. Wellington and Fanny O. (Greenleaf) Hobbs. His great-grandfather, Jeremiah Hobbs, who was born in Hopkinton, Mass., in 1747, settled in Norway a number of years after his marriage, and died January 7, 1814. His wife, Anna Fowler, who was born in 1746, died January 18, 1824, surviving him ten years. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Olive, born in May, 1771; Miriam, born July 17, 1772; Wealthy, born February 10, 1774; Anna, born March 15, 1776; Daniel, born September 17, 1778; William, born in 1780; Sally, born January, 1782; Jeremiah, born January 17, 1785, and Lydia, born in Norway, August 20, 1789.

William Hobbs, the next lineal ancestor in this particular branch, settled at Norway Centre, where he followed farming, was one of the first traders, and also owned and operated a saw-mill and grist-mill, engaging in his various callings with a good degree of success. He married Miss Catherine Wetherbee, and their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Charlotte, born October 29, 1808; William W., born March 28, 1810; Jeremiah Wellington, born June 8, 1814; Charles L., born June 10, 1816; Henry H., born March 13, 1820; Milton W., born August 30, 1823; Cornelius W., born January 5, 1826.

In early manhood J. Wellington Hobbs, second son of William, taught school for some time in Massachusetts. He then came to Norway and built a house, continuing to engage in teaching in this and adjoining towns. He died on February 16, 1871. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Democrat. Mrs. Fanny O. Greenleaf Hobbs, his wife, lived to be eighty-four years old. They had three children, namely: Wellington, born December 25, 1844; George W., born November 30, 1845; and Catherine S., born May 28, 1847.

After acquiring his education George W. Hobbs, who was the second son of his parents, was employed for two years in the general store of Frost & Whitcomb, of Norway; one year in New Market, N.H.; one year in Ridgeway, Pa.; one year in Manhattan, Kansas, and Mandeville in Northern Missouri; two years with M. H. Greenleaf, a manufacturer, Brighton, Mass. In 1876 he started a variety store where the present one stands. The original store was burned in 1894, and he has since erected a fine new building, forty by sixty feet, the entire front of which is plate glass. The first story is one large store occupied entirely by himself, and stocked with a large line of crockery, tinware, wall paper, and fancy goods in great variety. The second story, in which he lives, is thoroughly fitted up in modern style with electric lights, steam heat, and other conveniences. Mr. Hobbs owns a number of building lots, on which he has erected several houses, of which he still has two. He also owns a fine farm of three hundred acres on Pike Hill, which he carried on himself for several years, but now rents it.

Mr. Hobbs and Miss Emma E. Wardwell, daughter of Eben F. and Sarah (Berce) Wardwell, were united in marriage on May 16, 1876. They are the parents of three children, namely: Mary Emma, born September 10, 1879, who died September 6, 1890; Fanny G., born December 23, 1881; and Oscar W., born April 27, 1890.

In political affiliation Mr. Hobbs is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Oxford Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masters.

**I**SRAEL F. EMMONS, the leading merchant of West Paris, Me., was born in Biddeford, York County, this State, on May 8, 1838, son of Jacob and Sarah (Shepherd) Emmons.

Jacob Emmons, his father, was born in Kennebunkport, Me., and was bred to the life of a farmer. Leaving his native place, he settled first in Biddeford, and stayed there for some time, carrying on general farming. In 1860 he removed to Greenwood, Oxford County, where he bought land, and engaged in its cultivation during the remaining period of his activity. He lived to be eighty-seven years of age. His wife, Sarah Shepherd, died in her sixty-eighth year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Emmons were members of the Congregational church, and he was in his political affiliation first a Whig and then a Republican. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Joseph F.; Phœbe; Israel F., the subject of this sketch; Christanie; Betsy; David; Winfield; and Millard. The departed sisters were named Sarah and Laura.

Israel F. Emmons received his early education in the town of Biddeford, and grew to manhood there. After arriving at mature age he took to a seafaring life, shipping as a common sailor before the mast. He was soon made mate of a vessel, and followed the sea for eight years. Then he went to Lawrence, Massachusetts, and learned the trade of loom harness-maker, at which he worked for the period of three years. After that he engaged in trade—1867 to 1868. Removing to Greenwood City, he continued in business there until 1886, when he took up his abode in West Paris, where he has remained ever since. He does quite a good mercantile business here, carrying a large line of general goods and sundries.

He was married in December, 1868, to Francina (Bishop) Hayes, of Leeds, Me., the daughter of Joseph and Jemima (Norris) Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Emmons have one child, a daughter, Bertha A. They are liberal in their religious views, and Mr. Emmons is in his political principles a Republican. He is a member of Granite Lodge, No. 182, A. F. & A. M., at West Paris. He also be-

longs to West Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Rebekah Degree Lodge and of the Order of the Golden Cross. Mr. Emmons carries the best and largest stock of goods in the village, and is the leading merchant of West Paris, where he is well known and as well liked. He has always been a hard-working man, and his good fortune is the result of his own endeavors.

**G**EORGE A. HOWES, a progressive general farmer of New Sharon, Franklin County, Me., was born in the adjoining town of Industry, August 28, 1858, son of Lot and Loretta J. (George) Howes. His grandfather, Alvin Howes, was a native and lifelong resident of Industry. He had a family of six children; namely, George, John, Lot, Betsey, Mary, and Lydia.

Lot Howes, the third son of Alvin, was born at the ancestral homestead in Industry, and there grew to maturity. Learning the carpenter's trade when a young man, he followed it for some years in Massachusetts. Returning at length to his native State, in 1859 he settled in New Sharon where he bought the farm which is now owned by his son, George A., and he later added a portion of the Simon Greenleaf farm to his property. Industrious and progressive, he was constantly improving and beautifying his homestead, in which he took a great deal of pride; and he resided here until his death. In politics he was a Republican, and, being a man in whose ability and integrity the general public had confidence, he was called upon to serve as a member of the Board of Selectmen for three terms, and as School Agent and Road Surveyor for several years. In his religious faith he was a Methodist. Lot Howes died at his home in New Sharon, June 16, 1884, aged sixty-five years. His wife, Loretta J. George, whom he married in Industry, was the mother of five children, namely: George A., the subject of this sketch, and the only son; Fidelia C.; Sarah L.; Albra A.; and Lydia M. Of these the three elder were born in Industry, and the others were born in New Sharon.

George A. Howes was educated in the com-

mon schools of New Sharon, and passed his time when out of school in helping his father in the lighter labors of the farm until strong enough to do a man's work. Upon reaching his majority he became a paid assistant, working upon the farm summers, and during the winter season being employed at the lumber camps in the woods. About a year previous to his father's death he bought the home farm, where he has lived nearly his entire life; and since taking possession he has added more land by purchasing the remainder of the Simon Greenleaf estate, so that he owns at the present time one hundred and fifty acres of desirable land. He keeps an average of fifty sheep, eight head of cattle, and two horses; and aside from general farming, he devotes special attention to the raising of fruit, having an orchard of one thousand grafted trees.

On February 20, 1889, Mr. Howes was united in marriage with Mary York, daughter of Samuel York, of East New Sharon. Mrs. Howes is the mother of two children, as follows: Jennie L., who was born December 16, 1889, and is attending school; and Augusta L., who was born September 6, 1892.

Since his earliest recollection Mr. Howes has been engaged in useful labor, and the steady advance in prosperity which has accompanied his efforts speaks well for his ability and industry. In politics he supports the Republican party, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

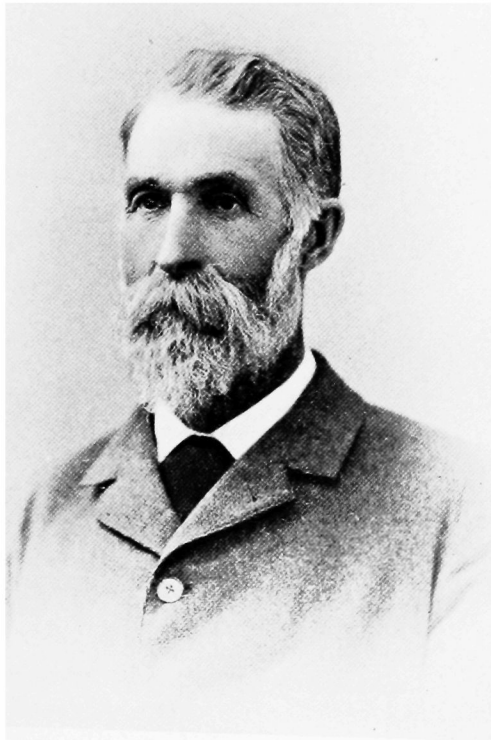
**E**ZEKIEL MERRILL, one of the most extensive general farmers, fruit growers, and stock raisers of Hebron, and one of the largest tax-payers of this town, was born December 14, 1832, on the pleasant hill farm where he now resides, being the son of Joseph and Sarah (Freeman) Merrill.

One of the first settlers on Greenwood Hill was Ezekiel Merrill, first, a native of Massachusetts, who was the great-grandfather of Ezekiel Merrill, the subject of this sketch, and he died at the home of his son in Hebron. Ezekiel Merrill, second, came here a poor boy, having travelled on foot from his native State, and upon his arrival in Hebron he secured employment from Deacon Barrows of the Hebron

Academy. Being naturally energetic and possessing an upright character, he remained in the Deacon's service some years; and, after his marriage with one of his employer's daughters, he erected a log house upon a tract of wild land, which he cleared and improved into the farm now occupied by his grandson. He was an energetic pioneer, whose strong constitution made him capable of much physical endurance and hard work; and at his death, which took place when he was eighty-nine years old, he owned three hundred acres of valuable land. He was one of the most able farmers and a leading resident of the town in his day. He supported the Whig party in politics, and he was a member of the Congregational church. He married Mary Barrows, who lived to reach a good old age, and their eight children were named as follows: Isaac, Mary, Ezekiel, Zilphia, Mitchell, Joseph, Samuel, and Fessenden.

Joseph Merrill, Mr. Merrill's father, was born in Hebron, in 1798. Inheriting fifty acres of his father's property, he later added to his farm, becoming an enterprising agriculturist; and his active period was one of progress and industry. He died at the homestead December 27, 1875, at the age of seventy-seven years and two months. In the latter part of his life he acted with the Republican party in politics, and he was a member of the Congregational church at Minot. His wife, Sarah Freeman, who was born in Minot, Me., in 1799, became the mother of eight children, four sons and four daughters, as follows: Mary, Caroline, and Isaac, who died young; Zilpha A., who was twice married, died aged fifty-nine years and sixteen days; Sarah, Ezekiel, Joseph, and Henry, who lived to maturity. Of these Ezekiel, the subject of this sketch, is the only one now living. Mr. Merrill's mother lived to be seventy-four years, one month, and four days old, dying April 21, 1873.

Ezekiel Merrill attended the common schools of his native town in his boyhood, and at an early age began to assist in carrying on the farm. He has always resided at the ancestral homestead, to whose ownership he eventually succeeded, having taken charge of the property when a young man, caring for his



EZEKIEL MERRILL.



grandfather and his parents during their declining years. He owns three hundred acres of well located land, the tillage portion of which is devoted to general farming, and he has a large apple orchard. For many years he has been engaged in stock raising, making this branch of agriculture a specialty; and he was formerly an extensive breeder of Hereford cattle, for which he received premiums at the Oxford County Fairs. He has of late, however, given his attention to Jersey stock, keeping from twenty-five to thirty-five head of full-blooded and grade animals, the product of which supplies a dairy upon his premises; and he also raises excellent horses. His progressive tendencies are productive of such good results as to cause him to be considered by his fellow-townsmen one of the most able and successful agriculturists in this locality, and his rating upon the assessor's list seems to corroborate the truth of this assertion.

On May 24, 1879, Mr. Merrill was united in marriage with Mrs. Jennie Bonney Merrill, widow of his brother, the late Joseph Merrill. She was born in Sumner, Me., March 11, 1843, daughter of Horatio and Frances (Richardson) Bonney. Her father, who was a native of Sumner, removed from that town to West Minot, and later to Hebron, where he died at the age of seventy-four years. Her mother died at sixty-eight. By her first husband Mrs. Merrill had four children, namely: Alice, who was born March 27, 1867; Henry, who was born April 19, 1870, and is now engaged in a large grain store in Manchester, N.H.; Annie, who died aged twenty years; and Mabel, who was born April 1, 1875, all of whom graduated from the Hebron Academy. Mrs. Merrill has no children by her present union.

In public affairs Mr. Merrill has rendered his share of service to the community, having served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen for two years, as well as in other offices; and in politics he is a Republican. His residence is finely situated upon elevated ground, and commands a delightful view of the surrounding country, which abounds in picturesque scenery. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are Congregationalists in their religious belief.

**J**ORDAN STACY, of Kezar Falls Village, a retired schoolmaster and ex-Sheriff of Oxford County, was born in Porter, January 4, 1830, son of George and Lydia (Durgin) Stacy. The first ancestor of the family to settle in this county was John Stacy, Mr. Stacy's grandfather, who was a native of Kittery, Me. He came to Porter in the year 1800, and, acquiring a tract of land situated four miles north of Kezar Falls Village, there carried on general farming until his death, which happened in 1837. His wife, having attained the advanced age of ninety-four, died October 16, 1865. Their children were: Oliver, Salome, Jordan, Hannah, and George.

George Stacy, who was born in Porter, was reared to farm life. The greater part of his active period was passed in tilling the soil. Succeeding to the ownership of the farm, he resided there until within two years of his death. His last days were spent in Kezar Falls Village, where he died in 1876. His wife, Lydia, a native of Freedom, N.H., gave birth to two children, namely: Jordan, the subject of this sketch; and John, born in 1832, who died in 1887. Her death occurred in 1885.

An apt student, Jordan Stacy acquired a good education in the district school and at a private academy. He resided at home, and carried on the farm for twenty-one years. In 1870 he relinquished agricultural pursuits, and took up his residence in Kezar Falls Village. His early training enabled him to enter the teaching profession, which he afterward followed very successfully in this town and in Massachusetts and New Hampshire until 1892, when he retired. He owns several farms in this locality.

On February 28, 1850, Mr Stacy was united in marriage with Lydia F. Tibbets. She was born in Porter, March 15, 1832, daughter of Henry and Anna (Leavitt) Tibbets, now deceased, who were prosperous farming people of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Stacy have had six children, as follows: Mary F., who died in infancy; John, born in 1854, who died at the age of nineteen; Annie M., born July 17, 1859, who married R. F. Wormwood, and died May 29, 1893, leaving two children, Bertha

M. and Florence E., now with their grandfather; Charles Sumner, born January 7, 1862, who died in 1863; Lizzie Emma, born June 10, 1865, who married George Swett, a prominent farmer of Parsonsfield, Me., and has two children — Curtis Moses and Sadie M., born respectively in 1883 and 1886; and Sidney Grant, who was born July 26, 1868, who fitted for college at the Bridgton Academy, graduated from Bowdoin College and Johns Hopkins University, and is now in Germany completing his education. In politics Mr. Stacy is a Republican, and has rendered able service in some of the most important town and county offices. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Collector, was High Sheriff for four years, and a Deputy Sheriff for eight years. He is connected with Kezar Falls Lodge, No. 49, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**G**EORGE W. RICHARDS, one of the leading residents of Oxford, was born in this town, May 17, 1838, son of Benjamin and Joanna P. (Jenkins) Richards. Mr. Richards's grandfather, Tristram Richards, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was an early settler in Middleton, N.H., where for some years he followed milling and coopering in addition to farming. In 1827 he came to Oxford, and, settling upon a farm, resided here until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-four years old. He married Abigail York, a native of Middleton, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years. She had nine children by him, as follows: David, born March 26, 1786, who died in 1836; Rhoda, born December 20, 1787; Stephen, born June 25, 1791; John, born January 18, 1794; Benjamin, born October 23, 1796, who died March 23, 1863; Tristram, born June 2, 1798; Joseph, born in the year 1800; Samuel, born June 2, 1805, who died October 10, 1880; and Isaac, born November 22, 1808.

Benjamin Richards, who was a native of Middleton, N.H., in 1818, removed to Oxford, and here passed the rest of his life. A stirring farmer and a leading spirit in public affairs, he served as a member of the Board of

Selectmen for a number of years, and in 1848 was elected a Representative to the legislature. He cultivated the farm now owned by his son, and died on it in 1863. His wife, Joanna, whom he married in Middleton, June 1, 1818, was a native of that place. She became the mother of nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity. Five of the number are now living, namely: Jonathan P., born September 26, 1819, who is now residing in Paris, Me.; Christiana, born May 28, 1826, who is now the widow of James M. Wilson, and resides in Oxford; Mandana, born March 17, 1831, who is the widow of George B. Dwinell, late of Oxford; George W., the subject of this sketch; and Stephen F., born September 22, 1841, who lives in Oregon. The others were: Francis C., born July 31, 1821, who died October 10, 1895; Sarah J., born November 8, 1823, who died October 27, 1862; Benjamin F., born May 27, 1835, who died November 19, 1860; and Alfred W., born June 6, 1843, who died August 31, 1849. The mother lived to the age of ninety years.

George W. Richards acquired his education in the schools of his native town and at the South Paris Academy. At the age of seventeen he began life for himself as a trackman upon the Grand Trunk Railroad. Later he advanced through the grades of brakeman and fireman to the position of locomotive engineer, and was in the company's employment for six years. Receiving then from the Panama Railway Company a good offer for his services, he accepted it. He worked on the Isthmus for about twelve years, running the regular trains as engineer for six years, and having charge of the locomotive department in Panama for the rest of the time. In 1867 he visited Oxford, upon which occasion he bought the old homestead. He finally returned from Panama in 1875, permanently took up his residence here, and has since been engaged in general farming. The homestead property contains one hundred acres of good land, and has a set of buildings which were erected by Mr. Richards. He also owns other real estate here, amounting in all to one hundred and seventy-five acres. In politics he is a Democrat. He served the town for several years as a member of the Board of Selectmen and in other offices,

and he is affiliated with Norway Grange, No. 45. Both he and Mrs. Richards attend the Congregational church, of which the latter is a member.

On November 7, 1867, Mr. Richards wedded Ellen E. Brett, who was born in Paris, May 27, 1842, daughter of Luther and Clarissa (Daniels) Brett. Luther Brett was a prosperous farmer and life-long resident of Paris. He lived to the age of eighty-two. His wife was cut off in her thirty-third year. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have had three children, as follows: Clarence A., who was born in Oxford, July 25, 1876; Nettie M., born here June 30, 1878; and Walter, who died at the age of three years and eight months. Clarence and Nettie reside at home. Mr. Richards has worked his way to his present easy position in life, and has every reason to look upon his success with satisfaction.

**E**BENEZER E. CHAPMAN, a well-to-do farmer of Gilead, is a typical Maine man. He was born in Bethel, Oxford County, January 19, 1850, son of Albion P. and Sophronia (Eames) Chapman, both natives of the county. His grandfather, George W. Chapman, who was also born in Bethel, came among the first settlers to Gilead, and, purchasing a tract of land, he subsequently converted it into a good farm. Albion P. Chapman was born and reared in Gilead, acquiring his education in the common schools. When about twenty-one years of age he went to Newry, this county, and, after engaging for some time in farm work there, purchased a farm in Bethel, which he has since made his home. Mr. Chapman is now seventy-eight years old, and is practically retired from active work. In politics he is a Republican, in religious belief a Methodist. His wife, who was a native of Bethel and a member of the Congregational church, died at the age of forty-two.

Ebenezer E. Chapman was reared to farm life, receiving his early education in the common schools. At the age of nineteen he went to work as a farm hand in the growing season for monthly wages. With the purpose of educating himself still further, he attended Gould

Academy at Bethel for three winter terms, paying for his board and tuition by sawing wood for the institution. When his studies were finished, equipped with a strong constitution and a good education, he set about making a home for himself. In 1879, with the money saved from his earnings, he purchased the farm on which he now resides. The estate covers three hundred and sixty acres, part lying along the Androscoggin River. Here he has a home that any one might be proud to possess. A progressive and energetic farmer, he ranks among the leading men of this section. Mr. Chapman is a member of the Grange at Bethel.

Mr. Chapman was married January 18, 1879, to Ida, daughter of Leander Swan, of South Paris. She died January 16, 1889, having been the mother of three children, of whom one passed away in infancy. The others are: Melville K. and Perry A., both at home with their father. On September 29, 1891, Mr. Chapman formed a second marriage with Susie E. Stowe, daughter of Melvin and Frances C. Stowe, of Newry. Born of this union he has one child, Francis Stow Chapman. Mr. Chapman is a loyal Republican, and takes an active interest in politics. He has been Tax Collector of the town for four years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In religious work he is as zealous as in other pursuits. At present he is the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school.

**F**RANK L. WILDER, the proprietor of a large and well-stocked general store at Fairbanks Mills, in the town of Farmington, in Franklin County, Me., was born in Temple, this county, April 15, 1867, son of Eli and Hester (Pratt) Wilder. His paternal grandparents, Elias and Rebecca (Cowdry) Wilder, came to Maine from Lancaster, Mass., and grandfather Wilder cleared and improved the well-known Wilder Hill farm in Temple.

Eli Wilder, son of Elias, succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm, and carried it on for a time, then renting the property he removed to Kennebunkport, where for about five years he was engaged in ship-building. The

remainder of his life was passed in Temple. He died at the age of sixty-three years. In politics he supported the Republican party, and in his religious views he favored the Congregational form of worship. His first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Worth, died in young womanhood, leaving one daughter, Julia A., and his second wife, Hester Pratt, who was a daughter of John Pratt, became the mother of nine children; namely, Mary E., Wesley E., Eugenia A., Katie F., Frank L., Hester G., Ulysses S. G., Willis S., and Stella S.

Frank L. Wilder, the second son, who is the special subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools, and at the age of eighteen began life for himself. After working as a farm assistant for three years, he bought the Ballard property in Temple, where he tilled the soil for two years; and, selling this farm in 1892, he purchased of George W. Ranger the large two-story building at Fairbanks Mills, which had formerly been used for mercantile business, and at that time was occupied as the post-office. Putting in a large stock of groceries, flour, feed, dry goods, ready-made clothing, boots, shoes, and in fact everything usually kept in a first-class general store, he has, by his correct business methods and honorable dealing, become firmly established in trade. As a young and enterprising business man, who possesses the spirit of progress, he is very popular in the community, where his ability is known and appreciated; and he has been elected an Assessor by the Republican party, of which he is an earnest supporter.

On October 9, 1895, Mr. Wilder was united in marriage with Alice E. Reed, daughter of Levi and Melissa (Ellsworth) Reed, the former of whom is a prosperous farmer of Salem, Me. Mr. Wilder attends the Baptist church. He is a member of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, A. F. & A. M.; and Franklin Lodge, No. 54, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**F**RANK T. PIKE, a prosperous farmer, stock raiser, and dairyman, of Norway township, Oxford County, was born here March 22, 1838. His grandfather, John

Pike, who was an early settler of Norway, came here from New Hampshire when a young man, and spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Luther F. Pike, the father of Frank T., born in 1804, was reared in this town, living with his parents until twenty-one years of age. Going then to Watertown, Mass., he worked out for ten or eleven years, a part of the time being employed in the ice business. At the end of that period he returned to Norway and bought a farm, which he managed successfully for several years. He then sold it and purchased another in the same vicinity. On this he was engaged in mixed husbandry until 1872, when he retired from active pursuits. He has since taken up his residence in the village. He married Adeline A. Millett, a native of Norway, who died here in 1887. They had four children, as follows: Frank T., the subject of this sketch; S. Barnard, who died in California, at the age of forty-five years; Addie Augusta, who is the wife of Wallace W. Andrews, of Otisfield township, Cumberland County; and Albert L. F., who married Ellen R. Andrews. The last named died in 1889.

Frank T. Pike lived on the home farm during his early life, attending the common schools and assisting his parents. After his twenty-first year he worked on the home farm in the summer, and engaged in teaming during the winter. He continued employed in this way until his marriage, when he bought his present farm, which was formerly owned by his father-in-law, Jonathan Whitehouse. It contains one hundred and nine acres, a large part of which is well improved and in a good state of cultivation. He carries on general farming, raises some stock, and devotes a portion of time to dairying, selling the cream. Mr. Pike is identified with the Democratic party, but has never sought public office. He is a member of the Oxford County Agricultural Society, of which he has been a Trustee; and of Norway Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Norway. Religiously, both he and his wife attend the Universalist church.

On November 22, 1866, Mr. Pike married Miss Sarah M. Whitehouse, daughter of Jona-

than and Harriet (Herring) Whitehouse. She was born in this town, July 5, 1842, on the farm where she now lives. Her father is living retired from active life in the village of Norway, but her mother has passed away. Mrs. Pike has borne her husband three children, namely: S. Bion, who assists his father on the farm; Kate M., wife of Philip K. Bradbury, of Norway village; and Clarence B., who is in business with Mark P. Smith, at Bridgton, this State.

**C**HARLES YOUNG, late resident of South Waterford village, Me., was for some years of his active life one of the leading merchants of this part of Oxford County. He was born in South Waterford, October 14, 1833, the son of Moses and Sarah (Plummer) Young.

His parents were both natives of Waterford, the father a farmer. They had five children, Charles, who died May 18, 1888, being the eldest of the family. Maria, the next oldest, is now living in Greenwood, Mass., with her fourth husband, John Hook. Her first husband was Ichabod Hayes, her second, Henry Olcott, the third, Frank Colby. Henry, the third child, is a farmer of Waterford. He married Miss Ella Abbott, of Harrison, Me. Marion A. is the wife of Stephen Caswell, a fish dealer of Greenwood, Mass. Abbie F., the youngest, is the wife of Henry Savage, a prominent citizen of Greenwood, Mass., who is in the real estate business. All were well educated in childhood and youth, attending the common schools near their home and the high school at Norway, Me.

Charles Young grew to manhood in Waterford, remaining with his parents until he attained his majority. He was then employed in a book-store in Boston for a short time, and was subsequently in the meat business for three years. Returning to his home, he engaged in the carriage trade for a while, and eventually opened a general store in Waterford. His father's health being impaired, he managed the farm for him, and at the same time conducted a prosperous trade in cattle. Mr. Charles Young was a man of remarkable energy and large resources, and at one time

managed three stores, one in North Norway, one in South Waterford, and one in Harrison. After years of steady application to business his health began to fail, and he sought change of scene and climate, living in different parts of Massachusetts and in Portland, Me.; and he was for four years engaged as Pullman car conductor. He finally returned to his home in South Waterford, where he died as above mentioned, a little more than eight years ago.

A staunch Democrat, he was a zealous worker for his party, and won the respect and confidence of his fellow-partisans, who elected him to a number of offices of trust. He was Postmaster at South Waterford for several years, also was Town Treasurer, and held many other important offices; and he was always ready to aid any public enterprise for the common good. In religious belief he was a Universalist. His ambitious energy, which recognized no obstacle, won admiration and respect, while his social qualities drew to him many friends; and his death was a source of universal regret in the many places where he was known.

Mr. Young was married February 4, 1855, to Miss Harriet J. Kilgore, who was born in Harrison, Me., March 13, 1834, the daughter of Liberty and Jane (Edwards) Kilgore. Mrs. Young is now living at her home in South Waterford. Her father was a native of Fryeburg, Me., and her mother was born in Otisfield, this State. Mr. Kilgore divided his time between teaching school and cultivating a farm. He died in Waterford on April 27, 1881. Mrs. Kilgore died March 19, 1885. They were the parents of three children—Harriet J., Mrs. Young; George L., a regular physician, now living in retirement in Greenwood, Mass., who was twice married, his first wife being Eliza Welch, his second, Vira Barker, of Athens, Me.; and Mary E., who died young. Mr. and Mrs. Young had seven children, namely: Charles A.; Lizzie F., born September 20, 1860, who died young; George L.; Linnie Velmar; Sadie W.; and Hattie L. and Harry L., who both died in infancy.

Charles A. Young, born November 9, 1856, became one of the leading men of South

Waterford, being a successful merchant and Postmaster here for some time. He died March 13, 1892, survived by his wife, a native of Waterford, formerly Augusta E. Plummer, who now manages the store and post-office, and three children: Dora M., Emma J., and Blanche. George L. Young, who was born May 30, 1864, carries on a large chair manufacturing business in South Waterford. He married Lillian G. Yeaton, and has two children — Gordon C. and Grace V. Linnie Velmor, who is the wife of Horace C. Smith, lives with her mother. She has two children — Charles Albert and Hattie J. Sadie W. is the wife of Charles A. Scribner, a merchant of Bridgton, Me., and has one child, Margery. The children who attained maturity were educated in Hebron Academy, Portland, Me., and in Wakefield, Mass. Mrs. Young and family are members of the Universalist church.

**G**EORGE F. BRIGGS, superintendent of the Russell Brothers' Mills in Salem, Me., was born in this Franklin County town, July 18, 1846, son of Dudley B. and Sarah (Thompson) Briggs. The family is of English origin, and Mr. Briggs's great-grandfather, its founder in America, was a sea captain who settled in Massachusetts, and was the father of two sons. One of these sons — Ebenezer, Mr. Briggs's grandfather — who was born in Massachusetts, settled in Farmington, Me., when he was about twenty-two years old. He resided there some twelve years, and then came to Salem, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which took place in 1873, at the age of seventy-five years. He reared a family of eight children, of whom the only survivor is Mary Ann, widow of Benjamin Huse, late of Farmington. Ebenezer Briggs was a Democrat in politics.

Dudley B. Briggs, son of Ebenezer, was a native and a lifelong resident of Salem. He industriously tilled the soil of a good farm, and he was prominent in public affairs. In politics he acted with the Democratic party. He served with ability as Treasurer and Collector for several terms, and held other town offices. He died at the age of forty-seven

years in June, 1866. He and his wife, Sarah Thompson, who was a native of Leeds, Me., were the parents of eight children.

George F. Briggs, the subject of this sketch, is the only one of the family now living. In his early years he acquired his education in the common and high schools of Salem and Strong. After completing his studies he was employed in a store for a year, and he then went to California, where he worked for a lumber company, and had charge of a lumber railroad for two years. Returning to Salem he was engaged in farming here until 1893. For the past three years he has acted as superintendent for the Russell Brothers' mills, and he is also engaged in buying supplies and speculating in wool and cattle.

In 1876 Mr. Briggs was united in marriage with Affie T. Richards, his first wife. She was born in Salem, daughter of Fred and Mary Richards, and she died June 11, 1892, aged thirty years, five months, and nine days, leaving two daughters, namely: Addie M., aged ten; and Lelia E., aged seven years. In October, 1893, he wedded his present wife, a native of Salem, who was before marriage Esther Lovejoy. By this union there are no children.

Politically, Mr. Briggs is a Democrat. He has ably served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, two years of which he was Chairman of that body, and he was Tax Collector for two terms. He is a member of Davis Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Strong; and of Saddleback Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Phillips.

**E**ZEKIAH B. KEITH, of Hartford, Me., is a self-made man, his valuable farm and handsome home being monuments to years of persevering industry. He was born in Livermore, Me., June 26, 1837, a son of Martin and Polly (Bryant) Keith. His grandfather, Isaiah Keith, who was from Bridgewater, Mass., was one of the hard-working pioneers of Livermore, Me. He lived to be over fourscore years of age.

Martin Keith, son of Isaiah, was a native and lifelong resident of Livermore. An ener-

getic and progressive farmer, he was one of the leaders in the locality, and owned some four hundred acres of land. He was a liberal-minded man, in religious belief a Universalist. He died at the age of eighty-two. Mr. Martin Keith was twice married. His first wife, Polly Bryant, who was a native of Turner, Me., died at the age of twenty-seven, leaving one child, Hezekiah B., of Hartford, Me, above named. His second wife, Mary A. Edgecomb, of Livermore, bore him two children — Lizzie, who died at the age of fourteen; and Marcus M., who is living on the homestead in Livermore.

Hezekiah B. Keith, eldest son of Martin Keith, was reared and educated in Livermore. He started for himself when he was twenty-three years old, hiring out as a farm hand for fourteen dollars a month. Carefully husbanding his earnings, in course of time he had enough to make a purchase of land; he accordingly bought a farm in Andover, Me., where he made his home for twenty-three years. He then disposed of that property, and resided in Livermore for a while, removing to Hartford in 1894 and purchasing his present homestead. On this estate he has made many improvements, and it is now one of the best farms in the locality, equipped with substantial and well-kept buildings, the residence being one of the handsomest in this section.

Mr. Keith was married in 1861 to Miss Elvina Bryant, a native of Livermore, daughter of Thomas Bryant, and has two children, both born in Andover, Me. The elder, Ida, is the wife of Edmund Gibbs, a farmer of Livermore, and has one child, John. The younger, Marcus E., is his father's assistant in the management of the farm. Mr. Keith votes the Democratic ticket. In religious matters he and his wife are liberal, believing in the fundamental principles of Christianity without the prejudices of sect.

**A**LBERT W. ROBBINS, a well-known farmer of Roxbury, where he was born December 21, 1861, is a son of Charles H. and Elsie M. (Taylor) Robbins. Charles H. Robbins was a native

of Union, and there spent his early life. For a few years he was engaged in the lumber business in Atlanta, Ga. In 1860 he came to Roxbury, where he bought a farm and resided until his death in May, 1869, at the age of thirty-nine years. He enlisted in the army September 10, 1862, and was discharged July 15, 1863. His wife, Elsie, was born in this town, April 15, 1840, being a daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Judkins) Taylor. Her grandfather, Simeon Taylor, was a native of Concord, N.H., coming to this county in 1810. His son Nathaniel was born in Belfast, but when quite young came with his parents to this town, where he has since resided. He is still active, though he has attained the advanced age of eighty-five years. He is a Republican in politics. His wife, Sarah, who was born in the town of Byron, is also living, being now eighty-one years old.

Albert W. Robbins resided with his grandfather until attaining his majority. His education was acquired in the common and high schools of Dixfield. When he was a young man he bought a good farm on Swift River, which he still owns and has since continuously occupied. The place is well improved, Mr. Robbins being one of the best of farmers. A stanch Republican politically, he has officiated as Town Clerk since attaining his majority, and is also serving as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Supervisor of Schools. In 1884 Mr. Robbins was united in marriage with Miss Effie M. Worthley, of the town of Mexico. They have three children — Ada E., Albert L., and Marcia S., all of whom are young, being still members of the happy home circle.

**J**AMES H. PORTER, the owner of a fine farm picturesquely situated on the east bank of Norway Lake, in the town of Norway, is a native of Oxford County, Me., his birth having occurred in Paris township, August 16, 1867. His paternal great-grandfather, a pioneer of Cumberland County, lived for many years in Yarmouth, Me., where John Porter, the next in line of descent, was born. John Porter was engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native town

until 1816, when he removed to Oxford County. Buying a tract of wild land in Paris, not far from the village, he labored perseveringly to clear a farm, and in course of time succeeded in transforming a considerable section of timber land into well-cultivated fields. Having previously learned the carpenter's trade, he worked at it to some extent in Paris, where he built the meeting-house and the town hall. His wife, a lady of Yarmouth, whose maiden name was Eunice Hicks, bore him six children, as follows: Sylvanus, who is a farmer in Paris township; Ezekiel, who died in Colorado; John B., the father of James H.; Harriet, the wife of Solomon I. Millett, of Norway village; Joseph, who lives at Oshkosh, Wis.; and Franklin, who owns and occupies the old homestead in Paris. The father died in 1856, aged sixty-three years, and the mother in 1886, at the venerable age of ninety-six years.

John B. Porter was born August 12, 1821, on the home farm, and there grew to man's estate. In his youth he attended the district school and assisted on the farm to the extent of his ability. After his marriage he was employed as foreman on the Grand Trunk Railway, being stationed for five or six years at West Milan, N.H. He superintended the building of the road in that locality, having thirty-five men under him. On finishing that work he returned to the homestead in Paris, where he was occupied in general farming on half of the farm until the spring of 1896. In that year he came with his son, James H., to Norway, where he has since made his home. In politics he is a loyal Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Paris Lodge, No. 94, of South Paris. On November 9, 1853, he married Maria B. Home, a native of Saco, Me., born August 12, 1837. Four children were born to them, as follows: Harriet, who married J. F. King, of Paris township, and died June 24, 1887; Annie, who is the wife of Clarence H. Flood, a farmer in East Oxford; Eunice, who married Oscar Barrows, a farmer in the town of Paris; and James H., the subject of this sketch. The mother is a member of the Baptist church at Paris Hill.

James H. Porter was reared and educated in

the place of his nativity, living with his parents until twenty years of age. Going then to Boston, he worked as a fireman on the Boston & Maine Railroad for three and one-half years, and was afterward an employee of the New York Automatic Weighing Machine Company for six months. Subsequently resuming his first occupation, Mr. Porter became a fireman on the Fitchburg Railroad, on which he was ere long appointed engineer. This responsible position he filled until April 31, 1896, when he came with his father to Norway. Here he bought the property known as the old Bennett farm, which contains one hundred and fifty acres of land, and is charmingly located. He is now engaged in general farming and fruit growing, and he raises stock on a limited scale. It is his intention to make dairying his principal industry in the future.

Mr. Porter was married January 1, 1896, to Mrs. Marion A. D. Tenney, of Boston. Mrs. Porter was born October 6, 1868, in Atlanta, Ga., daughter of the Rev. George H. Randall. Mr. Porter is actively identified with the Republican party. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to Granite Lodge, No. 182, of West Paris; and he is a member of Bramhall Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, of Portland, Me.

**J**OHAN R. TOOTHAKER, a prominent farmer and an extensive lumberman of Rangeley, Franklin County, was born in this town, June 8, 1839, son of Abner and Phebe (Wilbur) Toothaker. Mr. Toothaker is of English descent. His grandfather, John Toothaker, who was born in Bowdoinham, Me., settled in New Portland when a young man; but after remaining there for a short time he removed to Rangeley, where he owned a good farm, which he cultivated successfully. He was for many years a church member, and in politics he acted with the Whig party. He died in 1841, aged over sixty years, and of his large family of children none are now living.

Abner Toothaker, Mr. Toothaker's father, was born in 1815 in Bowdoinham, and accompanied his parents to Rangeley. He began life as a farmer, and later engaged in lumbering. Owning extensive tracts of woodland, for



many years he carried on the largest lumber business in the county. He was prominent in public affairs, and served with ability as County Commissioner two terms, and as a Representative in the legislature one term. Politically, he supported the Republican party, and he was a member of the Baptist church. He died in March, 1880, aged sixty-five years. He and his wife, Phebe Wilbur, who was a native of Phillips, were the parents of five children, three of whom are living, namely: John R., the subject of this sketch; Julia, wife of Nathan Hinckley, of Phillips; and Clara L., wife of N. P. Noble, of Phillips.

John R. Toothaker acquired his education in the common schools of Rangeley and Phillips and at the Lewiston Seminary. Since young manhood he has been engaged in farming and lumbering, having carried on the last-named business with energy and success, and he is to-day the owner of large tracts of timber land. His logging operations amount to several million feet annually. He inherited the homestead farm, and three years since he purchased his present residence in Rangeley village. His village property contains twenty acres, and is all under cultivation. The homestead farm contains eight hundred acres. He raises some fine Holstein and Durham cattle, keeping eighty head of cattle, fifteen horses, and about two hundred sheep. His farm is one of the most productive pieces of agricultural property in this locality, one year's harvest including fifteen hundred bushels of grain and two hundred tons of hay. His residence and other buildings are new and substantial.

On November 29, 1860, Mr. Toothaker was united in marriage with Esther M. Hoar. Of the seven children born to this union, five are living, namely: Ermon L., who resides in Rangeley; Lincoln A., who resides at the homestead; Archie R., who lives in this town; Minnie, wife of George R. Pillsbury, of Rangeley; and Rolla V., who is at home with his parents.

In politics Mr. Toothaker is a Republican. For twenty years he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, twelve years of which he acted as Chairman. He was County Commissioner six years, and while serving as High-

way Commissioner he built the road leading from Rangeley to Dead River Station. He is connected with Saddleback Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Phillips, and is Deputy Commander of the Golden Cross, No. 408, of Rangeley. The family attend the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Toothaker is a member.

**S**OLON A. COFFIN, one of the town fathers of Gilead, Oxford County, was born November 3, 1836, on the farm where he is now living, son of E. W. and Sarah J. (Green) Coffin. His grandfather, Peter Coffin, entered the Revolutionary army when only fourteen years of age, and was at first employed as errand boy for General Washington. Peter served in the army for seven years, and was eventually promoted to the rank of Corporal.

E. W. Coffin was born in Conway, N.H., and was there reared and educated. He was a preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in early manhood located in Gilead, going there first to preach. Having expounded the gospel in many places, he was well known throughout the State. He eventually purchased the farm now occupied by his son, there spent his last days, and died in his eighty-third year. Mr. Coffin was an esteemed member of the Republican party, and served in nearly all the offices within the gift of the town. His wife, a native of Otisfield, Me., was a daughter of Benjamin Green, who served under Washington in the Continental army for six years, receiving three serious wounds. A member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a sympathetic and intelligent helpmeet to her husband, she survived him eight years, though her life was nearly the same length as his, having been about eighty-two years. Their children were: Benjamin S., Sarah Jane, Rose, Francis M., a child who died in infancy, Carlotta, Elizabeth, and Solon A. Benjamin S., Sarah Jane, Carlotta, and Elizabeth are deceased. Elizabeth's death occurred when she was twelve years old. Carlotta was the wife of Thomas Green, of this county. Rose is the wife of D. L. Austin, a farmer of Gilead; now retired.

Francis M., after actively following agriculture for a number of years, is now living in retirement in Gilead.

Solon A. Coffin was educated in the common schools of Gilead and at Gould's Academy in Bethel, this county. He has lived on this farm since his birth, with the exception of four years spent in Old Orchard, Me., and Northboro, Mass., during which time he let the farm, aiding his father during the latter's lifetime, and inheriting the place when the elder man passed away. Besides this farm, which covers one hundred and seventy-five acres, he also owns another farm in Bethel. He carried on mixed husbandry for a number of years, and was likewise engaged in the lumber business on a small scale. He is now living in retirement. Mr. Coffin is a member of the Grange at West Bethel. Mr. Coffin was married November 24, 1863, to Celicia C. Farewell, of West Bethel, who died May 6, 1895. She bore him four children, namely: Ella J., now the wife of D. R. Hastings, Postmaster of Gilead; Herbert E., a business man of Boston; Cora, who died at the age of twelve; and Fred M., the State Inspector of butter and milk at Boston. The father favors the Republican side in politics. He served the town as Selectman for fifteen years, and he filled every other office in turn, except that of Town Clerk. He is prominent in Mount Abram Lodge, No. 36, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bethel. He has been a member of the Methodist church since he was twenty-one years of age, has been steward of the society for many years, and now has charge of the church funds.

**J**OHAN MOLAND CUMMINGS, of Norway, the proprietor of the largest livery business in Maine, was born here, October 16, 1840, son of Stephen and Fanny (Whitney) Cummings, and grandson of Dr. Stephen and Fanny (Bradley) Cummings. William Cummings, the father of Dr. Stephen Cummings, was a native of Massachusetts. He followed the profession of physician, and was an early settler of Portland, where he acquired a very successful practice. He lived to be seventy years of age, and so did his

wife, Harriett. Stephen Cummings, Sr., was born in Portland. Early in life he entered the medical profession, and practised in Portland and in Waterford, this county. He was about sixty-nine years of age when he died. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. His wife, Fanny (Bradley) Cummings, also lived to a good age. Five children were born to them; namely, Harriet, Stephen, Fanny, John, and Sumner.

Stephen Cummings, the father of John Moland, was also born in Portland; and he received his education in the schools of that city. On attaining his majority his father bought him one hundred and fifty acres of land in the north part of Norway, and took up his residence upon it. After spending a number of years in clearing and cultivating the estate, he sold it, and bought a farm in the town of Bethel, where he lived for the following quarter-century. Selling out again at the end of that time, he purchased a home in Norway village, and resided here until his death by apoplexy in 1872, aged fifty-five years. Fanny (Whitney) Cummings, his wife, who was a daughter of William C. Whitney, lived sixty-nine years. They were the parents of seven children — William C. W., Sumner, Frances E., Stephen H., Charles B., John M., and Harriett.

John Moland Cummings, the youngest son of his parents' children, was educated in the schools of Bethel and Norway. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age. The following three years he drove a hack between South Paris and Norway. Then he opened a small livery stable on what is known as the Carpenter place, Norway. This proved a successful venture; and a year later he removed to Rumford, and opened a sales stable. A few years later he went to South Paris, and bought the J. Bicknell stand. Shortly after, yielding to the increased demands of his business, he rented the Andrews House stables, and put in more horses and carriages. Still later he opened the Bridgham stable. In 1880 he purchased the Beals House stable, to which he has since made an addition of one hundred and seventy feet, making the present length of the stable and carriage-room two hundred and ninety feet. The second floor is

finished for boarding, with twenty-five rooms. He keeps forty-five horses in this stable, and fifteen in each of the two South Paris stables, one of which is opposite the Grand Trunk Railroad station, and the other connected with the Andrews House, making, with those in the Elm House stable, Norway, about one hundred horses all together. He also has a large variety of pleasure wagons and carriages, including two large barges known as the "Oxford Bear" and the "Telephone," enabling him at short notice to fill almost every sort of order in good style. He has also a blacksmith shop for his own use, and owns a fine river farm, which yields annually between sixty-five and seventy tons of hay.

The admirable management of all the stables reflects great credit upon their owner. One of the things, and perhaps the chief thing, that have helped to make the business so successful is Mr. Cummings's sound judgment regarding horses and his rule of disposing of a horse as soon as it is found to be unsafe or not an agreeable roadster. His patrons have learned by experience that, when they order a turnout from his stables, they are assured of a safe ride. He has many warm friends among the travelling public, as well as in the villages of Norway and South Paris. Mr. Cummings married Mrs. Elvia Calwell, a daughter of Mr. Murch, of Baldwin, Me. Like his father, he is a Democrat in politics.

**H**IRAM OLDHAM, 2D, a blacksmith in business with his son at Rumford Falls, was born December 24, 1828, in Sumner, Oxford County, son of Daniel and Priscilla (Keen) Oldham, natives respectively of Pembroke and Hanson, Mass. John Oldham, the father of Daniel, came from his Massachusetts home to Sumner, and settled in the southern part of the town, next to the Buckfield line, on an unimproved farm. Here he dwelt for the remainder of his life in a log cabin erected by his own hands, making a good living by his farm. When between fifty-five and sixty years of age he was accidentally killed in Buckfield by a cart-wheel running over him. His eldest son, Daniel, spent his life in the towns of Sumner and Peru. Daniel

went to Peru in 1831, locating near Worthly Pond, on one of the best farms in the vicinity. He died here at the age of eighty-six years, and his wife's death occurred in her eighty-fifth year. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Anna, Daniel, Miranda, and Jonathan have passed away. Those living are: Axel, Peleg, Hiram, and Columbus. In religious faith the parents were Universalists.

Hiram Oldham, 2d, received his education in the district schools of Peru, of which place he became a resident in his early childhood. Since starting out in life for himself he has followed the various occupations of farmer, blacksmith, and carpenter. He lived in Peru sixty-six years, and still owns in that town an excellent farm of two hundred and sixty acres, to which he expects to return at some future day. He came to Rumford Falls in 1893, and since that time has carried on a good general blacksmithing and horseshoeing business in partnership with his son.

When twenty years old Mr. Oldham married Miss Eleanor Irish, who was born in Buckfield, Me., daughter of Freeman Irish. She died September 11, 1893. Of their children four have passed away; namely, Freeman I., Addie C., Lillian, and Mary E., wife of Freelon Starbird. The living are: Edwin R.; Hiram R.; Francis A.; Cora, wife of E. B. Hutchins; Charles L.; Annie, the wife of Sidney G. Wheelwright, and Benjamin F. Mr. Oldham casts his vote with the Republican party. He adheres to the Universalist faith, in which he was reared.

**J**AMES E. THOMPSON, a retired merchant and an esteemed resident of Phillips, was born in Avon, Me., April 3, 1820, a son of James and Mehitabel (Burnham) Thompson, natives respectively of Bristol and Damariscotta, Me. A tradition has it that the founder of the family settled in New Market, N.H., after coming to this country from England with three brothers. Ebenezer Thompson, the father of James, served in the Revolutionary War. He was born in New Hampshire, May 15, 1741, and was married July 9, 1767, to Miss Elizabeth Sally, whose birth occurred

in the same State on September 13, 1743. Ebenezer was one of the first settlers of Avon, Me., where he purchased a large tract of land, which has since been divided into two of the largest farms in that town. His active period was spent in farming; and he died June 11, 1822, aged eighty-one years. His wife's death followed on May 18, 1831, after she had attained the age of eighty-five. Their children were: Isaac, born June 10, 1768; Mary, born March 10, 1770; James, born July 5, 1772; Elizabeth, born April 15, 1775; Susanna, born October 5, 1777; Ebenezer, Jr., born May 11, 1780; Samuel, born October 5, 1782; John, born March 10, 1786; and William, born August 17, 1790.

James Thompson, the third child and second son of his parents, lived in Bristol until fourteen years old. Then, in 1786, he moved to Avon, Me., where the remainder of his active life was spent. Both he and his wife passed their last days in the home of their son, James E., in Phillips. He held for a time the office of Selectman in Avon. His wife, Mehitabel, bore him nine children, namely: Daniel, of whom no special information is given; Mary, who married Oliver Soper; Lavina, the wife of J. Purley; Enos H., who was a physician; Mahala, unmarried; Clarissa, who married Eben Day; Elizabeth K., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-two; Silas D.; and James E., the subject of this sketch. Eight of them were school teachers. The only survivor now is James E. In political affiliation the father was a Democrat, and in religion he was a Methodist. He died in September, 1863, aged ninety-one years.

James E. Thompson received his education in the elementary schools of Avon and the high schools of Strong and Bridgton, after which he was engaged teaching school in winter and farming in summer. He also worked on the survey of the Cochituate water works. Mr. Thompson taught school a number of terms, ranging from 1838 to 1850, in Bridgton, Strong, Avon, and Phillips. In 1849 he came to Phillips, and entered the general merchandise store of Gould & Gammon, Columbus Smith & Seward Dill, as a clerk, and was employed in that capacity for about three years. He was then engaged in a general

mercantile business with Darius Howard, under the firm name of Howard & Thompson, for three years more. At the end of that time Mr. Howard sold out to N. B. Beal, and the style of the firm was changed to Thompson & Beal. This connection continued up to 1859, when the firm was dissolved. After several years, during which, on account of ill health, Mr. Thompson was obliged to avoid any confining business, he purchased the A. D. Goodwin farm, which he carried on for four years. He was then appointed to the office of Deputy Sheriff, in which he served six years, and afterward elected to that of County Commissioner, serving one term of three years. After selling his farm, in 1896 he purchased a house in the village, and has since resided here. He was one of the organizers of the Union National Bank, which received its charter in 1875, being a Director and its Cashier during the first eighteen years. When the Phillips Savings Bank was organized, he was one of the leaders and the first signer for its charter. He declined to accept the position of President, which was tendered to him, but was on the Board of Trustees a number of years. On June 6, 1852, Mr. Thompson married Miss Elizabeth S. Cushman, a daughter of James Cushman, of Phillips. She bore him three children — Florrie, Minnie M., and Georgiana C. He was bereft of this wife December 7, 1887. Their children are also deceased. Mr. Thompson has since married Hilda Sprague, the widow of John Goodwin, of Phillips. When twenty years old Mr. Thompson was elected Captain of a company of light infantry raised at large, and held the command for three years. In 1850, when the town of Phillips raised an artillery company, he was elected as Captain, and served for an equal period of time. Before the formation of the Republican party he was a Democrat. He has since been a Republican adherent. He has served as Selectman both in Avon and Phillips, being Chairman of the Board several years. Both he and Mrs. Thompson are attendants and liberal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1885 he presented the church with a valuable bell, weighing one thousand pounds.

**A**NSON BENNETT, of Fryeburg, who is widely and favorably known as a reliable carpenter and a prosperous farmer, was born in Lovell, Me., June 12, 1847, son of Nathaniel W. and Sarah W. (Charles) Bennett. His father, who was a native of East Fryeburg, where he grew to manhood, having learned the cooper's trade, followed it for a number of years in Lovell after his marriage. From Lovell, Nathaniel went to Virginia, where he was employed for some time. After his return North he again settled in North Fryeburg. Some years later he did some work at the carpenter's trade in Boston, but again returned to Fryeburg. In 1873 he moved to the Simeon Charles farm in Fryeburg, where he resided until his death, which occurred April 6, 1891. His wife, Sarah, who was a native of Fryeburg, was the mother of two children, namely: Anson, the subject of this sketch; and Myra, who resides at the homestead. The mother died in January, 1890.

Anson Bennett obtained his education in the common schools and at the Fryeburg Academy. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and subsequently worked at it for a long period in Fryeburg and Lovell, Boston, Newton, Waltham, and Salem, Mass., Portland, Me., and North Conway, N.H. After the death of his father he settled at the homestead in Fryeburg, where he has since been engaged in farming and working at his trade, as the opportunity offers. He owns in all two hundred and fifteen acres of land, sixty-five of which comprise the home farm. He has already improved the property to a considerable extent, and obtains good crops from it every year.

On January 28, 1873, Mr. Bennett wedded Jennie E. English, who was born in Halifax, N.S., daughter of William English, a carpenter by trade. Her mother died when Mrs. Bennett was very young. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have two children, namely: Van Irvine, who was born July 24, 1880; and Erlon Lamont, who was born March 24, 1894. Mr. Bennett's political principles are Republican, and he has supported the party since reaching his majority. Although his natural ability makes him eligible to public office, he is not

at all desirous of notoriety in this direction, preferring to employ his whole time in attending to his private affairs. He is highly spoken of by his townsmen, whose esteem and good will he entirely commands.

**H**ARMON D. HARNDEN, a prominent farmer of Fryeburg, Me., was born in this town, September 4, 1856, son of Calvin and Rosanna (Dennett) Harnden. His grandfather, Elbridge Harnden, was an early resident here. Calvin Harnden was born in Fryeburg, December 16, 1820. He was for a time employed in a tannery in Bridgton, but always resided in his native town, and he cleared the farm which his son, Harmon D., owns. He was a man of considerable prominence in his day, and one who had the respect and esteem of the general community. He continued to follow general farming until his death, which took place on August 16, 1880. His wife, Rosanna Dennett Harnden, who was born in Bridgton, September 4, 1826, became the mother of three children, as follows: Mary F., born September 8, 1853, is now the wife of William Douglass, of East Fryeburg; Harmon D., the subject of this sketch, whose nativity is given above; and Sarah J., who was born November 22, 1859, and is now the wife of C. H. Warren, a prosperous farmer of Denmark, Me. Mrs. Calvin Harnden died September 20, 1884.

Harmon D. Harnden began his education in the common schools, and subsequently studied for two terms at the Bridgton Academy. He resided at the homestead after leaving school, assisting his father in carrying on the farm. Having succeeded to its possession, he has made various improvements thereon. He owns about two hundred acres of well-located land, the tillage portion of which is extremely fertile, and he devotes his attention principally to the cultivation of sweet corn, which he supplies to the canning factories. In 1891 he, in company with his brother-in-law, C. H. Warren, erected a factory in Denmark for the purpose of engaging in the corn-packing business, a short time afterward leasing it to the Bridgton Canning Company. On November

13, 1880, Mr. Harnden was united in marriage with Lizzie A. Abbott, who was born in Fryeburg, May 1, 1859, daughter of Dean and Aphia (Frye) Abbott, both of whom are natives of this town, and are now living in East Fryeburg. Mr. and Mrs. Harnden have two children — Evelyn Lee, born June 19, 1882; and Calvin Archer, born April 13, 1884.

In politics Mr. Harnden supports the Democratic party, and, while not desirous of taking a prominent part in public affairs, he has served capably in some of the town offices. Since reaching manhood he has labored diligently in striving to advance himself on the road to success, and his efforts have been awarded. His well directed industry and broad comprehension of local needs are a benefit to the community.

**F**RANK PACKARD is one of the active and progressive farmers of Hebron, Me., owner of over two hundred acres of good land. He was born in Buckfield, this State, March 14, 1859, a son of Jeremiah P. and Rebecca (Fuller) Packard, and is of the third generation of Packards in the town of Buckfield — his grandfather, Moses Packard, having settled there at an early date. Moses Packard was a farmer. He died in Melrose, Mass., at an advanced age. Jeremiah P. Packard, who was born in Buckfield, was also an industrious farmer. He owned one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, a great part of which was under cultivation. Mr. Packard voted the Democratic ticket. On religious subjects he held liberal views. He died at the age of sixty-four. His wife, who was born in the town of Hebron, is now living on the homestead with her son, the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Packard lost two children, John H. and Adrianna, and have three living, Lucillous, Fred, and Frank.

Frank Packard was educated in the schools of Hebron. Since early boyhood he has been interested in agricultural pursuits, and as a general farmer he has achieved marked success. He has a well-cultivated farm, good buildings, and some live stock, and ranks among the prominent and well-to-do citizens of the town.

Mr. Packard was married November 11, 1888, to Miss L. Emma Lowell, a native of Buckfield, and has one son, Ernest L., who was born in Hebron, July 27, 1890. Actively interested in town matters, he favors the Democratic side in politics, but has the good will of members of both parties, and is at present serving on the Board of Selectmen. He belongs to one social organization, East Hebron Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. Packard is liberal in religious matters, while his wife is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

**A**DELBERT DELANO, a leading man of Canton, Oxford County, who fought in the Civil War, was born January 31, 1850, in Dixfield, son of Caleb and Sarah (Bennett) Delano. Mr. Delano's grandfather, Caleb Delano (first), who was a native of Massachusetts, came to Dixfield among the early settlers, and there passed the rest of his life prosperously engaged in farming. Caleb Delano, a native of Sidney, Me., became a successful agriculturist of Dixfield. He was one of the representative men of that town in his day, and served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for sixteen years. Responding to the urgent call for troops to suppress the Rebellion, he joined Company D, Twelfth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, with which he served until he was killed in the battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864. In politics he supported the Republican party, and in his religious views he was a Universalist. His wife, Sarah, who was a native of Canton, became the mother of two children, namely: Mary, now the wife of Leroy Hall, of Dixfield; and Adelbert, the subject of this sketch. She lived to be seventy-eight years old.

Adelbert Delano received a good education in the public schools. In December, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, and was honorably discharged in July, 1865. Since that time he has given his attention to general farming. He has been a tax-payer on real estate since he was seventeen years old; and at the present time he owns a splendid farm of three hundred acres, which he bought in 1887. Other land of his elsewhere brings

the total amount to five hundred acres. He makes a specialty of raising hay, oats, and sweet corn, producing large and superior crops; and he keeps some fine graded Jersey stock for dairy purposes. The farm property occupies a desirable location in the Androscoggin valley, and his buildings are substantial and kept in good repair. He is also interested in the Bridge Company, of which he is Treasurer.

Mr. Delano has been three times married. His present wife, in maidenhood Hattie Harmon, is a daughter of Isaac and Susan Harmon, of New Gloucester, Me. By his previous matrimonial unions he has four children, namely; Ellis, Adelbert, Jr., Melvina, and Grace. In politics Mr. Delano is a Republican. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for seven years, serving as Chairman of the body for five years. All measures relative to public improvements receive his earnest attention. He is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a comrade of John A. Hodge Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of this town.

MAJOR SAMUEL CLIFFORD BELCHER, at present engaged in the practice of the legal profession in Farmington, Me., was born here, March 20, 1839.

Major Belcher is the seventh in line of descent from Gregory Belcher, who was an early settler of Braintree, now Quincy, Mass., and who came to Boston in 1634, taking the free-man's oath in 1640.

Major Belcher entered Bowdoin College at the unusually early age of fourteen years, and graduated with the class of 1857. After leaving college he served for three years as the preceptor of Foxcroft Academy, but resigned from this position in 1860, and entered the office of the Hon. Nehemiah Abbott at Belfast, in order to study law. He was admitted to the Franklin County bar in the year 1861, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession; but, being stirred by the possible danger of a disrupted Union, he entered the Federal army, receiving a Captain's com-

mission in Company G, Sixteenth Regiment of Maine Volunteers, on the 4th of June, 1862.

This regiment, which was one of the most gallant sent out from Maine, was ordered to the front at once, and did valiant service at the battles of Fredericksburg, in which Captain Belcher was slightly wounded, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. In the latter famous engagement Captain Belcher's regiment held the perilous position of cover to the retreating forces of the First Corps. Two regiments had already been driven from this position, but the brave Sixteenth held its place heroically until all but forty of its men had been either killed or taken prisoner. It was in this engagement that Captain Belcher, who commanded the left wing of the regiment, ordered the flag to be cut in pieces and distributed among the men, in order to prevent its capture by the enemy. Unfortunately the valiant officer in command was taken prisoner, together with his regiment. While he was being marched to Libby Prison, however, he effected his escape, and by clever and daring strategy regained the Union lines. He was now assigned to the position of Aide-de-camp to General Heintzelman of the Department of Washington. He returned to field service in the following autumn, and was a participant in the battles of Mine Run, the Wilderness, and Spottsylvania, during which, on the 8th of May, 1864, he was severely wounded, a bullet piercing his skull and resting in the brain. For seventeen days he lay ill before it was extracted, and was not sufficiently recovered to enter the army again until the bloody struggle was ended. Governor Cony commissioned him Major in recognition of his services, June 1, 1864.

Major Belcher then returned and resumed the practice of his profession in Farmington, where he has been actively engaged in the same ever since.

Major Belcher is an Overseer of Bowdoin College, and is a member of the Maine Historical Society and of the American Bar Association. He belongs to several orders and fraternities, among them Maine Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master; Franklin Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he

is Past High Priest; Jephthah Council, of which he is Past Master; and Pilgrim Commandery, Knights Templars. He is also a member of the Maine Commandery of the Loyal Legion. His handsome residence at 7 Court Street is one of the most hospitable homes in Farmington. Few men in the community have acquired such a reputation in his profession as he has, and none a larger measure of esteem, regard, and respect.

**H**ON. JONATHAN BARTLETT, of Stoneham, Me., one of the most prominent men of this part of the State, was born in Newry, a neighboring town in the same county of Oxford, January 27, 1838, the son of Jonathan and Triphena (Horr) Bartlett.

His grandfather, Enoch Bartlett, who was one of the early settlers of this county, was born in Massachusetts. Purchasing a tract of wild land in what is now the township of Bethel, he devoted his time and strength to clearing it of timber growth and making it fit for agricultural purposes. The nearest mill and market was at Fryeburg, thirty-six miles away; and the path which he followed when he walked thither from his farm can still be seen. After living a number of years in Bethel he moved to Newry, where he was engaged in general farming the rest of his life—a long term, for he lived to be very old. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Siegle, he had nine children, who all grew to maturity, namely: Annie, who married Asa Foster; Reuben, who married Lydia Frost; Betsey, who married Reuben Estes; Dorothy, who married Dustin Estes; Irene, who married Silas Powers; Lucy, who married John Powers; Thankful, who married Charles Stearns; Burry, who married James Colby; and Olive, who married Nathan Frost. His children by his second wife, Annie Hall, were: Patty, who married David Sessions; Naomi, who married William Tripp; Elisha, who married Sarah Barker; Apphia, who married Joe Chase; Jonathan, who married Annie Barker; Polly, who became Mrs. Russell; Lydia, who married Joseph Knapp; and Enoch, who married Sarah Hinks. Mrs.

Annie Hall Bartlett was a very intelligent lady; and, although she attained the great age of one hundred and two, she retained her faculties almost to the last. She spent the latter part of her life with her grandson, the special subject of this sketch.

Jonathan Bartlett, son of Enoch and Annie (Hall) Bartlett, was born in Newry, Me., and lived there until forty years of age, engaged the greater part of the time in general farming. He then removed to Stoneham, at that time a small hamlet, and settled in the eastern part of the town, near an old log house. He built a house on the spot where the present house now stands, cleared off the land, and soon became one of the leaders, not only in the farming community, but in local political circles. He and John J. Perry were delegates to the first Republican convention in Oxford County, which was held in Norway village; and he filled many local offices of trust. He died September 10, 1866. His first wife, who was Miss Annie Barker, of Newry, died July 2, 1833. She was the mother of the following children, all born at Newry, Me.: Eliza, wife of D. D. Merrill, a mechanic of East Stoneham, born at Gorham, Me.; Polly (deceased), who was the wife of E. B. Russell, a carpenter of Stoneham; Nancy, widow of Sewell Butters, of East Stoneham, born at Lovell, Me.; Elisha (deceased), who was twice married, his first wife being Miss Susan Evans, of Stoneham, Me., and his second, who is now living in Byron, Me., Mrs. Fannie (McKeen) Durgan, also a native of Stoneham, Me.; Enoch, a farmer of Naples, Me., who has been thrice married, his first wife being Mary Ayers, of Stoneham, Me., his second Mrs. Sarah Gray, of Pennsylvania, and his third Mrs. Sophia Leavitt, of Naples, Me.; and Orrin W., who married Miss Phosia Evans, born at Stoneham, and lives in Portsmouth, N.H. The second wife of Jonathan Bartlett, Sr., Triphena Horr, was born in Waterford, this county. She had two children—Jonathan, our subject; and Irene (deceased), born at Newry, Me., who was the wife of Marshall Giles, of Waterford, born at Sweden, Me.

Jonathan Bartlett in his earlier years acquired a common-school education. When he attained his majority he purchased the old



Bartlett homestead, his present place of residence, and engaged actively in farming and lumbering, devoting the growing season to agricultural work, the winter to felling and shipping timber. As years went on he enlarged the scope of his business operations, purchasing farms and timber land in different parts of the county; and in 1870 he formed a partnership with Hiram P. Elliott for the manufacture of spools, establishing a plant at Lynchville, this county. The firm of Elliott & Bartlett now manufactures a great part of the spools used by the noted Rhode Island thread firm of J. & P. Coats. Mr. Bartlett also owns a saw-mill in East Stoneham, where he manufactures all kinds of shingles and short lumber, and a mill near his home farm for sawing long timber, manufacturing altogether spools, shingles, shook, and long timber. He is extensively engaged in agricultural operations, and his farm, which is about two miles north of East Stoneham village, is one of the finest in the section; and he is also interested in mercantile pursuits. He cared for his parents until they closed their eyes on the scenes of earth, and with all his prosperity has been content to live in the home of his boyhood.

January 5, 1867, Mr. Bartlett was married to Fannie, daughter of Captain John Ball, a mariner of Portland, Me., where his daughter was born and he died. Four children have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett: namely, Herman L., Charles L., Fred H., and J. Melvin. Herman L. Bartlett, born October 17, 1867, is a practising physician in Norway, this county. He married Miss Edith Stearns, of Lovell, Me. Charles L., born November 13, 1868, is engaged in the sale of general merchandise at East Stoneham village, in partnership with his father, under the firm name of Jonathan Bartlett & Son. He married Miss Lizzie Stearns, of Lovell, Me., and lives in East Stoneham. Fred H. Bartlett, born September 25, 1870, is in the lumber business. He lives on the home farm with his parents, and is at present Supervisor of the town of Stoneham. J. Melvin, born January 29, 1872, lives with his parents. He is engaged in farming and lumbering.

Mr. Bartlett is a strong Republican, and

never misses a town or county meeting. He has been a member of the town Board of Selectmen since the year of his majority and Chairman of the Board for the past fifteen years; and he was Constable for several years, and held other offices. In 1885 he was the Representative of this district in the State legislature. He is well advanced in Masonry, belonging to Mount Tire'm Lodge, No. 132, of Waterford, and the chapter and council at Norway; and he is a charter member of Oxford Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of North Waterford; and Hiawatha Lodge, No. 49, Knights of Pythias, of East Stoneham village, of which he was the first Chancellor. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are members of the Congregational church at East Stoneham.

**S**AMUEL H. BEEDY, a retired farmer residing in Phillips, Me., was born here, October 18, 1825, a son of Nathan and Eleanor (Bean) Beedy. Several generations of his paternal ancestry, who were of English origin, lived in New Hampshire. His grandfather, Nathan Beedy, Sr., was born in Sandwich, N.H. He was a farmer, lived to a good old age, and was the father of several children, all of whom have now passed away.

Nathan Beedy, son of Nathan, Sr., and father of Samuel H., was a native of Sandwich, N.H. He settled in Phillips, Me., and engaged in farming during the active years of his life. He died April 11, 1851. There were fourteen children born to him and his wife, Eleanor, the four now living being: Isaac and Josiah, residing in Phillips; Jeremiah, of Weld, Me.; and Samuel H., the special subject of this sketch. Allen Beedy died June 8, 1826, aged twenty-five; Nancy F., who married Liberty Newman, died June 1, 1848, aged thirty-two; Peter Beedy died June 27, 1850, aged forty-six; Mary, wife of Jonathan Atwood, died May 11, 1882, aged seventy-seven; Joseph died February 29, 1892, aged eighty-six; Mary J., wife of Benjamin Lufkin, died January 6, 1894, aged eighty-six; and Nathan Beedy, Jr., died March 14, 1895, aged eighty-one years and

two months. Betsey married James Gordon; Sarah married James Bacome; Dolly E. married James Turner.

Samuel H. Beedy obtained his education in the common schools of Phillips, after which he engaged in farming, and followed this occupation with profit up to 1876, since which time he has done but little business, except trading in live stock and wool. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served his town as Tax Collector three years and as superintendent of schools nine years. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

On February 25, 1858, Mr. Beedy was united in marriage with Hepzibah Haines, a daughter of Frederick and Hepzibah (Hunt) Haines, of Avon, Me. They have four children living; namely, Isora I., Celina E., Harry F., and Arthur S. Isora I. Beedy, born April 25, 1859, was married on August 29, 1878, to George A. Trumbull, of Lawrence, Mass. Celina E., born August 28, 1862, was married June 27, 1889, to the Rev. T. N. Kewley, of Strong, Me. Arthur S., born December 2, 1870, was married on New Year's Day, 1892, to Cora Pratt, of Phillips. Their only child died when nine months old. Harry F. Beedy, born March 28, 1862, is engaged in the practice of law in Phillips. He received his preliminary education at the Lawrence (Mass.) High School and Wilton Academy, after which he studied law under Major Belcher in Farmington, and after being admitted to the bar went into business with the Major. Four years later he came to Phillips, where he has acquired a good practice. He was married November 4, 1891, to Miss Maud Bangs. They have been bereft of their only child, Mildred, who died February 15, 1896, aged two years, two months, and nine days.

**J**OHAN T. FURBER, a well-known resident of New Sharon, Me., was born in Athens, this State, on the 17th of January, 1833, the son of John and Sarah (Tufts) Furber.

John Furber was born July 16, 1805, in Lee, N.H., and migrated to Athens at the age of twenty-four years. He bought a farm of

one hundred and twenty-five acres from John Tufts, his father-in-law, who had settled on this estate about the year 1800, had cleared it and erected comfortable buildings, the farm then containing two hundred acres.

Mr. Tufts died on the day that his grandson, John T. Furber, was twenty-one years of age.

John Furber was a farmer during all his active life, never engaging in any other occupation. In 1836 he sold his Athens estate, and moved to Corinth, Me., where he bought one hundred acres of land. He moved all of his portable effects himself, carting them with a team of horses to his destination. He remained with his family in the town of Corinth for two years; but finding that the severe frosts there were injuring all his crops, and that he was rapidly losing money, he sold his farm there, and moved back to Athens, borrowing a horse to help transport his household goods, as he then owned only one horse.

John T. Furber remembers distinctly with a great deal of pleasure the journey back, although he was only five years of age at the time. He was placed on a little chair on a wash-tub in one of the wagons, and was allowed to drive the horse himself the entire distance of thirty-one miles from Corinth to Athens, a feat which he accomplished without assistance. On their way to Athens they stopped in the town of Garland, where they saw the tails cut off of three horses, a sight that was harrowing to the little boy who, now at the age of sixty-three, remembers it with painful interest.

The father on his return to Athens purchased a new farm there, and settled down for thirteen years of quiet industry. He then exchanged his farm in Athens for one in Norridgewock, and removed to that place with an ox team. They started before sunrise one morning, and arrived at Norridgewock after dark on the same evening, making the trip of twenty-one miles in just one day. His Norridgewock farm consisted of about one hundred acres. He moved into it in the year 1850, and died there in 1882, at the age of seventy-seven years. In politics he was at first a Whig and later a Republican, and he held liberal views in religion. His wife lived to be

eighty years old, and died on her son's farm in New Sharon, coming to this place to live with him in the year 1884.

John and Sarah (Tufts) Furber had five children, of whom two are now living — Mary E. and John T. The other children were: Annie, who died in infancy; Sarah; and Samuel A. Mary E. Furber married B. F. Hilton in 1860, and from this union five children were born: Ernest, who is unmarried, and lives at his father's home in Starks; Eddie A., who married Sarah Daggett, of Industry, and who lives in Anson; Charles W., who is unmarried, and lives on a farm next to his parents' homestead; Herbert J., who married Florence Tarr, of New Sharon, and is living at home; and Allen F., who is single, and resides in Boston. Herbert J. Hilton and his brother Charles are extensive dealers in pure-blooded sheep, Oxford Downs and Shropshires being their particular hobbies; and fine specimens of these breeds belonging to them are invariably prize winners at all the fairs at which they are exhibited. They are also the owners of a large and handsome herd of cattle.

John T. Furber in his boyhood attended the public schools in Athens and in Norridgewock, and also the Athens Academy. In the year 1851 he left Norridgewock, and went to Canton, Mass., to engage in farming. While there he also found employment in a wood-turning factory, going back to his home at Norridgewock in 1856. He stayed there for only a brief period of time, going West to Columbia, Cal., in the same year, to engage in gold mining. From Columbia he went to Alleghany, and remained there for three years. Then he went into the Sierra valley, where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land, and became a ranchman, going into the cattle business. There he continued for eight years and a half, being very successful. At the end of that time he returned to the East; and in the town of New Sharon, near his old home, he bought his present farm with part of the money that he had made in California. The farm then comprised about one hundred and fifty-six acres, but now Mr. Furber owns two hundred and forty-nine acres. Here he has remained ever since his return from the West.

Mr. Furber was married on the 31st of May, 1870, to Miss Keturah H. Moore, the daughter of Cephas Moore, of Starks. They have had four children; namely, Mary E., George H., Helen M., and John C. Mary E., born December 4, 1871, married on the 3d of March, 1891, Charles S. Parker, of West Farmington, Me., and had one child, Mae E., born on the 15th of February, 1892. She is now dead. George H., born May 14, 1873, is unmarried, and lives in Farmington, where he is engaged in agriculture with Henry Titcomb. Helen M. Furber was born on the 3d of January, 1875. Having pursued her studies in the common schools of New Sharon and also in the high school, at the age of sixteen years she entered the State Normal and Training School, from which she will graduate with the class of 1897. She has already had some experience in her chosen future profession, having taught for five sessions in the district schools of her native town. John C. Furber was born on the 16th of September, 1880. He remains at home on the farm during the summer months, and attends school in the winter time.

Mr. Furber has a fine orchard of beautiful grafted fruit-trees, is the owner of a herd of twenty fine cattle and four horses, and like his nephews is interested in sheep, of which he has a flock of fifty or more handsome animals, with heavy, coarse wool. Some of his stock he gets from the Hilton farm in the town of Starks. Mr. Furber is, of course, well known and honored in his town, and has held public office several times, having been a Selectman for the years 1878-80 and 1881-82-83. He has voted the Republican ticket ever since 1860. His religious views are liberal, as his father's were.

ALVA SHURTLEFF, President of the South Paris Savings Bank, was born October 24, 1817, on the Dunham place, four miles east of South Paris, Me., son of Alva and Anna (Shaw) Shurtleff. His father was a son of Simeon and Submit (Kingman) Shurtleff, and Simeon was a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Leach) Shurtleff. Jonathan was a son of Thomas,

who was a son of William, second, whose father, William, first, is supposed to have been the earliest ancestor of the family to reside in this country. The name in former days was Shettle, from which it was changed to Shirtly, and later to Shurtleff. It is known of the first William that he was apprenticed to Thomas Clark, for the purpose of learning the carpenter's trade, on September 2, 1634; that he married Elizabeth Lettice, of Plymouth, Mass.; and that subsequently he settled in Marshfield, Mass.

Simeon Shurtleff, who was a native of Middleboro, Mass., born June 23, 1758, followed the occupation of farmer, and was one of the early settlers of Norway, Me. He married in 1781 Submit Kingman, of Bridgewater, Mass., by whom he became the father of eleven children, the third being Alva Shurtleff, Sr. The birth of Alva, Sr., occurred in Norway on May 30, 1786. He also cultivated the land in order to make a living. Being blessed with good health, he attained maturity in due time, and entered into matrimony with Anna Shaw. Of this marriage there were born twelve children: namely, Simeon, Caroline, Alva, Ambrose, Abigail, Alva, Elvira, Submit, Aretas, Nancy, Sylvan, and William. Both parents lived to a good old age.

Alva Shurtleff, the sixth child and the special subject of this sketch, having served an apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade, started in business for himself in Paris, being then about twenty years old. Some time later he opened a grocery store, and successfully conducted both ventures for a time. In 1842 he received the appointment of Deputy Jailer, an office that he filled efficiently for eight years. After that he bought a house in South Paris, took up his residence in it, and then opened a general store in company with R. S. Stevens. The partnership with Mr. Stevens lasted until 1856, when he sold his interest in the store, and organized the firm, A. & S. Shurtleff & Co., for the purpose of manufacturing boots and shoes in Portland, Me. This company had built up a large business, and were putting out shoes at the rate of five thousand pairs a week, when it was burned out. With F. E. Faxton, one of his partners, Mr. Shurtleff

transferred the work to Boston; but in a short time afterward he sold out his interest, and returned to South Paris. He here engaged in the grocery business again, occupying his former store, but he finally sold the stock to the grangers; and in 1895 he disposed of the store, after which he retired. He was a stockholder in the chair factory and in the shoe factory of the town. He also invested in land, buying it by the acre and selling it by the lot, according to a plan for extending the village. In 1873 he obtained from the State legislature the charter of the South Paris Savings Bank, of which he has since been the President. He has been a Director in the Norway National Bank for a number of years, during the latter part of which he has been its Vice-President.

On October 24, 1841, he was married to Miss Ann Jackson, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Bessey) Jackson. Mr. Jackson's grandfather, Lemuel, who was born in Massachusetts in 1762, built a house on Paris Hill, and there owned land until 1816. He married Susanna, daughter of Benjamin and Charity (Craigie) Hammond, of New Gloucester, Me. Their son, Jacob, born in 1792, was a blacksmith, and carried on an extensive business at ironing wooden ploughs. He was a member of the company that owned the township of Lincoln, Penobscot County, and was the wealthiest man in the town. His children were: Arabella R., Ann, Andrew, Mary S., Martha, Charles W., and Jacob F.

Mr. Shurtleff and his wife have had three children, namely: Abbie Francis, born October 26, 1842; Charles A., born October 15, 1845; and William Kingman, born September 20, 1848. Abbie married Charles D. Brown, of Boston, and had one child, Charles Alva, who married Eliza (Baldwin) Rogers, of Gloucester, Mass., and is now the father of two children—Howard C. and Charles D., second. Charles A. Shurtleff died August 26, 1888. William Kingman Shurtleff, who resides in Brookline, Mass., and owns a large paper factory in Milton, N. H., married Hattie Sawyer, and is the father of two children—Gertrude B. and Alva David. Mr. Alva Shurtleff has often shown a most commendable public spirit by aiding enterprises designed



MR. AND MRS. SUMNER EVANS.

for the advancement of the town. In politics he has supported the Republican tickets, and he was Town Trustee for fourteen years. He was one of the promoters and builders of the Masonic Building in South Paris. His religious belief is that of the Congregational denomination, of whose society in South Paris he is an earnest member.

**S**UMNER EVANS, a well-known and influential citizen of Stoneham, Oxford County, Me., holding the office of Town Clerk, also that of Postmaster of East Stoneham, was born at Shelburne, N.H., June 2, 1820, a son of Amos and Mercy (Peabody) Evans.

Amos Evans, who was a native of Shelburne, N.H., grew to manhood on the paternal farm in that town, but after his first marriage removed to Gorham, N.H., where, purchasing a farm, he engaged in husbandry until 1832. Selling out in that year, he removed to Stoneham, Me., where he bought another estate, and followed farming for several years. While residing there his first wife died; and soon after his second marriage, disposing of the Stoneham property, he went to Lovell, where he purchased the farm on which he spent the remainder of his days. Mr. Amos Evans was first united in marriage with Miss Mercy Peabody, a native of Shelburne, N.H., and of that union five children were born; namely, Sumner, Frederick, Arvilla, Mercy, and one who died in infancy. Frederick, who is an agriculturist of North Lovell, wedded Miss Mchitable Paul. Arvilla, who now resides in Portland, Me., is the wife of B. Jackman, of Gorham, N.H. Mercy, who died in 1895, was the wife of Perley Lowe, who is now a resident of Randolph, N.H. Mr. Amos Evans married for his second wife Miss Caroline Gray, of Lovell, by whom he had two children.

Sumner Evans received his early intellectual training in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one he embarked upon life for himself, being employed in working at the cooper's trade. He continued in that occupation at various places for several years; and after the decease of his first wife he removed

to Portland Me., where he worked at his trade for about three years. After spending a year at Boston, Mass., in the same industry, he returned to Stoneham, Me., and, settling on a farm in the eastern part of the town, has engaged in farming to the present time. He owns a good piece of property, about one hundred and twenty acres in extent, which since his purchase he has greatly improved. He has been all his life a hard-working man, but he has now retired practically from the active personal duties of the farm, and hires most of the work done.

Mr. Evans has been married four times. By his first wife, Martha Sawyer, daughter of Samuel and Relief Sawyer, of Stoneham, he had two sons — Samuel and Ingalls. Samuel Evans, who is a mechanic by trade, and is married, makes his home at Howard City, Mich.; Ingalls, who is a travelling salesman, wedded Miss Mattie Abbott, of Upton, N.H., and they now live at South Paris, Oxford County, Me. By his second wife, Mary Paul, a daughter of Joseph Paul, of Stoneham, Me., Mr. Evans had three children, namely: Eugene, who now resides in Virginia; Charles S., also in Virginia; and Perley, deceased. Mr. Evans's third wife, formerly Miss Julia Long, a school-teacher of East Stoneham, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Long, of Conway, N.H. Mrs. Evans died after a brief term of married life, leaving one child, James S., by name, who died at the age of fifteen years. Mr. Evans next wedded Miss Susan Kilgore, a native of Gorham, Me.

Mr. Evans is among the prominent citizens of Stoneham, and participates very freely in town affairs, having held a public trust every year since the attainment of his majority. He has officiated on the Board of Selectmen of Stoneham, and has been Town Treasurer. He now fills the office of Town Clerk, and serves in the capacity of Postmaster of East Stoneham. In the term of 1862 Mr. Evans had the honor of representing his district in the legislative halls of the Maine State Capitol. Mr. Evans fraternizes with the Knights of Pythias, being a member of Hiawatha Lodge, No. 49, at East Stoneham. He formerly affiliated also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically, he is a vigorous supporter

of the principles advocated by the Republican party. Religiously, he is a liberal.

**G**ERRIE A. PROCTOR, an enterprising merchant and one of the leading business men of Rangeley, Me., was born in Canton, this State, June 1, 1859, son of the Rev. Roscoe A. and Betsey R. (Smith) Proctor. Mr. Proctor's ancestors on his father's side were of English origin, and his mother's family was of Scotch descent. His great-grandfather Proctor, who was the founder of this branch of the family in America, is said to have emigrated from England, and settled in Nashua or Merrimac, N.H.

His son, Uriah A. Proctor, was born in Merrimac, July 18, 1791. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and in early manhood settled at Jay Bend on the Androscoggin River. He was one of the pioneers and prosperous farmers of Canton, Oxford County, and took an active part in the agricultural development of the town. He was a member of the Baptist church. In January, 1813, he married Abigail Fenno, the ceremony being performed by Seth Carpenter in Jay. Miss Fenno was born in Bethel, Me., August 18, 1791. The children of Uriah A. and Abigail (Fenno) Proctor were: Mary F.; Rebecca B.; Emeline B.; Oliver F.; Charles A.; Uriah A.; Abigail, first, who died in infancy; Abigail, second; Anna L.; Uriah, second; and Roscoe A. Uriah A. Proctor wedded for his second wife Mrs. Betsey (Knowles) Smith, widow of Jesse Smith, of Mars Hill, Me.

Roscoe A. Proctor, Mr. Proctor's father, evidently the youngest son of Uriah A. Proctor, was born in Hartford, Oxford County, Me., November 10, 1833. He became a clergyman of the Free Will Baptist denomination; and his first pastoral charge was in Canton, where he resided for some years. Subsequently called to Rangeley, he there preached for eleven years; and he spent the last years of his life in Weld, Me. He was an earnest religious worker, a man who possessed many estimable qualities, which endeared him to his many friends and acquaintances; and he took a deep interest in educational affairs. He died December 2, 1891. His wife, Betsey

R. Smith, whom he wedded July 20, 1852, was the daughter of Jesse Smith, Jr., and Betsey A. Knowles Smith. Her grandfather was Deacon Jesse Smith, Sr., who was born in 1764, and died at Mars Hill, Me., November 18, 1843. His wife, Sarah, was born in 1767, and died October 25, 1858. Their son, Jesse Smith, Jr., father of Mrs. R. A. Proctor, was born in the year 1800, and died October 20, 1843. His widow, Betsey A. Knowles Smith, married for her second husband, Uriah A. Proctor, as before mentioned. Mrs. R. A. Proctor, it will be noted, was her daughter by her first union. The Rev. Roscoe A. and Betsey R. Proctor were the parents of two children, namely: Carroll E., M.D., a successful physician of Weld; and Gerrie A., the subject of this sketch. Their mother died in Weld, June 7, 1896.

Gerrie A. Proctor acquired his education at the Hebron Academy. He entered mercantile life at Rangeley as a clerk for Burke & Rogers, with whom he remained for some time; and he then engaged in business for himself. He carries a full line of dry goods, groceries, and other articles for family use, and is now conducting a large and profitable trade.

In July, 1883, Mr. Proctor was united in marriage with Ethel A. Hewey. In politics he acts with the Republican party, and is a leading spirit in local public affairs. He has been Town Treasurer eight years, Town Clerk five years, and has served upon the School Board for ten years. As an honorable, upright, and exceedingly able business man, Mr. Proctor is fast laying the foundation of a substantial prosperity; and his energy and perseverance are certainly deserving of success. He occupies a position of social prominence here, and attends the Free Will Baptist church.

**P**ELEG THOMPSON WADSWORTH, a well-to-do farmer of Hiram, was born where he now resides, July 20, 1845, son of Peleg C. and Mary (Richardson) Wadsworth. Mr. Wadsworth's grandfather was Charles Lee Wadsworth, who settled in Hiram at an early date in the town's history.

From the "History of Portland" we learn that Charles Lee Wadsworth was the eldest son of General Peleg and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Wadsworth, the latter a native of Plymouth, Mass. Peleg Wadsworth was born in Duxbury, Mass., in 1748, was graduated at Harvard College in 1769, served in the Revolutionary War, in the latter part of the time as Brigadier-general, removed in 1784 to Portland, where he built the first brick house, was a member of Congress for several terms, resigning his seat in 1806, and in 1807 removed to Hiram, where the government had granted him a tract of land. Two of his sons, Henry and Alexander S., distinguished themselves in the naval service of the United States. His daughter Zilpah became the wife of Stephen Longfellow, and was the mother of the poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Mr. Wadsworth's father, Peleg C., son of Charles Lee Wadsworth, was born in Hiram; and he cleared and improved the farm in South Hiram which his son now occupies. He was one of the able and successful farmers of his day, his industrious habits enabling him to realize and maintain a comfortable prosperity; and he resided upon this farm until his death, which took place January 1, 1885. His first wife, Bethia Spring, a native of Brownfield, died October 20, 1836, having been the mother of six children. Of these, three are now living, namely: George, who resides in Aroostook County; Lucia, who married Lebbeus Bailey, and lives in New Bedford, Mass.; and Elizabeth, wife of Edwin Slater, of Granby, Mass. The others were: Sarah, Mary Ann, and Frank. Peleg C. Wadsworth and his second wife, Mary Richardson, a native of Baldwin, Me., were the parents of nine children, as follows: Bethia S., wife of Charles H. Gould, of North Bridgton, Me.; Artemas R., who now resides in Grand Junction, Col.; Ellen L., wife of Lorenzo Moore, of Cambridge, Mass.; Joanna, who is no longer living; Peleg T., the subject of this sketch; Ruth R. and Rizpah B., who live with their brother at the homestead; and Frank L. and Louisa, who are no longer living. Mrs. Mary R. Wadsworth died November 8, 1894, having survived her husband nearly ten years.

Peleg Thompson Wadsworth, the fifth in this second group of children, was educated in the common schools of Hiram. At an early age he began to assist his father in attending to the farm duties, and he has always resided at the ancestral homestead. In early manhood he displayed much ability as an agriculturist, and since inheriting the property he has made various improvements upon the land and the buildings. He owns two hundred and fifty-five acres of well-located land, which is capable of producing large and superior crops; and, aside from engaging in general farming, he runs a dairy, and raises some excellent stock.

Mr. Wadsworth has been twice married. By his first wife, Evelyn Nason, of Freedom, N.H., who died March 4, 1880, he had one child, who did not live to grow up. His second wife, Ina E. Edgecomb, with whom he was united on January 8, 1884, was a daughter of Joseph M. Edgecomb, a farmer of South Hiram. She died March 12, 1885, leaving one daughter, Ina E., who was born January 11, 1885.

Politically, Mr. Wadsworth is a Republican; and he ably served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for two years. He is connected with Ossipee Valley Lodge, No. 54, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Cornish, and attends the Union Church.

CHARLES H. MCKENZIE, senior member of the firm, Charles H. McKenzie & Co., of Rumford Falls, was born in Ledge, N.B., June 18, 1859, son of John and Berilla (Hinds) McKenzie. John McKenzie was for many years a ship-builder upon the St. Croix River at Calais, Me., and resided in St. Stephen, N.B. He was quite successful in his calling, which he followed industriously; and he died at the age of fifty-two years. His wife, Berilla, who is a native of Maine, became the mother of five children, of whom Charles H., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest. She is now seventy-eight years old.

Charles H. McKenzie is indebted to the common schools of his native place for his education. Having remained at home until he



was eighteen years old, he then went to California, where after farming for three years he took employment in a mercantile house as a clerk. He had been five years upon the Pacific Coast when he returned to St. Stephen. He was next employed for two years as superintendent of construction for McKenzie & Mann, who had the contract for building the Canadian Pacific Railroad through the State of Maine. A similar employment took him back to California for a short time. After that he came to Rumford Falls, where he became the pioneer merchant. He erected here the first building for mercantile purposes. Upon its completion, in June, 1892, he, in partnership with Robert B. Straton, put in a full line of ready-made clothing, boots, shoes, etc. The firm has also a grocery store at Peterson's Rips.

On November 21, 1894, Mr. McKenzie wedded Mary Bangs, of Phillips, Me. They have one daughter, Janet A. As an able and energetic business man Mr. McKenzie is regarded with the highest esteem by his townsmen, who give him much credit for the rapid progress he has made in developing his enterprises. He is quite a social favorite here, and is connected with Blazing Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and with Penacook Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this town.

**H**ARRY A. FURBISH, an enterprising general merchant of Rangeley, Me., and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was born in Auburn, Me., March 15, 1867, son of Albert B. and Carrie H. (Young) Furbish. His maternal grandfather, John Coffin Young, born in Dover, N.H., April 14, 1806, was in the shoe business some time, and later was a farmer. He married Lydia Baker Harris, who was born in Chester, N.H., July 14, 1807. Mr. Furbish's grandfather on his father's side, Webber Furbish—an inventor, builder, and hotel keeper—was born in Lebanon, N.H., April 10, 1795. He married Betsey Elizabeth Furbish, who was born in Lebanon, N.H., March 24, 1800.

Their son, Albert Brown Furbish, was born in Hallowell, Me., December 27, 1836. He

settled in Lewiston, Me., and was a prominent contractor and builder. He was a member of the city government for several years. In politics he supported the Republican party. He enlisted as Corporal, April 9, 1861, in Company H, First Regiment, Maine Infantry. He died in Houlton, Me., January 16, 1889. He married October 13, 1857, Caroline Henrietta Young, who was born in Dover, N.H. She was the mother of four children, of whom three are now living, Grace E., having died at Houlton, June 2, 1887. The survivors are: Clara A., wife of George N. Getchell, of Caribou, Aroostook County, Me.; Lillie E., who is residing at home; and Harry A., the subject of this sketch. The family attend the Congregational church.

Harry A. Furbish was educated in the public schools of Lewiston. After completing his studies he came to Rangeley, where he became clerk in the store of G. W. Young, and remained with him about two years. He then engaged in the same capacity with Messrs. Burke and Rogers, with whom he remained five years; then entered into partnership with John A. Burke, the firm name being Burke & Furbish; and when Mr. Burke died he entered into partnership with Mr. Edwin A. Rogers, under the firm name of Rogers & Furbish. A year and a half later W. L. Butler became a partner in the concern; and, after carrying on business under the name of Rogers, Furbish & Butler for a year, Mr. Walter F. Oakes was admitted to partnership, and Mr. Rogers retired. The firm, which is now known as Furbish, Butler & Oakes, carry on the largest general store in Rangeley, occupying a building seventy-five by forty feet, with a rear extension twenty by thirty-five feet. They deal extensively in dry goods, crockery, jewelry, ready-made boots and shoes, clothing, groceries, meats, provisions, drugs, etc., and their trade extends over a wide territory. Mr. Furbish is an admirer of good horses. He and Mr. Butler always have several—some quite fast—and he also raises some colts of fine stock.

On December 25, 1887, Mr. Furbish was united in marriage to Lizzie M. Porter, daughter of Rufus B. Porter, of Rangeley. As a supporter of the Republican party he is ac-

tively interested in forwarding the success of the party organizations in this section, and has been a member of the Town Committee. He was Postmaster from 1888 to 1892, has been Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for one term, and has served as Collector for two years. He is well advanced in Masonry (being a member of the Blue Lodge, of Phillips, Me., in which he has filled all of the important chairs), and connected with the Council, Chapter and Commandery in Farmington, and with the Mystic Shrine in Lewiston. He is also a member of Mount Saddleback Lodge, No. 92, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is regarded as the leading business man of Rangeley, and the success he has achieved is the result of his own ability and perseverance. Mr. and Mrs. Furbish attend the Union Church.

**H**ENRY T. KIMBALL, senior member of the firm of Kimball & Bowley, proprietors of the Mountain View House in Rangeley, Me., was born in Rangeley, November 12, 1831, son of Nehemiah and Esther (Welts) Kimball. The family is of English origin, and Mr. Kimball's grandfather was an early settler of Mercer, Me.

Nehemiah Kimball was born in Mercer, and was reared upon a farm in that town. He was one of the first settlers in Rangeley, where he became a farmer and a prominent citizen; and, aside from tilling the soil, he was a noted hunter of deer and moose, with which the forests were well filled in those days. He died in Rangeley, June 29, 1856, aged sixty-three years. He served as a Selectman and Town Clerk for a number of years; and in politics he was to his last days a Republican, having been one of the first in this locality to join that party at its formation. His wife, Esther Welts, who was a native of Mercer, became the mother of eight children, of whom the only survivor is Henry T., the subject of this sketch.

Henry T. Kimball acquired his education in the schools of this town, and for a number of years after completing his studies he was engaged in farming. He started in the hotel business at Greenvale. When he opened the

Greenvale House, after thoroughly building it over, Mr. Kimball started the first daily stage line from Phillips to Greenvale. Rangeley had mail service only three times a week at that early period. Mr. Kimball remained at Greenvale several years, and then built the Mountain View House at the outlet of Rangeley Lake, a famous place for big trout fishing. He later associated with himself a partner, L. E. Bowley, in carrying on the Mountain View House; and, since taking the management of this popular resort, the firm have added thirty rooms, thus giving a capacity for one hundred guests.

On September 15, 1855, Mr. Kimball wedded Sarah T. Hoar, of Rangeley. Of the six children born of this union, the only survivor is Harry D., who resides at home. The others were: Charles F., who was born April 27, 1856, and died November 1, 1864; Alice M., who was born November 19, 1857, and died in infancy; Cora E., who was born March 4, 1859, and died October 25, 1864; Florence E., who was born January 14, 1864, married F. C. Barker, February 22, 1888, and died May 12, 1892, leaving one daughter, Florence E., who is now living with her grandparents; and Willie H., born March 6, 1866, who died June 10, 1867.

Mr. Kimball has served with ability as a Selectman and Town Clerk for some years, and in politics he acts with the Republican party. He was Postmaster of Rangeley a number of years. He is a member of Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M., of Phillips, and is very popular, both with his fellow-townsmen and the travelling public. The family occupy a handsome residence, which was erected in 1885, and attend the Free Will Baptist church.

**J**OSHUA SAUNDERS, one of the well-known and esteemed citizens of Waterford, Me., now practically retired after years of activity in farming and lumbering, was born in Waterford, November 12, 1824. His parents were Amos and Sylvia (Stone) Saunders, the former of Waterford, the latter of Groton, Mass. His grandfather, Joshua Saunders, for whom he was named,

was one of the pioneer settlers in the northern part of Waterford, coming from Rowley, Mass. He died in this town in 1797.

Amos Saunders, son of the elder Joshua and father of the younger, was born in Waterford in 1793, and spent his life on the homestead in Waterford, engaged in farming and lumbering. He died November 20, 1875, and his wife died February 8, 1879. This couple were the parents of five children — Joshua, the date of whose birth is noted above; Catherine, born April 9, 1827, now the wife of James Chadbourne, of East Waterford; Elizabeth S., born January 23, 1830, who resides in Chelmsford, Mass.; Theo S., born March 24, 1834, who died in 1880, and whose widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Plummer Saunders, is now living in Milford, N.H.; Maria, born in January, 1837, now the wife of William W. Kilbourne, of Chelmsford, Mass.

Joshua Saunders, who was the eldest-born, received a common-school education, and was trained to habits of useful industry on the home farm. After attaining his majority he continued to live with his parents, taking upon himself more and more of the farm duties; and when his father died he succeeded him as manager of the estate. Industrious and enterprising, Mr. Saunders was extensively engaged in lumbering in addition to his agricultural labors, and for some time conducted a saw-mill in the town of Albany, Me. He now owns a saw-mill in the town of Waterford. In December, 1888, he removed to the farm on which he is now living; and as his burden of years grew heavy he gradually lessened his labors, seeking in the afternoon of life the enjoyment of leisure which was denied him in the heat of noontide.

On November 26, 1863, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Kilbourne, of Waterford, who was born September 29, 1834, the daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Warren) Kilbourne. Thomas Kilbourne was born in Newbury, Mass., and was taken to Boscawen, now Webster, N.H., when four years of age. He located in Waterford at the age of twenty-eight, and spent the rest of his life here, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He and his wife, Lydia, who was a native of Waterford, were the parents of eleven children —

Samuel W., who died in infancy; a second Samuel W., who was married to Sarah S. Grover, of Bethel, Me., and both have departed this life; Thomas P. and Charles P., deceased; Perley W., who married Miss Phoebe Gould, and resides in Harrison village, Me.; Mary A., Mrs. Saunders; William W., in Chelmsford Mass., who married Miss Maria Saunders; Sarah, wife of William L. Grover, of Harrison, Me.; Daniel W., a Union soldier, who was injured in battle, and died in Washington, D.C.; Amos Gage, who lived but four years; and Emma, now in Harrison, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders have six sons, all grown to manhood. William Webster, the eldest, born September 3, 1864, lives with his parents. He married Miss Jane Simpson. Charles P. Saunders, born November 24, 1866, is also with his parents. Fred P., born March 30, 1869, who married Miss Hattie A. Woodbury, lives on the old homestead in Waterford. Henry W., born February 26, 1871, who is with his brother Fred on the homestead, married Miss Alice Woodbury. Frank Avery, born July 5, 1873, and Arthur L., born August 23, 1875, have not yet left the parental home. Mr. Saunders votes the Republican ticket. He and his wife are actively interested members of the Congregational church of North Waterford.

**A**D. ELLINGWOOD. — Among Bethel's most enterprising and progressive business men is Mr. A. D. Ellingwood, editor and publisher of the *Bethel News*. Coming to the place less than two years ago, with small capital and in the face of much discouragement and opposition, Mr. Ellingwood has by indefatigable energy and push, by constant labor and tactful finesse, established a business that is appreciated in the place, and felt to be needful to its growth, a business that is not only profitable now, but that is destined to assume much larger proportions in time to come.

Mr. Ellingwood was born March 24, 1863, in Milan, N.H., and resided in that place until 1890. He received his education at Bridgton Academy and the Maine Wesleyan

Seminary at Kent's Hill. In May, 1887, he was married to Miss Lena B. Cole, of Portland. They have two little daughters. In July, 1890, he removed to Berlin, N.H., and a year later went to Groveton, N.H., where he opened a job printing office and instituted the Groveton *Enterprise*, a local weekly paper. A good business was established, but, preferring a different locality, Mr. Ellingwood sold the plant to J. D. Bridge, editor of the *Democrat*, Lancaster, N.H., and came to Bethel in April, 1895. Renting the large room in the Cole Block formerly used as a gymnasium, he opened a job printing office, and the first week in the following June commenced the publication of the Bethel *News*, the second paper published in Bethel, the first having been the Bethel *Courier*, edited by Dr. N. T. True back in the fifties. Every one predicted failure for the new enterprise, considering the county already overstocked with local papers; but a flattering amount of success has rewarded the effort expended, and to-day the Bethel *News* stands on a level with its contemporaries, with a rapidly increasing subscription list. It is a bright, clean little paper, well printed, full of original matter, with local news, items from neighboring towns, State news, an interesting children's column, and many articles of interest. Increasing business demanded increased facilities, and now two large rooms in the Cole Block are occupied, and a good trade established in stationery, pens, etc.

In September of the present year (1896), a half-interest in the entire business was sold to Mr. E. C. Bowler, and business is now transacted under the firm name of the News Publishing Company.

**E**DWARD PAYSON TURNER, M.D., a prominent physician and practitioner, located at 30 State Street, New York City, was born in New Vineyard, Franklin County, Me., on November 16, 1854. His parents were David, Jr., and Lydia B. Turner. His great-grandfather, Captain David Turner, came from Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and was one of the first settlers in the township. He, like most of the early settlers, selected and cleared a mountain farm, the idea being that

the high lands were the best for wheat, corn, and potatoes, giving a longer season by escaping the early frosts of the valleys. He lived and died on the farm he had made, respected, and with that measure of success usual to the farmers of the time.

His son David, the Doctor's grandfather, was born here, and as a young man became interested in religion, and finally became a clergyman. He established the Congregational church at New Vineyard, and officiated as its pastor for thirty years. The Rev. David Turner died in 1858.

David, Jr., the father, also a native of the town and a farmer, always lived here. He married Lydia B. Bray, of Anson, and they had two children — Edward Payson, the subject of this sketch; and Mary Jane, who died in infancy. The father died in 1861, when his son was in his seventh year. The mother remained at the homestead, rearing and educating her son as best she could. She lived until August 30, 1894. She therefore had the satisfaction of seeing her son reach the age of manhood, and become a successful and prosperous doctor of medicine. She also was enabled to enjoy for a number of years the fruits of her labors, as the old house was completely remodelled and furnished, making one of the pleasantest country homes in Maine. Mrs. Turner also spent considerable time in the city with her son.

Edward P. Turner, after acquiring such education as the schools of New Vineyard afforded, entered Westbrook Seminary, and graduated from there in 1878. For a time thereafter he was a teacher in the Maine State Reform School. He then began the study of medicine, under the direction of Dr. C. W. Bray, and later entered the office of Drs. Tewkesbury and Bray, Portland, Me., remaining with them one year, subsequently going to the Long Island College Hospital in New York, where he was graduated in 1882, and was President of his class. Dr. Turner at once located in New York City, where he has been successful in building up a large and lucrative practice, remaining in the same locality where he at first started.

The Doctor, however, has never abandoned his native town. He completely renovated,

rebuilt, and newly furnished the old dwelling house, which is now a three-story Queen Anne cottage, and one of the pretty country homes of Maine. He has also a large farm well stocked and equipped for general farming; but the special feature is the apple orchard of over three thousand trees, covering about eighty acres. He believes that apple-growing in Maine will prove more profitable than orange-growing in Florida, and advises the young men to stay at home, and go into the business, giving it proper care and attention, making it a specialty. He also has financial interests in some of the paper industries of Maine, and is a property owner in New York City. Since he first exercised the elective franchise he has affiliated with the Democratic party, with the exception of a vote cast for McKinley. Officially, he is now a School Inspector for the First District in New York City, being appointed by the mayor. Fraternally, he is a member of the American Legion of Honor, of Preble Council, Portland, Me.

The Doctor says that, whatever success he has had, has been due to the encouragement of his mother and hard work all the time. The Doctor is a bachelor. Believing in the proper care of the body, both during life and afterward, he has arranged a family burying-place, that is probably not excelled in beauty and fitness of design in the State. The ideas of the entire work originated with the Doctor, and it is a credit to his artistic tastes.

**A**UGUSTUS F. THURLOW, who has resided upon his present farm in Paris, Oxford County, since 1877, was born in Raymond, Me., October 6, 1842, son of Hiram and Ann C. (Davis) Thurlow.

Hiram Thurlow was a native and lifelong resident of Raymond, and one of the stirring and industrious farmers of that town. He lived to reach the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Ann, who was a native of Casco, Me., became the mother of six children, two of whom are living, namely: Emeline D., who is now Mrs. Frank, and lives in Yarmouthville, Me.; and Augustus F., the subject of this sketch. The others were: So-

phronia J., Freeland, Cyrus, and Charles H. Mrs. Hiram Thurlow died at the age of forty-seven years.

Augustus F. Thurlow was educated in the schools of Raymond, and was reared to the life of a farmer. When old enough he began to work as a farm laborer, receiving twelve dollars per month, and continued thus employed for twelve years. He enlisted for service in the Civil War, but saw no active duty. He bought his first real estate in Vineland, N.J., where he was engaged five years as farmer, carpenter, and mill-man. From Vineland, N.J., he moved to West Nebraska, where he resided for a short time. Returning East as far as the oil region of Pennsylvania, he was for some time employed there in doing carpenter work, and also as an operative in a saw-mill. Again moving eastward, he stopped at Berlin Falls, N.H., where he resided five years. Coming to Paris in 1877, he bought the farm which he has since carried on with so much ability and success.

In 1872 Mr. Thurlow wedded Mary C. Stevens, who was born in Minot, Me., in 1853, and she has borne him five children—Hiram E., Arthur C., Gertrude M., Josiah A., and Irving G. In politics Mr. Thurlow acts with the Republican party, and he is highly respected in this town as a useful and progressive citizen.

**F**REDERICK NATHANIEL FRYE, of Fryeburg, Me., better known among his neighbors and a large number of friends and acquaintances in this county as Nat Frye, the owner of the Frye homestead, was born in this town, February 23, 1824. Mr. Frye's parents were Frederick and Mary Ann (Chandler) Frye.

The first ancestor of the family to settle in Maine was his great-grandfather, General Joseph Frye, a native of Andover, Essex County, Mass., and a Revolutionary soldier, in whose honor the town of Fryeburg was named. Mr. Frye's grandfather, Lieutenant Nathaniel Frye, son of General Frye, accompanied his parents to this township, and during the rest of his active period devoted himself to tilling the soil of the estate founded by his father.

He died in this town on the 17th of April, 1833. His wife, Dorothy Swan, a native of Fryeburg, died April 27, 1840.

Their son Frederick, Mr. Frye's father, was born in Fryeburg, June 6, 1796. After marrying, he continued to reside at the homestead engaged in farming. He possessed an energy and ability which gave promise of future success in business; but he was not permitted to display these sterling characteristics to any extent, as his life was cut short in the very prime of his young manhood, his death occurring November 23, 1823. His wife, who was before marriage Mary Ann Chandler, was a native of Fryeburg. Three children were the fruit of their union, as follows: Martha, who was born December 6, 1819, and died February 18, 1862; Caleb, who was born October 29, 1821, became a prominent farmer and lumber dealer of this town, and died December 7, 1882; and Frederick N., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Mary A. Frye died May 9, 1880, aged eighty-one years, five months, and twenty-three days.

Frederick Nathaniel Frye, who was named for his father and grandfather, attended the common schools for a while in his childhood, but as he was obliged to begin work upon the farm at an early age, on account of his father's untimely death, his opportunities for obtaining an education were necessarily limited. In company with his brother Caleb he carried on the farm for many years, managing the property in the interest of his mother until the estate was divided, and since the settlement of affairs he has been extensively engaged in farming and lumbering. He now owns three hundred and sixty-nine acres of land, with dwelling-house and other buildings, has a sugar orchard of fourteen acres, and also possesses large tracts of timber land located in Fryeburg and Stow, Me., and in Conway, N.H. He raises large crops of staple products, and has devoted his time exclusively to his local business interests, his only absence from home being the occasion of his visit to Washington, D.C., to consult with his uncle in regard to settling the estate.

On July 3, 1879, Mr. Frye was united in matrimony with Martha Day, who was born in Fryeburg, April 9, 1848, a daughter of Enos

and Johanna (Abbott) Day, both natives of this town. Mr. Day was identified with the early agricultural development of Fryeburg. He died in August, 1878, and Mrs. Day, who is now eighty-three years old, is residing with her daughter.

Politically, a Republican, Mr. Frye, though frequently solicited to accept the nomination for public office, has always declined. He is highly respected as thoroughly honorable and upright, his ability, both as a farmer and a business man, being well known throughout the county. He is a member of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of Fryeburg.

**G**EORGE N. COBURN, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Weld, Me., is a native of this town, where he is prosperously engaged in farming. He was born December 28, 1836, son of Jacob and Hannah (Lawrence) Coburn. The family is of English origin, and its founder in America is said to have emigrated from the County of Kent, England, accompanied by six brothers.

George Coburn, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was a farmer in New Hampshire throughout the active period of his life. His son, Jacob Coburn, Sr., the next in this line, was born in Temple, N.H. He settled in Weld, where he tilled the soil of a good farm for many years, and died in this town in 1847, aged sixty-six years. He served as Tax Collector for some years, and was a member of the Congregational church. He was the father of six children, two of whom are living, namely: Mary, wife of I. Richardson, of Mars Hill, Aroostook County, Me; and Harriet, wife of Joseph Lawrence, of West Boylston, Mass.


Jacob Coburn, Mr. Coburn's father, was born in Weld, and in young manhood he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He maintained a comfortable prosperity, but did not live to grow old, his death occurring at the age of forty-nine years, October 17, 1857. In politics he was originally a Whig, but joined the Republican party at its formation; and he was a Congregationalist in his religious views. His wife, Hannah Lawrence, whose ancestors

were Revolutionary patriots, and resided in Concord, Mass., became the mother of six children, five of whom are living, and are as follows: Charles F., a resident of Temple; Ellen, wife of H. S. Coburn, of Malden, Mass.; Mary M., who married J. T. Wilkins, and lives in Wilton, Me.; Emma J., wife of C. B. Rollins, of Farmington; and George N., the subject of this sketch.

George N. Coburn was educated in his native town, and after leaving school he turned his attention to farming. He was thus employed about four years, and at the end of that time he went to California, where he worked in the mines for some length of time. He was fairly successful in the diggings, and upon his return home he settled upon the farm where he now resides, and has since devoted his attention to general farming. He has under cultivation about thirty acres producing excellent crops, and he keeps some standard-bred cattle.

Mr. Coburn has been twice married. On June 24, 1865, he wedded for his first wife Olive R. Wheeler, of Royalton, Vermont, and by this union he has two sons, namely: Hiram A., who resides in Weld; and Henry W., who is a graduate of Bowdoin College, and is now teaching in this State. Mr. Coburn and his second wife, formerly Amelia A. Masterman, of Weld, have no children.

In politics Mr. Coburn is a Republican. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for eighteen terms, is Chairman of that body, and was County Commissioner for six years. He was made a Free Mason in 1865, and was the first Secretary of Mystic Lodge, No. 154, A. F. & A. M., of which he is still a member. He is an energetic and progressive farmer, as well as an estimable citizen, and his long and honorable connection with local public affairs is forcible testimony as to the confidence in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen. The family attend the Congregational church.

ALTER B. BLAKE, an influential and much respected citizen of Denmark, Oxford County, Me., who is both a veteran of the Civil War and the son of

a veteran, was born in the neighboring town of Brownfield, this county, May 14, 1844. His parents were John T. and Rhoda (Harnden) Blake.

The father was a native of Gorham, Me., but settled in Brownfield after his marriage, and he later moved to Sebago, Me., where he resided until 1852. He then came to Denmark, and carried on general farming in connection with the butchering business for the rest of his life, excepting when he was in the army, as he served in the Twenty-third Maine Volunteer in the Civil War. His death occurred in 1890. His wife, Rhoda Harnden, a native of Denmark, became the mother of six children, as follows: Horace P., who also served in the Civil War in the First Maine Cavalry, resides in Jackson, N.H., and is engaged in farming and teaming; Walter B., of Denmark, aforementioned; Louisa, who is the wife of Austin Wentworth, and lives at Denmark Corner; Hannah, who became the wife of John C. Hodge, both now deceased; Olive Jane, who married Augustin Ingalls, the present Postmaster at Denmark Corner, and is no longer living; and Mary Ellen, who died from an accident when only eight years of age. Mrs. Rhoda H. Blake died April 2, 1892.

Walter B., the second son, and the leading subject of the present sketch, acquired a common-school education, and resided at the parental home until he was eighteen years old. On August 7, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company I, Eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, for service in the Civil War, under Colonel John D. Rust and Captain William M. McArthur, and with his regiment took part in the sieges of Jacksonville and Charleston, the battles of Drury's Bluff, Fair Oaks, and Petersburg, also participating in the operations which forced the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. In the battle of Drury's Bluff his ribs were broken by a fragment of a tree, splintered off by a shell, which, bursting near his head, caused deafness. For these disabilities he now receives a pension from the government. After his discharge at Richmond, Va., June 25, 1865, he returned home, and remained with his parents until he was married. The first six months of

his wedded life were passed at Denmark Corner. From that place he removed to his present farm, where he has since carried on general farming, with results that speak well for his industry and ability. He now owns one hundred and eighty acres of excellent land, which by good management is made to produce large crops of hay, oats, corn, and potatoes, the whole property having been greatly improved since coming into his possession.

On May 31, 1876, Mr. Blake wedded Mrs. Sarah E. Harnden, a widow, whose former husband, Elbridge Harnden, died November 18, 1874. She was born April 13, 1848, daughter of William and Mary Ann (Potter) Lord, the former of whom was a farmer of Lovell, but is now living with another daughter, whose husband is station agent at Perley's Mills, his wife having died December 19, 1891. By her first union Mrs. Blake had two children, as follows: Annie Evelyn, wife of Charles H. Purinton, of Tamworth, N.H.; and Elmira Estelle, who married Charles H. Quincy, and resides in Bakersfield, Kern County, Cal. Mrs. Blake has by her second marriage two children — Ellis F. and Leonard T., both of whom are residing at home with their parents. In politics Mr. Blake acts with the Republican party, and he has served as Highway Surveyor and School Agent for several years. He is a comrade of Grover Post, No. 126, Grand Army of the Republic, of Fryeburg, Me.

**A**LDEN Z. CATES, the leading druggist of Rumford Falls, Oxford County, Me., was born in Washington, this State, on July 23, 1851. His parents were Robert and Abigail Cates, natives of Maine.

Alden Z. Cates attended school during his early years. While yet a boy he made three sea voyages, on one of them going to England. He advanced rapidly in his studies, and at the age of seventeen went to Bloomington, Minn., to engage in teaching. At the expiration of three terms in the district school he returned to Washington County, Maine, following the same profession in the surrounding towns for three years. At the

same time he studied medicine with Doctors Baker and Davis. The practice of medicine, however, not being suited to his tastes, he gave up the study, and entered the drug business, becoming a clerk in a drug store in Rochester, N.Y., where he remained three years, going thence to Lawrence, Mass. After a year's clerkship in the latter city he travelled for three years in Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, effecting sales of medicines. He then spent six years in the drug business in California, and for five years thereafter he was in the employ of the United States Marine Service at Portland. He next went to Freeport, Me., where he opened a drug store, which was burned a year later. In the spring of 1892 Mr. Cates came to Rumford Falls, bought land, and erected thereon a good frame building facing the falls, it being located on the corner of Congress and Bridge Streets. Three years later that place was vacated for one of the largest and finest brick buildings in the village. This edifice, erected by Mr. Cates at a cost of twenty-two thousand dollars, contains four stories and a basement. The upper floors are rented for offices and lodge rooms.

On New Year's Day, 1868, Mr. Cates married Julia A. Wentworth, of Gouldsboro, Me. By this union he had five children, three of whom survive, namely: Nellie H., the wife of William F. Abbott, of Boston; Hattie H. and A. Bernice, also of Boston. Mr. Cates was again married to Ada A. Wilson, and became the father of another daughter, Ada, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cates attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Cates has shown a remarkable adaptation to the business, which yields him excellent returns. His success is entirely due to his individual efforts. In politics he is liberal, voting for the man rather than the party. As a Mason, he belongs to Lookout Lodge, No. 131, A. F. & A. M., of Cutler.

**G**EORGE H. WALKER, one of the progressive farmers of Fryeburg, Oxford County, was born upon the farm he now cultivates, October 26, 1858, son of Henry and Caroline (Frye) Walker. Mr.



Walker's great-grandparents on the father's side were Timothy and Eunice (Brewster) Walker, of Duxbury, Mass. His grandparents, James and Anna (Harnden) Walker, of Wilmington, Mass., settled in Fryeburg at an early date of the town's history.

Henry Walker was born in Fryeburg, July 30, 1816. He was reared a farmer, and after his marriage settled at the family homestead, which he brought to its present excellent condition, and where he still resides. He conducted general farming with success until his retirement from active labor. A stirring man, he has always displayed a warm interest in the development of the town. In his younger days he supported the Whig party, casting his first Presidential vote for William Henry Harrison. On November 5, 1846, he married Caroline Frye, who was born in Fryeburg, October 10, 1818. She is the mother of eight children, as follows: Caroline Frances, who is the wife of Henry M. Eames, a coal dealer of Woburn, Mass., and has one daughter, Stella Walker; Charles H., who married Sarah Jennie Hubbard, and is in the coal business in Stoneham, Mass.; Adelia S., the wife of T. L. Eastman; Mary J., who became the wife of A. L. Willey, now in California, and died in 1880, leaving one son, Ralph W.; Edna, who died in 1879; George H., the subject of this sketch; Frederick Arthur, who married Faith Oberg, and is in the lumber business in Boston; and Helen Brewster, who is the wife of Alfred Carter, also a coal dealer of Woburn, and has one son, Arthur Alfred. Both parents are members of the Congregational church.

George H. Walker did not acquire a college education, but preferred agricultural pursuits to any other occupation in life. He has accordingly devoted his energies to tilling the soil of the homestead farm. In company with his father he owns three hundred acres of land, and since the retirement of the former he has managed the property with excellent results. On August 1, 1887, Mr. Walker wedded Nellie A. Bennett, who was born in Denmark, this county, January 21, 1868, daughter of Moses and Martha (Kenney) Bennett. Moses Bennett was a native of Sanford, Me., born in September, 1821; and his wife,

of Pittston, Me., born in October, 1825. They were married in Lowell, Mass., and they settled in Denmark in 1849. Mr. Bennett died in June, 1889. His wife is still living in Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have two children, namely: Lewis Albert, who was born November 12, 1888; and Jessie Helen, who was born January 14, 1891. Mrs. Walker is a member of the Congregational church of Fryeburg. Mr. Walker is connected with Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., Pequaket Lodge, No. 34, Knights of Pythias of Fryeburg.

**A**BRAM ROSS, one of the leading farmers of Rangeley, Franklin County, Me., and an ex-member of the State legislature, was born in this town, January 31, 1838, son of Abram and Abigail (Sedgley) Ross. Mr. Ross's paternal grandfather, Eben Ross, was for many years a resident of Phillips, Me., where he diligently and successfully tilled the soil of a good farm. He reared a large family of children.

Abram Ross, son of Eben, resided for some time in Bowdoinham, whence he removed to Rangeley, where he engaged in farming for the rest of his life. His wife, who was before marriage Abigail Sedgley, became the mother of eight children, four of whom are living, namely: Samuel A., who resides in Rangeley; Daniel, a resident of Madrid, Me.; Leonard, who lives in this town; and Abram, the subject of this sketch. The father died May 7, 1840, at the age of forty-two years.

Abram Ross, son of Abram, was educated in the schools of his native town, and at an early age began to assist in carrying on the home farm. He remained there until he was twenty-four years of age, when he bought a farm located in the western part of this town, and lived there until 1875. He then moved to his present farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres, which is one of the most desirable pieces of agricultural property in Rangeley. He devotes his attention to general farming, in which he has made excellent progress; and he raises some fine Holstein, Durham, and Hereford stock for his own use.

Mr. Ross and Hannah Welch, of Rangeley,

were married on February 14, 1864, and are the parents of six children, as follows: Blanche, who is residing in Brockton, Mass.; Julia, wife of Willis Hoar, of Phillips; Abram W.; Evelyn, who lives in Brockton; Gertrude and Warren, who, with Abram W., are at home with their father and mother.

In politics Mr. Ross is a Democrat. He served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen for upward of fourteen years, a part of which time he was Chairman of that body; and as Representative from this district to the legislature during the session of 1886 and 1887, he served upon some of the important committees. He is highly spoken of by his fellow-townsmen as an honorable, liberal-minded, and progressive citizen, who has made his way in life through his own personal energy, and as a self-made man he fully deserves the success he has acquired. The family have no preference in regard to churches.

**N**ATHAN S. BAKER, a highly respected citizen, and one of the oldest farmers of Newry township, was born in Mexico, Oxford County, Me., January 7, 1835, son of Otis and Melinda (Silver) Baker. Otis Baker was a native of Litchfield, Me., where he lived until twenty-two years of age. Coming to Mexico, he purchased land, and resided here a few years, then removed to Rumford, where he lived to a good age. The last years of his life were spent with his son, and he died when eighty-three years old. In politics he was a Republican. His wife, Melinda Silver Baker, was born in Rumford, and died in her native town at about eighty-one years of age. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Nathan S. Baker, after attending the common schools, took up a course of study in the high schools at Dicksfield and South Paris, this county. Soon after reaching his majority he purchased a farm in Rumford, and carried it on until 1866, at which time he bought the farm that he now owns. The latter contains about two hundred and fifty acres of well improved land, and Mr. Baker carries on general farming successfully. Mr. Baker is also

a man of literary ability, and has contributed articles to the local press, the Oxford County *Democrat*, and other county papers, on political and general topics, besides an occasional poem.

In 1858 Mr. Baker was married to Miss Mary Anna Bryant, of Milton Plantation, Oxford County. Nine children have been born to them, two of whom died in infancy, and one in early youth. The others are: Addie, wife of Charles O. Moore, of Bethel, Me.; Charles A., a carpenter, residing in Methuen, Mass.; James H., who is now at work in Methuen, Mass.; Otis E. and Mamie N., still residing at home; and Sadie H., who married John S. Allen, and died at twenty-nine years of age.

In political affiliation Mr. Baker is a Republican. He has taken quite an active part in local politics. For some years he has been a member of the School Committee, and he has served as Selectman several terms, also as Town Clerk and Treasurer. He is now serving his fourth term as Tax Collector.

**S**YLVANUS PORTER, a well-known citizen of Paris, Oxford County, Me., engaged in farming, was born here, March 31, 1817, eldest son of John and Eunice (Hicks) Porter. His father was born October 7, 1793, his mother September 27, 1790, both parents being natives of Yarmouth, Cumberland County, Me.

This branch of the Porter family is descended from Richard Porter, who emigrated to this country in 1635, and settled in Weymouth, Mass. The paternal grandparents of Sylvanus Porter were Nehemiah Porter, born in Scituate, December 14, 1758, and Joanna Barber Porter, born in Gray, Me. They had thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters; namely: Sylvanus, Susanna, Lucy, Lydia, Stephen, John, Charles, Benjamin, Joanna, Mary, Leonard, William Barber, and Rufus.

John Porter, third son as here recorded, whose early years were spent in Yarmouth, learned the trade of a shoemaker. About the year 1812 he settled on the farm in Paris, where his son Franklin now resides. He

came a poor man, with his axe on his shoulder, but ready and willing to undertake any honest labor that offered. Buying his land on credit, he sturdily set to work at the task of clearing it up, and in a comparatively short time had paid for the land with the timber which he got off. A well-to-do farmer, and a Democrat in politics, he was prominent in town affairs. He had served as a soldier in the War of 1812. The Baptist Church on Paris Hill was erected by him, and he and his wife were among its most active members. His marriage with Miss Eunice Hicks took place January 22, 1816. He died October 12, 1855, and she on April 11, 1886, aged ninety-five years. Five sons and a daughter were born to them, namely: Sylvanus, March 31, 1817; Ezekiel L., October 3, 1819, who died January 14, 1869; John B., August 12, 1821; Harriett, August 20, 1823; Joseph H., March 4, 1826; Franklin, October 18, 1829. John B. Porter lives in Norway, Me., and is engaged in farming; Harriett is the wife of Solomon I. Millett, also a farmer of Norway; Joseph H. is engaged in real estate business in Wisconsin; Franklin is a prosperous farmer of Paris.

Sylvanus Porter, the eldest of the five sons, was educated in the schools of Paris, and grew to manhood here, living at home until twenty-two years of age. For his first wages he received ten dollars a month. He followed working out for about three years, and purchased his first land, about sixty acres, where he now lives, in 1840. For a number of years he followed the business of a pump-maker, but he has principally engaged in farming. On this farm stood one of the early stores of Paris, built by Jarius Shaw, Esq., who carried on business here for several years, and who did the first clearing on the land. In 1842, the year of his marriage, Mr. Porter set out in his dooryard four elm trees. To-day three of them remain, and, by actual measurement one foot from the ground, one is nine feet, eight inches in circumference.

Mr. Porter was joined in marriage on November 10, 1842, with Miss Esther C. Millett, who was born in Norway, Me., August 11, 1818, daughter of Israel and Esther (Coy) Millett. Her father was an early set-

tlar of Norway, and a successful farmer. He died there May 18, 1826; and his wife died in October, 1858. Of their seven children, three grew up, but Mrs. Porter is now the only survivor. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have had four children, and, with the exception of John, born April 27, 1843, who was killed in the woods, February 27, 1866, all are living, namely: Eliza J., born November 28, 1844, who is the wife of George Ward, of Bowdoin, Me.; Fatima M., born January 27, 1853, who married W. H. Lovejoy, and resides in New Hampshire; and Ezekiel L., born November 13, 1857, who owns the homestead farm, and carries on general husbandry. He was married April 8, 1882, to Mrs. Mary A. Brooks, who died November 5, 1883, leaving one daughter, Lena May Porter. On November 22, 1892, he married Miss Emma J. Cobb. A son, Harold Lester, was born to them December 31, 1895. In religion Ezekiel L. Porter is liberal; in politics he is independent.

Sylvanus Porter is politically a Democrat, and in religion he and his wife are of the Universalist faith. They are members of the Patrons of Husbandry, No. 44, of South Paris.

**H**ENRY W. GILMAN, the genial Postmaster of West Farmington, and a well-known dealer in fancy and draught horses, was born in Anson, Me., January 18, 1842, son of John and Lydia (Benson) Gilman.

His paternal grandfather was Samuel Gilman, who was born in the State of New Hampshire, and who early in life settled down in Mount Vernon, Me., where for some time he did business. He then bought a farm in the town of Vienna, where he devoted a few years to agriculture, but he finally sold his farm, and bought a place in Anson, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying there at the ripe old age of ninety years. His wife, Deborah Cobb, died at eighty-two years of age. They left twelve children—Stephen, Sally, John, Samuel, David, Emily, Benjamin, Vernon, Lorinda, Lovina, Celia, and Mary. Samuel Gilman was a successful man in everything that he undertook, and he held

several offices in the different towns that he lived in, being a Selectman in almost every one. He was a Whig in politics, and a Methodist in religious faith.

John Gilman, second son of Saumel, received a good district-school education in his native town; and afterward, except during the time that he was engaged in working out as a farm laborer, stayed with his father on the old farm until he became of age. He then bought a farm in Anson, already partly cleared, and, finishing up this part of the work, he built a house and some other buildings upon it, and there spent the rest of his life. He married Lydia, the daughter of Bartlett Benson, of the town of Benson, and they became the parents of eight children — William B., John E., Irvin D., Addison, Cleary, Albion, Henry W., and Eugene. William B. and Henry W. are the only two of these now living. John Gilman died at the age of eighty-two years, one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of his adopted town. He was at first a Whig in politics, but later became a Democrat. A self-made man, and one who had struggled hard for the success that he finally attained, he set his sons an example that was worthy of the closest imitation, and the success that they themselves have had proves that they took it to heart. His wife died in her eightieth year, after a long and useful life.

William B. Gilman, the elder of the two surviving sons, was born on the 13th of January, 1830. He received a district-school education, and when he was fifteen years old he went into the woods, and was employed for a while in the lumbering business. Buying a farm of one hundred and fifty acres of land in this town in 1856, he carried it on for about seven years, then sold out, and ran the Elm House at West Farmington for three years. In 1868 he sold that and bought the Knowlton farm, where he has lived ever since. He has bought some outside lots, and he now owns a good farm of about three hundred and seventy-five acres. He improved the buildings upon it, and built new ones, including some stock barns, where he keeps some fine cattle. He has been one of the largest sheep dealers in the State, having sometimes over two hundred head on hand, and has also been an extensive

horse dealer. He is accounted one of the model farmers of the vicinity, and has decidedly earned the enviable reputation that he is the possessor of.

He was married on the 4th of September, 1856, to Mary, the daughter of Stephen Weston, of Madison, Me., and is the father of four children — Ella May, who died at the age of nine years; Lydia R., born on the 6th of November, 1858, who married, first, Fred Soule, (now deceased), and is now the wife of Joseph Ham, and lives in Portland; Ruel L., born March 8, 1862, who married Florence Conner, and resides with his father; and Addison F., born February 27, 1870, who is now a book-keeper by profession. Politically, a Democrat, William B. Gilman has been a Selectman of his town for seven years. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry W. Gilman, the younger of the two brothers, and the leading subject of this sketch, devoted himself to an agricultural life from the time of leaving school until 1862, when he felt that his country needed him elsewhere. He enlisted in Company A, Twenty-eighth Maine Regiment, for the period of nine months; was sent to the South, and was in the fight at Port Hudson, and in several other battles. He received a wound in the ear, which deprived him of a part of that organ. He also at one time had a narrow escape from instant death, a hostile bullet cutting a furrow through his hair across the top of his head. After he returned home he went to Santa Clara County, California, where for a while he ran a large hay press. He also interested himself in prospecting, spending two seasons in Oregon, mining at Canyon City, where he was very successful. He then returned to farming, which he followed in California until he returned home in January, 1867. Going to New Sharon, in this county, he there ran the hotel for a year, afterward buying a farm on Sandy River, where he remained for two years. Then he turned his attention to railroad re-pairing. His next move was to Minnesota, where he settled down for eight years in Wabasha County, buying a quarter of a section of land, and turning himself into a farmer again. He also dealt largely in live stock,

shipping a great number of horses to Dakota. In 1891 he came back to West Farmington, where he engaged with his brother, Eugene F. Gilman, in shipping horses from the West. On the 1st of October, 1893, he was appointed Postmaster at West Farmington, where he is still engaged in the discharge of his official duties, to the great satisfaction of the community. He has likewise continued his lucrative business as a dealer in horses.

Mr. Gilman married Miss Anna Porter, the daughter of William B. Porter, of West Farmington, their nuptials being celebrated on the 18th of January, 1868. They have had three children — Fred B., born on the 16th of May, 1871, who married Emma Porter, and is a merchant of Madison; L. Edith, born August 18, 1872, now a teacher and a milliner; and one child, who died in infancy. The family residence is a house that Mr. Gilman bought on Winter Street.

Postmaster Gilman is a Democrat in politics, and has served on the School Board of his town. In religion he is a Congregationalist. He belongs to several fraternal orders, among them being the Maine Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and Plainville Lodge, No. 35, Royal Arch Masons.

**W**ILLIAM FAUNCE, a prosperous farmer of Oxford, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Poland, Me., January 3, 1837, son of John H. and Martha (Sawyer) Faunce. His grandfather, William Faunce, a native of Massachusetts, who came to Oxford as a pioneer, and settled upon Pigeon Hill, cleared a good farm, which he carried on with energy during the rest of his active period, and died when about eighty years of age. He was twice married, and had a family of fourteen children, three by his first marriage, and eleven by his second. Of the whole number three are now living, namely: Moses, a resident of Salem, Mass.; Nathaniel M., who lives in Poland, Me.; and Captain Isaac Faunce, of Lewiston, Me.

John H. Faunce was born in Oxford. Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he adopted farming as an occupation. For several years he lived in Poland, where

by hard work he became the owner of a good farm. In 1844 he purchased eighty acres, and thereafter resided on it until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-one years old. He was an industrious farmer, a good citizen, and a Democrat in politics. His wife, Martha, who was a native of either Gorham or Otisfield, Me., had five children, as follows: Eliphalet, who died in 1880, aged forty years; Andrew J., a resident of Hamilton, N.J.; John, who occupies the old homestead in Oxford; William, the subject of this sketch; and Martha A., who is the wife of Arthur Malcolm, and lives at Roach Harbor, Washington. The mother died at the age of fifty-two years.

William Faunce was reared to farm life, receiving his education in the district schools of Oxford. In July, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Seventeenth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, with which he served until the close of the Civil War. He saw his due share of active service, having participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and the memorable fight of the Wilderness. At Gettysburg he received a gunshot wound in his side. In the battle of the Wilderness he was severely wounded in the head, and was left upon the field among the dead. He was honorably discharged June 16, 1865, after which he returned home, and has since been engaged in farming. At the present time he owns a good farm of fifty acres. A good set of buildings erected by him were destroyed by lightning in 1882. These he has since replaced with others of a very substantial appearance.

On December 24, 1866, Mr. Faunce wedded Fidelia M. Swift, who was born in Oxford, November 19, 1848, daughter of Samuel and Leonicy (Russell) Swift. Samuel Swift, who was born in Paris, February 2, 1791, became a successful farmer of this town, where he died December 30, 1870. His wife, who was born in June, 1809, in Bethel, Me., reared two other children, namely: Charles O., deceased; and Orin F., who lives in Massachusetts. She died March 22, 1893. Both parents of Mrs. Faunce attended the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics the father was a Democrat.

Mr. Faunce has fought his way in the world

manfully, and has every reason to look with pride and satisfaction upon his achievements. His war record is a good one, including as it does his narrow escape from death. He is a comrade of T. A. Roberts Post, No. 49, Grand Army of the Republic, of Oxford. His political principles are Republican. He and Mrs. Faunce are connected with the West Poland Grange, No. 24, Patrons of Husbandry, and belong to the Methodist denomination.

**E**LMER L. LOVEJOY, the well-known superintendent of the Portland & Rumford Falls Railroad at Rumford Falls, was born in Bethel, Me., on October 27, 1862, son of Charles B. and Celia D. (Bishop) Lovejoy. The father was a farmer, and was greatly respected for his personal worth. The early life of Elmer L. was spent in Bethel. When he was fourteen years old he removed with his parents to Aroostook County, where he lived on the farm and attended common school. He subsequently took a course of study in Gould Academy at Bethel. On attaining his majority he went to Boston to learn telegraphy. During the spring of 1884 he served as telegraph operator at Sabattus for the Maine Central Railroad. In June of that year he was appointed ticket agent at Winthrop. After holding this position for nearly ten years he was appointed in February, 1894, the station agent at Mechanic Falls for the Portland & Rumford Falls Railroad. On May 1, 1896, his faithful services to the road were duly recognized by his promotion to the office of superintendent. He then came to Rumford Falls, which is the headquarters of the corporation. While Mr. Lovejoy is liberal in his politics and is well posted in governmental affairs, he does not actively participate in political contests. He is a Mason, having affiliation with the Blue Lodge, the Winthrop Chapter of Winthrop, and Trinity Commandery, Knights Templars of Augusta. The other fraternities of which he is a member are the Improved Order of Red Men and the Independent Order of Foresters at Mechanic Falls. His religious belief is that of the Universalists. Personally, Mr. Lovejoy is bright and genial, having a large circle of ad-

mirating friends. When he started out in life he was at the bottom of the ladder and without means. That he has since climbed to his present position of honor and usefulness is very much to his credit. On October 20, 1887, he married Miss Lena A. Flanders, of Winthrop. They have two children — Marie F. and Hazel M.

**H**EZEKIAH TOLMAN, who owns and occupies the old Tolman homestead in New Sharon, Me., and is one of the most able and energetic agriculturists of this town, was born where he now resides, October 27, 1841, son of John S. and Ann G. (Collins) Tolman.

The Tolman property here was first settled upon by Mr. Tolman's grandfather, a Revolutionary soldier who cleared and improved it as a pioneer, his original tract consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. As he advanced in prosperity he replaced the log cabin with a substantial frame house, and he carried on general farming for the rest of his years of activity.

His son, John S. Tolman, the father of Hezekiah Tolman, was born November 17, 1811, previous to the erection of the frame house; and, having assisted his father in improving the property, he eventually succeeded to its ownership. He tilled the soil successfully, adding three hundred acres to the original tract; and he also dealt largely in live stock. Industrious, thrifty, and progressive, he was one of the prominent citizens of his day; and his death, which took place in 1870, at the age of fifty-nine years, was the cause of general regret. His wife, Ann G. Collins, whom he married in 1840, became the mother of the following children: Hezekiah, the subject of this sketch; Nancy Ann; Alonzo; Ardella; John W.; Mary M.; George M.; and Hannibal B.

Hezekiah Tolman, the first-born, was educated in the common schools of New Sharon, and resided with his parents until he was twenty-three years old. He then bought a farm of one hundred acres situated upon the road leading from Weeks Mills to Farmington Falls; and, selling this property, two years

later he bought another farm of one hundred acres, located north of New Sharon village, where he resided for twenty years. Purchasing of his uncle, Ezekiel Tolman, the old homestead, he has since occupied the place, and, having sold one hundred and sixty acres, is now the owner of three hundred acres of valuable land, the tillage portion of which is exceedingly fertile. Since coming into possession of the ancestral estate, he has made various improvements, placing his property upon a level with the best farms in this section, and by the exercise of careful judgment and superior agricultural knowledge has made general farming and stock-raising a very profitable employment. He keeps an average of one hundred and fifty sheep and lambs, thirteen head of cattle, three standard Jersey cows, and five horses, and has an orchard of one hundred and fifty trees. His buildings are in a fair state of repair.

At the age of twenty-three Mr. Tolman married Evelyn M. Brainerd, daughter of William Brainerd, a prosperous farmer of New Sharon. Mrs. Tolman is the mother of five children, as follows: John W., who was born August 27, 1865, married Emma B. Noble, of Farmington, and is now foreman in a shoe shop at Haverhill, Mass.; Gertrude E., who was born July 1, 1867, married Charles H. Crimmin, of Eastbrook, and is now residing in Bradford, Mass., having one child, Royce B.; Grace E., who was born August 3, 1870, was educated in the common schools of this town and at the State Normal School in Farmington, and is now engaged in business in Boston; Rose A., who was born December 19, 1871, married Lester A. Crimmin, a grocer of Bradford, Mass., and has one daughter, Gladys E.; and Lillian M., who was born November 22, 1878, has completed her elementary course in the common schools of New Sharon, and is at present attending the State Normal School at Farmington.

As a self-made man Mr. Tolman deserves much credit for the genuine success he has attained in life, and, although he is advancing in years, he is strong and active, still possessing the vigor and ambition of a much younger man. In religion he is a Congregationalist, and in politics a Republican.

**B**YRON C. WAITE, one of the largest real estate owners in Canton, and an extensive dealer in horses, cattle, and country produce, was born in Dixfield, March 14, 1834, son of Aaron and Charlotte (Chesley) Waite. His grandfather, William Waite, who was a native of Massachusetts, fought for independence in the Revolution. At a later date he settled upon a farm in Dixfield, and took a prominent part in developing that place. He died at the age of eighty-four years. He was a Universalist in his religious views, and his wife was a Baptist. She lived to a good old age.

Aaron Waite, Mr. Waite's father, was born in Sutton, Mass., January 13, 1799. He was reared a farmer, and inherited the home farm in Dixfield. After an industrious life, rewarded by a good measure of prosperity, he died at the age of seventy-three years. In his later years he was a Republican, and he attended the Universalist church. His wife, Charlotte, who was born in Paris, Me., April 21, 1797, became the mother of five children, as follows: Charles, born February 7, 1826, who died June 20, 1877; Arvilla H., born June 6, 1824, who is the wife of Luther H. Ludden, of Dixfield; Charlotte A., born February 7, 1826, the wife of Henry Abbott, of East Rumford; Catherine K., born June 30, 1828, who married Warren Severy, and lives in Dixfield; and Byron C., the subject of this sketch. The mother was eighty-four years of age when she died.

Byron C. Waite was educated in the common and high schools of Dixfield, and grew to manhood in that town. His principal occupations in addition to farming have been the buying and shipping of farm products, and horse and cattle dealing. He owns over five hundred acres of land. His homestead in Canton is one of the finest pieces of agricultural property in this locality. On July 4, 1858, Mr. Waite was united in marriage to Louisa Treat, who was born in Canton, April 22, 1838, daughter of Sylvanus R. and Louisa (Paine) Treat. The Treat family, which is of English origin, was founded in America by three brothers, and Mrs. Waite's great-grandfather was Ezekiel Treat, who settled on Cape Cod. Sylvanus R. Treat, who was born in Truro, Mass., June 18,

1802, followed the trade of a stone cutter in connection with farming, passing the greater part of his life in Canton, where he died October 10, 1883. He served as a Selectman and Tax Collector for a number of years, and was highly respected by all who knew him. In politics he was originally a Whig, but later joined the Democratic party. His wife, Louisa, whom he wedded April 8, 1829, was born in Jay, Me., May 28, 1809. She reared another daughter, Lucy F., who, born February 20, 1831, married Charles A. Waite, and died February 9, 1860. Mrs. Waite's mother died February 19, 1880. Both her parents were Methodists.

Mr. and Mrs. Waite have four children, namely: Osmond S., a merchant of North Jay, who, born March 18, 1860, married Gertrude M. Foster, and has one son, Roland O.; Milford A., a provision merchant and stock dealer, of Canton, who, born December 5, 1864, married Clara Brackett, and has one daughter, Gladys L.; Ella M., born October 27, 1868, who is now the wife of Dr. H. M. Nickerson, of Portland; and William T., born March 17, 1873, who is now a clerk in a wholesale store in Portland. In politics Mr. Waite is a Democrat. As a member of the Board of Selectmen for eight years he rendered valuable services to the town. He is a Mason, having affiliation with Oriental Star Lodge, No. 31, of Livermore Falls; and is a member of Whitney Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Canton, and of Canton Grange, No. 110, Patrons of Husbandry. Both he and Mrs. Waite attend the Universalist church.

**W**ILLARD B. WIGHT, a popular resident and a successful farmer of Newry, was born here October 29, 1846, on the farm where he now lives, son of Charles and Hannah W. (Morse) Wight. He is a descendant of one Thomas Wight, who came from England and settled in Dedham, Mass., in 1620. Charles Wight, who is a native of Bethel, Me., came here when a boy with his parents. He chose the calling of a farmer, and, as long as health and strength permitted, was engaged in carrying on his farm. In 1895, when eighty-four years old,

he was stricken with paralysis, which has rendered him very feeble both in mind and body. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah W. Morse, died at the age of eighty-six years. Both were esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He votes the Republican ticket, but he has never taken especial interest in politics. His children were: Olive E., who died when sixteen years of age; Lydia D., who is the wife of Solomon Rose, of North Greene, Androscoggin County; Willard B., the subject of this sketch; and Abbie J., the wife of S. A. Wheeler, of Waltham, Mass.

Being the only son Willard B. Wight has always remained at home. He received a good, practical education in the common school. Soon after attaining his majority he purchased a farm adjoining his father's, and for a number of years has had charge of both. That of his father contains about one hundred acres, and his own about one hundred and seventy-five acres in all. He also owns, in the town of Grafton, about two hundred and fifty acres of wild land, the lumber of which he sells. Although the joint care of his own and his father's property keeps him somewhat closely confined, he still finds time for the fulfillment of his duties as a citizen. For ten years he has served very acceptably on the Board of Selectmen, and he has been Justice of the Peace for a like period. He is, like his father, a staunch Republican; and he is a member of Mount Abram Lodge, No. 31, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bethel.

On March 1, 1869, Mr. Wight was married to Miss Sarah A. King, a daughter of Isaac and Mary King, of Bethel. Five children have blessed the union; namely, George K., Arthur C., Lon E., Carrie M., and Fred W. George K. is now residing in Lancaster, Mass. The others are still at home. Mrs. Wight is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**W**ILLIAM H. KEEN, a farmer of Waterford, and a veteran of the late war, was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, June 2, 1840, son of John and Elizabeth (Wiggin) Keen. His father was a native of Leeds, where he was engaged in farming until 1841. Mr. Keen's mother was born in



Bristol, and moved to Leeds with her parents when quite young. Convinced by the statements of two daughters who lived in Lowell, Mass., that there were better opportunities of improving his circumstances in the United States, John Keen sailed with his wife and children for this country in 1841. After arriving he made a short stay in Boston, Mass. He then went to Vermont, and, purchasing a farm in Norwich, lived there about three years. At the end of that time he sold the Norwich farm and bought another in Charlestown, Sullivan County, N.H. Here he spent the rest of his life, which closed December 11, 1872. His wife breathed her last August 28, 1865. They had six children—Mary A., Sarah, Lizzie, Susan, William H., and Jennie. William H. is the only survivor of the family.

After receiving a practical education in the district school William H. Keen learned the painter's trade, and worked at that and at farming until he was twenty-one years old. Then, on October 2, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Third Regiment, Vermont Infantry, under Colonel Brooks and Captain L. D. Allen. In a skirmish at Camp Griffin he faced the enemy's fire for the first time. Discharged at Philadelphia, Pa., in June, 1862, he returned home. Shortly after he re-enlisted under Colonel Thompson and Captain Robbins in the First New Hampshire Cavalry, becoming corporal of Troop L, which at the end of the war was commanded by Lieutenant Jones. After taking part in many of the subsequent engagements he received his final discharge at Concord, N.H., in July, 1865, and returned to his father's farm, remaining there until his father's death. He then moved to Waterford, and settled on a farm near his present place of residence. In 1881 he was burned out, and moved to his present farm, which he purchased at that time. His property now comprises about one hundred acres of arable and pasture land. He raises general crops and keeps a choice dairy.

On May 2, 1866, Mr. Keen was united in marriage with Melissa Brown, a native of Portland, Me. She was born August 9, 1843, daughter of William L. and Sarah L. (Berry) Brown, who were natives respectively of Eaton, N.H., and Scarborough, Me. Mr. Brown,

who was a ship carpenter, and devoted the last years of his active life to farming, lived for some time in Biddeford, and afterward in different parts of the State. He has now retired from active work, and resides with his son, Loren D. Brown, on a farm about a mile and a half south-east of the village of Oxford, Me. His wife died in 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Keen have had the following children: John W., born January 22, 1868, now in Harrison, Me.; Edgar S., born March 7, 1871, residing with his parents; George H., born March 24, 1873, who married Miss Lizzie C. Young, and is now living with her father in Waterford; Myron W., born June 6, 1876, still at home; Lewis L., born May 15, 1883, also with his parents; and Ella May, born October 17, 1889, who died in September, 1890. Mr. Keen now leaves the management of the farm to his sons. He has voted the Democratic ticket since his majority. A Mason in good standing, he is a member of Mount Tire'm Lodge, No. 132, of Waterford. He and Mrs. Keen attend the Congregational church near their home.

JAMES W. WITHEE, the well-known proprietor of Hotel Rumford in Rumford Falls, Oxford County, was born November 23, 1838, in the town of Winslow, Kennebec County, son of Laureston and Vista (Reynolds) Withee, both natives of Maine. When nineteen years old he went to Wisconsin, where he spent two years in the lumber business. Returning to his native town, he was occupied in the same way, in connection with jobbing, for two or three years more. In the mean time he began dealing in cattle and horses, the former of which he bought and shipped to Brighton, Mass., continuing his operations for fourteen years. His horse deals extended over a period of several years, and he shipped the animals to Boston and New York. He owned several trotting horses and roadsters, and made racing campaigns through the State for a number of years.

Until 1877 Mr. Withee resided in Winslow, where he was the proprietor of Hotel Halifax. Removing from there to Waterville, he carried on a livery stable for five

years. His next venture was to open and assume the proprietorship of the Stoddard House in Farmington, Franklin County, at which place he still bought and sold horses. Eight years later he sold this hotel to take charge of another in Isleboro, Waldo County, on Penobscot Bay. Mr. Withee also sold this plant two years afterward, in order to undertake the Woodcliff Hotel, a summer boarding-house on the same bay. After conducting the latter for one season, he kept Hotel Atwood in Lewiston, Me., for one year. In 1892 he rented the hotel in Rumford Falls that he now manages. In 1894 he took Mr. C. F. Smith into partnership. In addition to the hotel Mr. Withee carries on one of the best livery stables in this city, of which he is the sole owner and manager.

Mr. Withee, who is a Republican, takes an active interest in politics, was Selectman of his native town for a number of years, and in 1875 represented its interests in the legislature. Of fine physique, his genial disposition admirably qualifies him for the rôle of host. The returns from his successful catering have enabled him to acquire considerable city property.

Mr. Withee has been twice married. His first marriage was contracted in 1860 with Miss Hannah S. Guphill, of Winslow. She died in 1874, leaving two children—Roland L., the manager of a livery stable in Farmington; and Myra V., who lives with her brother. The second matrimonial alliance was made with Georgia A. Pitman, of Penobscot County.

**T**HOMAS O. SPRING, who for over thirty years was connected with the meat packing business in Chicago, and is now living in retirement at East Hiram, was born in the town of Hiram, Me., Oxford County, February 6, 1818, son of John and Johanna (Hancock) Spring. The first ancestor of the family to settle in Hiram was Thomas Spring, Mr. Spring's grandfather, who for many years was a tavern keeper, and who also owned and cultivated a farm. The old tavern which he built near the village in 1796, and in which he continued to entertain travellers until his death, is still standing.

John Spring, Mr. Spring's father, was born in Bartlett, N.H., and came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spring, to Hiram. He settled upon a farm, which he carried on with prosperity during the active period of his life, and he was one of the stirring men of his day. His wife, who was before marriage Johanna Hancock, and was a native of Buxton, Me., became the mother of five children, as follows: Thomas O., the subject of this sketch; John H., a resident of Hiram; Marshall W., who married a Miss Seavey, and is now living in this town; Ebenezer H., who is engaged in farming in Massachusetts; and Jane, who died young.

Thomas O. Spring in his early years attended the common schools of Hiram, and he continued to reside at home, assisting his father upon the farm until he was twenty years old. He then started in life as a butcher, learning the business in Westbrook, Me., and going from that town to Portland, where he worked for several years. The great demand for experienced butchers at the large slaughter houses in Chicago induced him to locate in that city, where he found ready employment in the stock yards; and, as he was a reliable man and an expert in his calling, he advanced steadily, until he became foreman of a large meat packing establishment. Resigning his position in 1886, after over thirty years of close application to business in Chicago, he returned to Maine, and is now enjoying a well-earned rest at his home in East Hiram, where he owns one of the handsomest residences in the village.

In 1849, while residing in Chicago, Mr. Spring married Eliza B. Gower, a native of New Gloucester, Me., daughter of Joshua Gower, who was formerly a well-known farmer of that town. Mrs. Spring died April 29, 1896. Mr. Spring has an adopted daughter, Addie, wife of Albert Tyler, who is in the glass business in Chicago.

Although not interested to any extent in politics, Mr. Spring is quite active in local affairs, having served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen for one term. He was Town Treasurer two years, and has held other offices. He is not a supporter of any party, but prefers to vote for candidates

whom he considers the most capable of holding office. He is a member of Home Lodge, No. 508, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, and his social relations here are of a most cordial nature.

**C**HARLES E. WILLIAMS, a rising young farmer of New Vineyard, Franklin County, Me., was born in Embden, Me., July 9, 1861, son of Hamden T., and Caroline B. (Peabody) Williams.

Mr. Williams's father is a native of Somerset County, Maine, where he spent his boyhood and youth, and he acquired a good practical education. When a young man he went to the Far West, and was for six years engaged in mining and school teaching. Upon his return East he took up his residence in Lawrence, Mass. Eight years later he went to Pasadena, Cal., where he still resides, but at the present time, 1896, he is visiting his son in New Vineyard. By his first wife, Caroline B. Peabody, who was a native of New Vineyard, he became the father of three children, namely: Louise, wife of Christopher Hoyt, who is in the grocery business at New Portland; Charlie, who died at the age of three years; and Charles E., the subject of this sketch. The mother died in March, 1884, and for his second wife he wedded Mrs. Roxanna Trull, of Lawrence, Mass.

Charles E. Williams attended the common schools, and resided at home until he was sixteen years old. He then worked as a farm assistant for a time, and for four years was employed as a clerk in a store, being also engaged in the ice business. He then came to New Vineyard for the purpose of taking charge of his grandmother's farm, and has since managed the property with success. The farm consists of one hundred and forty acres of desirable land, capable of producing abundant crops; and he raises hay, corn, and potatoes, in large quantities. He has improved the farm to a considerable extent, and is regarded as one of the most active and progressive young men of New Vineyard.

On January 1, 1890, Mr. Williams married Ella Barker, who was born in New Vineyard,

October 26, 1862, a daughter of George and Phidelia (Luce) Barker. Her father was a native of Strong, and her mother of Freeman, Me. Mr. Barker was for some years engaged in farming at Strong, but removed from that town to New Vineyard, where he tilled the soil until his death, which occurred in March, 1884. His wife, Mrs. Williams's mother, died August 12, 1882. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams—Addnudd, who was born October 10, 1890; and Herbert E., who was born February 10, 1895, and died January 29, 1896.

Mr. Williams is a member of Clements Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of New Portland; and of Northern Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Anson. Both he and Mrs. Williams are members of the Congregational church. In politics he takes but little interest, beyond casting his vote.

**J**AMES S. DUDLEY, a very enterprising and successful young farmer of Paris, Me., was born February 15, 1862, on the homestead where he now resides. He is a son of the late Smith Dudley, who also was a native of Oxford County.

Smith Dudley was born in Woodstock, Me., in June, 1828, but was reared and educated in the town of Paris, his parents having settled here when he was but one year old. He made farming his life occupation, carrying it on with good success until his death, February 22, 1883. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia H. Stearns, was born in Paris, Me., June 2, 1835, a daughter of William and Joanna (Porter) Stearns. (Further ancestral history will be found in connection with the sketch of the late Jairus Keith Hammond on another page of this volume.) After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Dudley remarried, and is now the widow of the above-mentioned Jairus K. Hammond. Of her union with Mr. Dudley were born four children, namely: Charles S., of Paris; James S., the special subject of this sketch; Ella L., the first wife of Henry D. Hammond, of whom a short sketch appears elsewhere in this work; and Emily Gertrude, the present wife of Mr. Hammond.

James S. Dudley obtained his education in his native town, and, having inherited the paternal homestead, has devoted his time to the pursuit of agriculture. Being largely endowed with those traits of industry, thrift, and progressive energy, that mark the true-born New Englander, Mr. Dudley has been prospered in a noteworthy manner. He has made various and excellent improvements on the place, to which he has added by purchase, his farm now containing one hundred and ninety-five acres. He carries on general farming, and, in addition to the usual crops of hay, grain, and vegetables, he raises a large quantity of fruit, having a fine orchard of fifteen acres.

On November 17, 1890, Mr. Dudley married Mrs. Jessie Deering Smith, daughter of James A. and Sarah (Cordwell) Deering, and the widow of Edward Smith. Her first husband died leaving her with one child, Winifred L. Smith, who was born February 3, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have one child, Leander B., born October 29, 1894. Politically, Mr. Dudley is a stanch Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of West Paris Grange, No. 228, Patrons of Husbandry. Religiously, both he and his wife are of the Baptist faith, and regularly attend the church of that denomination.

**A**RTHUR E. GEORGE is one of the rising young men of Hebron, Me., a prosperous fruit grower and dairyman. He was born in Hebron, March 13, 1860, a son of Charles H. and Ruth Ann (Gurney) George. A sketch of his father may be found on another page of this volume. Arthur E. George grew to manhood in Hebron, acquiring a good education in the common schools and the academy. When the time came for him to choose his life pursuit, he turned to agriculture, and for some years now he has been engaged in general farming, giving particular attention to fruit culture and dairying. He owns a good farm of one hundred acres, including tillage, pasturage, and orchard land, and is developing its best resources.

Mr. George was married December 24,

1885, to Miss Bertha Sturtevant, who was born in Minot, Me., May 11, 1865. Her parents, Bradford F. and Eurydice (Merrill) Sturtevant, are now residing in Hebron, where Mr. Sturtevant is engaged in agricultural labors. Mr. and Mrs. George have two children—Edna R., born July 26, 1891; and Esther F., born September 29, 1894. In politics Mr. George favors the Republican side. Popular with both parties, he has been elected to public office, and for three years has served as Constable and Collector. His genial disposition, pleasant manners, and honest dealings, have won for him a host of friends; and Hebron Grange, No. 43, Patrons of Husbandry, to which he and his wife belong, has no more popular member than Arthur George. He is a communicant of the Baptist church.

**D**AVID M. HAMILTON, of Chester-ville, a veteran of the harvest fields, now in his eightieth year, is still actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, though wisely limiting himself these twelve years past to the care of the twenty-acre farm which he bought in 1884. He was born in East Wilton, Franklin County, Me., August 11, 1817, son of Asa and Comfort (Yeaton) Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton's father, Asa Hamilton, was a native of North Yarmouth, Me. When a young man he settled in Farmington among the pioneers of that town, later bought a tract of land in Wilton, cleared a good farm and erected a frame house; and he resided there until his death, which took place January 25, 1872, at the age of eighty-four years. He reported for duty at Hallowell during the War of 1812, and was not called into active service, but received from the government a warrant of one hundred and sixty acres of land. He was a Congregationalist in his religious faith, and he supported the Whig party in politics. He married for his first wife, Comfort Yeaton, who was born in 1792, and died November 20, 1821; and his second wife was Mary Yeaton, who was born in 1794, died March 11, 1859. By his first union he had three children, as follows: John, who was born January 29, 1815,

and died in 1890; David M., whose birth date has been mentioned; and Mary F., who was born March 20, 1821, and died May 6, 1836.

David M. Hamilton was born upon the farm which his father, Asa Hamilton, cleared from the wilderness, and in his youth he assisted in improving the property. After his marriage he resided in Temple four years, and he then bought the farm in Chesterville, which is now owned and occupied by his son Charles. His family were all reared upon this farm, and he carried it on with ability and success until 1884, when he sold the property to his son and bought for himself a small farm of twenty acres situated one-quarter of a mile from the homestead. In politics he was originally a Whig, later uniting with the Republican party. He attends the Free Will Baptist church, of which he is a member. David M. Hamilton was married November 4, 1849, to Miss Matilda F. Ireland, a daughter of Zadock and Rebecca (Francis) Ireland, natives respectively of Skowhegan and Canton, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are the parents of five children, as follows: Olive F., wife of L. L. Warren, of Benton; Mary E., wife of B. R. Keyes, of this town; Charles A.; Ella M., wife of Nathan Webb, of Jackson; and David E., who married Emma Potter, and now resides in Colorado.

**C**HARLES A. HAMILTON, a prosperous dairy farmer and fruit-grower of Chesterville, elder son of David M. and Matilda F. (Ireland) Hamilton, was born in this town, January 3, 1856. He acquired his knowledge of the primary branches of learning in the town schools of Chesterville, advanced by attendance at the Wilton Academy, and completed his course of study at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill. When twenty-one years old he went to Enfield, N.H., where he was engaged in farming for one and a half years, and then returning to Chesterville he assisted in carrying on the home farm until 1883. The following year he bought the property of his father, and since taking possession has not only conducted it with immediate success, but has introduced a spirit of enterprise which has laid the founda-

tion for future progress. He devotes his principal attention to his dairy, keeping eight fine-bred Jersey cows, has an orchard of grafted fruit, a large barn with a capacity for holding ninety-five tons of hay, besides stable room for his cattle and horses, all his buildings being in excellent repair. His farm, which occupies a pleasant location, contains seventy-five acres; and he also owns forty acres of outlying woodland and pasture.

On May 3, 1883, Mr. Charles A. Hamilton was married to Angie M. Allen, daughter of the Rev. David and Amanda M. (Sevary) Allen, of Chesterville. The Rev. David Allen was born in Jay, Me., December 27, 1821, and died July 11, 1885. His wife, who is still living, was born January 10, 1825. They were the parents of five children: John B., who died in infancy; John B., second; Mary; Mercy A.; and Angie M., who is now Mrs. Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have two children, namely: Reuel A., who was born December 6, 1884; and Howard A., who was born August 9, 1887.

Politically, Mr. Charles Hamilton is a Republican, and in 1886 he served the town faithfully as Tax Collector. He enjoys the hearty good will of his neighbors and a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Both he and Mrs. Hamilton attend the Baptist church.

**G**EORGE B. CROCKETT, Secretary of the Paris Manufacturing Company of South Paris, Me., was born March 29, 1847, in Buckfield, Oxford County, Me., son of Martin and Prudence (Bates) Crockett. He is a grandson of John Crockett, who served in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Grandfather Crockett settled in Sumner, Oxford County, and was engaged in farming during a long and useful life of ninety years—his wife, Sally Hall Crockett, having died much younger. They had five sons and a daughter; namely, Martin, Sally, Sumner, Justus, John, and Enoch.

Martin Crockett, the eldest son, born December 6, 1801, chose as his life work the occupation to which he was reared, and purchased a farm in Buckfield that he carried on until 1856, when he exchanged for a larger

farm, which he owned until 1865. At that time he removed to West Sumner and went into the milling business, which he followed for five years, retiring in 1870 to Paris Hill and making his home with his son, George B. Crockett, with whom he lived until his death in 1878. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Desire Farrar, of Buckfield, who lived but a short time after their union. His second wife, Prudence S., widow of William Morton, was born in Sumner, October 1, 1810, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Sawin) Bates. She lived to be seventy years old.

George B. Crockett, the only child of his parents, received his education in the common and high schools of the towns of Buckfield and Paris, Me. At eighteen years of age he went to work for H. F. Morton, who was engaged in the manufacture of sleds at West Sumner; and he subsequently became a member of the firm of Morton, Forbes & Crockett at that place, where they carried on a large business until 1871. At the solicitation of the citizens of Paris Hill, who furnished funds for the erection of a factory building, they then moved to that place and the Paris Hill Manufacturing Company was organized, of which he was made Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Crockett purchased the Harlow home, which he enlarged and remodelled and resided in until the manufactory came to South Paris, when he sold it and bought the Nichols stand on Western Avenue, South Paris. When the company came here the name was changed to Paris Manufacturing Company. In 1892 the factory was burned, and the company was re-organized, since which time Mr. Crockett has held the position of Secretary. It is one of the largest and most reliable business firms in the State, and a fuller account of it appears on another page of this work.

Mr. Crockett married Miss Mary H. Forbes, the ceremony being performed on September 11, 1869. She was born July 4, 1849, and is a daughter of Elbridge Forbes and Julia Prentiss, and a direct descendant of John Fobes, one of the original proprietors of Bridgewater, Mass.; also tracing her ancestry in a direct line to Deacon Daniel Fobes, who married in 1769 Hannah Standish, a descendant of the renowned Captain Miles Standish, of the Ply-

mouth Colony. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Crockett, namely: Mabel A., born December 18, 1871, the wife of C. A. Record, of South Paris; Prentiss F., born April 17, 1873, who is engaged in the trucking business; Ernest P., born October 15, 1875, who is a packer for the Paris Manufacturing Company; Lucelia E. and Leon E., born November 3, 1879; and Ethel E., born November 16, 1885. In political affiliation Mr. Crockett is a Republican. For three years he has served as Superintendent of Schools. He is a member of Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Grand; and also of Mount Pleasant Lodge of Rebekahs. During the past seven years he has been a Deacon in the Baptist church.

**W**ILLIAM H. BERRY, of Hebron, is the owner of a farm that has been pronounced a model in every quality for which a farm is admired. He was born December 10, 1848, in Turner, Androscoggin County, son of Henry C. and Charlotte M. (Ricker) Berry. His grandfather, Zeri Berry, who was a hard-working farmer, was an early settler in the town of Oxford, Me., and subsequently owned a good farm in Canton, Me., where he died at the age of eighty-one. In politics, Zeri Berry, originally a Whig, afterward became a Republican. He took an active part in temperance work, and was a member and liberal supporter of the Baptist church. He was twice married. His first marriage was contracted with Abigail Turner, and the second with Charlotte Ricker. He had four children, namely: William F., a farmer living on the old homestead in Canton; Charles W., a farmer in Turner; Henry C., deceased; and Persis, also deceased, who was the wife of Lewis Leavitt.

Henry C. Berry, William H. Berry's father, was born in Canton in March, 1824. He followed agriculture during his active life, giving attention principally to fruit-growing and dairying. In 1870 he settled on the farm where his son is now living, and died there July 5, 1893. He took an active interest in town affairs, voting the Republican ticket, and

served as a member of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Berry was a member of the Baptist church at Turner. His wife, who was born in Turner in March, 1827, is now living at the old home. They reared seven children, namely: Horace R., who died at the age of twenty-three years and six months; William H., whose name appears at the head of this article; Persis H., the wife of Hiram Gilman, of Anson, Me.; Lysander J., a resident of Anson; Melville J. and Charles L., both in Milwaukee, Wis.; and Ella M., the wife of Herbert R. Howard, of Milwaukee.

William H. Berry was reared and educated in the town of Turner, and learned the shoe cutter's trade. At the age of nineteen he went to Auburn, Me., where he followed his trade for ten years. He eventually bought a half interest in the farm on which he now resides, and in 1878 took up his residence there. From 1876 to 1878 he worked in a shop and also looked after his share of the farming. Mr. Berry's father was his partner in the ownership and management of the farm. After his father's death he became the sole proprietor of the estate. It is one of the largest farms in this locality. He has made many improvements upon it, and his farm buildings are clean and well-equipped with modern conveniences, including running water. He is actively engaged in general farming, fruit-growing, and dairying. Eight acres of his land are devoted to fruit. His staple crop is Baldwin apples, of which he gathers about four hundred barrels annually, the crop of 1896 yielding over one thousand barrels of merchantable fruit. He keeps from forty to forty-five head of cattle, the dairy embracing from twenty-eight to thirty milch cows, full-blood and grade Jerseys.

Mr. Berry was married December 25, 1875, to Mary J. Gilman, who was born in Anson, September 22, 1853. Her father, Benjamin Gilman, was a thrifty farmer of Anson, a life-long resident of that town, took a prominent part in town affairs, voted the Republican ticket, and was nearly seventy when he died. His wife lived to be seventy-seven. Both were members of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have one daughter — Bernice E., who was born in Hebron, October 19,

1881. A Republican in politics Mr. Berry does not neglect his duty as a citizen. He has no desire for public office, and has declined to serve as a town official. He is a member of East Hebron Grange, No. 300, Patrons of Husbandry, and has presided as Overseer of the Grange. Both he and Mrs. Berry are members of the Free Will Baptist church.

**A**MERICA ANDREWS, a prominent farmer and an extensive landholder of Paris, Me., was born on the farm where he now lives, December 22, 1831, son of John and Anna (Butterfield) Andrews.

Mr. Andrews's paternal grandfather, Edward Andrews, with his wife, born Dorcas Evans, came from Massachusetts to this town at a very early period of its settlement; and here both lived to a good old age. They reared five sons and four daughters, as follows: Captain John Andrews; Captain Alfred Andrews; the Hon. Charles Andrews, formerly Congressman; Sullivan; Edward; Dorcas; Betsey; Polly; and Clara — none of whom are now living.

Captain John Andrews, father of America, spent his entire life in Paris, devoting his time to agricultural pursuits. Prior to his marriage he bought one hundred and fifty acres of wild land, which is now included in the present homestead. Having built a log cabin, he proceeded to clear some of the land for cultivation. Bears, deer, wolves, and other wild animals were plentiful; and the dusky red man was frequently seen, but was usually friendly. The nearest mill was many miles away; and, there being neither highways nor pathways, the stalwart pioneer made the round trip on foot, with his grist on his back, finding his perilous way by means of blazed trees. He had the frame and strength of an athlete, and could easily lift a barrel of vinegar. John Andrews was for many years Captain of a company of State militia, and was an active participant in the War of 1812. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and in religion both he and Mrs. Andrews were Methodists. He died on the home farm at the age of fourscore and three

years. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Butterfield, was born in Standish, Me., and died in Paris at the age of seventy-eight years. They had fourteen children; namely, Abizer, Alfred, Betsey, Clara, Anna, Amanda, Melvina, America, Laura, Eliza, Sally, Columbia, Vesta, and James. Of these, America, Laura, Eliza, and Vesta are the only ones living.

America Andrews, the eighth child, and the special subject of this sketch, grew to manhood on the homestead, obtaining a practical common-school education in what was then known as the Taunton Green School. He continued his residence on the home farm, carefully looking after his parents in their declining years, and in 1865 assumed the possession of the ancestral acres. Industrious and thrifty, as he accumulated money he invested it in other land, until he now has a farm of three hundred and fifty acres, which by energetic labor and wise management he has brought to its present fine condition, making it a most desirable home for his family and an attractive place of resort for their hosts of friends. His buildings are of a substantial character, the barn being new, and furnished with the modern conveniences for carrying on his work.

Mr. Andrews was married November 5, 1853, to Martha Fuller, who was born in Hartford, Me., May 21, 1833, a daughter of Harvey and Temperance (Howard) Fuller. Her mother was born in Bridgewater, Mass., and her father in Paris, Me., where he carried on farming during a long period of useful activity, attaining the advanced age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Fuller died when but forty-four years old. She and her husband had twelve children, namely: Charlotte; Paulina; Temperance; Alonzo; Edwin; Lysander, living in Upton, Me.; Addison; Martha, Mrs. Andrews; Alpheus, who lives at Pomeroy, Ia.; Elmira, of Woodstock, Me.; William H.; and Mary E.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have had seven children, the following being their record: Walter S., born in August, 1855, died in September, 1888; Wallace, born July 12, 1857, now principal of the Butler School at Portland, Me., married Harriet Bradford, and they

have four children—Dura B., Marion M., Harold T., and Harriet Marguerite; Alpheus D., who was born December 14, 1860, and now assists his father in the management of the home farm, where he has always lived, married J. Ella Benson, and they have two children—Alfred D. and Minnie Beatrice; Lucy A., born March 25, 1866, has taught school thirty-eight terms in Oxford County; Jamie H., born June 5, 1864, died at the age of nine months; Minnie, born February 25, 1869, was engaged in teaching at the time of her death in 1888; and an infant, not named, died at the age of three weeks.

Politically, Mr. Andrews is a Democrat; and religiously he and his wife and family are Methodists. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews united with the Methodist Episcopal church forty years ago; and he has served as Class Leader, and is now Steward, a position which he has held the past thirty years. Alpheus D. Andrews, the son who has remained on the homestead, is a member of Paris Grange, No. 215, Patrons of Husbandry, and is also a member of the local school board.

CHARLES W. WALKER, a prominent farmer of Canton, was born in Peru, an adjoining town in Oxford County, Me., July 4, 1845, son of Winslow and Amanda M. (Benson) Walker. He is a great-great-grandson of George and Elizabeth (Snow) Walker, the former of whom was born at Kittery Point, Me., May 11, 1731, and the latter was born March 13, 1731. George Walker and his wife, whom he wedded September 15, 1755, settled in Falmouth.

Their son William Walker, Charles W. Walker's great-grandfather, was born in Falmouth, March 28, 1756. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and settled upon a tract of wild land in Peru, Me., about the year 1802. He was a sturdy pioneer, who made the most of the opportunities within his reach for attaining prosperity; and he managed to establish a comfortable home for his family. He married Sybil Staples, who was born in Topsham, Me., March 23, 1764; and, according to family tradition, the ceremony was performed under peculiar circumstances.



The river being swollen beyond its usual size by freshets, it was impossible to ford it; and, as the minister could not get to them, the bride and groom stood upon one side, while the parson, standing upon the opposite bank, made good the nuptial bonds. William and Sybil Walker were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Hezekiah, Susanna, George, Sally, William, Jr., Nathan, Sybil, Rebecca, Charity, Mary, Samuel, and Eliza. William Walker died December 1, 1833, his wife surviving until August 16, 1849.

William Walker, Jr., son of William and Sybil, and the next in this line, was born in Falmouth, September 30, 1790. He accompanied his parents to Peru, and in young manhood he learned the shoemaker's trade. His other occupations were tilling the soil and keeping a hotel. He opened the first public house in Peru in 1834, and the first post-office in Peru was established there. He owned one hundred and fifty acres of good land, and carried on the hotel in connection with farming for twenty years; but during his latter years he devoted his whole attention to his farm. He died in 1868. He was one of the stirring farmers and prominent citizens of Peru in his day, and served the town with ability in various important offices. He married for his first wife Martha Knight, who was born in Falmouth, Me., April 7, 1787, and she became the mother of four children, namely: Winslow, who was born August 29, 1811; Lois, who was born October 18, 1813; Dorcas, who was born May 2, 1815; and Daniel, who was born February 13, 1817. Mrs. Martha Knight Walker died February 25, 1817; and William Walker married for his second wife Mary Chase, who was born in Buckfield, April 4, 1791. The children by his second marriage were: Martha, who was born March 16, 1819; William H., who was born January 7, 1824; Amanda M., who was born February 21, 1829; and Adelia, who was born May 12, 1834. Of these the only survivors are: William H., who resides at the Walker homestead in Peru; and Adelia, who is the widow of Amos Harlow, and resides in Peru. Their parents were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

Winslow Walker, eldest son of William and

Martha (Knight) Walker, and father of Charles W., was born at the homestead in Peru, where he was a lifelong resident. During his active manhood he followed surveying quite extensively in connection with farming. He lived to reach the age of eighty years. In politics he was a Democrat, and for many years was identified with public affairs, in which he displayed a great deal of practical ability and sound judgment. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for a number of years, and also served as Town Clerk and Treasurer. In his religious views he was a Universalist. His wife, Amanda M. Benson, who was a native of Peru, reared a family of four children, as follows: William C., who is now residing in Minnesota; Alfred B., a resident of Peru; Abbie G., who is no longer living; and Charles W., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Walker's mother lived to be seventy-nine years old. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Charles W. Walker was educated in the schools of Peru, and was reared to farm life. He resided at the homestead, assisting in carrying on the farm, until he was thirty years old; and after his marriage he settled upon the Hathaway farm in Canton, where he now lives. This property, which is one of the best farms in the Androscoggin Valley, consists of two hundred and fifty acres of well-located land; and the tillage portion is under excellent cultivation. He carries on general farming and dairying, keeping from ten to fifteen head of Jersey cattle; and he also raises quite a number of sheep.

On December 4, 1875, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Lydia T. Hathaway, daughter of Tallman and Sarah (Austin) Hathaway, of Canton. The Hathaway family, which is well known in this locality, descends from Captain Ebenezer Hathaway, a native of Massachusetts, and a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Walker's great-grandfather, Gilbert Hathaway, died March 20, 1829, aged eighty-four years; and her grandfather, also named Gilbert, was born in Massachusetts, September 29, 1775. He came from Fall River to Maine, finally settling in Canton; and he was engaged in farming here until his death, which took place December 11, 1863. He was a

Deacon of the Baptist church. He married Lydia Tallman, who was born in Tiverton, R.I., December 10, 1771; and she died in Canton, December 15, 1867. Tallman Hathaway, Mrs. Walker's father, was born in Livermore, Me., May 27, 1803. He was an energetic and prosperous farmer, who cleared and improved the property where Charles W. Walker now resides; and he died March 29, 1887. He was a Republican in politics, and a Universalist in his religious views. His wife, Sarah Austin, who was born in Canton, when it was a part of Jay, March 11, 1810, became the mother of six children, namely: Mary E.; William S.; Rodolphus E.; Alanson S.; Lydia T., who is now Mrs. Walker; and Peter T., who is no longer living. Mrs. Walker's mother died December 15, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of seven children, as follows: Frank L., who was born December 12, 1879; Minnie A., who was born January 25, 1882; Jennie L., who was born January 7, 1884; Lillian M., who was born August 20, 1885; Charles W., who was born May 16, 1888; Alfonso G., who was born March 22, 1890; and Ella May, who was born November 3, 1891.

In politics Mr. Walker is a Democrat, and in his religious views he is liberal. He is a member of Canton Grange, No. 110, Patrons of Husbandry, and is now acting as its Treasurer. Industrious and capable, he takes advantage of every improvement calculated to facilitate the production of superior crops; and he is regarded as one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of this vicinity.

**H**ERMAN STINSON HOUGHTON, a prosperous merchant of Wilton, Me., and one of the largest hardware dealers in Franklin County, was born in Weld, Me., May 7, 1830, son of Ephraim and Sarah S. (Masterman) Houghton.

Mr. Houghton's grandfather, James Houghton, was a native of Dublin, N.H., and when a young man settled at Wilton, N.H. He later moved to Weld, Franklin County, Me., where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of intervale land, which was in a wild state, and, clearing up what afterward proved to be

one of the best farms in the locality, erected a set of frame buildings, residing there until his death. He married Hannah Russell; and she reared a large family, among whom were six sons — namely, Ephraim, James, Jr., Abel, Harvey, Sewall, and Daniel.

Ephraim Houghton, son of James, was born in Wilton, N.H., October 26, 1787. His youth was spent in helping his father upon the home farm, and when a young man he bought a tract of unimproved land, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres, situated in the central part of the town of Weld, Me. After living in a log house until he had cleared a large portion of his land, he erected substantial buildings; and, continuing the improvements in connection with tilling the soil, he also dealt quite extensively in cattle and sheep, buying stock, and letting it to the farmers in the neighborhood. Shortly after the death of his wife he sold the property to his son, and, retiring from active labor, passed his last days in Wilton, Me., where he died at the age of eighty years. In politics he was originally a Whig; and, when the anti-slavery movement first became a political issue, his was the only vote cast in its favor in the town of Weld. He supported the Republican party from the time of its formation until his death. He was a member of the Congregational church. His wife, formerly Sarah S. Masterman, who was born in Deering, N.H., March 7, 1792, daughter of James and Hannah (Dows) Masterman, became the mother of eight children, as follows: Sarah, who was born June 12, 1815; Rebecca M., who was born October 23, 1817; Azel E., who was born June 29, 1819; John N., who was born February 20, 1821; Fanny W., who was born August 22, 1823; Harriet A., who was born May 29, 1825; Eliza A., who was born April 26, 1827; and Herman S., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Sarah S. Masterman Houghton died March 20, 1851.

Herman Stinson Houghton, the youngest of the family, acquired his education in the district schools, the Phillips High School, and the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill. At the age of eighteen he began teaching school; and a short time later he went to Sterling, Mass., where he was for some time clerk

in a general store. He then engaged in taking contracts for bottoming shoes for manufacturers in Natick, Mass., employing help, and carrying on quite a profitable business until he returned to Maine. On October 6, 1853, he, in company with R. B. Fuller, opened a general store in Wilton, carrying a large stock, including hardware and stoves; but three years later this firm was dissolved and the stock divided, Mr. Houghton taking the hardware, while his partner retained the remainder. Establishing himself in the hardware business, he soon afterward bought the Strickland store, to which he built an addition; and he continued to do a large business in that line until his building was destroyed in the disastrous conflagration from which the town suffered in 1893. He immediately built a fine new store, sixty by thirty feet, and three stories high, and is now using all of the available room, including the basement, for the storage and display of his large stock of goods. Aside from his mercantile business, he has conducted other business, which has been profitable. He now owns a farm of seventy-five acres in the town of Jay; and, having purchased his father's former dwelling here, he has completely rebuilt and remodelled the same, and has one of the finest residences in town.

Mr. Houghton married Lucy A. Hardy, of Massachusetts. She was born October 11, 1829, daughter of Reuben and Betsey (Pratt) Hardy. Her father was born June 30, 1802, son of Simon and Lorissa Hardy; and her mother was born December 18, 1800, daughter of Robert and Rebecca Pratt. Mrs. Houghton's parents had four children — Elizabeth; Lucy A., who is now Mrs. Houghton; Sarah; Simeon; and Laurretta. Mr. and Mrs. Houghton have had three children, namely: Lizzie Emogene, who was born April 26, 1853, and is now the wife of F. E. Jeffrey, of Boston, Mass.; a daughter who died in infancy; and Herbert E., who was born August 22, 1870, and is now associated with his father in business.

In politics Mr. Houghton has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party since its organization; and, although he has never sought office, he was elected Town Clerk, in

which capacity he served with ability. He is a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, including the Encampment, being Past Grand of Williamson Lodge, No. 20. He contributes to the support of the Congregational church, which he and his wife attend. He is a highly respected member of the community, as is also Mrs. Houghton, who has been an exceedingly valuable helpmate to her husband in securing the prosperity they now enjoy.

**B**ENJAMIN BIRD, late of Paris, Me., belonged to a family that was identified with the early settlement of the town of Norway, his native place. He was born December 15, 1813, son of John and Polly Bird. After having acquired in his early years a common-school education, Benjamin Bird turned his attention to general farming. He bought his first land in Paris, Me., the place now owned by Abner Jackson, of Norway; and, after residing there for two years, he came to the farm on which his widow now lives, then containing about seventy-five acres. Intelligent and practical, he was a very successful agriculturist, and took especial pride in raising a high grade of live stock — choice cows, strong oxen, and large hogs. In other words, he was a model New England farmer.

On December 4, 1850, Mr. Bird was married to Miss Harriett Rust Millett, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Reuben Milliner, of Norway. Mr. Bird was born in Norway, December 19, 1827. Her parents were Nathan and Mercy (Sampson) Millett, the former of whom was a native of Norway, and the latter of Massachusetts. Mr. Millett was a hard-working farmer, and resided in Norway all his life. In politics he was a Republican. He died in 1889, aged eighty-nine years, having been born September 11, 1800. His wife was born September 15, 1804, and died in 1868. Both were esteemed members of the Baptist church in Norway. They had one son and four daughters, all of whom are living, namely: Harriett Rust, Mrs. Bird; M. Louisa, wife of Newell Porter, of South Paris, Me.; Nathan W., occupying the old Millett homestead in Norway; Martha M., wife of

Franklin Porter, of Paris, Me.; and Julia E., residing in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird had no children. Since her husband's death on August 15, 1884, Mrs. Bird has continued to carry on the farm, keeping it up to its former high standard. She has a dairy of from fifteen to twenty cows, mostly grade Jerseys; and, besides carrying on general farming, she gives considerable attention to fruit culture. She is a communicant of the Baptist church at Paris Hill, of which her husband was also a member. In political affiliation Mr. Bird was a Republican.

**F**RANK A. SHURTLEFF, a well-known druggist of South Paris, Oxford County, was born in Portland, Me., July 22, 1863, son of Alonzo E. and Hannah (Tribou) Shurtleff. The first ancestor of the family in this country was William Shurtleff, who in the early part of the seventeenth century emigrated from England, and settled in Plymouth, Mass. The record shows that in 1634 he was apprenticed to one Thomas Clark, to learn the carpenter's trade. He later married Elizabeth Lettice, and moved to Marshfield, Mass. At this early period the family name was spelled "Shettle," and later "Shirtly," finally assuming its present form.

From William Shurtleff, first, the line of descent is continued through William, second, Thomas, and Jonathan, who married Elizabeth Leach, to Simeon, first, who was born in Middleboro, Mass., June 23, 1758, was a farmer, and became an early settler of Norway, Me. He and his wife, Submit Kingman, had a son, Alva, who was born in Norway, this county, May 30, 1786, and who married Anna Shaw, a daughter of Abner Shaw.

Their son, Simeon, second, grandfather of Frank A. Shurtleff, was born in Paris, Oxford County, Me., September 2, 1810. When a young man, he purchased a small farm in Megalloway, Me., which he carried on until 1845, when he sold it, and went to Paris Hill. After a short residence there he removed to Portland, where he engaged in trucking, and also conducted a coal and wood yard, until he finally retired from business. He died at the

age of eighty-two years. He was three times married. His first wife, Lydia, a daughter of Joshua Lombard, died at the early age of twenty-one years, leaving one child, Alonzo E. His second wife, who was by maiden name Harriet Adams, bore him three children—Jennie, Almira, and Diana. After her death, which occurred March 4, 1844, he married Hannah Hathaway. She died July 19, 1884.

Alonzo E. Shurtleff, son of Simeon and Lydia Shurtleff, was born in Megalloway, Me., January 15, 1833. He received his education in the Paris and Hebron Academies, and at the early age of eleven years began to work as a farm hand for his board and clothes. After being thus employed for two years, he learned the shoemaker's trade, working with his uncle, Alvah Shurtleff, and followed it subsequently for a short time. He then went to Portland, where he engaged in teaming, and later purchased his father's business, which he carried on for about twelve years. At the expiration of that time he sold out the business, and came to South Paris, to take charge of the packing department of the Paris Flour Mills, subsequently becoming superintendent of the custom department, which latter position he still holds. Shortly after coming here he purchased the Hamlin property, 36 Main Street, and enlarged and remodelled the house. In 1885 it was destroyed by fire; but the following year he replaced it with a new and commodious residence, enlarged the barn, beautified the grounds, and otherwise improved the property into a handsome and valuable estate.

He is a Democrat in politics, and has served for several years as Constable and Chief Engineer of the fire department. He is a member of Mount Mica Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. By his wife, Hannah, whom he married November 5, 1854, and who is a daughter of Adna and Hannah (Kinsley) Tribou, he has had four children, namely: Emma E., born September 1, 1855, now a teacher; Ida M., born August 20, 1858; Frank A., the special subject of this sketch; and Arthur K., born July 12, 1881.

Frank A. Shurtleff, the elder of the two sons, after acquiring his education at the

South Paris Institute and the Oxford Normal School, applied himself to learn the drug business, first working four years for A. M. Gerry. He then went to Portland, where he was employed for a similar length of time in the drug store of A. S. Hines. In 1887 he established himself in business in South Paris, opening in Market Square the largest and best appointed drug store in Oxford County. He carries a large and select stock of drugs, patent medicines, chemicals, toilet articles, druggists' sundries, stationery, school supplies, and sporting goods, and has built up an excellent trade. He is a registered apothecary, the prescription department being under his personal supervision; and he employs two able assistants.

On October 29, 1889, Mr. Shurtleff was united in marriage with Laura Clifford, a daughter of Charles Clifford. Mrs. Shurtleff died November 23, 1891, leaving one son, Stanley, who was born November 16, 1891. Mr. Shurtleff is very popular socially. He is connected with Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, Knights of Pythias; and with the Order of the Golden Cross. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party; and he is now Town Treasurer. He is a member of the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE E. TUBBS, of the firm of C. N. Tubbs & Co., Norway, Me., large dealers in general merchandise and groceries, was born here June 30, 1851, son of Orrin and Elizabeth (Horr) Tubbs. He is a great-grandson of Jacob Tubbs, born in Bingham, Somerset County, Me., who was one of the first settlers on Lee's grant in Norway, receiving his deed direct from Mr. Lee. He came from Hebron to Norway about the year 1795. He married Miss Jemima Churchill, by whom he had six children — Jacob J., Charles, Angier, Sally, Hannah, and Samuel.

Angier Tubbs, born in Hebron, January 18, 1785, removed to Norway with his parents; and, when he started out in life for himself, he purchased land here, and cleared a good farm. He married Miss Philena Packard, and they were the parents of nine children; namely,

James, Eunice, Charles, Jacob, Philena, Mary Ann, Orrin, Mary Ann, and Nathan N.

Orrin Tubbs, whose birth occurred February 12, 1822, when a young man went to Gorham, N.H., and engaged in the dry-goods business, which he followed for a number of years, becoming a leading citizen of that town. At length he sold out his business in Gorham, and removed to Norway, where he became a partner in the firm of C. N. Tubbs & Co. He married Miss Elizabeth Horr.

Their son, George E. Tubbs, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, completed his education in the Gorham and Bethel Academies. He was employed as a clerk in his father's store up to 1882, when he opened a hardware store, which he conducted successfully until 1893. Then, coming to Norway, he entered the firm of C. N. Tubbs & Co., who do a thriving and profitable business. On June 6, 1882, Mr. Tubbs was joined in marriage with Miss Izah Alma Millett, who was born on February 7, 1861. Three children have been born to them, namely: George Millett, with whom they were called to part when he was but twenty months old; Homer Deane, whose birth was on June 18, 1889; and Dorothy Horr, born October 11, 1891.

Mrs. Tubbs is a daughter of Solomon I. and Harriet (Porter) Millett. Her father, born April 12, 1816, son of Solomon Millett, is a grandson of John and Martha (Sawyer) Millett, and great-grandson of John Millett, Jr. John Millett, Sr., father of John, Jr., was a son of Thomas Millett, and a grandson of Thomas Millett, Sr., who was born in England in 1605, and was the founder of the family in America. He crossed the Atlantic in 1635, and settled first in Dorchester, Mass. Later he was a teaching elder in the church in Gloucester. In 1676 he and his wife and one child were killed by the Indians in Brookfield, Mass.

John Millett, Jr., was born in Gorham, June 12, 1767, whence he came to Norway in 1789, and with his brother Solomon purchased one thousand acres of wild land, much of which they cleared and divided. Solomon Millett, son of John and Martha (Sawyer) Millett, was born in Norway, January 7, 1793. He served an apprenticeship as clothier, and

subsequently went into business for himself near where the Opera House now stands, manufacturing flannel and other woollen cloths. He finally retired to a farm inherited from his father, living there until his death, at eighty years of age. Solomon I. Millett, son of Solomon Millett, received a limited common-school education; and at twenty-three years of age he went to Boston, in the employ of Frederick Pope. His business was handling pianofortes for the different factories in Boston and vicinity, and this he followed with profit until 1849. In February of that year, with a party of Boston boys, he took passage on a vessel for Aspinwall, from there he crossed over on foot to Panama, and three weeks later he took the Scotch brig "Colonia" from Panama to San Francisco, the passage from Boston to the Golden Gate occupying five months, in which he visited many ports. From San Francisco he went by way of Sacramento direct to the mines on the American River, where he engaged in mining, spending the rainy season in Sacramento. He met with alternate success and loss, but on the whole had a substantial balance on hand. When the spring came, with the new arrival of Boston boys, he went to spend the summer on Trinity River; but, not being satisfied with the Trinity, he was one of a party of nine who crossed over to the Shasta River. Here, they all became dissatisfied except himself; and he sent back for his old partner, Robert Parkin, of Boston, and they remained through the season, and made a fair thing.

Closing his summer work, he returned to Sacramento, where he met his old employer, Mr. Pope; and together with Parkin and Pope he located at Mokelumne Hill, where they spent the winter. The spring following, Mr. Pope being taken sick, Millett returned to Boston with him, and remained about two months, then returning to Mokelumne Hill with J. S. Millett and A. F. Jackson. He remained in the mines about two and a half years, and then, returning once more to Boston, took up his former occupation. Two years later he sold out, and came to Norway, and purchased the old Nathaniel Bennett farm of two hundred and fifty acres, and another tract of one hundred and fifty acres, making a

four-hundred-acre farm, which he carried on successfully, and also dealt quite extensively in cattle up to 1885. At that time he purchased the Major H. W. Millett house and lot, at the corner of Main Street and Paris Avenue, where he now resides. He also owns two tenement houses.

His wife, Harriett (Porter) Millett, to whom he was married February 22, 1857, was born August 20, 1823, being the daughter of John and Eunice (Hicks) Porter, of Paris. Her father was engaged in farming and carpentry. Mr. and Mrs. Millett have had three children, namely: Alice, born February 24, 1859, who died January 8, 1873; Izah A., Mrs. Tubbs; E. Stella, born June 10, 1863, who married George P. Whitney, Jr., October 28, 1884, resides in Boston, and has one son, Don John. Mr. Whitney, who is a son of the widely known George P. Whitney, of East Oxford, is an engineer in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Mr. Millett is a Democrat in political affiliation. He is a stockholder in the water-works, a Director of the National Bank, and a stockholder in the Opera House. Fraternally, he is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Tubbs is a Democrat in politics. During his residence in Gorham he was Town Clerk nine years, and also served on the School Committee. He is an esteemed member of the following fraternal organizations: Oxford Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Glen Lodge, No. 54, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Gorham, N.H., of which he is a Past Grand.

**W**ILLIAM F CALDEN, a successful farmer of Phillips, Me., and one of the Board of Selectmen of the town, was born in Hallowell, now Manchester, Kennebec County, Me., September 9, 1845, and is a son of Benjamin P. and Velina (Hoyt) Calden. On his father's side he is of Scottish descent, there having been two brothers of this family name who came from Scotland to America, one going to the Southern States, and the other, the founder of this branch, settling in Maine.

Thomas Calden, the father of Benjamin P.,

spent the greater part of his life in Candia, N.H., where he worked at reed-making by hand. He is said to have served in the Revolutionary War, and as a privateer in the War of 1812, being captain of a schooner. Of his ten children, only one is now living; namely, Benjamin P., aged ninety-seven years.

Benjamin P. Calden was born in Candia, N.H., February 8, 1799. He has followed farming most of his life, but for many years was also employed as a ship-carpenter. Nine children were the fruit of his union with Velina Hoyt, the three now living being Margaret, wife of D. F. Hodges, of Phillips; Charles B., residing in Rangeley; and William F. Their father is a member of the Methodist church, in which he has been Class Leader for years. Although nearly a centenarian, he still enjoys good health.

Charles B. Calden, son of Benjamin P., in his boyhood and youth attended school successively in Hallowell, Cornville, and Phillips. For a number of years he has been foreman of lumbering crews in the winter season, and has worked at farming in the summer. He joined the Blue Mountain Masonic Lodge, No. 67, of Phillips, in 1873.

William F. Calden, the other son of Benjamin P. Calden, and the special subject of this sketch, first attended school three years in Hallowell, then at Cornville, Somerset County, and finally in Phillips. The years directly following were spent in river logging in the winter and farming in summer, and since 1857 he has carried on farming exclusively here in Phillips. His farm contains about two hundred and fifty acres, and yields on an average fifty tons of hay yearly. On May 29, 1872, Mr. Calden was joined in marriage with Hannah Orr, of Phillips. Their five children are all living and at home; namely, Bernice D., Fred, Winnie, Carrie, and Evelyn, the three younger ones being in school.

In political affiliation Mr. Calden is a Republican. He has served two terms as Selectman, and an equal length of time on the School Committee. He is a member of North Franklin Grange of Phillips, and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a Class Leader.

CHARLES H. BERRY, one of the oldest native residents of Buckfield, Me., where he has carried on general farming for thirty-five years, was born on March 20, 1824, son of Obadiah and Abigail (Ricker) Berry. His father was a native of this town and a practical farmer. Possessed of a vigorous constitution, he tilled the soil with an energy and industry which gained for him a comfortable prosperity; and his last years were passed in retirement here. In politics he was a Whig, later joining the Republican party; and he was known and esteemed as a useful citizen. He lived to be eighty-five years old; and his wife, who was born in Buckfield, attained the age of eighty-three. Both were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

Charles H. Berry attended the town schools, and grew to manhood upon the farm which he now owns and occupies. Learning the cabinet-maker's trade, he followed it for several years, but finally relinquished that occupation in order to devote his whole time to the care and improvement of his farm. He owns one hundred and twenty-five acres of well-located land, capable of producing large and superior crops; and the dwelling-house, which was built over one hundred years ago, is still in a good state of preservation.

On February 7, 1849, Mr. Berry was married to Cynthia Harris, who was born in Lewiston, Me., February 7, 1825, daughter of Richard and Martha (Reed) Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have two children, namely: Charles F., who was born in Auburn, Me., February 24, 1855; and Ida A., who was born in Auburn, August 19, 1858, married O. H. Hersey, a lawyer of Buckfield, and has three children—Augustus M., Avilla May, and Carrie B.

Politically, Mr. Berry is a Republican; and he has served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Town Agent, and in other offices. Both he and Mrs. Berry are members of the Congregational church.

Charles F. Berry, who resides at home with his parents, and now relieves his father of most of the cares pertaining to the farm, possesses the manly vigor and sterling ambition of one whose full measure of success is only a

question of time. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of Evening Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Buckfield. He married on November 9, 1880, Sadie H. Dearborn, of Hartford, and has one son—Frank D., who was born February 7, 1886.

**H** F. FITCH, M.D., a prominent physician of Brownfield, was born August 9, 1859, in Sebago, Cumberland County, Me., son of John and Nancy W. (Sanborn) Fitch. Dr. Fitch's grandfather, William Fitch, was a native and lifelong resident of Sebago; and his active period was there spent in tilling the soil of a good farm.

Dr. Fitch's father was reared to agricultural pursuits in Sebago, his native town, and is still residing upon a farm there. His first wife, Nancy W. Sanborn, who also was born in Sebago, died in 1893, leaving three children, as follows: H. F. Fitch, M.D., the subject of this sketch; Mary E., who is the wife of Dr. L. H. Poore, and resides at Webb's Mills, Me.; and Fred, who married Mary Hill, and lives at the homestead in Sebago. John Fitch wedded for his second wife Mrs. Sarah Swett.

H. F. Fitch acquired his early education in the common schools of Sebago and at the high school in Bridgton. His medical studies were pursued at the University of Vermont, where he was graduated with the class of 1886, at the close of a four years' course. He first located for practice at Kezar Falls, Me.; but, after staying there for one year, he settled in Brownfield village, where he has since continued to advance in popularity, and is now firmly established in his professional career. His practice is not confined to this town alone, as his regular circuit covers a large area in this section of the county, embracing several adjacent villages and plantations. He deals to some extent in drugs and chemicals.

On December 25, 1887, Dr. Fitch was united in marriage with Fanny Patten. Mrs. Fitch is a native of Newport, Me., where her father, John F. Patten, was formerly a prosperous farmer. Her parents are no longer living.

Since settling in Brownfield Dr. Fitch has served upon the Board of Health, has ably filled the office of Town Clerk for several years past, and has held other town offices. Politically, he acts with the Republican party. He is a member of Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, A. F. & A. M.; and both he and Mrs. Fitch attend the Congregational church. He owns one of the handsomest residences in the village, and aside from his high professional standing he is a great social favorite.

**D**ANIEL L. SWAN, son of Francis and Mary (Pierce) Swan, was born May 11, 1821, on his father's farm in New Sharon, where he is still an honored and respected resident.

His grandfather was Francis Swan, Sr., a worthy Deacon of the Congregational church, who was twice married. Deacon Swan's first wife was Martha Parker, and his second was Abigail Elliott, both of them being natives of Massachusetts. By his wife Martha he had two children: Francis, the father of Daniel L. Swan; and a daughter, who died in infancy.

Francis Swan, the son of Deacon Francis, was born in Methuen, now Lawrence, Mass., in 1779. In 1801 he was married to Mary Pierce, only daughter of Joseph Pierce. Her father was of the fourth generation in direct descent from Mr. Daniel Pierce, who came from the west of England to Massachusetts, lived a few years in Watertown, and on the 4th of March, 1645, received from the Council of Newbury, Mass., the grant of twelve acres of land, conditioned on his retaining his residence there for life. He agreed to stay there, provided he did not return to old England. Apparently contented in his new home, he remained in Newburyport until his death. The first dwelling built and occupied by him was a frame house, which was accidentally burned through the agency, it is said, of one of his slaves. He afterward erected on the same site a stone house, which is standing at this day. He bought a tract of land near the Newburyport market, about three miles square. Among his children was a son Benjamin, who was married November 8, 1692, to Lydia Frost, of Kittery, daughter of Major Charles



Frost. They had ten sons and two daughters. The third son, Thomas, born November 9, 1706, married a lady named Frost, and lived in the old stone house built by his grandfather. Joseph Pierce, son of Thomas, married a Miss Quinby, and had three children: Charles; Mary, who became the wife of Francis Swan and mother of the subject of this sketch; and Samuel.

Francis and Mary (Pierce) Swan had seven children, as follows: Martha P., who died at the age of eighty-five years; Charles P., who died at the age of eighty-three; William, who died at the age of eighty-five; Francis, Jr., who died at the age of seventy-six; Mary P., who died at the age of sixty-three; Daniel L., whose name begins the present sketch; and Frederick, who also is still living. Francis Swan, the father of this family, died on the 4th of August, 1866, aged eighty-six years and nine months; and Mary Pierce Swan, his wife, died November 15, 1873, aged ninety-three years. He was a Whig in politics in his younger days, but later became a Republican. His religious belief was that of the Congregational church, like that of his father before him. When he came to this part of the country from Massachusetts in 1819, he bought a farm of eighty-two acres in extent, where his sons Daniel and Frederick were born. The other children were born in Massachusetts. His farm, which was then occupied by Mr. Carr, was situated on the north side of the Sandy River.

Daniel L. Swan, fourth son of Francis and Mary, received his education in the public schools of New Sharon, including the high school; and at the age of eighteen he began teaching school in his native place. He has taught during his life twenty-five schools. Nor is this all of his educational work. He has served as a member of the School Committee of New Sharon for twenty years. He has likewise held the office of Selectman of the town for five consecutive years. Intelligent and clear-headed, he is well versed in ancestral lore, tracing his descent from early colonists, as here shown.

Frederick Swan, his younger brother, was born on December 8, 1822. He also was educated in the schools of his native town,

completing his course of study in the high school. In the winter of 1842-43 he taught school in Starks, an adjoining town in Somerset County. He remained a resident at the old homestead till he was past thirty years of age. In 1854 he was appointed sub-officer in the State Reform School, where he remained for two years and a half. Frederick Swan was married in 1857 to Martha A. Thompson, the daughter of Robert Thompson, a farmer of Industry. They had one child, Martha, who died in infancy.

In 1857 the two brothers, Daniel L. and Frederick Swan, bought a farm of eighty-two acres adjoining the old homestead; and after this purchase they bought a tract of one hundred and forty-five acres, owning therefore at that time a property of two hundred and twenty-seven acres of good farming land. Both are, like their father, staunch Republicans in politics, and Congregationalists in religious belief. They are well known in the community, and greatly admired for their sturdy independence of character, unimpeachable honesty, and faithful citizenship.

MR. WALDO PETTENGILL, of Rumford Falls, the Vice-President and Manager of the Portland & Rumford Falls Railroad, has been largely instrumental in developing Rumford. He was born at Livermore Falls, Me., December 1, 1844, son of Oliver and Huldah (Baker) Pettengill, both natives of this State.

Oliver Pettengill, who was born in the town of Fayette, Kennebec County, spent his early life there and in East Livermore, chiefly occupied in farming. In 1866 he purchased a large farm in Rumford, about six miles from the present village, and settled there permanently. In addition to being a farmer he was also a mill man, was very successful in a financial way, and at his death, which happened in his sixty-sixth year, he left a large estate. His wife, who was born in Livermore, died at the age of seventy-one. Both were members of the Methodist church.

Waldo Pettengill attended the common schools and the academies at Farmington and Auburn. He was twenty-one years old when

his parents settled in Rumford. He was afterward engaged in farming and surveying for a number of years. In 1881 the ground where the city of Rumford Falls stands was a wilderness, and the great body of water, which falls one hundred and eighty feet in less than a mile, practically unused. Impressed with the industrial possibilities of the locality, Mr. Pettengill began to buy land on both sides of the Androscoggin. Later he succeeded in interesting capitalists in the place, and helped to organize the Rumford Falls Water Power Company, a corporation with a capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars. A stockholder in this company himself, he acted as its agent; and under his energetic direction the plans of the company soon began to take form. In August, 1890, the building of a number of dams was started; and in the winter of 1890-91 large areas of the land were cleared. In the early part of 1893 the Rumford Falls Paper Company's factory, the first in the place, was completed. This is a large place, costing, with the plant, upward of a million dollars. In the same year the Electric Light Water Company was ready for business. Of this company Mr. Pettengill was, and is now, the Treasurer and Manager. He is a large stockholder in the Portland & Rumford Falls Railroad, of which he is Vice-President and Manager; a Director of the woollen-mills; a Director of the Rumford Falls Trust Company; President of the Rumford Falls Building and Loan Association; and President of the Rumford Falls Publishing Company. He is now one of the wealthiest men in the State.

Mr. Pettengill was married June 1, 1870, to Miss Sarah E. Briggs, of Mechanic Falls, Me., and has now three children. These are: Oliver, a clerk in the railroad office here; George W., an electrician in the employ of the Electric Light and Water Company of Rumford Falls; and Huldah E., who is at home. An active Republican, Mr. Pettengill has distinguished himself in public affairs as well as in business. He served on the School Committee for six years, on the Board of Selectmen for eleven years, was County Commissioner for six years, was elected State Senator in 1890, and was a member of the Governor's Council in 1893 and 1894. He is well ad-

vanced in Masonry, belonging to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, of Rumford Falls; Rumford Chapter; the Council at Norway, Me.; St. Albans Commandery; and the Maine Consistory at Portland. As an Odd Fellow, he belongs to Pennacook Lodge, No. 130, of Rumford Falls, and the Encampment at Dixfield. A Knight of Pythias, he is a member of Metalluc Lodge, No. 99, of Rumford Falls; and he has membership in Wawanunka Tribe, No. 41, I. O. R. M., of this place.

**G**RANVILLE W. HARNDEN, a highly respected resident of Denmark, Oxford County, Me., son of Reuben and Anna (Mackay) Harnden, was born October 19, 1843, upon the farm he now owns and occupies. His grandfather, Joseph Harnden, who was the first of the family to settle in Denmark, was a native of Wilmington, Mass. He made the first clearing upon the farm where his grandson now resides, and resided here until his death.

Reuben Harnden, son of Joseph, was born in Denmark, Me., and inherited the homestead. He continued the improvements begun by his father, bringing the land to a good state of cultivation; and he was one of the most prosperous general farmers of his day. He died August 25, 1894. His wife, Anna Mackay, who was a native of Saccarappa, Me., was the mother of three children; namely, Sarah Ann, Granville W., and Lyman P. Sarah Ann Harnden, who became the wife of Alonzo B. Warren, is no longer living. Her husband married for his second wife Isabella Ames, and is now residing at the homestead. Lyman P. Harnden married Abbie Sparks, a native of Vermont; and they make their home in Middletown, Conn. Mrs. Anna M. Harnden died in October, 1893.

Granville W. Harnden acquired a common-school education in his native town, and from his youth up has been engaged in agricultural pursuits at the old homestead. After his marriage he took charge of the farm, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres, and is devoted to the raising of hay, corn, oats, and potatoes; and he also runs a saw-mill.

In June, 1866, Mr. Harnden married Matilda Lord, a native of Lovell, Me., and a daughter of William Lord, then a prosperous farmer of that town. Mr. Lord is now eighty-four years of age. He makes his home alternately with two of his daughters — Mrs. W. W. Berry and Mrs. I. H. Berry, both of Denmark, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Harnden have three children, namely: Charles L., who was born March 17, 1867, and is now residing at home with his parents; Esther Evelyn, who was born October 20, 1872, and is now the wife of Freeman H. Day, an operative in a leather board factory in Milton, N.H.; and Marian Lulu, who was born January 1, 1888.

In politics Mr. Harnden is a Democrat, and has served with ability in some of the town offices. He is an industrious and upright business man; and, although his lumber operations absorb a great deal of his time, he finds sufficient opportunity to improve his homestead, and keep the property in first-class condition.

**A**USTIN A. NELSON, First Selectman of the town of Hebron, was born in Oxford, March 9, 1855, son of Addison and Mary A. (Nelson) Nelson. Addison Nelson was a native of Oxford County. He owned a good farm situated in the town of Oxford, and during a greater portion of his life was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was an energetic and industrious man; but his active period closed in the prime of life, and he died at the age of forty-six years and six months. Honest and upright, he was highly respected and esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, and he was ever ready to assist his neighbors in the time of need or aid in any movement for the good of the general community. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Baptist church. To him and his wife, Mary, were born two children, namely: Austin A., the subject of this sketch; and Lillian L., who died at the age of sixteen years. Mrs. Mary A. Nelson, who is a native of Oxford County, is still living, and resides with her son.

Austin A. Nelson was educated in the district schools and at Hebron Academy, and

grew to manhood as a farmer in Oxford. He owned a good farm in his native town, where he resided until 1881, when he bought his present property of two hundred acres in Hebron, and has since given his attention to general farming and dairying. His farm, which is located within the limits of three towns, is well adapted for the raising of hay and the pasturing of cattle; and he keeps a herd of twenty-five cows, consisting of full-blooded Holsteins and grade animals, the product of which supplies a well-equipped dairy.

On March 21, 1878, Mr. Nelson married Emily L. Buckman, who was born upon this farm, daughter of Calvin and Lorinda Buckman. She is a descendant of Captain Daniel Buckman, an early pioneer of Hebron, who made the first clearing, and built a log house on this farm when the locality was mostly a dense wilderness. His descendants have occupied the estate ever since, and the family is one of the oldest and best known in this part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of two children, namely: Addison C., who was born in Oxford, September 3, 1880; and Laura C., who was born in Hebron, January 13, 1893.

Mr. Nelson supports the Republican party, and in local public affairs he is a leading spirit, being at the present time First Selectman of the town. He is a stirring and progressive agriculturist of the self-made type, and he is regarded as one of the most successful farmers in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson attend the Universalist church at Mechanic Falls.

**D**E COSTER BROTHERS.—Among the men who have achieved success and prominence in the field of agriculture in the vicinity of Hebron, Me., the De Coster brothers, James P. and Almon, occupy a leading place. They are sons of Cyrus and Mary A. (Prescott) De Coster. James P. De Coster was born in Brighton, Mass., March 19, 1844; and Almon was born in the same place, September 4, 1850. They belong to an old Hebron family, their grandfather, Roger De Coster, having been one of the early settlers of this town. He was an

energetic and progressive farmer and a prominent citizen. He was active in local affairs, taking precedence by his intelligence and force of character; and he represented the town in the State legislature.

Cyrus De Coster, son of Roger, was born in Hebron, November 2, 1812, and was reared and educated in this town. When a young man, he went to Brighton, Mass., where he engaged in butchering; and, finding this occupation quite lucrative, he followed it until 1871, making his home in Brighton. In 1871, buying a farm in Hebron, he moved back to his native town, where he is now living. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife, who was born in Sanbornton, N.H., died in Brighton in 1868. Mr. De Coster attends the Baptist church, which was his wife's chosen place of worship. He has four children living—James P.; Ellen L., who was born in Brighton in November, 1846, is now the widow of George Goodrich, and lives with her father in Hebron; Verin, who was born in Brighton, July 12, 1848, now a salesman in Boston; and Almon. Verin De Coster is married. His brothers are single.

James P. and Almon De Coster were reared and educated in Brighton, Mass. The elder has been engaged in butchering, but now with his brother devotes his energies to farming and dairying in Hebron. They own over three hundred acres of land, and raise abundant crops for market; and they have a large and choice dairy, keeping twenty head of fine Jersey cattle.

Their farm is furnished with good buildings; and the whole appearance of the place indicates sagacious management, plenty, and prosperity. Both brothers are members of the Democratic party. They are liberal in religious matters, questioning no man's creed, and disposed to give each one his due according to character and ability.

**H**OWARD PEASE, one of the prominent citizens of West Farmington, Me., is a successful farmer and president of a large insurance company. He was born in the town of Wilton, this county. His father, Stephen Pease, was born October 7, 1817; and his grandfather,

Isaac Pease, was born at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., September 11, 1777, and was the eldest son of Stephen and Mary Pease, the former born April 15, 1749, and the latter January 3, 1756.

Isaac Pease was a striking type of the early New Englander, tireless in manual labor, and filled with a strong sense of the importance of religious belief. Born at Martha's Vineyard, he went to Maine when about fourteen years of age, and worked as a farm hand for a number of years. In early manhood, having saved some money, he purchased one hundred and fourteen acres of wild land in the town of Wilton, then a pioneer settlement, and, erecting a log house, developed a homestead. He afterward erected a good set of frame buildings. Gifted with natural eloquence and a strong belief in the doctrines of John Wesley, he became quite noted as a Methodist preacher, and was often called upon to fill pulpit vacancies. He lived to be over ninety years of age, and was active to the last. He married Temperance Moor, who was born in Kittery, Me., July 22, 1774. Their children were: Dorcas, born September 6, 1812; Joanna, born June 11, 1815; Stephen, above named; Sewall, born August 1, 1820. Mrs. Temperance M. Pease died 1846.

Stephen Pease, the eldest son, inherited the homestead in Wilton, and managed it for a number of years, subsequently selling it, and purchasing a farm in Farmington. Later he disposed of that property, in order to buy a farm adjoining the one now owned by his son; and this also he sold in a few years, purchasing a house and store in Wilton. The last venture proved satisfactory, and he was in trade in Wilton up to the time of his death. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Methodist. He died at the age of seventy-three. His wife, who is a daughter of Samuel and Annie (Wilson) Knowles, of South Chesterville, was born March 3, 1828, and is nearly seventy years of age. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pease, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: Howard, born January 31, 1849; Ella A., now Mrs. Wilkins; Charles R., a merchant in Nashua, N.H., born February 3, 1852; Bertice A., born October 30, 1853, now prac-

tising law at Nashua, N.H. Twin sons died in infancy.

Howard Pease, who is the eldest of the family, acquired his education in the public schools of Wilton and Farmington. He left home at the age of twenty-two, and obtained employment in a weaving factory in Lewiston; but he decided that outdoor life suited him best, and eventually purchased the George Butterfield farm, an estate of one hundred and fifty acres. For some years he has been successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising; and he owns eighty acres of land in the town of Wilton, in addition to his Farmington property. He has made many improvements on his land, remodelling and repairing the buildings, and has greatly increased the value of his property. He has been president of the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company ever since it was organized.

In 1872 Mr. Pease married Lizzie A. Wilson, daughter of William and Mary E. (Carlow) Wilson. William Wilson was born in the town of Castle-Wellan, County Down, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, son of Isaac and Margaret (Stewart) Wilson. He went from his native land to St. Andrews, New Brunswick, and from there to Red Beach, Me., on the St. Croix, where he owned and managed a large farm. Starting without capital, his only resources a strong constitution and thrifty disposition, he attained wealth and position. He was made a Mason in 1827, and took thirty-two degrees. In religious belief he was a Baptist. He attained the great age of eighty-nine years. His wife, who was a daughter of Jacob C. and Lizzie (Turner) Carlow, both of English birth, died at the age of forty-five. This couple had several children — Lizzie A. (Mrs. Pease); Martha J. and Margaret J., twin sisters; William F., who died in infancy; Sadie S.; William M., who died when fourteen; John and James, twin brothers, who died in infancy; Mary E.; George T.; and Viola E. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pease — Gertie M., born January 12, 1874, who lived but eight months; Oscar E., born June 10, 1876, who is a student at Bowdoin College, now in his third year in that institution; Locke H., born December 1, 1883; and Guy

W., born June 16, 1886. Mr. Pease is an esteemed member of the Republican party. Mrs. Pease is an Episcopalian, having joined that church at Calais, Me.

ALBION L. TUBBS, an active and thriving young agriculturist of the town of Greenwood, Oxford County, Me., was born December 12, 1868, in Casco, Cumberland County, a son of Harland P. and Martha M. (Maxfield) Tubbs.

Harland P. Tubbs, a son of Luther Tubbs, was born in Litchfield, Kennebec County, this State, and there grew to manhood. On attaining his majority, he started in life for himself.

Following the tide of emigration westward, he went as far as Cooper County, Iowa, and there engaged in farming four years. Not satisfied with the results, he returned to his native State, and settled in Casco, where, with the exception of the time that he was in the Federal army during the war of the Rebellion, he has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. His first wife, formerly Miss Martha Maxfield, died 1875, leaving five children, as follows: George M., a farmer, in Greenwood, who married Cora Swan; John L., of Casco, Me., who married Lucy Nason; Mary A., who died in 1888, the wife of William Davis, of Rumford, Me.; Albion, the subject of this sketch; and Frederick Eugene, who died at the age of ten years. After the death of his first wife the father married Miss Belinda Stone, of Otisfield township; and they became the parents of three children — Charles and Emma, and an infant unnamed, all deceased.

Albion L. Tubbs received his education in the public schools of Casco, remaining at home until nineteen years old, when for about a year he worked out in Greenwood. He soon married, and with his bride settled on the farm where he now lives. He has two hundred acres of land, much of it being in a good state of cultivation, well adapted for raising the crops common to this section of New England. He is carrying on general husbandry after the most approved modern methods, being enterprising and progressive, and a worthy representative of the up-to-date Eastern farmer. He has a small dairy, and gives some

attention to stock raising, which he considers a profitable branch of his business.

On March 14, 1889, Mr. Tubbs married Anna Kinsley, who was born in Greenwood township, a daughter of Welcome and Lucy Kinsley. Welcome Kinsley was born in Auburn, Me., son of Azel Kinsley. He married Lucy Hathaway, of Paris, Me., and lived for some six years in Woodstock, where he was Postmaster. He then sold his store, and bought the farm, where he ever after lived, and where his daughter, now Mrs. Albion Tubbs, makes her home, she being the only child of her parents now living. Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs have no children. Politically, Mr. Tubbs uniformly supports the Republican ticket and the temperance cause, and has served his fellow-townsmen in some of the smaller offices of the place. He is a member of the grange of Patrons of Husbandry at Bryant's Pond.

**A**LBION K. P. GOOGINS, an extensive farmer and fruit-grower of Hiram, Oxford County, Me., who has long been prominently in local public affairs, was born in Old Orchard, York County, this State, December 29, 1827, son of Nathaniel and Lucy (Thurston) Googins. Mr. Googins's paternal grandfather was David Googins, a prosperous farmer and lifelong resident of Old Orchard. He was the father of nine children — Nathaniel, Richard, Henry, David, John, Betsey, Jane, Susan, and Sarah. Of these, John died young; and the others all lived to reach maturity, but none are now living.

Nathaniel Googins, the first named of the five sons, was born in Old Orchard. In his earlier mature years he followed the sea; but he finally settled upon a farm in his native town, where for several years he was diligently and prosperously engaged in tilling the soil. His last days were passed in Lyman, Me. His wife, who was before marriage Lucy Thurston, and was a native of Scarboro, Me., became the mother of ten children, as follows: Louisa, who was born May 9, 1825, and married Francis A. Dearborn (both deceased); Albion Keith Paris, the subject of this

sketch; Francis B., who was born August 26, 1829, married Mary Taylor, and resides in Saco, Me.; Ellen Hannah, who was born September 1, 1831, and is now the wife of Joseph G. Libby, a machinist of Biddeford, Me.; Christiana Plummer, who was born September 13, 1833, and married William D. Guilford (both deceased); Daniel Thurston, who was born December 7, 1835, and died August 6, 1837; William Hayes, who was born August 20, 1838, married for his first wife Priscilla S. Prescott, and for his second Cora Lothrop, and is now a carpenter of Scarboro, Me.; Lydia Ann, who was born December 4, 1840, married James Barry, and resides in Dakota; Lucy Abbie, who was born August 13, 1843, and is now the wife of Cyrus M. Lunt, superintendent of the Lewiston water-works; and Charles Sumner, who was born February 24, 1846, married Clara A. Moore, of Somersworth, N.H., and died August 9, 1896. Mrs. Lucy T. Googins, died November 7, 1870.

Albion K. P. Googins acquired a common-school education, and resided at the parental home until he was twenty years old. He then followed the sea for eight years; and in 1856 he settled in Hiram upon the old Stephen Wentworth place, where he has since resided. His farm, which is one of the finest and best managed in this vicinity, consists of one hundred acres, is well improved, and produces excellent crops of hay, corn, and potatoes annually. Mr. Googins also raises a large amount of fruit, which is the source of considerable income.

On March 12, 1856, Mr. Googins was joined in marriage with Ruth Healy Bensley, who was born in Scarboro, Me., July 29, 1833, daughter of George A. and Rachel W. (Bowe) Bensley. George A. Bensley was a native of Malden, Mass., and followed the sea until his death, which took place in 1835; and his wife, who was a native of Cape Elizabeth, died in 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Googins have three children, as follows: Mary Louisa, who was born November 27, 1857, and is now the wife of John B. Eaton, a prosperous farmer of Trenton, Me.; Edith Cressy, who was born February 2, 1865, and is now the wife of Benjamin S. Hoyt, a successful farmer of Newington, N.H.; and Fred Carlton, who was born Feb-

ruary 27, 1868, married Ellen Haven Dow, of Baldwin, Me., and is now a millman in Rowley, Mass.

Politically, Mr. Googins is an earnest supporter of the Republican party, and has contributed much toward securing its success in this locality. He has been Chairman of the Board of Selectmen three years, Town Clerk four years, and Highway Surveyor twenty years, besides holding other town offices; and he is now serving upon the Board of Health. He is connected with the Grange and the Patrons' Aid Society; and Mrs. Googins is a member of the Universalist church. As a progressive farmer and citizen of ability and worth, Mr. Googins ranks among the foremost residents of Hiram; and he enjoys the sincere esteem and good will of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen.

**S**AMUEL A. BUMPUS, a prominent and respected resident of Hebron, Oxford County, is prosperously engaged in general farming, stock-raising, dairying, and fruit-growing. He was born in Hebron, May 24, 1829, son of Samuel and Rebecca L. (Kinsley) Bumpus. His grandfather, Maurice Bumpus, who was a pioneer settler of Hebron, reclaimed a farm from the wilderness, and in the course of time attained a place of prominence in the community. Maurice died in Hebron at a ripe age, October 13, 1837; and his wife, Huldah, passed away December 18, 1841.

Samuel Bumpus, a native of Hebron, born May 23, 1788, succeeded to the home farm, which in his time covered one hundred and fifteen acres. He was very successful in farming, and was also profitably engaged in stock-raising. Mr. Bumpus served in the War of 1812, and received a pension for his services. He cast his maiden vote with the Whigs; and, when the Republican party was formed, he naturally gave his adhesion to that organization. In religious belief he was a Universalist. He died on the home farm at the advanced age of fourscore and six. His wife, who was born in Auburn, Me., March 1, 1799, was also over fourscore when she died at Hebron. Their domestic circle included

eleven children, namely: Azel K., now residing in Norway, Me.; Martha H., the widow of Captain Horatio LeBaron, residing in Hebron; Martin K., in Turner, Me.; Samuel A., the subject of this sketch; Laura E., the wife of Horace Tribou, in Machias, Me.; Horatio, in Wakefield, Mass.; Dulcina R., the wife of Joseph Hibbs, of Hebron; Amanda E., the wife of H. Nelson Hood, of Greene, Androscoggin County; Columbia A., in Hebron; Harriet Eleanor, who died June 3, 1842; and Mary, the widow of H. N. Hood, who died aged about fifty years.

Samuel A. Bumpus was reared and educated in his native town. When he attained his majority, he started in life for himself, choosing agriculture for his chief occupation. His first land purchase was a part of the old homestead in Hebron. He added to this property until at one time he owned three hundred acres in Hebron and Turner. In October, 1872, he purchased the farm on which he now resides. This is a valuable estate of one hundred and forty-three acres. On it he has made many improvements, erecting substantial buildings and developing the best qualities of the land.

Mr. Bumpus was married February 25, 1856, to Miss Nancy H. Bowles, who died January 24, 1857, leaving one daughter, Gustie N. This daughter is now the wife of Ansel Bowman, of Hebron. On June 2, 1859, he contracted a second marriage with Miss Sarah H. Goodhue, who was born in Deerfield, N.H., May 28, 1834, daughter of Sewall and Hannah (Jenkins) Goodhue. Mr. Goodhue, who was a native of Deerfield, N.H., was engaged in farming in the early part of his life, and in retailing wood in the latter part. In politics he was a Republican, and he served two years in the State legislature. He died at the age of sixty-seven. Mrs. Goodhue, who was a native of Greenland, N.H., and a member of the Congregational church, passed away in her fifty-fifth year. They reared four other children—James W., Samuel G., Langdon, and Mary A. Mary A., now deceased, was the wife of Alden Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Bumpus have two children—James L. and Grace E. James L. was born in Turner, Me., March 21, 1861. He was reared in Hebron, finishing

his education at Hebron Academy. A man of energy and character, he is a carpenter, blacksmith, and farmer. He is prominent in the Republican party, and is the present Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. He likewise served in that capacity in 1888-90, and again in 1893. Also, in 1893, he acted as Town Clerk during a temporary vacancy in that office. He married Miss Bertha A. Cummings, who was born in Albany, Me., August 5, 1867, daughter of Deacon David F. Cummings, and was educated in the common schools and academy of Hebron. She is the mother of one child—Mabelle G., born June 4, 1893. Miss Grace E. Bumpus was born in Turner, Me., July 9, 1871. She graduated from Hebron Academy in the class of 1888, and since that time has been successfully engaged in teaching.

Mr. Samuel A. Bumpus, who is a Republican, takes an active interest in town matters, and has served as Selectman. He, his wife, and children are members of Hebron Grange, No. 43, Patrons of Husbandry; and they attend the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Bumpus, James L., and Grace are members. Mr. Bumpus also belongs to Evening Star Lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M., of Buckfield.

**F**RANK BARKER, who has resided all his lifetime upon the farm he now owns and cultivates in Fryeburg, Oxford County, is a native of this town, born June 27, 1850, son of Joseph W. and Eunice (Hobbs) Barker. His great-grandfather, who came from Andover, Mass., in 1784, is counted among the early pioneers of the locality. John Barker, his grandfather, who was born in Andover, Mass., accompanied his parents to Maine, and became one of the most successful farmers of his day. He was a noted hunter when the district was for the most part a wilderness, abounding in fur-bearing animals; and he occupied the farm where his grandson now lives. He died at the advanced age of ninety-three years. His wife passed her last days upon the farm.

Joseph W. Barker was born at the homestead, December 3, 1813. When a young man, he engaged in logging quite extensively,

and subsequently followed that business until he was fifty years old. He then devoted his attention exclusively to agriculture. With the exception of a year passed in another part of the town, he has spent his life at the homestead, where he now resides with his son and wife. He retired from active labor in 1889. His wife, Eunice, a native of Chatham, N.H., had by him six children, of whom the only survivor is Frank, the subject of this sketch, who was the fifth-born. The others were: Augusta M.; Webster; Sybil; Lucian, who died young; and another child who died in infancy. The mother is now eighty years old.

Frank Barker received his education in the common schools and at the Norway Academy. At an early age he became a serviceable assistant on the farm. Since 1871 he has managed the property with ability and good judgment. It contains about two hundred and fifty acres of land. It yields large and superior crops of the staple products. Mr. Barker has continued the march of improvement started by his father, and has not once permitted the property to deteriorate in any particular.

On August 13, 1871, Mr. Barker was united in marriage to Mary Ross, who, a native of Norway, Me., was reared in Portland. She died August 20, 1873, leaving one daughter—Hattie, who was born August 19, 1873, and still resides at home. On December 31, 1877, Mr. Barker entered a second marriage, contracted with Leila Marion Davis. She was born in Lowell, Mass., October 9, 1852, daughter of James and Mary (Stacy) Davis, who subsequently migrated from Lowell to Wisconsin, where they were engaged in farming, and died. By his second union Mr. Barker has eight children, as follows: James Wilson, who was born October 24, 1878; M. Eunice, who was born June 12, 1880; Gustie M., who was born January 18, 1882; Marion L., who was born August 5, 1883; Stillman F., who was born September 26, 1885; Albion G., who was born March 4, 1888; Sybil G., who was born March 21, 1892; and Walter D., who was born July 17, 1895. All are still beneath the parental roof-tree. While Mr. Barker, since coming of age, has supported the Republican party in politics, he has



never aspired to office. He is a charter member of Fryeburg Lodge, No. 49, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Fryeburg Centre, and is connected with the Grange.

**T**HOMAS M. PARKER is the senior member of the Phillips Hardware Company, one of the leading business enterprises of this town. A son of Joseph W. and Harriet Parker, he was born in Lisbon, Me., September 4, 1831, and came to Phillips with his parents when but three years old. Joseph W. Parker lived in Phillips a number of years, then moved West, but finally returned East and settled in Chesterville, Me., where he died April 7, 1878, eighty-three years of age. His wife died May 3, 1889, aged seventy-eight years, four months, and six days. They were attendants of the Baptist church.

After completing his education, Thomas M. Parker went into the grocery and dry-goods business in West Farmington, where he remained two years. He then removed to Kingfield, and followed the same business there for twenty years. Coming from Kingfield to Phillips, he started in the hardware business with Horace A. Prescott, under the firm name of Parker & Prescott, the partnership lasting five years, at the end of which time he bought out Mr. Prescott's interest and took in his son, Cheney E. Parker. Four years later W. B. Butler was received as a member of the firm, and a stock company was formed known as the Phillips Hardware Company. They deal principally in stone, iron, and agricultural implements.

While a resident of Kingfield, Mr. Parker served as Supervisor of Schools and as Town Treasurer one term. He has been a Director in the Phillips National Bank since its organization. On October 2, 1864, Mr. Parker married Mary P. Dudley, a daughter of William K. Dudley, of Kingfield. They have one child, Cheney E. Parker. Both parents are attendants of the Free Baptist church.

Cheney E. Parker, born in Kingfield, Me., June 13, 1866, is the present Postmaster of Phillips, in which capacity he has served since January, 1895. He was able to supplement

the instruction received in the common schools of Kingfield by a course of study at the Dirigo Business College in Augusta, shortly after which he entered into partnership with his father under the firm name of T. M. Parker & Co. A stock company has since been formed as above mentioned, but he continues his connection with the business. In political affiliation he is a Democrat, like his father. Fraternally, he is a member of Saddleback Lodge, No. 92, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Phillips. On October 2, 1879, he married Miss Addie G. Turner, of Newcastle. They have two children, namely: Floyd E., six years old; and Glidden M., three years old. Cheney E. Parker and his wife attend the Congregational church.

**T**HOMAS JEFFERSON ANDREWS, one of the largest fruit-growers in Sumner, Oxford County, was born on his farm, August 12, 1836, son of Peres and Abigail (Keen) Andrews. Peres, who was born in Boston, Mass., son of Darius Andrews, settled on this farm about the year 1810. At that time the district was a wilderness and a favorite haunt of bears. Erecting a log cabin, he made a clearing, established a home, and lived here in prosperity until his death on September 17, 1889, at the age of ninety-seven years. He was twice married, and reared five children. The latter were: Greenleaf, now deceased; Washington, a resident of Sumner; James, also deceased; Arvilla, the wife of Addison Bowker, of Sumner; and Thomas Jefferson. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Baptist.

Thomas Jefferson Andrews has lived on this farm since the day of his birth. He was educated in the district school near his home, and was brought up familiarized with farm work and practical horticulture. For several years now he has been engaged in general farming and fruit-growing, and he has been remarkably successful. He has about three thousand fruit trees. Of apples alone he cultivates a great variety, including the Baldwin, the Ben Davis, the King, the Northern Spy, the Russet, and the Rhode Island Greening. His apple crop averages three hundred barrels, though he has

gathered as much as one thousand barrels in a year. His plum orchard contains three hundred trees, and the crop averages forty bushels. The maples growing on his land have yielded one hundred and fifty gallons of syrup in a season and three hundred pounds of sugar. He owns in all about one thousand acres of land, wild and cultivated. The estate is a veritable garden of nature, where miniature lakes nestle in the hollows, bosky dells and rocky fastnesses afford retreats for wild deer and the fox, which are still to be found here.

Mr. Andrews was married December 30, 1877, to Mary E. Canwell, who was born in Franklin Plantation. Her parents, William W. and Jane R. (Murch) Canwell, are now living in Sumner. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have four children, namely: Chester G., born February 5, 1881; Leland J., born May 8, 1883; Edith May, born September 25, 1886; and Millie J., born September 14, 1891. In political matters Mr. Andrews favors the Republican party. In religious belief he is liberal, while his wife is an Adventist. He is one of the oldest citizens in this part of the town, and is widely known and respected.

**G**EORGE A. KIMBALL, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of Lovell, Oxford County, Me., was born in this town, October 5, 1857, his parents being Fred and Olive (Farnham) Kimball.

His father, who also was a native of Lovell, after marriage settled first at Lovell Centre on a small farm. Later on he moved to the farm now owned by Joseph Smith, and in 1870 he located on the farm which his son now occupies. Here he conducted agricultural pursuits uninterruptedly to the year of his decease. On September 1, 1849, he married Miss Olive Farnham, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farnham, of Hiram, Me. Of this union were born two children, namely: Ella Beatrice, who died at the age of five and a half years; and George A., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Fred Kimball passed away August 16, 1887. His widow, Mrs. Olive F. Kimball, on November 23, 1891, was united in marriage with Nathaniel Palmer, and now resides with her husband on a farm in Lovell.

George A. Kimball grew to manhood on the paternal homestead, receiving his early mental training in the common schools of his native town. During the lifetime of his father he co-operated with him in the work of the farm, and since his father's decease he has managed the estate for himself. It consists of about one hundred and seventy-five acres; and thereon he is principally engaged in the cultivation of general garden produce, though he also devotes some attention to stock raising and dairying. Besides this farm Mr. Kimball owns ninety acres elsewhere in the township, making his entire landed property about two hundred and sixty-five acres.

On July 25, 1880, Mr. Kimball married Miss Phœbe E. Stearns, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stearns, of Lovell, to whom she was born December 3, 1862. Mr. Stearns, who was by occupation a farmer, died while serving his country in the Civil War. Mrs. Phœbe E. Stearns Kimball passed away September 3, 1886, in her twenty-fourth year, without issue. On July 4, 1891, Mr. Kimball married for his second wife Miss Carrie D. McAllister, who was born January 5, 1875, a daughter of G. Perley and Fannie T. (McDaniels) McAllister, of Lovell. Her father was formerly a farmer of this town, and now resides here. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball mourn the loss of a daughter, Pearl Beatrice, whose earth life was very brief. They have one son, Fred Don.

Mr. Kimball has participated actively and efficiently in the general civic and social affairs of the community. Among the offices which he has worthily filled may be named that of Township Treasurer, which he occupied for three or four years; and that of Selectman, he having served several years on that board, of which he is now the second member. Mr. Kimball likewise was the Postmaster of Lovell Centre for a little more than six years. During the time he was engaged in the general merchandise business. He is a member of Kezar Valley Lodge, No. 66, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Lovell. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, the principles of which he has always supported. Religiously, both he and Mrs. Kimball are in fellowship with the Christian church of Lovell

Centre. Mr. Kimball has always enjoyed a goodly degree of success in his mercantile life, and he has the cordial respect and confidence of all his broad circle of acquaintanceship.

**HON. ENOCH W. WOODBURY**, of Bethel, Me., an experienced man of affairs, who as a State and county official has discharged many important public trusts, is a native of Sweden, Oxford County, Me. He was born on January 8, 1818, the youngest son of Andrew and Sallie (Stevens) Woodbury, and comes of an old New England family, tracing his descent from William and Elizabeth Woodbury, who left England in 1628, and located in Salem, Mass.

His grandfather, a later William Woodbury, who was born in Beverly, Mass., was a sea captain, and commanded a privateer at the time of the Revolution. Suffering the chances of war, he was taken prisoner, and sent to Halifax, where he was held for a year. He survived his imprisonment, however, and lived to an advanced age. Captain Woodbury's only daughter, Susan, married Benjamin Cleaves, who was the grandfather of Henry B. Cleaves, the present governor of the State of Maine.

Andrew Woodbury, aforementioned, son of Captain William Woodbury, was born in Beverly, Mass., March 18, 1776. In 1796 he moved with his parents to Bridgton, Me.; and about 1800 he settled in the town of Sweden, where he built the first frame house in the place, and was one of the leading farmers. Though not a church member, he was a conscientious and upright man, and contributed liberally to all worthy enterprises. He died at the age of eighty-two. His wife, Sallie Stevens, whom he married in 1798, was born in Andover, Mass., in 1778. She was a daughter of James Stevens, of that town, a large landholder, who owned the ground on which the village of Centre Bridgton, Me., now stands. Mrs. Sallie S. Woodbury died in Sweden, Me., in 1860. She was the mother of ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity, Enoch W. being the only one living to-day. The others died as follows: Sallie, at the age of eighty-

two years; Susan, at thirty-nine; Andrew, at eighty-six; Martha, at fifty-five; Aaron, at eighty; Esther, at sixty-eight; William, at sixty-six; Lucy Ann, at forty-nine; and Harriet, at the tender age of two years.

Enoch W. Woodbury attended the common schools of Sweden, Bridgton Academy, and a private high school at Lovell village. This latter institution was three miles from his home, and he walked that distance every day. He was a zealous student, and hoped to graduate from the high school; but his health was so poor that he was obliged to abandon the idea, and seek outdoor employment. He always had a taste for intellectual pursuits, and taught school at South Harrison when he was sixteen years of age, receiving a salary of thirteen dollars a month; and for several subsequent years he taught during the winter terms. When he was twenty-three years of age, he opened a small general store at Sweden, which he managed for four years; and for sixteen years thereafter he was engaged in the cattle trade, making his home in Sweden. He eventually formed a partnership with the Hon. Robert A. Chapman, for the sale of general merchandise in Bethel; and in 1875, buying Mr. Chapman's interest, he took into partnership his son-in-law, Josiah U. Purington, who now carries on the business, Mr. Woodbury having retired.

He was married July 2, 1840, to Sallie Kimball, of Bridgton, who died in 1890 from the effects of a paralytic shock. Five children were given to Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury, namely: Webster, a graduate of Bowdoin College, who was eleven years pastor of the church at Skowhegan, Me., and is now located at Milford, Mass.; Franceta A., a graduate of North Bridgton Academy, and for some time a teacher, now the wife of J. U. Purington, mentioned above; Emma C., wife of Francis Chandler, of Bethel; Wesley K., who graduated from Gould's Academy, was in the mercantile trade three years, reading law with his father in the mean time, finished his legal studies at Pottsville, Pa., was admitted to the bar in 1881, and now has a large practice in Pottsville; and a child who died in infancy.

Mr. Woodbury has long been identified with the Republican party, and in ante-bellum

days was a strong Abolitionist. Elected to the State Senate in 1856, he was honored with re-election, and in 1859 was a member of the House of Representatives. In 1861 he was appointed Judge of Probate, in 1862 he was elected Judge of the Probate Court, and in 1866 he was re-elected. He was appointed superintendent of the State Reform School in March, 1867, and served until November, 1870, when he resigned; and in 1874 he was made a trustee of the State Insane Asylum, with whose management he was connected until 1879. In 1889 he was appointed on the State Valuation Commission, and while attending to his duties in 1889-90 he spent four months in Augusta; and in 1890-91 he was in the State capital for the same length of time, attending to similar duties.

Judge Woodbury, it is thus seen, has devoted his energies largely to the service of the public, working zealously for his party and his country, and is still busy with voice and pen, contributing regularly to the local papers. Though seventy-eight years of age, he enjoys fairly good health, and his mental powers are undiminished. He makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. U. Purington. The Judge has been a member of the Congregational church for fifty-seven years, and his conduct has always been guided by the root principles of Christianity. His character is a strong and noble one, and he is beloved by all who know him.

**J**OSEPH S. PERRY, a retired farmer and real estate holder, for many years a resident of Wilton, was born in West Boylston, Mass., April 25, 1806, son of Joseph and Sally (Sawyer) Perry. His grandparents, Moses and Hannah (Adams) Perry, were residents of Holliston, Mass., and moved to West Boylston February 11, 1801. In September, 1809, Moses Perry moved the family of his son Joseph to Temple, Me., making the journey by team. Their wagon was the first seen in Temple. On arriving there, they stopped to dine with Henry Butterfield, who had partially cleared a farm; and, as land was cheap, Joseph Perry bought a tract located in the south-western part of the town.

Two years later Moses Perry also moved with his wife and family to Temple, where he remained until reaching the age of seventy years, when, unable to labor, he returned to Massachusetts, where he spent the rest of his days, dying in West Boylston when about eighty years old. He and his wife Hannah reared six children; namely, Joseph, Betsy, Asenath, Hannah, Mary, and Cynthia.

Joseph Perry, the father of Joseph S., was born in Holliston, Mass., February 24, 1779. He learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. In September, 1802, he moved to West Boylston, and seven years later in 1809 to Temple, where, as narrated above, he bought a tract of land. This he cleared and improved into a good farm, upon which he resided until 1812, when he moved to North Wilton, Me. Here he tilled the soil, and worked at his trade during the rest of his active period, and died at the age of eighty-eight years, February 22, 1867. His wife, Sally, a native of Massachusetts, became the mother of nine children, namely: Miranda, born January 3, 1804; Joseph Sawyer, the subject of this sketch; Moses; Lucy L.; Mary; John W.; Sarah; Cynthia; and Emeline. She lived to be eighty years old.

Joseph S. Perry, who accompanied his parents to Wilton when he was about six years old, acquired his education in the schools of this town. Having resided with his parents and cared for them during their declining years, he succeeded to the ownership of the homestead. While it was in his possession he increased the value of the property by improving the land and remodelling the buildings, and he tilled the soil with good financial results until 1870. Then, selling the farm to D. Avery, he bought the John Card property of eighteen acres, situated in the village of Wilton, where he now resides. He has since sold six building lots to good advantage.

On July 4, 1833, Mr. Perry wedded Mary Eaton, who was born June 14, 1809, daughter of Osgood Eaton, an early pioneer of Farmington, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have had two children. Their first-born child died in infancy. The other, Mary Annette, who was born May 15, 1838, is now the wife of

Benjamin F. Russell, and has two children, namely: Amlin B., born March 7, 1864; and Nora E., born March 4, 1867, who married Walter W. Collier, of Norfolk, Conn., and died December 13, 1894. Benjamin F. Russell, who is a son of James Russell, is a prosperous farmer, and the owner of considerable real estate. He resides with the parents of his wife for the purpose of managing their property, and caring for them in their old age. His son, Amlin B. Russell, who is a plumber of Boston, married Cora Voter, by whom he is the father of three children, namely: Marian H., who is no longer living; Vivian A.; and Cora. In politics Mr. Perry has acted with the Republican party since its formation, and has ably filled various town offices. Although he is a nonagenarian, he enjoys good health, and performed considerable work in the way of gardening last summer. He is regarded by his fellow-townsmen with the highest respect and esteem. Mrs. Perry, who is now eighty-seven years old, is remarkably well preserved, and is still active in household affairs. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**J**EFFREY A. HARDY, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Paris, is a native of this town. He was born December 20, 1860, son of William W. and Eunice C. (Gurney) Hardy. But little is known of the early ancestry of the family. Thomas W. Hardy, grandfather of Jeffrey A., was for some time a seafaring man, after which he became a farmer and cattle dealer in Andover, Vt., where he died at the age of forty-seven. His wife, Betsey, lived to be seventy years old.

William W. Hardy, the only child of Thomas W., born November 9, 1823, in Andover, Vt., passed his boyhood with relatives in Hollis, N.H. When a young man, he served an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade. This calling he subsequently relinquished in order to learn the shoe manufacturing business. Having accomplished his purpose, he settled in Natick, Mass., where, after working for some time as a journeyman, he engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes

upon his own account. In 1850, in company with others, he went by way of Cape Horn to California, where he arrived after a voyage of six months. The party engaged in mining for a short time, and then disbanded. Thereupon Mr. Hardy proceeded to sell a large lot of boots and shoes, which he carried with him as a venture. This venture proved so profitable that he returned East with the purpose of repeating it. He did not carry out the plan, however, but once more entered the shoe manufacturing business in Natick. From there he moved to Paris in 1858, and bought the farm of one hundred and thirty acres where he now resides. He has made various improvements in the property since, carrying on general farming with energy and judgment. His wife, Eunice, whom he married at Natick, May 1, 1852, was born in Minot, Me., January 8, 1833, daughter of Samuel and Lucy Gurney. Samuel Gurney was an industrious tiller of the soil for many years in Minot, from which town he moved to Hebron, Me., where he resided until his death, which took place when he was seventy-five years old. Mrs. Gurney attained about the same age. They had a family of eight children, five of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. William W. Hardy have had four children, as follows: Leonard, who was born in Natick, August 12, 1855; Henry, who was born October 5, 1859, and died March 17, 1860; Jeffrey A., the subject of this sketch; and Lewis G., who was born March 4, 1874, and died August 24, 1876. Both parents are members of the Patrons of Husbandry. The father is a Republican in politics, and liberal in religious views. The mother is a member of the Baptist church in Hebron.

Jeffrey A. Hardy was educated in the Paris schools, and brought up to farming on the homestead. He had assisted on the farm until 1886, when his father practically retired from active labor, leaving the entire management of the property in his hands. Since then he has developed a spirit of enterprise that is bringing him to the front rank of the successful agriculturists in the locality.

On May 1, 1887, Mr. Hardy was united in marriage to Nellie E. Andrews, who was born in Buckfield, Me., January 3, 1861. She is a

daughter of the Rev. Otis and Betsey Andrews. Her mother is now deceased. Mr. Andrews is a Free Will Baptist preacher of New Sharon, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy have one daughter, Effie, who was born January 15, 1891. In politics Mr. Hardy acts with the Republican party. He is connected with Mount Mica Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of South Paris. In his religious sentiments he has no particular preference for any denomination.

**W**ILLIAM F. YORK, a thriving farmer of Porter, Oxford County, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Sebago, Me., February 28, 1836, son of Samuel and Sarah (Meserve) York. His grandfather, Isaac York, was a native of Standish, Me., where he was reared upon a farm; and he was a lifelong resident of that town.

Mr. York's father was born in Standish, Me., July 4, 1802. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the active period of his life, which was passed mostly in his native town; and he died June 14, 1883. His wife, Sarah, who was a native of Morrill, Me., became the mother of nine children, three of whom are living, namely: Sarah, who is the wife of Madison Brown, and lives in Limington; William F., the subject of this sketch; and Maria L., who married Charles French, a prosperous farmer of Porter. The others were: Mary; Eliza; Aurelia; Charles; Susan; and George W., who died during the Civil War. Mrs. Samuel York died January 24, 1863.

William F. York was educated in the common schools of his native town, and resided at home until he was twenty-six years old. On August 25, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Forty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Foster and Captain Griswold, and served in the Civil War for nearly one year. He participated in the battle of Whitehall and several minor skirmishes; and after receiving his discharge at Readville, Mass., June 16, 1863, he returned to Standish. He remained at the homestead, assisting in carrying on the farm

until 1866, when he came to Porter, and, settling upon the farm where he now resides, has since tilled the soil with unusual energy and success. His property consists of one hundred and fifty acres of excellent tillage land, the fertility of which is equal to any in this locality. Besides raising large crops of hay, oats, and potatoes, he pays some attention to the dairying business.

On January 13, 1866, Mr. York married Julia Libby, who was born in Porter, April 3, 1835, daughter of Levi and Eliza (Boothby) Libby. Her father, who is no longer living, was a prominent farmer of this town. Mr. and Mrs. York have had four children, namely: Charlie W., born July 12, 1871, died January 6, 1882; Eliza Jane, born December 15, 1872, is the wife of Charlie A. Roberts, a prosperous farmer of Porter; Mary E., born June 7, 1875, married William F. Rounds, and they reside with her father at the homestead. Mr. York's first child died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. York is a Democrat, and has held several town offices. He has through his industry and ability achieved success in his chosen calling, and possesses the esteem and good will of his neighbors. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

**G**EORGE B. PERKINS, who carries on a dairy farm in Hebron, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, February 27, 1834, son of Elias and Polly (Davee) Perkins. The Perkins homestead was settled upon and cleared from the wilderness soon after the Revolutionary War, by George B. Perkins's grandfather, Ebenezer Perkins, who was a native of Massachusetts, and served as a surgeon throughout the national struggle for independence. He was a sturdy and industrious pioneer, owned one hundred acres of land, and resided here until his death on December 17, 1840, at the age of eighty-three. He married Sarah Weston, who died March 5, 1851, nearly eighty-five years old. She reared a family of seven children, each of whom lived to be over seventy years of age. Their names were: Ebenezer, Sally, Fanny, Josiah, Zachariah, Silence, and Elias.


Elias Perkins was born at the homestead,

December 25, 1805. His whole life was spent upon the farm, which he cultivated industriously and with success during his long period of activity; and he died here March 25, 1801. He was a Universalist in his religious belief, and in politics he supported the Democratic party. His wife, who was born in Hebron, May 5, 1807, became the mother of three sons and five daughters. Three of the children are living, namely: George B., the subject of this sketch; Isabella, who is the widow of Philip Davee, and resides in Minot, Androscoggin County; and Dora, who is the widow of William Poole, and lives in Stoneham, Mass. The others were: Harrison, Zenas, Mary, Clara, and Abbie. The mother, who still survives, resides with one of her daughters.

George B. Perkins acquired his education in the common schools of Hebron. When a young man, he learned the shoemaker's trade, which, together with farming, he afterward followed for some twenty-five years. He then relinquished his trade in order to devote his entire attention to the homestead property, which came to his possession. The farm consists of the original one hundred acres bought and owned by his grandfather. He makes a speciality of dairying, for which he keeps an average of fifteen full-blooded and graded Jersey cows; and he is quite extensively engaged in raising fruit. On October 7, 1860, Mr. Perkins wedded Caroline L. Lowell, who was born in Minot, July 21, 1838, daughter of William and Atosa (Greenwood) Lowell. Mr. Lowell, who was born in Buckfield, Me., October 30, 1803, died September 5, 1889; and his wife, born in Hebron, March 5, 1805, died August 4, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have had four children, namely: Atosa G., who died at the age of ten years; Laura W., born May 30, 1867, who married C. H. Bridgham, and resides in Auburn, Me.; Charles L., born November 24, 1868, who died October 20, 1896; and Elmer F., born February 6, 1871, who resides at home.

Mr. Perkins has been quite prosperous in his farming. He takes a lively interest in all matters relative to the general welfare of the community. In politics he is a Republican. Both he and Mrs. Perkins are members

of the West Minot Grange, No. 42, Patrons of Husbandry. In religious belief they are Universalists.

TIS H. MELINDY, manager of the Lagrow Lumber Mills, Wilton, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Lyndeboro, N.H., November 11, 1837, son of Joseph and Susan (Manter) Melindy. The family is of English origin. The grandfather of Otis H., Joseph Melindy, who was a native of Brookline, N.H., settled in Wilton, N.H., where he was successfully engaged in farming, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. He married Betsey Brady, who died in middle age. Her children by him were: Joseph, Rebecca, Abigail, and Mary.

Joseph Melindy, the father of Otis H., was reared a farmer. Inheriting the homestead, he carried on the farming successfully for many years. In the latter part of his life he sold the property, and, retiring from active labor, bought a home in the village, where he passed the rest of his days. In politics he supported the Republican party, and he was a member of the Congregational church. He died of heart disease, at the age of sixty-eight years. Joseph Melindy was twice married. His first wife, Susan (Manter) Melindy, who was a daughter of William Manter, died at the age of thirty-eight. She bore him nine children, two of whom died in infancy. The others were: Jane, Manter, Albert, Sarah, Otis H., Betsey, and Rosetta. His second marriage was contracted with Abigail Burton, whose only child by him was Abbie J.

Otis H. Melindy, after leaving school, assisted his father upon the farm until he was seventeen years old. He then began work in the bobbin shop, where he remained five years. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Eighth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, for service in the Civil War. He was made a Corporal, and served in the Red River expedition under General Banks. Taken prisoner at Sabine Cross Roads in April, 1863, he remained a captive within the stockade at Tyler, Tex., until the close of the war. After receiving his discharge, October 23, 1865, he returned North, and settled in Wilton, Me.

Here he bought the Chandler farm, which he carried on for a year. Then, selling that property, he purchased land, built a new house, and for the next seven years was employed in the box factory. Moving to Weld, Me., after this, he resided there for six years, during which time he followed the carpenter's trade, and worked in the spool factory. From Weld he came back to Wilton, and in 1888 assisted in building the Lagrow Mills. Since the completion of these mills he has acted as foreman of the employees. The business consists of the manufacture of long and short lumber, shingles, and other building materials, and the execution of all kinds of sawing and planing. Some time ago Mr. Melindy bought the F. Robbins property here, and has since occupied it as a residence.

Mr. Melindy wedded Harriet Augusta Chandler, daughter of Luke Chandler, of Wilton, and now has had three children. These are: Edward, now the foreman of the crimp room of a shoe factory in New Hampshire, who married Belle Underhill, and has twin sons, Harvey and Harlow; Riley, who died in infancy; and Ezra, a stenographer in the office of the Provident Life and Trust Company of Boston. Both in business and social circles Mr. Melindy is a general favorite. He is connected with Wilton Lodge, A. F. & A. M. In politics he actively supports the Republican party. Both he and Mrs. Melindy are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**A**LVIN F. PERKINS, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Brownfield, Me., was born in Eaton, N.H., November 4, 1847. He is the only son of John W. and Caroline (Nason) Perkins, formerly of Eaton, but now of this town. His paternal grandparents, Stephen and Philomela (Perkins) Perkins, were both natives of Wells, Me.; and in 1813 they settled upon a farm in Eaton, where they lived for the remainder of their lives. Stephen Perkins, who was an industrious farmer and a prominent citizen, served as a Selectman for eighteen years. He also represented his district in the legislature, acting first with the Whig and later with the Republican parties in politics.

John W. Perkins, son of Stephen, was born June 7, 1813, in Eaton, N.H., and for many years was one of the prosperous and representative farmers of that locality. He continued to reside in his native town until 1875, when he moved to Brownfield; and he is now living here in retirement from active labor. His wife, Caroline Nason, who was born in Eaton, May 22, 1824, is a daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Wolcott) Nason. Her father was a native of Gorham, Me.; and her mother was born in Holderness, N.H., and was a relative of the family of Roger Wolcott, the present governor of Massachusetts. Ephraim Nason was an intelligent and prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Perkins are the parents of three children, as follows: Maria H., who was born May 16, 1842, and is now the wife of Edwin Snow, a prominent merchant and lumber dealer of Snowville and an ex-member of the New Hampshire Senate; Alvin F., the subject of this sketch; and Clara A., who was born September 25, 1853, and is the wife of David P. Cutting, an undertaker of Freedom, N.H.

Alvin F. Perkins was educated in the common schools, and resided at the parental home until he was twenty-one years old. He was employed for several years as clerk in general stores in different localities, and came to Brownfield in 1874. He has been engaged alternately in mercantile business and farming, having resorted to the last-named occupation for the purpose of recovering his health, which was somewhat impaired by close confinement.

Mr. Perkins was first married September 30, 1875, to Clara J. Giles, daughter of Thomas R. and Jane M. Giles, the former of whom was a merchant and farmer of Eaton, and both were natives of that town. Mrs. Clara Giles Perkins died September 3, 1877; and on January 1, 1884, Mr. Perkins wedded Amanda R. Lowell, his present wife. She was born in Hiram, Me., daughter of Mial and Rachel M. Lowell, prosperous farming people of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have one daughter—Beatrice A., who was born October 4, 1885.

In politics Mr. Perkins is a Republican. While residing in Eaton he served as a Select-



man and Town Treasurer. He was Superintendent of Schools here in 1888, and was elected Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in 1895. The ability he displayed in the administration of public affairs is highly appreciated by his fellow-townsmen. He and Mrs. Perkins are members of the Congregational church, and take an active interest in religious work.

**H**ORATIO R. GODWIN is a thrifty and prosperous farmer, who has a fine homestead with broad acres of fertile land in Bethel, Oxford County, Me. He was born June 29, 1835, in the town of Upton, this county, and is a son of the late James and Apphia (Segar) Godwin. James Godwin was a native and lifelong resident of Oxford County. He was a well-to-do farmer, a prominent citizen of the town where he lived, an active Republican in politics, and in religious belief he was a Congregationalist. He died at the age of sixty-nine. Mrs. Godwin was born in Hanover, which lies northeast of Bethel. Her father, Nathaniel Segar, was a native of Newton, Mass., and lived there till 1774, when he removed to Sudbury, Canada, as it was called, now Bethel. In one of the incursions of the Indians upon the settlement he was taken prisoner in August, 1781, and carried to Canada, where he spent several months in captivity, being released in November, 1782. Mrs. Godwin died at the age of sixty-seven.

Horatio R. Godwin received a common-school education in his native town. He remained on his father's farm until of age, and then, hiring himself out as a farm hand for monthly wages, worked in that way for some time. After establishing a home of his own, he opened his house to summer boarders; and a gay company brightened the farm-house every season, bringing to the place new life and ready cash — the latter accessory less poetic, perhaps, but very essential. In 1877 Mr. Godwin purchased the farm in Bethel on which he now makes his home. This is an estate of two hundred acres, beautifully situated on the Sunday River, about four miles from the village of Bethel. It is a homestead of which

any man might well be proud, and represents Mr. Godwin's own earnings.

Mr. Godwin's first wife, formerly Miss Mary E. Chandler, of Bethel, died in 1883, leaving three children — Ernest W., Wirt H., and Chandler, all living with their father. In 1884 Mr. Godwin contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Ida M. Maybery, of Bethel. By a former husband she had one daughter, Minnie G. Maybery. In politics Mr. Godwin is a staunch Republican. He is well known in the locality, and may be regarded as a representative citizen of Bethel.

**W**ILLIS L. GATCHELL, M.D., an experienced physician residing in East Brownfield, Me., now retired from general practice and devoting himself to special work, was born in Wales, Me., August 14, 1854, son of Hiram and Mary S. (Given) Gatchell.

Dr. Gatchell's father, who is a native of Monmouth, Me., spent the earlier years of his life in Kennebec County. For the past thirty years he has been engaged in lumbering upon quite an extensive scale, and he is now residing in Brownfield. His wife, who was before marriage Mary S. Given, and is a native of Newport, Me., is the mother of nine children, namely: Willis L., the subject of this sketch; Carrie L.; Marion F.; Mary R.; Cora and Flora, twins; Helen; Hannah C.; and Georgie F.

Willis L. Gatchell acquired his early education at the academies of Fryeburg and South Paris, and he taught penmanship to earn money for the purpose of defraying his expenses while pursuing his classical and professional studies. After attending the Boston University, he entered the Maine Medical School at Brunswick, where he was graduated with the class of 1882. He located first for practice in Baldwin, Me., remaining there for one year. He then settled in Brownfield village, where he continued to practise successfully until the spring of 1896, when he sold out, and removed to his present home in East Brownfield. As a specialist, he now gives his principal attention to diseases of the ear and eye, supplying properly adjusted spectacles to

persons with impaired vision. He owns about two hundred acres of land in this town and vicinity.

In February, 1877, Dr. Gatchell was united in marriage to Ella F. Twitchell, who was born in Paris, Me. Her father, Frank Twitchell, formerly a prosperous farmer of that town, is no longer living. Dr. and Mrs. Gatchell have one daughter—Florence, who was born in 1887. Mrs. Gatchell is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Boston, Mass. She is now residing in Chico, Cal., for the benefit of her health.

In politics Dr. Gatchell is a Republican, and for some time he served upon the Board of United States Pension Examiners. He has advanced in Masonry to the Royal Arch degree, and is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, of Cornish, Me.

**A**PPLETON F. MASON, a prosperous general merchant of North Buckfield, and the Postmaster of the town since 1875, was born in Buckfield, August 3, 1841, son of Naphtali and Arvilla S. (Waterman) Mason. Mr. Mason's grandfather, Philip C. Mason, was an early settler of Paris, this county, where he followed the trades of a blacksmith and mason, being at the same time engaged in farming. He afterward moved to Buckfield, and there resided until his death, which occurred February 7, 1856, when he was about sixty-five years old. He possessed more than ordinary ability. His various employments enabled him to obtain a comfortable living at all times. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and he was a member of the Baptist church. For his first wife he married Betsey Coburn, who died March 26, 1826. He subsequently married Lucy Coburn, whose death occurred at an advanced age. Of the twelve children reared by him—six born of each union—seven are now living.

Naphtali Mason, the eldest of his father's surviving children, was born in Paris, December 16, 1817. When a young man, he engaged in farming in Buckfield for several years. After that he was in the livery stable business in South Paris, where he resided for twenty-

five years, or until his retirement from active labor. Since that time he has made his home with his children. He is a Democrat in politics and a liberal in his religious views. He has been twice married. His first wife, Arvilla S. (Waterman) Mason, born in Buckfield, April 14, 1812, died October 16, 1869, leaving three children. These were: Appleton F., the subject of this sketch; Oriza A., born January 9, 1845, who is now the widow of N. C. Marston, and resides in Auburn, Me.; and Nancy N., born January 27, 1852, who is now the wife of Charles H. Higgins, of Auburn. The mother's parents were James and Keziah (Smith) Waterman, respectively natives of Massachusetts and Maine. When he was a young man, James Waterman penetrated the wilderness of Maine, and, settling upon a tract of land in West Buckfield, erected a log house and cleared a good farm. He was one of the successful farmers of his day, and, after enjoying a long life of ninety-six years and nine months, died July 23, 1861. He was a stalwart man, and no resident in his section was better or more favorably known. In his last years he voted with the Republican party. His wife was a lady of considerable mental vigor, who devoted much time to the study of the Bible, and was a member of the Baptist church. She died August 4, 1858, aged eighty-six years, ten months, and thirteen days.

Appleton F. Mason acquired a practical common-school education in Buckfield. In 1864, after having taught school for several terms, he engaged in mercantile pursuits in North Buckfield. Since 1875 he has occupied his present place of business, in which he carries a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, all first-class goods, which he sells at moderate prices. He displays much business capacity, and has steadily held the patronage of a large portion of the community in this section. On March 1, 1868, Mr. Mason wedded Emma Adelaide Monk. She was born in North Buckfield, September 14, 1847, daughter of Elias and Eliza (Turner) Monk, the former of whom was a stirring and industrious carriage maker here. Neither of Mrs. Mason's parents is now living.

Mr. Mason holds liberal religious views.

In politics he is a Democrat. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen and Superintendent of Schools for several years, and has held the office of Postmaster for over twenty years. He is a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M., of Buckfield.

**A**LBERT E. KNOWLES, a carriage manufacturer of North Chesterville, Farmington, was born June 2, 1849, in Jay, this county, son of the Rev. Ephraim and Florinda (Young) Knowles. His grandfather, Samuel Knowles, was born in Chesterville, and inherited a homestead in this town, containing one hundred and fifty acres of good farming land. Samuel was an industrious and successful farmer, a man of strong character and high moral worth, and an ardent advocate of the temperance cause. He was twice married. His first wife, in maidenhood Anna Wilson, bore him three children — Martha, Ephraim, and Lucinda. His second wife, whose maiden name was Sally Adams, had five children by him; namely, Clarissa, Samuel L., Julia, Jedediah, and Sidney.

The Rev. Ephraim Knowles made the most of the educational advantages offered by the public schools. In early manhood he bought a farm of two hundred acres in the town of Jay, and from that time until the close of his life was active and successful in agricultural pursuits. When quite young, he became a member of the Free Will Baptist church. Gifted with natural eloquence, he began to preach at the age of twenty-five. In time he became so popular that he was in almost constant demand, acting as pulpit supply in his own and the surrounding towns. Eventually, he founded a church in Rome, Me. He was active both as a preacher and farmer to the very end of his life. At the age of seventy-four he erected a set of good buildings on his homestead, the original buildings having been destroyed by fire. He died January 5, 1885, aged seventy-five years. His wife, who is favored with a remarkably strong constitution, celebrated her eightieth birthday March 2, 1896. Five children were born to this couple — Elliott, Albert E., Flora E., Sumner, and Frank H. Sumner died young.

Albert E. Knowles received a practical public-school education. He began to learn the trade of carriage-making when twenty years of age, under the instruction of John Knowlton. He subsequently worked as a journeyman in Mr. Knowlton's employment for one year, and in that of S. D. Knowlton for the ensuing ten years. At the end of that time he started in business for himself, hiring a shop in North Chesterville. Shortly after he purchased the establishment of Ebenezer Knowlton, by the bridge. Fortune seemed to favor him here. His business so increased that he was soon obliged to build an addition. Making a specialty of high-grade work, he turns out a number of wagons and some sleighs annually. He still has charge of the family homestead. For his home he purchased the E. Knowlton place at the corner, on which he has made many improvements, including a fine stable adjoining the house.

Mr. Knowles was married December 23, 1890, to Lucy E. Dorsett, a daughter of Asel and Arvilla S. (Lane) Dorsett, of Standish, Me. Mr. Dorsett, who was a prominent farmer of Standish, died in 1890, aged seventy-four. In 1862 he enlisted in Company Y, Nineteenth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, as a drummer, took part in many of the principal battles of the Civil War, and was discharged in 1865. His wife passed away in 1879, in her fifty-ninth year. They had but one other child, Sarah E. Mr. Knowles is a member of the Democratic party. In religious belief he is a Universalist.

**R**OSCOE G. TRUE, proprietor of one of the best improved and most productive farms in the town of Hiram, Oxford County, was born in Denmark, Me., January 9, 1832, son of Joseph and Phebe (Alexander) True. Obadiah True, Mr. True's grandfather, was a native of Sanford. He served in the Revolutionary War, and later settled in Denmark, Me., where he passed the closing years of his life.

Joseph True, Mr. True's grandfather, son of Obadiah, was born in Sanford, and accompanied his parents from that town to Denmark. After being engaged in tilling the soil upon

his own account in Hiram and in Baldwin for some years, he settled upon the farm now occupied by his son, Roscoe G., and resided here until his death, which took place March 2, 1880. His wife, Phebe Alexander, who was a native of Henniker, N.H., was the mother of five children, as follows: Dorcas, who became the wife of M. K. Mabry, of Yarmouth, Me., and is no longer living; Sarah, who died at the age of eighteen years; Roscoe G., the subject of this sketch; Mary, who died in June, 1892; and Cynthia, who is residing in Hiram.

Roscoe G. True acquired a common-school education, and resided at home until he was eighteen years old. He then went to Hingham, Mass., and was employed in driving a team in that vicinity for three years, at the expiration of which time he returned to Hiram, and resumed work upon the farm. He later bought the homestead property here, and he has since devoted his time and attention to general farming. Besides the homestead farm of one hundred and forty acres, he owns one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land in another part of the township; and, aside from the usual farm products, he raises considerable fruit, and breeds some excellent cattle. He has made various improvements upon the land and buildings, which has greatly increased the value of his property; and he now has one of the best homesteads in Hiram.

On June 30, 1861, Mr. True was united in marriage with Ellen S. Bean. She was born in Denmark, Me., December 13, 1838, daughter of William and Sarah F. (Blunt) Bean. Her parents, highly reputable residents of that town, are no longer living. Mr. and Mrs. True have one son of their own, Frank E., who was born August 27, 1865, and is residing at home; and they have adopted Irving E. Mabry, Jr.


In politics Mr. True is a Democrat, but has never aspired to public office. He has given his undivided attention to the cultivation of his farm, and, working with both hands and brains, has been fairly successful in life. His many excellent qualities make him popular with his fellow-townsmen, and he is widely and favorably known throughout this section.

LEANDER S. BILLINGS, an extensive lumber manufacturer of South Paris, was born in Waterford, Me., October 10, 1838, son of Charles and Eliza (Gould) Billings. He comes of good American stock, his grandfather having been a patriot soldier of the Revolution. Charles Billings was born in Temple, Mass., in 1790. In early manhood he settled in Waterford, being one of the pioneers of that town. He purchased a farm there, and became one of the leading and most progressive men of the locality. He died at the age of eighty-six. He was twice married; and his second wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Gould, became the mother of five children—namely, Charles, Henry S., Peter J., Leander S., and Emily H. Mrs. Eliza Gould Billings died at the age of forty years.

Leander S. Billings passed his boyhood and youth in his native town, acquiring a practical education in the common schools. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed until reaching the age of thirty years, when he relinquished farming, and became a railway employee. He advanced rapidly from one position to another, finally becoming conductor for the Atlantic Sleeping Car Company, with headquarters at Salamanca, N.Y. For some time he made the run from New York City to Buffalo. In 1875 he came to South Paris, where, in company with G. P. Whitney, he purchased the saw and stave mills formerly operated by H. True & Co.; and for the next ten years the firm of Billings & Whitney carried on the manufacture of staves and crates. He then bought his partner's interest in the business, which he has since conducted alone, greatly increasing his output by the addition of all kinds of building materials to his products. He has enlarged and remodelled the mills, thereby increasing their productive capacity, and has also erected spacious storehouses to meet the demands of a constantly developing enterprise. He has cleared a great deal of timber land in this vicinity, and buys a large number of logs, and deals in Southern and Western lumber, which he receives by the carload. His enterprise furnishes employment for a large number of men, and his business ability and unceasing

activity contribute largely to the welfare of the town.

Mr. Billings supports the Republican party; but, as his business consumes the greater part of his time, he takes no active part in politics, beyond casting his vote. He has advanced in Masonry to the Chapter, and is a member of Paris Lodge, No. 04. He is also a member of Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Encampment. Mr. Billings married Anna F. Thayer. He resides at the old Phelps homestead, which he purchased some time ago, having since remodelled and improved the property into a pleasant and comfortable home.

 OLIVER ALLEN, a prosperous dairy farmer of Hiram, Oxford County, ex-member of the Maine legislature, was born in Wells, Me., August 6, 1824, son of Hosea and Dorcas (Blaisdell) Allen. Mr. Allen's grandfather was Jotham Allen, a native of Wells, who moved from that town to a farm in Wilmington, Me., and resided there for the rest of his life. Jotham was the father of nine children—William, Hosea, Robert, George, Sally, Susan, Sophia, Temple, and Lydia, none of whom are living.

Hosea Allen, Mr. Allen's father, was born in Wells, and was brought up a farmer. In 1825 he came to Hiram, and, settling upon a farm in the vicinity of his son's present residence, cultivated it with success until his death, which occurred July 22, 1870. His wife, Dorcas, who was a native of Wells, became the mother of six children, namely: Christopher, who married Sarah E. Hosmer, of Newton, Mass., and is now a widow; Oliver, the subject of this sketch; George, a prosperous farmer of Brookfield, Mass., who successively married Adelia Wentworth, Irene Young, and Nancy Pingree; Dorcas Jane, who is now the widow of Eben Blaisdell, and resides in East Denmark, Me.; Andrew, who married Lizzie Bradley, neither of whom is now living; and Hosea R., who married Eleanor Thoms, and is now a successful farmer in Lockwood, Cal. The mother died September 11, 1889.

Oliver Allen came to Hiram with his par-

ents when he was a year old, and subsequently acquired his education in the common schools of this town. At the age of sixteen he went to Newton, Mass., where he was employed as an assistant upon the farm connected with the Theological Seminary for two years. After this he worked for different farmers in the neighborhood for five years. In 1848 he engaged in agriculture on his own account in Hiram, on a farm which he conducted until 1857. He then moved to his present property in the northern part of the town. He now owns one hundred and thirty-five acres of excellent land, the tillage portion of which is well improved. Besides cultivating the staple products, he raises some fine cattle for his own use, and makes a specialty of dairy farming.

On March 3, 1848, Mr. Allen wedded Mary E. Evans, who was born in Hiram, June 9, 1828, daughter of Oliver and Mary (Lock) Evans. Her parents, who were both natives of Rochester, N.H., in September, 1827, settled in Hiram, where her father became an industrious and successful farmer. He died October 7, 1882; and his wife died March 1, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have four children, as follows: Angeline, who was born December 25, 1849, and is now the wife of Augustus Peabody, a prosperous farmer of Fergus Falls, Minn.; Edward L., born September 11, 1852, who married Florence Putnam, a native of Massachusetts, and has two children—Mary Louisa and Eunice Putnam; Evans O., born May 15, 1860, who married Ceba Cram, and is a manufacturer in East Hiram; and Bertha J., born November 8, 1862, who is now the wife of Daniel Bealy Cram, a successful farmer of Hiram. Edward L. now assists his father on the farm.

Mr. Allen for many years took a prominent part in public affairs. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for nearly fifteen years, acting as Chairman of the body for the greater part of that time; and he ably represented this district in the legislature in 1867. His first Presidential vote was cast for Franklin Pierce, and he has acted with the Republican party since its formation. He still maintains a lively interest in all matters of importance to the general community. He is

a member of Mount Cutler Grange, No. 152, Patrons of Husbandry, of Hiram.

**J**ABEZ VAUGHAN was for a number of years an important member of the agricultural community of Farmington, Me., occupying the farm on which his widow, Mrs. Amanda M. Vaughan, still makes her home. He was born in New Vineyard, Franklin County, August 21, 1816, the son of Jabez and Mary (Thompson) Vaughan. The elder Jabez Vaughan came to Maine from Pomfret, Vt. He took a large tract of wild land in New Vineyard, cleared it, and proceeded to make it fit for planting purposes. He died in middle age. His children were: Ruel, Alan-son, Mary, Jabez, and Lucy.

Jabez Vaughan, Jr., in early manhood purchased a farm in New Vineyard, which he tilled for twelve years. He then bought the Butterfield farm, which at that time was owned by T. Greenwood. It was a valuable property, covering one hundred acres; and he was very successful in raising general crops. In 1863 his buildings were destroyed by fire; but, nothing daunted, he rebuilt on the same site. Mr. Vaughan was an exemplary citizen, and was universally respected. He was a Republican in politics from the time of the organization of that party, and in religion a Free Will Baptist, being a Deacon of the church for many years. He died in 1871, aged fifty-five.

In May, 1841, Mr. Vaughan was united in marriage with Miss Amanda M. Butterfield, the daughter of Asa and Hannah (Jordan) Butterfield. She was born in Farmington, November 8, 1819. Her grandfather, Jesse Butterfield, was the first of the family in this vicinity. He was a Revolutionary soldier, who fought in the battle of Bunker Hill; and, after the independence of the colonies was established, he with his family moved to Sandy River, taking up Lot 16. This he cleared, and developed into a good farm. He lived to an advanced age, attaining a position of prominence and influence in the town. Asa Butterfield, Mrs. Vaughan's father, was born in Farmington, August 30, 1786. He lived for some time in Chesterville, this county,

and in Phillips, and then purchased his father's farm in Farmington, on which he lived until 1857. In that year he moved to Piqua, Ohio, where he and his wife died. Mr. Butterfield, like most of his name, was enterprising and energetic, and was highly respected. In religious belief he was a Universalist, and in politics originally a Whig and later a Republican.

Jabez and Amanda M. (Butterfield) Vaughan had one child, Mira Q. She was married August 27, 1876, to Sumner W. Thompson, a native of New Portland, Me., the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Weatherly) Thompson. Mr. Daniel Thompson was a progressive farmer of New Portland. Both he and his wife lived to a good age, spending the latter part of their lives in the town of New Sharon, where he and his son Sumner bought a farm. In politics he was a Republican, in religious belief a Methodist. He had but two children — Warren F. and Sumner W., before mentioned. Sumner W. Thompson came to New Sharon with his parents. About ten years later he removed to the Butterfield farm, his wife's inheritance. On this property he has made many improvements, developing its resources. Mr. Thompson also is a Republican. On religious subjects he has liberal views. He and his wife have one child, Edmund Q., born April 10, 1879. Mrs. Vaughan is enjoying the sunset of her life with her daughter and her daughter's family, and the daily routine is brightened by friendly intercourse; for she is well known and highly esteemed in Farmington.

**C**HARLES F. STARBIRD, Postmaster at Oxford, and junior partner in the firm of Lord & Starbird, general storekeepers, was born in this town, May 28, 1866, son of Charles H. and Julia W. (Ames) Starbird. Charles H. Starbird, who was a native of Raymond, Me., was a stirring, industrious man, and a worthy, upright citizen. He followed various occupations; but his active career was brought to a close in the prime of life, and he died in Oxford at the age of forty-two years. His wife, Julia, who was a native of Dover, Me., is no longer liv-

ing. Charles F. Starbird passed his boyhood and youth in Oxford, and attended the schools of this town. When sixteen years old, he began to learn the harness-maker's trade, which he followed until entering the store of Lord & Edwards as clerk. After the retirement of Mr. Edwards from the firm in November, 1895, he bought an interest in the business, with which he has since been associated. In politics he supports the Democratic party, and in 1894 was appointed Postmaster at Oxford, a position which he still holds. On January 11, 1896, Mr. Starbird wedded Kate W. Houghton, daughter of George C. Houghton, of this town. He is connected with Norway Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the Sons of Temperance. Mrs. Starbird is a member of the Congregational church.

**CYRUS S. HAYES**, a prominent resident of Oxford, and proprietor of one of the largest and best farms in this section of Oxford County, was born in this town, February 27, 1831, son of Dennis and Hannah (Keith) Hayes. His grandfather, Isaac Hayes, was an early settler in Poland, Me., and was one of the leading farmers of his locality. He and his wife were Free Will Baptists in their religious belief, and they both lived to a good old age. They reared six sons; namely, Dennis, Richard, Isaac, William, Sewell, and Hezekiah, of whom the only survivor is Sewell.

Dennis Hayes, father of Cyrus S., was born in Poland, Me. In his early manhood he followed the carpenter's trade. Later in life he moved to Oxford, where he operated a mill and carried on a large farm, becoming one of the leading residents of this town. He was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Johnson, he had eight children, of whom the only one now living is Henry S., who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. For his second wife he married Hannah Keith, a native of Bridgewater, Mass., and of his children by her three survive, namely: Mary A., widow of the Rev. Thomas Ellis; Cyrus S., the subject of this sketch; and Isabella E., wife of Nathaniel Fisher, of Oxford.

Cyrus S. Hayes was educated in the schools of Oxford. He acquired by practical experience a thorough knowledge of farming, and is now the owner of three hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, which constitutes one of the best located and most productive pieces of agricultural property in this locality. Besides carrying on general farming upon an extensive scale, he deals quite largely in agricultural implements. His success in life has been gained by hard work, and the proper utilization of every opportunity for advancement; and his upright character has won the esteem and good-will of his fellow-townsmen, who regard him as one of the most able farmers and progressive citizens of this town.

On January 10, 1866, Mr. Hayes was united in marriage with Lizzie T. Jenkins. They are the parents of nine children, as follows: S. Henry T., Fred S., Edward K., Annie E., Jennie P., Florence S., Nellie M., Andrew J., and Arthur G. In politics Mr. Hayes is a Republican. He has figured prominently in local affairs, having capably served the town three years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He also held other offices. Mrs. Hayes was born in Scituate, Mass., April 6, 1846. She is a daughter of Peleg T. and Elizabeth T. (Jenkins) Jenkins. Her father died in 1849, and Mrs. Jenkins was a second time married, and now resides in Oxford, the widow of Nehemiah Manson.

**ALVIN W. SHAW**, who for nearly thirty years has occupied his present farm in Paris, Oxford County, is a native of this town, born April 5, 1847, a son of Soranus and Emeline (Jackson) Shaw.

His father was born in Paris, this county, October 11, 1811, and was reared upon a farm. The active period of Soranus Shaw's life was spent in tilling the soil of a good farm which he owned in this town; and by his patient industry and persistent energy he maintained a comfortable home for his family, and gave his children a good practical education. He was an upright, conscientious man and a model neighbor. His death, which took place on February 8, 1890, was cause for general

regret. In politics he was a Republican, and in his religious views a Baptist. His wife, Emeline Jackson, who was born in Montville, Me., November 9, 1811, became the mother of ten children, as follows: Judson W., born September 6, 1833; George B., born June 11, 1836; Charles E., born July 4, 1838; Gilbert E., born February 1, 1841; Lucy S., born May 19, 1843; Mary C., born August 16, 1844; Calvin W., the subject of this sketch; Eliza J., born February 16, 1850, died November, 1850; Eliza A., born November 15, 1852; and Abner S., born October 25, 1853. Of the above-named children those now living are: Judson W., George B., Calvin W., and Abner S. The mother died September 24, 1889.

Calvin W. Shaw, the direct subject of this article, was educated in the town schools and at Hebron Academy. He assisted in carrying on the homestead farm until reaching manhood. Since beginning life for himself he has been engaged in various occupations. He was for six years employed as travelling agent by Brewer & Tileston of New York, selling school books. Subsequently he became an operative in a shoe factory in Boston, where he remained four years. Continuing in that occupation, he worked in factories at Auburn and Norway, Me. In 1868 he purchased his present farm, which for a time he carried on in connection with shoemaking; but he has in later years devoted the major part of his time and energies to tilling the soil. He has resided here permanently for twenty-eight years, with the exception of a short time spent in caring for his aged parents. His property, which consists of two hundred and forty acres of fertile land, he devotes to general farming with good financial results.

On November 19, 1870, Mr. Shaw wedded Achsa D. Durell, who was born in Paris, August 25, 1847, daughter of Ira and Ann (McKenney) Durell. Her father was a native of Milton, Mass., born October 16, 1810. He was a prosperous farmer of this town, continuing actively engaged until his death, which took place September 24, 1854. Mrs. Shaw's mother was a native of Cape Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are the parents of six children, as follows: Ira D., born August 28, 1872;

Gertrude F., born July 21, 1875; Harry M., born January 17, 1885; Walter J., born August 26, 1886; Edward E., born August 31, 1888; and Francis A., who was born July 11, 1890.

Mr. Shaw is a member of Mount Mica Lodge, No. 44, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of South Paris. In politics he supports the Republican party. He and his wife are liberal in their religious views.

**H**ORACE BEAL, one of the leading farmers and oldest residents of Avon, Franklin County, was born in Sanford, York County, Me., May 15, 1819, son of Benjamin and Olive (Hobbs) Beal. Mr. Beal's paternal grandfather, Zebulon Beal, who was a native of Old York, Me., settled in Sanford, where the greater part of his life was passed, and he died in that town. He was a Whig in politics. His children were: Benjamin, Thomas, Woodman, and Olive.

Benjamin Beal, son of Zebulon, was born in Sanford. In young manhood he learned the mason's trade, and thenceforward he followed that calling in connection with farming. Of the six children born to him and his wife, Olive Hobbs, three are now living, namely: Harrison, a resident of Avon; Horace, of Sanford, of whom more below; and Benjamin, Jr., of Springvale, Me. Mr. Benjamin Beal, the father, served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He supported the Whig party in politics, and he was a Deacon of the Baptist church. He attained the age of eighty-two years.

Horace Beal, the second son, as here named, was educated in Sanford, and after leaving school he learned the trade of a mason. He worked at his calling in Boston, Lowell, and Lawrence, Mass., until, on account of failing health, he was obliged to take a rest, and returned to his native town. He engaged in farming, still working at his trade at intervals; and he later removed to his present farm, where he has since resided.

Mr. Beal married Phebe Plummer, and seven children were born to this union, four of whom are living, namely: Octavus A.,



M. D., a physician of St. Paul, Minn.; Sumner H., who is residing at home; Edwin H., a resident of Butte, Mont., who is on the staff of the Inter-Mountain Publishing Company of that city; and Howard W., travelling salesman in the north-west for J. S. Kirk & Co., of Chicago, Ill.

In politics Mr. Beal acts with the Republican party, but has never aspired to public office. He is a member of the Free Baptist church.

**E**LBRIDGE STONE, a sturdy and muscular citizen whose blazing forge and ringing anvil are cheery adjuncts to the industrial life of Waterford, Me., was born in Limington, York County, Me., October 3, 1839. He is the son of Samuel, Jr., and Sarah (Sanborn) Stone, both natives of the Pine Tree State, and is of the third generation of Stones in Limington, his grandfather, Samuel Stone, having been a farmer of that town.

Samuel Stone, Jr., Elbridge Stone's father, was born in Limington. He learned the stone mason's trade, and followed it for a number of years in Waterford, also tilling a farm. He finally removed to Massachusetts. His wife was the daughter of Rufus Sanborn, a farmer and lifelong resident of Baldwin, Me. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stone, Jr., namely; Elbridge, aforementioned; Aroline, wife of Ira Berry, a farmer of Scarborough, Me.; Francena, wife of S. M. Shehan, a paper-mill foreman, living at Cumberland Mills, Me.; and Sarah, who died in infancy.

Elbridge Stone in his childhood received a limited education, attending the district school for a short time. He was ten years of age when his parents removed to Massachusetts; and he grew to manhood in that State, learning his trade there. When about twenty years of age he returned to Maine, locating himself in Waterford, where he established a forge of his own in 1861. This forge he operated for twenty years; and then, purchasing a farm of two hundred and ten acres in the adjoining town of Sweden, Me., he there took up his residence, and for fourteen years devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits.

At the end of that period he returned to Waterford Flat and opened a blacksmith shop, and at the present time he operates both the smithy in Waterford and the farm in Sweden. An industrious and competent workman, he has achieved prosperity by unceasing labor.

Mr. Stone's first wife was Caroline Louise, daughter of Jabez and Sallie (Hamlin) Brown, both of Waterford. Mr. Brown died in Braintree, Mass., at the age of eighty-four. His wife died in Waterford. They were the parents of twelve children: Europe H.; Daniel Waldo; Angeline; Fannie Hamlin; Mark Waldo; Mahala, wife of John J. French, of Braintree, Mass.; Angela, widow of Emerson Wilkins; Caroline, who died young; Clara Noyes, wife of Edward L. Jackson, a watch manufacturer of Waltham, Mass.; Malinda F., deceased; Caroline Louise, Mrs. Stone; and Aneline, who died in infancy.

The seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, now Mrs. Angela B. Wilkins, is a prominent member of society in Waterford Flat, and is widely known and highly esteemed. She was born in 1832, and was married January 30, 1866, to Emerson Wilkins, who was born in Waterford, Me., January 26, 1810. A tanner and currier by trade, he was engaged in leather dressing in Harrison, Bridgton, and later in Waterford, where he was prominent as a business man and a public-spirited citizen. He was an active worker in the Republican party; was Town Treasurer for several years, also filled minor offices; and he was a leading member of Mount Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, A. F. & A. M. He died April 8, 1895. Mr. Wilkins was a member of the First Congregational church at Waterford, with which his widow is still connected. Mrs. Wilkins entertains a great many guests in summer at the pleasant old Wilkins homestead in Waterford Flat. Mrs. Caroline Louise Stone died June 14, 1874.

Mr. Stone's second wife was Lucy E., daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Robbins) Houghton, all of Waterford. She died in March, 1880. Mr. Stone was united in marriage May 6, 1886, with Miss Ellen M. Brown, who was born June 17, 1837, in Waterford, the daughter of Thaddeus Brown, of this town. By his first wife Mr. Stone has

one son—Edward Waldo, born February 12, 1873. Mr. Stone has voted the Democratic ticket ever since he was qualified to cast a ballot. He is a member of Mount Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, A. F. & A. M., of Waterford.

**EUGENE H. ANDREWS, M.D.**, a graduate of Bowdoin University Medical School, now practising his profession with success in Sumner, Oxford County, is a native of Paris, Me., born July 30, 1862. He is a son of the late Alfred P. and Eunice M. (Hersey) Andrews, the former of whom was born in Paris, September 15, 1837, and the latter in Sumner, July 18, 1835. Dr. Andrews's great-grandfather was Edmund Andrews, and his grandfather was Sullivan Andrews. (A more extended account of the family will be found in the sketch of America Andrews.)

Alfred P. Andrews was an able business man, who for many years was engaged in trade at North and West Paris. He acted in the capacity of a Justice of the Peace, was several times nominated for town offices, and was highly regarded by his fellow-townsmen. He died in Groveton, N.H., June 26, 1882. His religious belief was that of the Universalists. He was three times married. His first wife, Eunice, who was a daughter of Samuel and Polly (Bradbury) Hersey, of Sumner, died August 25, 1862. His last wife survives him, and is now residing at West Paris. Alfred P. Andrews had two sons, namely: Eugene H., the subject of this sketch, by his first wife; and Sullivan L., who is living at West Paris, by another.

Eugene H. Andrews acquired his early education in the common schools of Paris and at the North Bridgton Academy. After leaving school he took up the study of painting and general decorative art, and pursued it for nine years. In this period he also taught school for a while, and served for several years on the School Board of Paris. In 1890 he began the study of medicine with Dr. O. K. Yates. Later he attended the Maine General Hospital and the Portland School of Medical Instruction for two years. He then entered the Medical Department of Bowdoin College, from which

he graduated in June, 1894. He first located in Paris, where he practised one year. In 1895 he came to Sumner, where he is fast establishing a reputation as a skillful physician.

On September 26, 1888, Dr. Andrews was united in marriage to Annie Bartlett Burgess, daughter of Charles G. Burgess, of Brunswick, Me. They have one daughter—Ruth Burgess, who was born September 20, 1893. In politics Dr. Andrews is a Democrat. He has declined solicitations to serve in town offices. He is a charter member of the Oxford County Medical Society, which was recently organized; and he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Granite Lodge, No. 182, of West Paris, and of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. He has already laid the foundation of a brilliant future as a professional man.

**OTIS HAYFORD**, an influential citizen of Canton, Me., now a member of the State Board of Assessors, was born in this town, May 10, 1834. His parents, Otis and Alvira (Hayford) Hayford, were cousins, his father being a son of Zeri Hayford, and his mother a daughter of Gustavus Hayford, brother of Zeri. These two grandfathers, Zeri and Gustavus Hayford, were the first settlers of Canton village, coming here in 1814 or 1815. Their father, Captain William B. Hayford, was the eighteenth settler of Turner, Me., to which place he came from Pembroke, Mass. Later on he removed to Hartford, Me., where his remains lie buried, he having died there at a good age. He served in the Revolutionary War, and was a member of the Massachusetts State militia. Gustavus Hayford was a miller and built the mills at Canton. Zeri followed farming. Both were active and prominent citizens, and spent the remainder of their lives in Canton, where they died at about seventy years of age.

Reared to habits of thrift and industry, Otis Hayford, Sr., son of Zeri, passed a useful and prosperous life, assisting materially in the building up of the village of Canton, where for many years he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber and farming imple-

ments, and was the owner and manager of an iron foundry and potash works. He was also a merchant, dealing in dry goods and groceries. In his early days he was a Whig; and he supported the Republican party from its formation. In the thirties he served as a Representative to the Lower House of the State legislature, and for a number of years was a Justice of the Peace. He died in 1871, aged sixty-eight years, Alvira, his wife, surviving him until 1882, and reaching the age of seventy-seven years. In religious belief they were Universalists. Five children were born to them, as follows: Adela F., Adela F., and George O., all three dying in infancy; Celestia, who died at eighteen years of age; and Otis Hayford, Jr., the subject of this sketch.

Otis Hayford, the only surviving child, was educated in the common schools of Canton, Lewiston Academy, and Westbrook Seminary, and then went to Portland, where he held a position as clerk until twenty years of age. On attaining his majority he started in trade for himself in a general variety store in Canton; and until 1878, or about twenty-five years, he did a successful business in this line, having for many years several different partners, conducting it alone the rest of the time. During those years he was also largely interested in buying and selling general farm produce, including also wool and hops. In 1878, in company with Governor Washburn, S. C. Andrews, and others, he purchased the bonds of the Rumford Falls & Buckfield Railroad, and rebuilt the road from McFalls to Canton, after which he was superintendent of the road four years, a Director ten years, and Vice-President several years.

In 1855 Mr. Hayford married Amanda M. F. Phinney, who was born in Turner, Me., a daughter of Leonard Phinney. Mr. and Mrs. Hayford have three children living, namely: Herbert F., born in Canton, now Station Agent at McFalls, who is married and has three children—Percy G., Jessamine A., and Josephine A.; Wilder O., an accountant for the Poland Paper Company in Canton village, who is married and has four children—R. Mildred, Herbert O., Dorothy S., and Celestia M.; and Mary E. Hayford, who lives at the parental home. One daughter, Celestia,

died at fifteen; and a son, Percy G., died at four years of age.

Hon. Otis Hayford, who is a Republican, has always taken a very active interest in political matters. He has served as Selectman, Town Clerk, Treasurer, and in minor offices of his town. During the war he was Captain of the militia company of Canton, and in 1871 and 1872 was a member of the State Senate. Since 1891 he has been on the State Board of Assessors. Fraternally, he has been a Mason since 1858, when he joined Oriental Star Lodge, No. 28, of which he was Master a few years later; and at the institution of Whitney Lodge, at Canton, he was one of the charter members and its first Master. He is also charter member and first High Priest of Androscoggin Royal Arch Chapter, and a member of Lewiston Commandery, Knights Templars. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Hayford are Universalists.

**T**OBIAS L. EASTMAN, a well-known public man of Oxford County, and the proprietor of the Eastman Canning factory in Fryeburg, was born in the town of Stow, this county, December 30, 1844. His parents were Daniel and Rebecca (Smart) Eastman, the former of Fryeburg, the latter of Lovell. Daniel Eastman was engaged for a number of years in farming and lumbering and conducting a hotel in Lovell; and his death occurred in that town, October 25, 1877. He was twice married. His first marriage was contracted with Miss Lucy Walker, of Fryeburg, who died in Lovell, April 10, 1835. She was the mother of seven children, all now deceased; namely, James W., Abigail W., Hall C., Horace D., Horace, Mary Ann, and Samuel W. The second wife, Rebecca, after her husband's death went to live with her son, Tobias L., and died at his home, December 7, 1885. She was the mother of six children, namely: Seth and Tobias L., deceased; Lucy W., now residing in Standish, Me., the widow of Jere H. Lord; Tobias L. (second), the subject of this sketch; Susan S., deceased; and Emma E., the widow of Tobias Lord, and now residing in Standish, this State.

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Tobias L. Eastman were limited to those offered by the common schools. Although but a boy of sixteen when the Rebellion began, he, on October 1, 1861, offered his services for the war, wishing to enlist in the Twelfth Maine Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. He was refused on account of his youth; but, being determined to fight for the Union, he followed the regiment to New Orleans, and there, on May 1, 1862, was enrolled in Company E, under Colonel George F. Shepley and Captain Knight. He remained with the regiment until the last year of the war, participating in the engagements at Ponchatoula, La., and Irish Bend, La.; the siege of Port Hudson; the engagement at Deep Bottom; and, under Sheridan, in the battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek. In all this time he escaped injury; and, though he spent two weeks in the hospital on account of illness contracted in the malarial districts of the South, he was in comparatively good health when, in August, 1865, he received his discharge at Hilton Head, S. C. Returning home after this he was engaged for one year each as clerk in a grocery store of Lovell and in a hardware store of East Cambridge, and for four years in a general merchandise store at Steep Falls, Me. Subsequently, he was railroad Station Agent at Steep Falls for two years, and then he was employed in the United States Mail Service on the Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad until 1881. He was next appointed Postmaster of Fryeburg, and served four years, until February, 1886. After leaving this position he established a factory for canning corn at Fryeburg. This proved successful, and within a short time he took measures to incorporate the T. L. Eastman Company, which now manages a factory in Fryeburg village and has an extensive business, most of their canned goods being shipped to New York City.

In 1876 Mr. Eastman was united in marriage with Mary M. Hobson, of Standish, Me., daughter of the late Rev. P. M. Hobson. She died in 1880, leaving two children, namely: James W., who is with his father; and Reba M., who makes her home with her aunt in Standish, Me. In May, 1884, Mr. Eastman entered a second marriage, contracted with Miss Adelia S. Walker, of Fryeburg. She is

a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Frye) Walker, residents of this town. Mr. Walker is a well-to-do farmer. By his second union Mr. Eastman has one child, Edna. He is one of the leading Republicans of the district, which he represented in 1891 in the legislature. He is a popular and influential member of several social organizations. As a Mason he belongs to Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, of Fryeburg; Aurora Chapter, No. 17, of Cornish, Me.; Portland Council, of Portland; and Portland Commandery, No. 2, of the same city. As a Knight of Pythias he has passed all the chairs in Pequawket Lodge, No. 34, of Fryeburg; and as an Odd Fellow he is a member of Pequawket Lodge, No. 46, of Brownfield, Me. He belongs to Lovell Colony, No. 63, Pilgrim Fathers of Fryeburg; to Grover Post, No. 126, Grand Army of the Republic, of the same town; and he is Secretary of the West Oxford Agricultural Society. Mr. and Mrs. Eastman are members of the Congregational church at Fryeburg. They occupy a handsome residence on Main Street, Fryeburg.

**E**LIAS A. TUCKER is a representative citizen of Sumner, Me., a prosperous farmer, and an old resident of the town. He was born in Sumner, April 9, 1820. He is a grandson of William Tucker, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and who died in Burlington, Vt.

Elias A. Tucker has resided in Sumner from the time of his birth, and acquired his education in the schools of this town. His farm, which has been in the family for many years, comprises sixty acres of good land; and he has made many improvements upon it, erecting convenient and substantial farm buildings. He has worked very hard to attain his present prosperity, and has the respect of all who know him. Mr. Tucker was married January 18, 1852, to Betsey B. Davis, a native of Lewiston, Me., born May 3, 1824. She died May 21, 1885. She was the mother of two children, one of whom is with her in the other world. The other, Willie D., who was born January 4, 1857, lives with his father and now manages the home farm. He is a man of ability, who keeps in step with the progress of

the times, and as a farmer has achieved marked success. He married Miss Richie F. Downs, and has a family of five charming children—Harold E., Willie E., Elias E., Alice L., and Philip A. He has lost one child, Jennie.

Mr. Tucker and his son vote the Republican ticket. The elder man is a member of the Baptist church at East Sumner. His son and wife are liberal in religious matters. Willie D. Tucker is prominent in social circles, belonging to a number of fraternal bodies, including the Mason's Lodge and the Odd Fellows Lodge at Buckfield, Me. Both father and son are highly esteemed in Sumner, and they are well known throughout the locality.

**E**VERETT BLANCHARD NORTON, a member of the School Board of Farmington, Me., and one of the trustees of the village cemetery and the Common or Court Square, is the only son of Sylvanus R. and Mary (Butler) Norton. He was born in this place in the month of June, 1861. He traces his ancestry to Nicholas Norton, who was a resident of Duke's County, Mass., as early as 1669.

The line is thus continued: Joseph Norton, son of Nicholas, the father of Ebenezer Norton; and Ebenezer and his wife, Deborah Mayhew, the parents of Peter Norton, who was born in Edgartown, Mass., September 9, 1718. He inherited large estates from his father in his native town, and became a large farmer there, and a man of prominence. He married Sarah Bassett, and reared a family of thirteen children.

Peter Norton's first son was born August 29, 1741, and was named after his grandfather, Ebenezer. He married Elizabeth Smith, and in 1791 removed to Farmington township and bought River lot No. 32, and a part of No. 31. He had ample means of subsistence, so that he had not, luckily for him perhaps, considering his large family, to depend on what he could grind out from a new and almost uninhabited country. The year before he came to Maine he had sent his two elder sons ahead to clear some of the land, and to erect

a dwelling-house and other buildings for the family.

Ebenezer Norton, son of Peter, had, like his father, a family of thirteen children. He became a very prominent figure in the town in which he had chosen to establish himself and his family, and was one of the wealthiest and best-known men here. He served one year as a Selectman, and was a Representative to the Massachusetts legislature in 1804. He assisted in the building of the Centre Church, and was the second on the list of original pew owners, paying at the time one hundred dollars for his pew. He died August 26, 1805; and his wife, Elizabeth, who was born in 1743, died in 1811.

His sixth son was George W., who was born on February 16, 1787. He spent his life on the old homestead, making many improvements on the property, and establishing a reputation for industry, sound common sense, and ability in more than one direction. Like his grandfather Peter, who was a brave Revolutionary soldier, he also served his country well in time of need, fighting as a private soldier through the War of 1812. He married Ruth, the daughter of Richard and Abbie (Rolfe) Rice; and they became the parents of six children, namely: Jeremiah R., born September 19, 1817; Sylvanus R., who was born October 7, 1823, and is the father of Everett Blanchard Norton; George W., Jr., born August 6, 1825, who died in Wisconsin in 1859; Philinda, born in 1828; Richard R., born February 3, 1833; and Martha L., born September 6, 1835. George W. Norton, the father of these six children, was a Calvinist Baptist in his religious belief. He died April 27, 1870; and his wife, born in 1791, died in 1872.

Sylvanus R. Norton, their second son, bought the old homestead in Farmington, and, later, adding more land, became possessed of quite a large estate, which he has always run as a farm, living in the plain and simple way that his forefathers did. He has devoted a part of his time to the lumber business, engaging in this with considerable profit. In 1860 he built a new house and barn on the old place, where he has resided ever since. It was on September 25 of the same year that he was married to Mary C. Butler, who was

born July 25, 1823, daughter of Edward and Mehitabel (Norton) Butler. Three children were the fruit of this marriage, Everett Blanchard being the only one now living. The others were: Isabella B., born on the 8th of May, 1863, who died on the 15th of the same month, 1891; and Helen B., who was born on the 10th of May, 1868, and died January 29, 1869. Sylvanus R. Norton has been intimately connected with the interests of the town where he has lived for a long time. He is a staunch Republican in politics. For thirty years previous to 1890 he was one of the trustees of the old village cemetery, and of the Common or Court Square. He is at present enjoying the best of health, although nearly seventy-four.

Everett Blanchard Norton received his education in various institutions, among them being the high school of his native town, the State Normal School, and Derby Academy. After completing his course of study he worked on the home farm with his father, but at the same time did other things outside. He has been a reporter for the *Lewiston Journal* for twenty years, dating from the time he left school. He has now been on the School Board of Farmington for four years. In 1890 he was appointed one of the twelve Inspectors of Revenue, his term expiring on the 15th of July, 1893. Mr. Norton has also held many minor offices in the town of Farmington, where he is very popular.

**A**BRAMHAM NORWOOD, a well-known and respected resident of Waterford township, and one of its energetic and enterprising farmers, was born in Biddeford, York County, August 30, 1852, a son of the late Albert Norwood. His ancestors lived in Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather, also named Abraham, who was born and reared in Cape Ann, like the majority of his neighbors followed the sea for a living. In his later years he moved to Biddeford, Me., where he spent his remaining days.

Albert Norwood was born in Biddeford, which he always called home, although he was engaged as a fisherman or a sailor throughout

the most of his life. When his savings had increased sufficiently, he bought a good farm, which his sons managed, and on which his widow and some of his children are now living. He was a light-house keeper from 1874 until his death, which occurred August 11, 1888. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Mitchell, was born in Saco, Me. They became the parents of eleven children, as follows: George, now a resident of Biddeford; Abbie, now deceased; Ida, the wife of John Wentworth, of Saco, Me.; Abraham, the subject of this sketch; Lorenzo, who lives on the homestead in Biddeford; Nancy, also deceased; Estelle, who is the wife of Captain William Tuttle, of Cape Cod, Mass.; Albert, who lives on the old homestead; James, living in Biddeford, who married Kate Tarbox; Mary, who is also at home; and Nelson, who married Stella Whitney, and resides at Biddeford. The mother also resides at the home farm.

Abraham Norwood received a practical education in the public schools of his native town. He remained at home, assisting his father in sailing and fishing until he was twenty-two years old. Then he was engaged in the manufacture of fine cigars in Dover, N.H., for two years. In 1879, shortly after his first marriage, Mr. Norwood went to Colorado, and from there travelled throughout the West, engaging in all kinds of business, from mail carrying to mining. In the spring of 1887 he returned to the place of his nativity, and was there employed in the hatter's trade for some time. In 1890 he came to this county, settling in the town of Waterford, where he bought his present farm, which was the first homestead cleared in Waterford, and was long known as the McWain farm. Mr. Norwood owns about one hundred and thirty acres of land, on which he raises hay, corn, and the smaller grains, and also carries on dairying and stock growing. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of the Norway Grange, and is now serving as Road Surveyor in Waterford township.

Mr. Norwood was first married November 14, 1874, to Miss Carrie Thistle, who was born in Biddeford. She was a daughter of John and Loisa Thistle, of Nova Scotia, the

former of whom died when she was a little girl. On March 8, 1890, he entered a second marriage, contracted with Fannie S. Libby, who was born October 26, 1846, in the town of Scarborough, Me., daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Dyer) Libby, neither of whom is living. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood is a daughter, Ruth, who was born July 6, 1891. Mrs. Norwood is a member of the Waterford Congregational Church.

**F**RANK J. TOOTHAKER, a prominent farmer of Phillips, Me., was born here September 30, 1856, his parents being William B. and Emma P. (Hervey) Toothaker, the former of whom was a native of Bowdoinham, Me., and the latter of Phillips. The Toothaker family are descended from sturdy Scotch stock, and the first settler of the name in this country established a home in Brunswick, Me.; but little, however, is recorded of him or his immediate family. Ephraim Toothaker, the father of William B., followed the vocation of a farmer. He lived to be nearly a century old. During the struggle for independence he was in active service, and after his death his widow received a pension.

William B. Toothaker spent his life in agricultural pursuits. He was twice married, his first wife being Abigail Content, who bore him five children, the only survivor being a son, Morrill. By his second wife, Emma P. Hervey, he had seven children, the five now living being Andrew J., Frank J., Alfred B., Weston U., and I. T., all of whom live in Phillips. Their father died in 1891, aged seventy-six years.

Frank J. Toothaker, the second son, received a practical common-school education, after which he took up farming, in which he has been very successful. He has a farm of somewhat over two hundred acres, about seventy of which are under cultivation. He raises some live stock. The place is what is known as the Smith farm, and, since becoming its owner, he has made many repairs and improvements, remodelling the house and out-buildings, and increasing the productiveness of the land. Like his father, he is a Republican in political affiliation.

On December 30, 1883, Mr. Toothaker married Rosa G. Hunter, and they have a son and a daughter; namely, Howard R. and Lizzie S., both at home. The family are attendants of the Free Will Baptist church.

**J**OHN L. HORNE, a retired tanner of Norway, Oxford County, was born in Milton, N.H., November 8, 1824, son of Daniel and Jane (Lennon) Horne. Daniel Horne, Sr., the paternal grandfather, a blacksmith by trade, was born on Roger's Hill, Rochester, N.H. He bought and cleared a farm in Wakefield, N.H., where he also carried on his trade, becoming a prosperous man. He died at the age of eighty, leaving three children—Daniel, Jr., William, and Charity Horne. Daniel, Jr., worked at the blacksmith trade with his father for a time. He then bought a farm, and thereafter spent the most of his life in agricultural pursuits. At a later date he purchased a smaller farm in Rochester, where he resided until the infirmities of age compelled him to retire and take up his home with his son Daniel. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion he affiliated with the Congregationalists. He formed two matrimonial alliances. His first wife, Jane, the mother of John L., died aged about forty, leaving five children—Luther, John L., Daniel P., Horace, and Jane E. His second wife, Hannah Burroughs in maidenhood, had two children—Horace and Page. He died at the age of eighty-five years.

After completing his education in the common school, John L. Horne started out at the age of seventeen to make his fortune. In Berwick, Me., he was apprenticed to Oliver Hill, for the purpose of learning the tanning trade. Here he worked so faithfully, and comprehended the details of the business so readily, that, one year prior to the expiration of his apprenticeship, Mr. Oliver sent him to take charge of a tannery in Rochester. After serving one year in this capacity, he bought the tannery of his employer, and continued the business on his own account for the following two years. He then purchased another plant in Wolfboro, N.H., which he conducted in company with Moses Varner for three

years. In September, 1852, Mr. Horne came to Norway, and bought the Mark Smith tannery of fifteen pits, built by Mr. Smith in 1841. He afterward so improved the concern that it became one of the most thoroughly equipped establishments in the State. Mr. Horne continued the business here alone until 1877, when his son, Herman L., was given an interest. The firm name became J. L. Horne & Son. In 1885 they were succeeded by the Norway Tanning Company, of which Mr. Horne was the superintendent and general business manager, until the place was burned in 1893. Another enterprise of his was the purchase of a large tract of land adjoining the tannery. This property he divided into about ninety building lots, upon some of which he erected twenty houses, that afterward sold advantageously. It was largely through his influence that B. F. Spinney & Co., of Lynn, Mass., established their shoe factory here in 1873. This has proved a great boon to Norway, as it has increased the population and business, and brought in expert workmen. To Mr. Horne also Norway is principally indebted for the Branch Railroad from here to South Paris. He was Chairman and stockholder at the time the Norway water-works were put in. He was also a promoter and stockholder of the National Bank, subsequently becoming one of the Directors; and he has been for many years Treasurer of several of our leading institutions. In politics Mr. Horne is a Republican. He has been identified with Masonic orders since 1864, being now a member of Oxford Lodge, Norway Chapter, and Portland Commandery. He is also an Odd Fellow of Norway Lodge, and a Past Grand Master of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Horne has been married three times. The first occasion was in 1857, when he wedded Hannah K. Wallace, a daughter of Linsley Wallace, of North Berwick, Me. She died at the age of forty, leaving six children — Chester, Herman, Rosalia M., John, George, and Charles. Anna Wrizley, who became his second wife, lived eight years after her marriage, and had one child, Myra, who died in early life. Mr. Horne's third marriage was contracted with Mrs. Abbie L. Ham, the widow of Phineas Ham, of New-

field, Me. Mr. Ham died at the age of thirty-six, leaving her with two children — Elizabeth and George. Mrs. Horne was a daughter of Phineas and Elizabeth (Shara) Howe, of Newfield. Her father, who was a stone cutter, was burned to death. His children were: Sarah, Reuben, Abel, Elizabeth, and Abbie. Mrs. Horne's grandfather, Phineas Howe, served in the Revolutionary War. She died at the age of fifty-six. Mr. Horne formerly lived on Cottage Street, but afterward moved to 40 Main Street, which he has since so improved that it is now one of the finest dwellings in Norway. He has been a very active member of the Congregational church, donating liberally to three edifices, which have been successively burned down.

**J**AMES M. LAMBERT, a native of the town of Strong, Me., who owns and occupies a productive farm situated west of the village, was born on January 21, 1849, son of John and Susannah (Borden) Lambert. Mr. Lambert's father was a native of Edgcomb, Me., and his mother was born in Freeman.

John Lambert came to Strong when he was ten years old. Later he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed that occupation in connection with farming for the greater part of his active life. He was one of the leading men of the town in his day. He was the father of nine children, as follows: Simeon W., who married Nancy Davenport, and was a prosperous farmer until his death, which took place in 1892; Rosetta, wife of N. B. Rowe, a farmer and shoemaker of Beans Corner; Louisa, wife of Riyal Whitney, who is now a merchant in Texas; Lucinda, wife of Charles Kimball, a boot and shoe maker of Lynn, Mass.; Washington W., who died in 1851, aged four years; James M., above named, who lives on the homestead; Dora E., who died in 1866; Philanda, wife of Charles Boynton, who is now a farmer in Massachusetts; and Clara A., who died in 1873, aged sixteen years.

James M. Lambert, the special subject of this sketch, attended the common schools in his boyhood, and at an early age began to as-



sist upon the home farm, where he has always resided. He took charge of the place previous to reaching his majority, and he now has a splendid farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres, which is well located and well taken care of. Aside from general farming and dairying, he has acquired a wide reputation as a manufacturer of pure cider vinegar, and he also deals quite extensively in implements and fertilizers. He is regarded as one of the most successful farmers and progressive citizens of Strong.

On October 5, 1870, Mr. Lambert married Augusta E. Wilbur. She was born in Phillips, daughter of John L. and Asenath (Robbins) Wilbur, both of whom are natives of that town, her father being a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have one daughter, Mertie A., who was born June 27, 1881.

In politics Mr. Lambert is independent, preferring to vote for the candidates whom he considers the most worthy and capable; and, although he himself has held some of the minor town offices, he has no aspirations for political honors. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and with Marathon Lodge, No. 96, Knights of Pythias.

**L**A FOREST W. NORTON, one of the most enterprising and successful young business men of Farmington, was born in Strong, Me., June 4, 1869, son of Zachariah and Orianna (Taylor) Norton. Mr. Norton is a descendant of Zachariah Norton, a native of Martha's Vineyard, who about six years before the close of the last century came with his family to this town, where he became one of the sturdy pioneers and progressive citizens. He had previously served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was Town Treasurer in 1805, and represented Farmington in the Massachusetts legislature in 1807. He later removed to Madison, Somerset County, Me., where he tilled the soil for the rest of his life.

Zebulon Norton, son of Zachariah, was engaged in farming for a time in North Farmington, and afterward in Industry and Phillips. His declining years were spent in

the last-named town, where he lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-six. He served in the War of 1812, and was elected to various town offices. His first wife, whose maiden name was Louisa Pratt, died in young womanhood, leaving four daughters — Louisa, Hannah, Huldah, and Lydia. For his second wife he wedded Abigail Hartford, and of this union there were born nine children, as follows: Daniel L.; Joshua H.; Abigail; Charlotte; Ichabod; Zachariah, first, who died young; Mary; Caroline; and Zachariah, second. Mr. Norton's grandmother lived to be seventy-six year old.

Zachariah Norton, son of Zebulon, was born in Phillips, June 20, 1843. He grew to manhood upon his father's farm, and in 1862 enlisted as a private in Company D, Twenty-eighth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, for nine months' service in the Civil War, during which time he participated in the siege and capture of Port Hudson. Returning home, after completing his term of service, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning successively and residing upon farms in Phillips, Freeman, and New Vineyard. He finally became an employee of the Eastern Railroad Company in Lynn, Mass. He worked his way forward from a switchman in the yards through the various positions to that of conductor of a train, and continued in that capacity until 1880, when he resigned his position. For the succeeding ten years he resided in New Vineyard, Me., and in 1890 removed from there to Farmington, where he has since lived in retirement. He is one of the well-to-do residents of this prosperous town, owning a productive village farm of forty acres, a fine residence, and two tenement houses. In politics he is a Republican. His wife, Orianna Taylor, whom he married September 11, 1864, is a daughter of the late Thomas and Harriett (Libby) Taylor, of Boston, Mass., and she is the mother of two children, namely: La Forest W., the subject of this sketch; and Arthur R., who was born June 24, 1880.

La Forest W. Norton was educated in Lynn, Mass., and accompanied his parents to this town, where he has since resided. Having a natural inclination toward mercantile pursuits, he in 1895 bought the business

formerly carried on by J. H. Pelham & Son, and now conducts a very profitable grocery and provision trade in the Drummond Block on Broadway. Being a young man of excellent business capacity, upright and progressive, he is very popular, and he is now well advanced upon the road to prosperity. Politically, Mr. Norton acts with the Republican party, and in his religious views is a Congregationalist.

**R**OBERT C. THOMAS, a much-respected resident of Oxford, was born February 10, 1843, son of George W. and Margaret (Blankenburg) Thomas. Holmes Thomas, the father of George W., and the grandfather of Robert C., was a Massachusetts man by birth. He came to Maine, and became one of the first settlers of the town of Oxford, where he was for some time a prominent farmer, and discharged the duties of Justice of the Peace and some minor town offices. Moving subsequently from here, he spent the most of his after life in the towns of Hebron and Dixfield, and died at the age of eighty-three years. His wife, Susanna, died at about the same age. Their seven children were: Michael, John, Spencer, Susan, Mary, Keziah, and George W.

George W. Thomas, a native of Dixfield, like his father was principally occupied with farming. He resided for the most part in the town of Oxford, where he was a leading man, and owned a farm of one hundred and fifty acres of fine farming land. His religious belief was the Baptist creed. In political belief he was a Republican from the foundation of the party, having been previously a staunch Whig. He married Margaret Blankenburg, a native of New Brunswick, who bore him ten children, all of whom are still living. They are: George W., Simeon P., Cyrus K., William N., Helen M., Mary C., Robert C., John F., Adalaine, and Lenora. George W., who is now a farmer in the town of Oxford, was for a time a ship caulker in Boston, Mass.; Simeon P., who lives in Wrentham, Mass., is also a ship caulker and a farmer; Cyrus K., who is a Sergeant on the Boston police force, served in the late war with Company K, First Massa-

chusetts Regiment; William N., who also served in the war, being a member of Company I, Twenty-third Maine Regiment, is a physician of the town of Yarmouth; Helen M. is the wife of Frank L. Foss, of the United States Hotel at Portland, Me.; Mary C., the twin sister of Robert C., is the wife of S. R. Parian, of Paris, Me.; John F. is a farmer of Mechanic Falls, Me.; Adalaine is the wife of William W. Ripley, of Revere, Mass.; Lenora is the widow of Stephen Parsons, late of Pasadena, Cal., where she still resides. George W. Thomas, Jr., is a prominent farmer of Oxford. The father died at the age of seventy-six years, and the mother several years later, at the age of seventy-nine.

Robert C. Thomas grew to manhood in Oxford, receiving his education in the public schools. For a while he worked on the farm of his father, but later, in 1866, he purchased the farm of one hundred and twenty acres, where he now resides. On February 10, 1867, he married Celia Ann Walker, who was born in Sacarappa, Me., November 17, 1845. They have three children, namely: Bertha M., born January 3, 1869, who is the wife of George H. McKeen, a farmer of Paris; William H., born September 4, 1871, who is now a farmer; and Rosa P. Thomas, born November 13, 1881, who lives at home. Both parents are liberal in their religious views. In his political belief Mr. Thomas is a strong Republican. He has been school agent for the town, and has always been greatly interested in matters pertaining to education. He belongs to the Paris Grange.

Mr. Thomas is a clever and successful farmer. He makes a specialty of fruit growing, in which he is very expert. During the last two years he has planted one hundred and sixty-five fine young apple-trees.

**F**RANK P. STONE, the proprietor of a large drug store located in the Hathaway Block, Norway, Me., was born in the town of Jay, Franklin County, June 4, 1853, son of Moses and Harriet (Parker) Stone. He is a direct descendant of an early New England settler, Deacon Simon Stone, who embarked from England, April 15, 1635,

in the ship "Increase, bound for Massachusetts, and on his arrival settled on the banks of the Charles River, his homestead being a part of the land now within the present limits of Cambridge and Mount Auburn. He was Deacon in the First Church.

From him the descent is traced as follows: Simon Stone, Jr.; Jonathan Stone; Colonel Moses Stone; Captain Moses Stone, who served in the war for independence, enlisting in 1775, when he was made Corporal. At the Battle of Bunker Hill he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and during that engagement acted as Captain of his company, taking several prisoners. Being broken down in health on account of the exposure of army life, he was obliged to leave the army. Although educated for the medical profession, the care of his large estate occupied his time to the exclusion of his practice. He gave his children the best educational advantages afforded by the schools of the time.

Moses Stone, son of Captain Moses Stone, and the grandfather of Frank P. Stone of this sketch, was born in Watertown, Mass., August 10, 1777. He was among the pioneers of Jay, Franklin County, Me., purchasing a large tract of new land in the Androscoggin Valley, clearing it and becoming a prominent citizen. He was a member of the State militia, and served as Major in the War of 1812. In politics he was a Democrat, and served as a Representative in the Massachusetts General Court in 1812 and State legislature, holding also a number of town offices. He married Elizabeth Brown, of Watertown, and both lived past the age of eighty years. Three sons and three daughters were the fruit of their union; namely, Eliza, Rhoda, Emily, Moses, Aaron, and Cornelius.

Moses Stone, the eldest son, born October 4, 1808, was educated in the district school and at Kent Hill Seminary. His portion of the grant of land left by his father was about two hundred acres. Like his father he was an enterprising and prosperous citizen, and very active in public affairs, holding among other offices those of Justice of the Peace, Surveyor, Selectman, and member of the School Committee. He was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, which he after-

ward supported. His death occurred at the age of eighty-two years. Harriet Parker Stone, his wife, who was a daughter of Scarborough Parker, was born in 1810, and died in 1891. Her paternal grandfather, Jonathan Parker, resided in Roxbury at the time of the Revolutionary War. He was an ardent Whig, and was not afraid to manifest his indignation at measures of the British Parliament against the American colonies. He was one of the men disguised as Indians, who threw overboard the shipload of tea in Boston Harbor, December 16, 1773. Moses and Harriet P. Stone were the parents of ten children, namely: Cyrus; Harriet, who died in childhood; a child that died in infancy; Moses C.; Asaph; Etta C.; Emma A.; George W.; Abbie M.; and Frank P.

After attending the district schools, Frank P. Stone became a student at Kent Hill Seminary, and later of the Maine State College, from which he was graduated in 1877. He then taught school, following that occupation for five years, after which he spent four years canvassing for nursery stock. He next entered a drug store at Lewiston, Me., where he remained three years, or up to 1888, when he came to Norway, and purchased the stock and trade of Samuel Crockett in the Hathaway Block. He increased the stock, adding a variety of stationery and toilet articles, and is conducting a large and remunerative business.

On November 25, 1885, Mr. Stone was joined in marriage with Miss Minnie A. French, a daughter of Dr. Albert G. French, of Lewiston. Three children have blessed their union: Albert F., born November 19, 1886, died at three months old; Carl E., born April 15, 1888; and Beatrice, born October 11, 1895. Their house on Pike's Hill was erected for them, and is a model of beauty and convenience, being fitted up with modern improvements, including hot and cold water, electric lights, and hot water heating apparatus. There is a fine stable, and the lawn is well kept and graded, making it altogether one of the most desirable domiciles in the town or county.

In political affiliation Mr. Stone is a Republican. While a resident of Jay he served as superintendent of schools, and since living

here has taken much interest in the progress and improvement of Norway. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

**RUFUS C. STONE**, who for the past five years has ably filled the position of Town Clerk in Jay, is a native of this town, and was born October 4, 1859. His parents, the Rev. Cornelius and Frances C. (Sylvester) Stone, were natives of Jay. Mr. Stone's paternal grandfather was the Rev. Moses Stone, who came from Watertown, Mass., about the year 1800, and settled on the farm which is now occupied by his grandson. He represented his district in the legislature, and resided in Jay until his death.

The late Rev. Cornelius Stone was a Methodist preacher; and during eighteen years of activity as a pastor, he presided over churches in Richmond, Brunswick, Kent's Hill, Wilton, New Sharon, and Strong, Me. His last years were passed at the homestead in Jay. He took a prominent part in public affairs, being for some time a member of the School Committee of the town, for four years a Representative to the legislature, and serving also as a member of the State Senate. He and his wife, formerly Frances C. Sylvester, were the parents of two children—Mary E., who is now residing at the homestead; and Rufus C., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Stone, left a widow by the death of her first husband, was again married to C. K. Haskell, of Jay, by whom she had no children.

Rufus C. Stone was educated in the common schools and high school and at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill. At the age of twenty years he took charge of the homestead property, where he has always resided, and he also owned another farm in this town. At the present time he owns one hundred and twenty acres of excellent tillage land, which contains a large orchard, and hay, corn, potatoes, and apples are his principal products.

On June 17, 1896, Mr. Stone married Lizzie Garcelon Pettingill. She is a daughter of Joseph and Amanda (Garcelon) Pettingill, and was born in East Livermore, where her father

is a prosperous farmer and well-known land surveyor.

In politics Mr. Stone has always favored and supported the principles of the Republican party. His services to the community are not limited to the duties of his office as Town Clerk, as he is also an active and valuable member of the School Board. He is a practical and successful farmer, who applies the resources at his command to the best advantage, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen is well placed and amply deserved. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**BENJAMIN K. KILGORE** is one of the prosperous farmers of Waterford, owning some two hundred acres of good land. He was born here, October 27, 1830, son of Benjamin and Emma (Kimball) Kilgore. His grandfather, also named Benjamin, a Massachusetts man, was the first of the family to locate in Waterford. The second Benjamin Kilgore lived for a few years in Massachusetts, but the greater part of his life was spent on a farm near Waterford. He died July 7, 1874; and his wife, who was a native of Bethel, Me., breathed her last April 5, 1863. Their nine children were: William, deceased; Olive, now in Lynn, Mass., the widow of George Waterhouse; Joseph and Emma, deceased; Benjamin K., the subject of this sketch; Thirza, the wife of Israel Dudley, of Waterford; Abbie, the wife of Louis Brown, of Franklin Park, Mass.; Charlotte, a resident of Massachusetts; and Zella, the widow of Stephen Petty, and now residing in Bridgton, Me.

Benjamin K. Kilgore obtained his education in the common schools. At the age of twenty he went to Massachusetts, where he worked at shoemaking for five years. Then, returning to Maine, he settled near his present farm, and devoted himself to agriculture. His estate, on which he has made many improvements, is one of the best farms in the locality. He now leaves its management almost entirely to his son Clarence. Mr. Kilgore was married April 16, 1857, to Betsey, daughter of Hiram and Betsey (Hazelton) Abbott. She was born

in Harrison, Me., December 13, 1833. Her parents, who belonged to Newfield, Me., settled in early life in Harrison, where Mr. Abbott was engaged in farming up to the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Kilgore have five children, namely: Clarence, born May 26, 1860, who lives with his parents, and bears most of the responsibility of the farm management; Jennie, born February 12, 1862, now the wife of Frank Gilman, of Bangor, Me.; Eugene, born November 17, 1863, who married Gertrude Adams, of this town, has one child, Beulah, and resides in Waterford; Charles W., born April 25, 1867, residing in Harrison village; and Fred J., born March 27, 1869, living in East Saugus, Mass. Mr. Kilgore is prominent among the Democrats of Waterford, and has held several public offices. He is a member of the South Waterford Grange. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in South Waterford. He has many friends in Waterford, and is a worthy representative of the farming community of this place.

**S**AMUEL SEWELL GORDON, a respected resident of New Sharon, Franklin County, was born there on the 11th of June, 1833, son of Jonathan and Susan (Clarke) Gordon. Mr. Gordon's grandfather, Jonathan Gordon, Sr., took up a tract of one hundred acres of wild land, in or near Readfield, Kennebec County. Here the grandfather built a log cabin, clearing a portion of his property, and reared a family of five sons and two daughters. His wife's name in maidenhood was Miss Savage. When he was about seventy-five years old he came to New Sharon, where he died at the age of eighty-five years.

Jonathan Gordon, Jr., was born in Readfield on the 22d of September, 1796, and there received his early education. When about twenty years of age he came to New Sharon, and bought a farm about half a mile below the place where his son, Samuel S., makes his home. It was a piece of wild land containing about one hundred acres. Just previous to this more important purchase, he had invested in sixty or seventy acres of land at about the

same distance from the present homestead of the family, but in a little different direction. He was married on the 2d of April, 1823, and subsequently became the father of six children. These were: Charles M., Jason C., Emily N. and Samuel S. (twins), Harriette B., and Lizzie S. He carried on general farming. A hobby of his was a liking for a good yoke of matched steers, of which he was an excellent judge. His opinion of oxen was sought after from all quarters by those who had cattle to sell or to buy, and his decision was almost invariably adhered to. In political belief he was at first a Whig, and then a Republican. His religious belief was that of the Free Will Baptist church. He died in 1869 at the homestead purchased by him from John Clarke, his brother-in-law, in 1856. His wife's death occurred in 1887, at the age of eighty-three years.

Samuel Sewell Gordon spent his youth on the second farm purchased by his father, receiving his education at the district school and high school of New Sharon. At the age of twenty-one he went out to Iowa to engage in farming. Subsequently he learned the plasterer's trade in Nevada and Iowa. After remaining in the West for a period of seven years, he returned in 1861 to the old homestead at New Sharon. At his father's death he inherited the farm on which the sad event occurred, and he has since resided there. Since coming into its possession he has enlarged it so that it now contains two hundred and fifty acres. He also owns a farm of forty-five acres in Benton County, Ia. He taught school in Iowa for six terms, and in this district for thirty winters.

Mr. Gordon was married January 30, 1858, to Julianne Schoonover, a daughter of David Schoonover, a farmer of Big Grove Township, Ia. She was born in Mexico, Ohio, while her parents were en route to Canton in the same State. When she was about seventeen years old her parents moved to Wisconsin, and about two years later to Big Grove, where she first met Mr. Gordon. They have one daughter, Etta B., who was born April 7, 1859. She received her education at the Farmington Normal School and at the Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, Me. She has taught in more

than forty different schools since she was fifteen years of age, and is regarded as one of the pioneer teachers in this section. She is now in business in Lewiston, Me. In politics Mr. Gordon is a stanch Republican, and he has voted for every Republican President since Abraham Lincoln's election — that is, since his majority. In religion he is a Free Will Baptist. He was School Commissioner and Selectman for three years each. He is now serving on the School Board, this being his second term and his third year as a member of that body.

**A**LBERT B. GRIFFITH, a well-to-do farmer of Peru, was born in Livermore, Me., October 11, 1857, son of Rufus and Hannah (Tripp) Griffith. Mr. Griffith's grandfather, Hezekiah Griffith, was an early settler and a prosperous farmer of Livermore. He passed his last years in Peru, and lived to a good old age. Rufus Griffith was born in Livermore, and for several years was there engaged in farming. Subsequently, seeing what he considered a good opportunity to serve his own interests in Peru, he bought a farm of two hundred and fifty acres here. This he conducted very prosperously for the rest of his life, and died in 1891. In his religious views he was liberal, and in politics he supported the Democratic party. His wife, Hannah, who was a native of New Bedford, Mass., became the mother of three children. These are: Charles M., a resident of Auburn, Me.; Albert B., the subject of this sketch; and Mary Louisa, who lives in Portland. Mr. Griffith's mother is now residing with her daughter in Portland.

Albert B. Griffith acquired his education in the schools of Livermore. He was quite young when his parents took him with them to Peru. He assisted on the farm until his father's death. At that time he succeeded to the property, and has since conducted it with success. There are two hundred and fifty acres of land, the amount originally purchased by his father. He raises superior crops, including hay, oats, and corn, and deals to some extent in live stock.

In August, 1886, Mr. Griffith was united in

marriage to Ida De Shon. She was born in Peru, daughter of Charles F. and Janette (Mitchell) De Shon. The father is no longer living, and the mother still resides in Peru. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have two children — Emily K. and Rufus De Shon. The Griffith farm is healthfully and picturesquely situated in the Androscoggin Valley, bordering the river, and surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery. Mr. Griffith has attained prosperity by hard work, and is at the present time one of the heaviest tax-payers of Peru. He is a Democrat in politics; while he has no particular preference for any of the religious denominations.

**P**HON. JOEL WILBUR, of Phillips, the senior member of the firm Wilbur & Co., dealers in general farm produce, groceries, grain, flour, etc., was born here September 19, 1833, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Heath) Wilbur. Ethan Wilbur, the father of Benjamin, came to Phillips as early as 1801, and the rest of his life was spent here in farming. His ten children have all passed away. He served in the War of 1812 at Portsmouth, N.H., and died in 1857, aged seventy-one years. Benjamin Wilbur, who was born in Durham, Me., was brought to Phillips by his parents when he was but four years old. He was engaged in general farming here during his active period, dying October 8, 1883, at the age of seventy-eight. His wife, Mary, who was a native of Strong, Me., died at the home of her son in this town on November 22, 1896, in the ninety-third year. She bore him eight children, of whom three are living, namely: Sanford K., in Nevada; Mary Octavia, the wife of J. A. Badger, of Avon; and Joel, the subject of this sketch.

Joel Wilbur was educated in the common schools and at the Farmington and New Hampton academies. He then engaged in teaching for seven or eight years. In 1859 he opened a general store, which he has successfully conducted since. His son has been in partnership with him since 1883. They have four large stores — one, eighty-three by forty-five feet; another, one hundred by thirty feet;

the third, at Dead River Station, eighty by thirty feet; and the fourth, on Main Street, twenty-six by sixty feet. For three years Mr. Wilbur was superintendent of the Sandy River Railroad, and he has been a Director of that company for fifteen years. He is also a Director of the Phillips & Rangeley Railroad, and of the Union National Bank.

On March 27, 1859, Mr. Wilbur married Miss Laura Louisa Howard, a daughter of Darius and Louisa Howard, of Phillips, and now has two children—Frank H. and Georgiene Virginia. The latter lives with her parents: Frank H. Wilbur, born in Phillips, September 10, 1860, was educated in the common and high schools of the town and in the Augusta Business College. After completing his education he was received into partnership by his father, with whom he is still associated. He was married on September 29, 1887, to Evelyn C. Church, of this town, and they have one child living—Conrad C., now five years old. Mr. Joel Wilbur and his son are both loyal Republicans. While a resident of Avon, the father was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for a number of years; and he has completed a quarter century of service as Town Treasurer of Avon. He was for several years a member of the School Board of Phillips. In 1889 and 1890 he was a Representative to the Maine legislature, and during the following two years he was a member of the Senate. While in the House he served on the Committees on Banks and Banking and Federal Relations; and while in the Senate he was Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, a member of the Committees on Fisheries and Game and Mercantile Insurance. During his second term in the House, the Australian ballot bill was passed, and the district school system was abolished in certain towns, including that of Phillips. In 1892 he was one of the electors-at-large for the State of Maine, and a delegate to the Republican Convention at Minneapolis in May of that year. In the previous year he had served as a delegate to the Centennial Anniversary celebration of the inauguration of George Washington, which was held in New York. Mr. Wilbur is an attendant of the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE A. FREDERIC, a progressive general farmer of Temple, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Strong, Franklin County, March 9, 1827, son of Peter and Clarissa (Merchant) Frederic. Mr. Frederic's grandfather, Joseph Frederic, who was a native of Portugal, joined the American navy, and served under Paul Jones during the Revolutionary War. After the close of hostilities he settled in the town of Starks, Me., acquired one hundred and sixty acres of new land, and, converting it into a good farm, became prosperous. His death, in middle age, was the result of a serious wound in the hip, which he received while serving in the war. He married a Miss Pease, who lived to the age of ninety-eight years. Their children were: Polly, Hannah, Joseph, Valentine, Charles, Peter, and William.

Peter Frederic bought a farm in Strong, and there resided for a number of years. He then went to Oldtown, Penobscot County, where he was engaged as an operative in the saw-mills until his retirement from active labor. He passed his declining years at the home of his son, George A., and died at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Clarissa, became the mother of eight children, namely: Betsey; Sophronia; George A.; Peter; Jane; William; and Edward and Edwin, who were twins. She died at the age of sixty-five years.

George A. Frederic attended the common schools, and was afterward employed in farming until 1862. He then enlisted as a private in Company G, Seventeenth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, with which he served three years in the Civil War, successively under Captain Merrill and Captain Green. In the battle of Petersburg he sustained a fracture of the skull, from the consequences of which he has never fully recovered. He was honorably discharged from the service as a Corporal. After regaining sufficient strength to resume labor, he bought the Ellis farm in Temple, which he carried on for twenty years. Selling that property to Gustavus Staples he purchased the Welman farm of two hundred acres, where he has since resided. Since taking possession he has remodelled and enlarged the buildings, increased the fertility of the land, set out

orchards, and otherwise improved the property. He carries on general farming and dairying, and keeps some excellent cattle and sheep.

On October 17, 1849, Mr. Frederic wedded Mary McLean, a native of New Vineyard, Me., daughter of Charles and Betsey (Merchant) McLean. The father, who was born in Falmouth, Me., first settled in Farmington, and later in New Vineyard. Mr. and Mrs. Frederic have two children, namely: Julia O., who was born February 25, 1851, and is now the wife of Gustavus Staples of this town; and George H., who was born April 7, 1854, and is a carpenter by trade. Mr. Frederic supports the Republican party, and he attends the Congregational church.

**H**ERMAN L. HORNE, of Norway, Oxford County, a manufacturer of fine finished lumber, doors, sash, blinds, and mouldings, was born in Wolfboro, N.H., February 6, 1852, son of John L. and Hannah K. (Wallace) Horne. Daniel Horne, his great-grandfather, born in the town of Rochester, N.H., learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed for a time. Then he purchased a farm in Wakefield, Carroll County, N.H., and there subsequently carried on farming as well as blacksmithing. He was a stirring, progressive man, took an active interest in local affairs, was a communicant of the Congregational church, and lived to be fourscore years of age. His children were: Daniel, William, and Charity. Daniel Horne, Jr., the eldest child, was born in Wakefield. As soon as he was old enough he began to assist his father on the farm and at the forge. On attaining his majority he purchased a farm in his native town and engaged in farming on his own account. A number of years later he sold this farm and purchased a smaller one in the town of Rochester, N.H., where he lived until the infirmities of age led him to give up active employment. At this time he took up his residence with his son, John L. Horne, with whom he remained until his death at the age of eighty-five years. His first wife, Jane (Lennon) Horne, who died when about forty years of age, bore him five

children; namely, Luther, John L., Daniel P., Horace, and Jane E. Mr. Horne then married Miss Hannah Burroughs, who had two sons by him — Horace and Page. In his early days he was a Whig; later he became a Republican. He was a member of the Congregational church.

John L. Horne, born in Milton, N.H., November 8, 1824, received his education in the district school. When seventeen years old he went to work in Oliver Hill's tannery at Berwick, Me., and three years later was placed in charge of a branch of the business located at Rochester. At the end of a year he purchased the Rochester tannery, and ran it for himself two years. Then he sold it and purchased another in the same place, forming at that time a copartnership with Moses Varner, with whom he did business for three years. Selling his interest to his partner in 1852 he came to Norway and bought the Mark Smith tannery which was then doing only a small business. In a comparatively short time, under the able management of the new proprietor, the business became the leading industry of Norway, giving employment to one hundred and twenty-five men. In 1877 he took his son, Herman L. Horne, into partnership, and under the style of J. L. Horne & Son they carried on a successful business up to 1885. They were then succeeded by the Norway Tanning Company, who conducted the business until the entire plant was consumed in the great fire that occurred in Norway in 1893. Not only did John L. Horne build up a successful business of his own, but he has been instrumental in bringing a number of industries into the place, and in other ways has rendered very beneficial service to the town. As his business required heavy teaming, it was through his efforts that the branch of the Grand Trunk Railroad from South Paris to Norway was built. Having business connections with B. F. Spinney & Co., shoe manufacturers of Lynn, and finding that they were about to leave Lynn for some good country site, he personally circulated for signatures among the residents of Norway a paper inviting the firm to come to this town. The invitation was accepted, and the large and prosperous business so acquired has been of great benefit to



the town. John L. Horne was Chairman of the Building Committee who had charge of the erection of the Norway National Bank, and, after the organization of the corporation, he was chosen a director. He was also a director of the Water Works Company. At first he bought a cottage on Cottage Street, where he lived for several years. Then he purchased the Henry Russ stand at 40 Main Street, which he has made one of the most attractive residences in Norway by enlarging, grading, putting in granite curbing, and effecting other improvements. In 1847 he was married to Miss Hannah K. Wallace, daughter of Lindsay Wallace, of Berwick, Me. She died aged forty years, leaving six children; namely, Chester, Herman L., Rosalie M., John, George, and Charles. The father afterward married successively Miss Anna M. Wrizley and Mrs. Abbie L. Ham. In politics he is a Republican. He is a Mason of Oxford Lodge and Norway Chapter; a Knight Templar of Portland Commandery; a Past Grand of Norway Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Congregational church, and one of its most active supporters, helping to rebuild their edifice three times, it having been destroyed by fire.

Herman L. Horne was but a few months old when brought to Norway by his parents. He attended school in this village as a boy, and later was a student of South Berwick Academy. In 1874 he was graduated with high honors from Dartmouth College, and began his business career in the city of Portland. Here he opened an office, and for two years made a specialty of insurance, representing a number of the leading companies of the country, among them the Hartford Life Insurance Company and the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company of Springfield. He returned to Norway in 1877 and entered into partnership with his father, under the firm name of J. L. Horne & Son, continuing a member of the firm until it was succeeded by the Norway Tanning Company. Of this company he was a director and treasurer until, as already noted, the plant was destroyed by fire. Previously he had purchased the old water-

power at the falls and the paper-mill, and in 1884 had established an electric light plant and formed a company known as the Norway Electric Light Company, of which he was chosen President. This plant supplies both Norway and South Paris. In 1879 Mr. Horne built a large factory in which building materials, including mouldings, sash, doors, and blinds are manufactured, and from ten to fifteen men, besides teams, are employed. Mr. Horne, working hand in hand with his father, helped to secure the branch of the Grand Trunk Railroad and the establishment of the shoe factory. It was largely through his influence that the charter was granted for the electric railway, and later that surveyors and engineers were secured to bring the undertaking to a successful termination. He is a stockholder and Director of the electric railway, a stockholder in the Opera House Block corporation, and a stockholder and the President of the shoe manufactory. In the seventies he was President of the Norway Agricultural Society, and during his term of office a new track was built and other substantial improvements made. Of about ninety lots of land adjoining the tannery owned by him and his father, which were laid out in streets, a portion was sold. On the remainder they erected about twenty houses, two of which were destroyed in the fire of 1893. The younger Mr. Horne furnished the material used in the High School and County Building. He is now erecting a three-story block, forty by seventy feet, furnished with modern conveniences, having three stores on the street floor and offices on the second. He also owns an elegant private residence.

On October 18, 1876, Mr. Horne was married to Miss Fanny H. Holmes, a daughter of E. Austin and Martha (Haight) Holmes. Mr. Holmes was born in Hebron, now Oxford, Me., on January 9, 1802, son of Captain James Holmes, a native of Plymouth, Mass. Captain Holmes, who commanded a company of State militia, married Miss Jerusha Rawson, and settled soon after in Hebron, where he purchased a farm and engaged in agriculture. E. Austin Holmes, beginning his business career without assistance, became one of the largest farmers and cattle dealers in this sec-

tion, acquiring a goodly competence. The latter years of his life were spent in retirement here in Norway, where he erected a handsome residence; and he died in 1866. He married successively Sarah E. Benson, Almena Staples, and Martha Haight. The last wife, who was a daughter of George Haight, of Gorham, survived him until 1887, when she died at the age of seventy years. There were seven children by the first union, three by the second, and two — George W. and Fanny H. — by the third. The father was the originator of the Holmes note. Mr. Horne was at one time Captain of the Norway Light Infantry. Despite his numerous business cares he is an active and influential member of several of the leading societies of Norway.

**H**OSEA P. BUMP, an agriculturist of Farmington, and a veteran cavalry man of the late war, was born September 12, 1837, in the town of New Vineyard, this county, son of Hosea and Sylvia (Whiting) Bump. Hosea Bump, who was a blacksmith of unusual skill, was engaged in general iron work in New Vineyard, Me., for several years, and then moved to Farmington. Here he also followed his trade until the weight of years made it advisable for him to retire some time before his death, which happened in his eighty-second year. He was a stanch Democrat. In religious belief he was an Adventist. His wife, who was born in 1811, passed away in 1841. They had two children, namely: John C., now deceased; and Hosea P.

Beginning in his boyhood, Hosea P. Bump worked at general farming until he was twenty-one years of age. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in Company L, First Maine Cavalry, and served in the war for nearly four years, during which he took part in some of the fiercest engagements. On the first of the three days' struggle at Gettysburg he was wounded in the right wrist, the shot breaking some of the bones; but as soon as practicable he was in the field again, and finished his term of service. His wrist never regained its strength, and he is now in receipt of a pension. After his return from the war he pur-

chased the Jacob Eaton farm, an estate of fifty acres in Farmington, on which he has set out a fine orchard, and made many other improvements. Also, from time to time, he has bought outlying land, so that he now owns one hundred acres more. He is a progressive and thrifty farmer, and is widely known and respected.

Mr. Bump was married May 5, 1867, to Mary Paine, who was born March 3, 1840, in New Hampshire, daughter of Asel and Mary (Wright) Paine. Mr. Paine, a farmer, who kept a dairy and reared sheep, moved to Farmington when his daughter was quite young. In her girlhood Mrs. Bump worked in weaving-mills. She is the mother of two children — Lubert R., born September 4, 1869, now a farmer; and John E., born May 15, 1874, a plumber. The father votes the Republican ticket. On religious subjects he holds liberal views. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which she joined some years ago.

**J**OSHUA C. WHITTEMORE, who was for many years prominent in the agricultural community of Hebron, was born in this town, November 21, 1824. His parents, John and Ruth (Crooker) Whittemore, were natives of this State, born respectively in Hebron and Minot. John Whittemore, who was an energetic man, resided on the farm subsequently owned by his son, chiefly occupied in agriculture. In politics he was an old-time Democrat. He died April 7, 1867. His wife was an exemplary Christian woman, and an attendant of the Congregational church. Her death occurred May 22, 1889. They had five children, all of whom are likewise deceased.

Joshua C. Whittemore grew to manhood in Hebron, acquiring his education in the public schools. In boyhood he was required to take an active part in the farm work, and in manhood he elected to continue in that occupation. He succeeded his father as owner of the home farm, which is a valuable estate of one hundred acres. An industrious and progressive man, he made many improvements on the estate. Mr. Whittemore, like his father, was a Demo-

crat. On religious matters his views were liberal. He died May 31, 1894.

Mr. Whittemore was married November 25, 1859, to Stella A., daughter of William and Stella Harlow. She was born in Minot, May 10, 1841. Mr. Harlow, a native of Minot, who was engaged for years in farming in Minot and Turner, died at the age of eighty-two. His wife, who was born in Turner, passed away in her forty-ninth year. Their eleven children were: Stella L., deceased, who was the wife of Herbert Mullen, and left one child, Flossie A.; Mary F., also deceased; Annie W., who is the wife of Frank Ramsdell, of Hebron, and has two children—Donald W. and Beulah M.; Samuel J., a farmer on the homestead; Horace K., a clerk, employed in Boston, Mass.; and Grace R., Nellie E., Sadie A., Verna A., Herbert A., and Edith M., all at home. Mrs. Whittemore manages the farm with the assistance of her children. She is an esteemed member of the Congregational church.

**L**EWIS H. REED, a successful lumberman and mill-owner residing in Mexico, Oxford County, was born in the house that he now occupies on January 28, 1854. His parents were Lewis and Mary Ann (Stockbridge) Read, both of whom were natives of Byron. The father remained on the home farm until he was a young man, when he came to Mexico to engage in mercantile pursuits. In 1858, after a prosperous business career, he died at the age of forty-five. He was a very active Democrat in local and State politics; was Selectman for several years; held the rank of Colonel in the old State militia; and was a member of the Universalist church. His wife, Mary Ann, bore him four children. These were: Florence J., now deceased, who married W. W. Bolster, ex-Mayor of Auburn, Me.; Olive G., a spinster, residing in Pittsburg, Pa.; Mary A., who was the wife of the late L. A. Thomas, of Pittsburg; and Lewis H., the youngest child, and the subject of this biography. The mother died in 1883, at the age of seventy-five.

After completing the customary period of

attendance at the common schools, Lewis H. Reed, at the age of fifteen, left home to pursue a two years' course in the State Normal School in Farmington. Having graduated from that institution in 1873, he took a four years' course at Bowdoin College, where he was a classmate of ex-President Pierce. Here he graduated in 1877 as a civil engineer. During the ensuing two years he taught school in different towns of the State. He then came to Mexico, and engaged in farming and surveying, although surveying in the country was distasteful to him. In 1890 Mr. Reed built the Burch & Long lumber-mill in Roxbury, which he has since managed, giving employment to fifteen men, in the manufacture of spool stock, dowels, and long lumber. He owned a part of the land where the village of Rumford Falls now stands, but sold it in 1892.

On October 26, 1880, he married Miss Abbie P. Saunders, of Livermore, who was his classmate in the Normal School at Farmington. Their children are: Mary L., Martha C., Caroline S., and Elmer L., all still under the paternal roof. Mr. Reed is a Republican in politics, takes quite an active part in the politics of the county, and was Town Clerk for a few years. He is a member of the Zeta Psi Society of Bowdoin College. Always courteous and genial, he has many friends.

**W**ILLIAM COBURN, now living in retirement in New Sharon, was until quite recently a prosperous general farmer. He was born in this town, December 20, 1817, son of Manley and Sally (Bailey) Coburn. His grandfather, Jephthah Coburn, came here, a pioneer, in 1794 from Dunstable, Mass., making the journey with an ox team. Jephthah took up two tracts of land of one hundred acres each, and, after clearing a portion, erected a ten-room house, which still stands in a good state of preservation. He served as a soldier during the Revolutionary War, afterward receiving a pension from the government; and he lived to a good old age. During the latter years of his life he lost his sight and hearing. He was a hard-working, industrious man and a useful citizen; and he

reared a large family of children, all now deceased. Of the latter, three died young. The others were: Jephtha, Manley, Absalom, Thaddeus H., Abi, Hosea, and Darius.

Manley Coburn was born in Dunstable, January 18, 1794. The greater part of his life was passed in his native town. At the age of eighteen he joined the United States Army, and served for six months at Bath, Me. Upon his discharge he received a warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land. This he sold to his brother, Thaddeus H., after which he went West, and settled in Illinois. Besides working at the carpenter's trade he was also engaged in farming. He was a prosperous and highly respected citizen. He supported the Democratic party in politics, and in his religious belief was a Universalist. His wife, Sally, whom he married in 1816, was born May 7, 1790. She bore him four children — William, Asa, Eliza Ann, and Oliver B.

William Coburn, the sole survivor of his parents' children, obtained his education in the common schools and at the free high school of New Sharon. He afterward assisted upon the home farm until 1851, when he bought a part of the property, containing one hundred acres, and there was successfully engaged in agriculture for some years. In the summer of 1865 the buildings were destroyed by fire. He replaced them by new ones. In 1896 he sold to a good advantage the homestead, which had been his residence for forty-five years and that of the family for one hundred and two years, and has since lived in retirement.

On January 3, 1851, Mr. Coburn was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bailey, a daughter of Cummings and Hannah (Parker) Bailey, of Farmington, Me. She became the mother of two children — Sarah E. and Annie G. Sarah E. was born March 20, 1852, and is now the wife of John B. Smelledge; Annie G., born March 26, 1865, married Ezra L. Parttridge, of Massachusetts, who died in 1890, leaving one son, Clarence E. On January 3, 1896, she entered a second marriage, contracted with Marshall Saunders, of West Farmington. Mr. Coburn's political principles are conservative. He taught the district school for two years, and served for several

years as Highway Surveyor. He has been a tireless worker, has accumulated quite an estate by his industry, and is now passing his declining years with his son-in-law. His religious faith is that of a Free Will Baptist.

JAMES CURTIS, a former employe of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, who is now living in retirement in South Paris, Oxford County, Me., was born in Woodstock, Me., October 8, 1819, son of Charles and Jane (Deering) Curtis. Mr. Curtis's grandfather, Noah Curtis, was a native of Pembroke, Plymouth County, Mass.; and his boyhood and youth were spent in the old Bay State. He married Deborah Luce, of Wareham, Mass., and in early manhood settled in Woodstock, Me., as a pioneer of that town, where he became a prosperous farmer and one of the stirring men of his day.

Charles Curtis, son of Noah, was reared to farm life; and in early manhood he bought a farm in Woodstock, which he carried on with profitable results for some years. Eventually selling that property, he removed to Mechanic Falls, where he died at the age of seventy years, having spent the latter part of his life in retirement from active toil. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but later acted with the Republican party; and in his religious views he was a Universalist. His wife, who was before marriage Jane Deering, became the mother of eight children; namely, Evelyn, James, John D., Charles, Mary J., Noah, Mark, and Eunice. Mrs. Jane D. Curtis lived to reach the age of eighty-six years.

James Curtis, the subject of this sketch, having acquired his education in the public schools, at the age of twenty-one went to Lowell, Me., and for nine years was employed in an oil-cloth factory. On account of failing health he was then obliged to seek outdoor employment; and, as his wife's aged father owned a small farm in South Paris, he purchased the property and settled here as a farmer. He improved the place by enlarging and remodelling the buildings, brought the land up to a high state of cultivation, and made good progress as an agriculturist. Soon after his settlement here he was appointed

overseer of the section of the Grand Trunk Railway passing through this town, a position which he filled with such ability as to win the confidence of the company; and three years later he was placed in charge of their engine-house here. During his long period of service he proved himself of great value to the company as a capable and faithful employee; and he continued in charge of the engine-house until 1893, when he resigned his position. He has since lived in retirement.

In 1844 Mr. Curtis was united in marriage with Lucretia Bridgeham, daughter of George Bridgeham, a prosperous farmer and well-known hotel-keeper of South Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have had eight children, as follows: Mary E., who was born February 22, 1846, married G. A. Haskell, and died at the age of twenty-one; William W., who died at the age of one year; Louise A., who was born November 19, 1850, married G. F. Lewis, and resides in Bethel, Vt.; Ellen F., who was born February 21, 1852, married George E. Wilson, and now resides in Fairfield, Me., having one daughter, Eva; Willard J., who was born June 8, 1854, and is now engaged in the corn-canning business at West Paris; Anna L., who was born November 4, 1857, and is now the wife of R. J. Everett, of Poland, Me., having one son, Philip; Carroll G., who was born October 9, 1859, and is now filling his father's old position at the engine-house; and Hattie G., who was born May 10, 1861, and is now the wife of E. D. Selden, of Portland, Me. All are well situated in life. Carroll G. Curtis is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Order of Red Men.

In politics Mr. Curtis supports the Republican party, and has served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He and his wife enjoy cordial social relations with a large circle of friends and acquaintances. They attend the Universalist church.

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**D**AVID R. HASTINGS, the Postmaster of Gilead, was born in Bethel, this county, January 24, 1857, son of Major G. A. Hastings, of Bethel, who was born February 18, 1821. Major Hastings in early manhood learned the

blacksmith trade, and subsequently followed it until he was thirty years old. He then engaged in the lumber business, and up to the present time has followed lumbering and farming continuously, excluding two years spent on a Georgia cotton plantation, and some time in the army. Enlisting August 8, 1861, as a private in Company A, Twelfth Regiment of Maine Volunteers, he was commissioned Captain on the 15th of October, and on July 31, 1862, he was commissioned Major. He was in many hard-fought battles, and during his term of service he won the regard of the men under his command.

David R. Hastings is a graduate of Gould's Academy at Bethel. From 1874 to 1876 he was with a surveying party in the White Mountains; and he has devoted considerable time to teaching school. He presided over a district school in Bethel for three terms, and taught mathematics and English at Gould's Academy four terms. He then engaged in the lumber business, logging first in the town of Riley, this county. Selling his interest there he purchased a half interest in the township of Batchelor's Grant, this county, comprising twenty thousand acres of timber land. Since making the purchase he has been engaged in felling timber on this land, and sawing pulp wood, spruce lumber, and spool stock. He has been a resident of Gilead for some time, and has taken an active part in local politics, as a sound money Democrat. For three years he presided as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and he was Supervisor of the Board of Education two years. It is now his purpose to move to Auburn, Me., as soon as his resignation of the office of Postmaster is accepted.

On May 19, 1879, Mr. Hastings was married to Josephine A., daughter of Marshall Sanderson, of Bethel. She died June 5, 1883, leaving one son, Marshall R., who was born August 29, 1882. Mr. Hastings was married again November 2, 1886, to Ella J. Crawford, of Gilead. By this union he has one daughter, Flossie O., born June 2, 1888. It is in order to give his children better educational opportunities that Mr. Hastings intends to move to Auburn. In moving he will sever many pleasant associations, business and

social. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M., and belongs to the Order of the Golden Cross in Gilead.

**D**AVID C. AVERILL, who owns a desirable farm in the town of Wilton, and is favorably known by the numerous fishermen who visit this locality, was born in Temple, this county, December 18, 1839, son of Moses and Lucinda (Dowin) Averill. Mr. Averill's grandfather, Moses Averill, Sr., who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War in 1807, came to East Wilton from New Hampshire with the early settlers, and acquired a tract of land covered with heavy timber. He felled and burned the timber, and succeeded in making as good a farm as any in the neighborhood. This property is now owned and occupied by Henry Webster. Grandfather Averill for many years received a pension for his services in the Revolutionary War. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he lived to be ninety years old. His wife also enjoyed a long life. Their children were: Luther, Moses, Virtue, Lucy, Hannah, Lucinda, and Alice.

Moses Averill succeeded to the homestead. He continued the improvements, added to its acreage by purchasing some adjoining land, and resided there for some time. Then selling the property, he bought a tract of unimproved land in the town of Temple, where he began as a pioneer, living in a log house, which, after clearing a farm, he replaced by frame buildings. Not being content with the result of his labor, he sold this property, and bought back the homestead, where the rest of his life was passed. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucinda Dowin, became the mother of eleven children; namely, James, Eben, Washington, Wesley, Louis, Fanny, Mary, David C., Lizzie, Charles, and Hannibal.

David C. Averill acquired the principal part of his education in the schools of Wilton. He remained at home assisting his father until he was twenty-eight years old. He then

bought the Blanchard farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Later he purchased the S. Perry place of one hundred and ten acres, on which he has since resided. He has made various improvements on both the buildings and the land. The estate is in an excellent location and the land is very fertile. As a general farmer Mr. Averill ranks among the best in this section. He has made many warm friends among gentlemen who come here from the large cities on fishing excursions. He can always be depended upon to supply parties with boats, bait, and trustworthy guides to conduct them to the best angling grounds among the lakes and streams of the district.

On August 1, 1857, Mr. Averill wedded Rhoda A. Farmer, of Temple. She is a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Ladd) Farmer, and grand-daughter of Moses Farmer. The latter moved from Greenfield, N.H., to Temple at an early date in the town's history, and cleared a farm upon the north side of the pond. The father, who was born in Greenfield, became a prosperous agriculturist of this locality, and died here in 1856, aged forty-nine years. The mother, who was born July 21, 1816, is still living, and enjoys good health. Mrs. Averill's maternal grandfather reared twenty-four sons, all of whom acquired a college education and became professional men. Her parents reared three other children besides herself — Emily J., Pamela, and Plumer. She has had eight children, as follows: Martha Ella, who died at the age of five years; Myra Adela, who died in infancy; Ida Eliza, born August 7, 1863, who became a teacher, married Herbert Knapp, of North Chesterville, and has two children — Frankie N. and Merton E.; Minnie Belle, a teacher, who was born January 25, 1867, and is now the wife of Sherman Bean; Edgar Adelbert, who is now a machinist; Plumer Morrell, who was born in July, 1869, and is now engaged in agricultural pursuits; Myrtle V., who was born May 7, 1874; and Mattie L., who was born November 18, 1879. In politics Mr. Averill is a Republican. Though frequently solicited by his fellow-townsmen to accept office, he has always declined. In his religious belief he is a Free Will Baptist.

**J**OHAN ATHERTON, a veteran of the late war and a prominent farmer of Waterford, was born here, March 1, 1829, son of Oliver and Mary (Willard) Atherton, both natives of this town. His grandfather, John Atherton, who was a Revolutionary soldier, came from Acton, N.H., to Waterford at an early date, settling on the farm now occupied by the present John. Oliver Atherton spent his life on this farm, deriving from its cultivation an ample income for the needs of his family. He died March 3, 1872. His wife, Mary, made him the father of three children, who were: John, the subject of this sketch; Charles, who died at the age of twenty-one; and Jennie Maria, who was the wife of William F. Cilley. Mr. and Mrs. Cilley have both passed away.

John Atherton received a practical common-school education. He left home at the age of twenty, and worked at lumbering near Ridgeway, Elk County, Pa., for two years. Returning then to the farm in Waterford, he has lived there since for the greater part of the time. For a year or two he was employed in bakeries at Bangor and Waterville, Me., and was farming for two years and a half in Elk County, Kansas. He enlisted September 15, 1862, in Company K, Twenty-third Maine Regiment, under Colonel William W. Virgin and Captain Moses N. Stanley. The regiment was stationed during the most of his time on the Potomac River, between Washington and Harper's Ferry. It arrived at Gettysburg just too late to take part in the battle. Mr. Atherton received his discharge at Portland, Me., July 15, 1863. He is totally deaf in one ear, the result of a shot fired close to his head; and he suffers from chronic rheumatism, contracted in the army. On account of these ailments he receives a pension. He has made many improvements on his property, which covers one hundred and sixty acres. He is extensively engaged in general farming, stock raising, and dairying, making a specialty of cream.

On December 6, 1854, Mr. Atherton was united in marriage with Margaret M., daughter of Artemus and Mary (Alden) Brown. She was born in Waterford, March 19, 1836. Her father, also a native of Waterford, Me.,

was a carpenter, and worked at his trade in that place up to the time of his death, in 1871. Mrs. Brown, who was born in Auburn, Me., died in 1872. The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Atherton are: Mary F., Jennie M., Addie B., Orra E., Annie G., and Maud B. Mary F. married Abbott Craig, of Farmington, Me.; Jennie M. married Robbins Plummer, a farmer of Waterford; Addie B. married James B. Hamlin, both of whom reside with her parents; Orra E. married Ward Munroe, a machinist of Jersey City, N.J.; Annie G. and Maud B. also live with their parents. Mr. Atherton is active among the Republicans of Waterford, and has held a number of offices. He is not a club man, but he attends the meetings of the grange at Waterford. Mrs. Atherton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at South Waterford.

**A**LBERT L. HOLMES, one of the most able agriculturists of Paris, was born in Hartford, Oxford County, October 18, 1856, son of Sullivan R. and Joanna (Parsons) Holmes. His grandfather, Jonathan Holmes, who was a native of that part of Hebron now included within the town of Oxford, spent the greater part of his active period in Hartford, Me., where he was a prosperous farmer. The grandfather's last days were passed in Paris, and he died at the venerable age of ninety-five years. In his later life he supported the Republican party, and he attended the Free Will Baptist church. He married Mahalia Reed, a native of Hartford, who died at the age of sixty-eight years.

Sullivan R. Holmes was born in Hartford, June 17, 1818. His early life was passed in his native town, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1867. Then he came to Paris, and settled upon the farm now occupied by his family. On this property, which contains one hundred and twenty-five acres of excellent land, he carried on general farming, residing there until his death on April 26, 1888. He was an energetic and industrious farmer, and a good, useful citizen; and in politics he acted with the Republican party. His wife, Joanna, who was born in Hartford,

October 25, 1836, had two children, namely: Franklin F., who was born September 15, 1857, and now resides in Norway, Me.; and Albert L., the subject of this sketch. She resides at the homestead in Paris.

Albert L. Holmes grew to manhood in Paris, and his education was acquired in the schools of this town. The home farm, which became his by inheritance upon his father's death, has received his entire attention since young manhood. He has improved it by erecting a new set of buildings, thereby greatly enhancing its value. His crops are chiefly hay, grain, and fruit. On March 17, 1880, Mr. Holmes wedded Emma C. King, who was born in Paris, April 11, 1856, daughter of William O. and Mary Clifford King. William King Holmes, the only child of this union, was born November 1, 1881. Mr. Holmes is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics is a Republican. Both he and his wife are liberal in their religious opinions.

The King family was founded in America by John King, who emigrated from England in 1636. Philip, a son of John, in 1680 settled in Raynham, Mass., where he resided for the rest of his life. From him the line of descent was continued by his son John, and John's son, Benjamin, to George King, who was Mrs. Holmes's great-grandfather. Captain Samuel King, Mrs. Holmes's grandfather, was born in Raynham, May 18, 1771. In 1791 he came with his brother George to Paris, and in 1797 settled upon the farm which has since remained in possession of the family, and is now owned by J. F. King. A clearing had been previously made upon the property, and, from a partially primitive state, he improved it into a productive farm, upon which he resided until his death, April 29, 1856. In politics he was originally a Democrat or Whig, and he united with the Republican party at its formation. He married Sally Hall, who was born in Hopkinton, Mass., March 2, 1779. She became the mother of eleven children, of whom the survivors are the Hon. Horatio King and Cyrus S. King. The Hon. Horatio King was Postmaster-general during the administration of James Buchanan, and now resides in Washing-

ton, D.C. The others were: Samuel, Alonzo, Sally H., Polly, Joseph H., Betsy S., Maria, Jairus K., and William O. The mother, who was a member of the Baptist church, died December 9, 1862.

William O. King was born at the homestead in Paris, August 6, 1820. He cultivated the farm industriously from early manhood until his death, which happened May 21, 1892. He voted with the Republican party, was connected with the Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry, and attended the Universalist church. His wife, Mary, who was born in Paris, August 10, 1824, bore him eight children, of whom two others, Jairus F. and Josephine F., are living. Those who died were: William H., Cyrus E., Frances E., Mary A., and Lucy M. Mrs. William O. King, who survives her husband, is residing with her daughter, Mrs. Holmes.

**J**AMES R. TUCKER, the urbane proprietor of Hotel Ridlon in Mexico, Oxford County, was born August 3, 1838, in West Sumner, Me., son of Amasa and Ruth (Buck) Tucker.

He attended the common schools for the usual period. When he was eighteen years of age he went to Massachusetts, where he was employed for two years. On August 3, 1861, the twenty-third anniversary of his birth, he enlisted in Company B, Second Massachusetts Battery, for three years. He subsequently served for three years and one month, participating in the engagement at Mansfield's Cross Roads, where his horse was shot from under him; in that of Pleasant Hill; in the siege of Port Hudson; in the first encounter at Vicksburg; and in a great many skirmishes. Some time after his return from the war he went to Ridgeway, Ohio, where he was engaged in lumbering for a year. The year following was spent in a shoe factory at Weymouth Landing, Mass., from which place he went to Shawmut, Pa., to serve as conductor of freight on the Shawmut & Ridgeway Railroad. Here he continued for four and a half years, being fireman and engineer for a part of the time. He next went to Boston, where he bought an express wagon and drove it until



1880. Then he sold out in order to engage in the hotel business at West Paris, Me. In the fall of 1895 he came to Mexico, assuming the proprietorship of Hotel Ridlon, which he has since successfully conducted.

On August 11, 1865, Mr. Tucker married Miss Adelia Benson, of North Paris, and has now five children, namely: Clara E., who died at the age of twenty years; George H., now a first-class wood-engraver, living in Portland; Ruth, who still lives at home; Annie, who died in infancy; and Eva, who also lives at home.

In politics he is a zealous Republican, and he has been Deputy Sheriff for six years. He is an esteemed member of the Masonic Lodge, of West Paris.

**J**ONATHAN R. LONGLEY, who has spent the greater part of his life in Waterford, working at the trade of a stone-cutter, was born here October 4, 1825, son of Jonathan and Lydia (Robbins) Longley. The first of the Longley family to come to Waterford was Jonathan, a native of Stowe, Mass., born September 7, 1761, who was engaged in farming. He fought for American independence in the Revolutionary War, and died here October 4, 1833.

Jonathan Longley, the father of Jonathan R., was also a native of Waterford, born March 12, 1794. He spent his life here, chiefly occupied in farming and stone-cutting, and died March 10, 1857, on the farm now owned by his son. His wife, Lydia (Robbins) Longley, born in Waterford, March 19, 1799, died March 24, 1843, leaving three children — James O., Jonathan R., and Nancy G. James O., born September 25, 1822, married Miss Ann Elizabeth Fogg, who died in June, 1888. He is now engaged in trade in South Waterford village. Nancy G., born February 17, 1841, married Robert Burnham, who now lives in Naples, Cumberland County. She died in August, 1869. After the mother's death the father formed a second union January 2, 1844, with Miss Sophia T. Brown, of Waterford. She was born in 1804, and died in 1876. Louis Jewell, the only child of this union, was born May 8, 1845, and died April

28, 1864. The four children were educated in the common schools of Waterford.

In his younger days Jonathan R. Longley worked at the stone-cutter's trade. During the year following that of his majority he worked out on farms. Then he returned home to assist his father on the homestead farm and to work at his trade. Since his marriage he has made his home on his farm in South Waterford. Here he has about sixty-three acres of well-improved land, where general farming is carried on. Until recent years, however, he gave his attention chiefly to his trade of stone-cutter. He has now practically retired; while his son conducts the farm, keeping a small dairy and raising some stock. A hard-working man throughout his life, Mr. Longley has also been very successful.

On October 21, 1847, Mr. Longley was joined in marriage with Miss Martha Elizabeth Munroe, who was born in Waterford, March 3, 1824, daughter of William and Betsy (Ather-ton) Munroe. Her father came to Waterford when a young man, and was there engaged in farming until his death on November 18, 1894, aged ninety-five years, one month, and twelve days. Mr. and Mrs. Longley have two children: Eugene, born July 14, 1851, who is in charge of the home farm; and Lizzie Ada, born June 7, 1855, now the wife of George W. Harrington, who is engaged in the wholesale iron and steel business in Boston, Mass. In politics Mr. Longley is a Democrat, and has served acceptably in minor town offices. His son votes independently of party. Mrs. Longley is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church of South Waterford.

**D**EARBORN L. AUSTIN, Selectman of Gilead, was born in Shelburne, N.H., January 15, 1820, son of James S. and Sarah (Long) Austin. James S. Austin was a native of Fryeburg, this county, and his father also was born in that town. His parents removed to Shelburne, N.H., when he was four years old; and there he spent the rest of his life, engaged principally in farming, though for a number of years he was in the lumber business. He was a loyal member of the Republican party,

but would never accept nomination for office. His death occurred in his eighty-ninth year. His wife, who was a native of Wolfboro, N.H., died at the age of eighty-two.

Dearborn L. Austin attended the common schools of Shelburne and studied for two terms at Conway Academy. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-nine years of age. Then he purchased a farm for himself in New Hampshire, on which he resided for a number of years. For some time thereafter he was engaged in developing farms and selling them at an advance on the purchase price. In 1864 he bought a farm in Gilead, lived on it some three years, and then disposed of it. He subsequently purchased one near Gorham, N.H., which he sold in six months. Returning to Gilead then he bought another, on which he lived three years. His next purchase was near West Bethel, this county, where he lived two years. After this he built a store in Gilead and engaged in a mercantile business for a while. Finally he sold the store, and purchased the house in Gilead village, where he has since made his home, having retired from active business. He now owns about fifty acres of land.

Mr. Austin was married April 24, 1849, to Rose C. Coffin, of Gilead. They have reared three adopted children. In politics he is a Republican. He has been a member of the Gilead Board of Selectmen for six years, and Justice of the Peace here for eighteen years. While living in New Hampshire he was Justice of the Peace. He has taken several degrees in Masonry, and belongs to the lodge in Gorham, N.H., and the chapter in Bethel, Me. A man of ability and good judgment, he is widely known and respected.

**A**LBERT MORROW, one of the best known carriage builders of Knowlton's Corner, was born in Argenteuil, Province of Quebec, November 22, 1858, son of John and Rebecca (Morrow) Morrow. John Morrow, a native of Liverpool, England, who emigrated to Canada, followed agricultural pursuits there until his death, which occurred when he was thirty-five years old. His wife, Rebecca, who was a daughter

of Andrew Morrow, a native of the north of Ireland, became the mother of three children — Mary, Maggie, and Albert. Maggie and Albert were twins. The mother lived to the age of sixty-two years.

Albert Morrow resided in Canada until he was eleven years old, when, his mother, having again married, he accompanied her to Springfield, Mass. At the age of thirteen, having attended the common schools for some time, he began work as a helper in the shops of the Smith & Wesson Arms Company, where he remained until he was fifteen. Returning to Canada then he was employed in a carriage manufactory for four years. At the end of that time, desiring to return to the States, and there being a demand for workmen in this locality, he came to North Chesterville, where he was employed as a carriage maker for some time. In company with H. O. Bernard, he subsequently bought the wood-working mills there, operated them for a year and a half, and then sold them again. He next purchased the Samuel Knowlton stand, with four acres of land, at Knowlton's Corner, where he has since carried on a successful business as a carriage manufacturer. He turns out a large number of light wagons, carriages, and sleighs annually, making a specialty of producing fine driving vehicles of excellent style and quality, and employing the best of skilled workmen. He has put in a steam-engine of twenty-two horse-power, which runs his saws, planers, and sewing-machines, all of which are of the most improved pattern.

Mr. Morrow wedded Mabel L. Knowlton, daughter of Samuel and Hepsie M. (Mitchell) Knowlton, late of this town. Mrs. Morrow's grandparents were Ebenezer and Sally (Hiscock) Knowlton. Ebenezer, a carriage-maker by trade, built up a good business at Knowlton's Corner as a manufacturer of wagons, and owned a large farm here, which he also successfully managed. Samuel Knowlton, Mrs. Morrow's father, was born where his daughter now resides, December 19, 1821. He succeeded to the homestead and the carriage business, and subsequently was very successful in conducting the latter. He built the first buggy made in this section, on account of which fact he received the title of "Buggy

Sam." He was a man of high moral character, and had the respect of his fellow-townsmen. He was identified with the carriage business here until his death, which happened in 1884. His wife, besides Mrs. Morrow, had three other children; namely, Frank H., Dana A., and Walter E. She died in 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow have four children, as follows: Albert E., who was born May 24, 1882; Lena May, who was born April 1, 1884; Gilbert M., who was born August 19, 1890; and Ernest, who died in infancy. An able and progressive business man, whose success in life has been won by his energy and perseverance, he is highly esteemed by the entire community.

**EDWIN C. NORCROSS**, a well-known resident of Chesterville, who has acquired a wide reputation as a manufacturer of fine carriages and sleighs, was born here October 27, 1853, son of Charles and Velzory (Gilbert) Norcross. His father, who was for many years engaged in the carriage maker's business in Chesterville, and also carried on general farming, resides with his son, having reached the age of seventy-seven years.

Edwin C. Norcross was educated in the common schools of his native town. At the age of nineteen he began to learn the carriage maker's trade. Subsequently, he engaged in business for himself, and has since continued in it very successfully. He makes a specialty of sleighs of a superior quality, for which he receives many orders from Boston, Portland, and other places. In this particular branch of the trade he has gained an enviable reputation for style, durability, and excellent finish. He has shipped as many as fifteen sleighs in one day, and he has a record of putting together twenty in the same length of time. His carriages are noted for the thorough manner in which they are constructed. The oak and bass wood used by him are cut in this vicinity, and seasoned under his personal supervision. He also does a good business in harnesses, robes, etc. The farm, which was deeded to him by his mother some time previous to her death, contains one hundred acres of intervale land. A portion is in a high state

of cultivation, and thirty tons of hay are obtained from the pastures annually. The residence, which is comparatively new, contains fifteen nicely finished rooms; and the barn, besides having storage capacity for forty tons of hay, is furnished with box stalls where are kept four standard bred Jersey cows and two fine horses. There is upon the premises a beautiful picnic grove, covering an acre of ground, and the genial owner keeps some pleasure boats for the accommodation of his friends. Aside from his regular business he has for several years attended to the surveying of land in this locality.

In 1891 Mr. Norcross wedded Laura Stephens, a daughter of Albion and Carrie (Smith) Stephens, and he now has one daughter, Lucy Belle. In religious matters Mr. Norcross takes a liberal view, having no preference for any particular denomination. Politically, he acts with the Democratic party.

**MILLO MITCHELL**, a well-known farmer of the town of Mexico, Oxford County, was born August 28, 1863, in the house he now occupies, son of Jonathan and Hannah E. (Phelps) Mitchell. His grandfather, Zebediah Mitchell, who was a native of Connecticut, came to this town among the early settlers, and bought the farm which his grandson, Milo, now owns. Jonathan Mitchell was born on the same farm, and there spent most of his life. He married Hannah E. Phelps, a native of Dixfield, this county, and they had four children, namely: Mary, the eldest, who married Parks Bardeen, of this county; Ida, who is the wife of Willard Fog, of Wisconsin; Milo, the subject of this sketch; and Viola, now Mrs. Lincoln Reed, of Lewiston, Me. The mother died some time ago.

Like other boys in the vicinity, Milo Mitchell lived on the home farm, and attended the common school. Being an only son, he took charge of the farm when he was quite young. At the time of his mother's death he bought the old homestead settled by his grandfather. In politics Mr. Mitchell is a loyal Republican, and is now (1896) serving the town in the office of Selectman. On June 12,

1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Creia E. Edwards, of the town of Roxbury, Me.

LYMAN R. MARTIN, a well-known and respected farmer of Greenwood, this county, was born September 29, 1838, in Andover, Me., son of the late Thomas P. Martin. His grandfather, Robert Martin, was an early settler of Oxford County. Thomas P. Martin, a son of Robert, was engaged in agricultural labor throughout the most of his life. When a young man he removed from Norway to the town of Andover, near by, and was there engaged in milling and farming until 1852. He then came to Greenwood, where he was successfully employed in tilling the soil until his demise. He married Caroline Eaton, who was born in Albany, this county, daughter of Jacob Eaton. She is still living, a bright and intelligent woman of eighty-eight years, and makes her home with her son, Lyman R. She bore her husband six children, as follows: Gussie, deceased; Eliza, who is the wife of Albert Winslow, a retired farmer of South Paris, Me.; Olive, who married Daniel D. Shaw, of Washington, Me.; Lyman R., the subject of this sketch; Jonathan, also deceased; and Royal T., who died in 1861.

When about twenty years old Lyman R. Martin began working on the Grand Trunk Railroad at track repairing. After spending four years in this employment at South Paris, he enlisted under Captain John M. Getschel, in Company E, Twenty-seventh Maine Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Wentworth, for service in the Civil War. During the nine months of his term he was in no engagements, and was honorably discharged July 17, 1863, at Cape Elizabeth. Mr. Martin then purchased his present farm in Greenwood, and has since worked industriously to bring it to its present fine condition. It contains two hundred acres of land, on which he has been profitably engaged in general agriculture and stock raising. As his health has been poor for many years, Mr. Martin's children manage the farm, carrying it on very successfully. Mr. Martin cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln; but he now

votes independently of party restrictions, casting his ballot for the man he personally thinks best fitted for the office. He has never been an aspirant for political favors, but he has willingly and faithfully served in many minor town offices. He is a member of Whitman Grand Army Post at Bryant's Pond.

Mr. Martin was married in 1860 to Harriet Ellen Herrick, daughter of Benjamin Herrick, who died on his farm in Greenwood township some time ago. Her mother resides in the adjoining town of Norway. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Cora is deceased; Eliza Jane is the wife of Burt Morrill, and lives at Richfield, this county; Royal T. is living in Greenwood, having married Miss Lena Yates; Ellen is the wife of Charles Felt, of Portland, Me.; Angie is the wife of Decatur Cross, of Lock's Mills, this township; and Ross is a painter by trade, and lives at home. The others are: Ernest, Lizzie, Lucinda, and Charles Henry. Mrs. Martin, who died April 11, 1887, was held in high estimation throughout the community in which she had passed the larger part of her wedded life. Her memory is lovingly cherished by her family, over whom her influence still rests like a benediction.

STANLEY BISBEE, of the firm Lander & Bisbee, enterprising hardware merchants of Rumford Falls, was born April 25, 1867, in Buckfield, Oxford County, son of the Hon. George D. and Anna (Stanley) Bisbee. The father, also a native of this county, was one of the most successful attorneys of Rumford Falls, and a leader in some of its important business enterprises. He was well-known and highly respected throughout the State for his learning and acumen. Stanley Bisbee's early life was spent in his native town, where he received a common-school education. Later he took courses of instruction at Hebron Academy and Colby Classical Institute of Waterville, Me., receiving a diploma from the latter institution. He then entered the grocery business with C. C. Spaulding, of Buckfield, with whom he was associated until 1890, when he bought out his partner. Three years after-

ward he sold out, and came to this place as agent of the American Express Company. In April, 1895, he left their employ, and entered his present business relations with W. C. Lander. Mr. Bisbee's political principles are Republican. Since 1892 he has officiated as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. He is a Mason of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30; and a member of Penacock Lodge, No. 130, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this village. He does not affiliate with any religious denomination, but he contributes liberally to several churches. On March 12, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen B. Spaulding, of Buckfield. They have two interesting children — Spaulding and Louise Young. Messrs. Lander & Bisbee keep first-class goods, do a thriving business, and stand well with the commercial world.

**H**ENRY R. FULLER, a well-known resident of Temple, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born April 27, 1841, in Livermore, Androscoggin County, son of Ira and Abigail S. (Morse) Fuller. Isaac Fuller, his paternal grandfather, who was a native of Plymouth, Mass., moved to Maine, and first settled at Duck Pond, which is now called Falmouth. Later he bought one hundred and sixty acres of wild land in Livermore, where he cleared a good farm, and erected a set of frame buildings. He carried on general agriculture successfully, and at his death, which happened when he was fifty-five years old, he left to his heirs a valuable farm and a good bank account. He married a Miss Houston, who lived to the age of seventy. His children were: Rebecca, Isaiah W., Sarah, Ira, Asa, and Laura.

Ira Fuller resided with his parents in Livermore until he was twenty years old. He then went to Hallowell, Me., where he worked in a saw-mill until over-exertion brought on a complication of diseases. After recovering his health he went to Portland, and, joining the police force of that city, remained in the service three years. His health again becoming impaired, under the advice of his physician, he returned to Livermore, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land,

mostly unimproved. The labor he underwent in clearing the property for cultivation proved exceedingly beneficial to his health. He then sold the place, and purchased another in Jay, where he resided for ten years. Selling this property, at the end of that time he bought a third farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, situated near the village in the town of Rangeley, and here he resided the rest of his life. He never aspired to prominence in political life, but he served acceptably in some of the minor town offices. Originally a Whig, he later joined the Republican party. In religious belief he was a Universalist. His wife, Abigail, who was a daughter of Thomas and Nancy Morse, reared but one child, Henry R., the subject of this sketch. She is still living.

Having received his education in the common schools, Henry R. Fuller learned the trade of harness-maker. In 1861 he joined the band of the Eighth Regiment of Maine Volunteers, as an E-flat cornet player, enlisting as a first-class musician, and served one year in the Civil War under General Sherman, receiving injuries from which he has never fully recovered. After his discharge he returned home, where for the succeeding eighteen months he was under the care of a physician. Then he became a book-keeper for the Watertown Iron Company, a position which he held for three years. During the next three years he was in partnership with Orin Parker, under the firm name of Parker & Co., furniture manufacturers and dealers at the corner of Avenue A and Twentieth Street, New York City. The state of his wife's health obliged him to abandon this connection, and, after disposing of his interest in the business, he came to Phillips, Me. Here he bought a farm, and opened a harness shop, both of which he conducted successfully for some years. Then, after selling this farm, he purchased another of one hundred and five acres, situated on Goff's Hill. This, after improving the buildings and dealing in stock for some time, he also sold, and moved to Phillips village. He then became a guide for sportsmen and tourists visiting this region and the Rangeley Lakes, an occupation in which he became most popular, and made many

friends. He continued in this employment exclusively until 1889, when he came to Temple, in order to care for the aged parents of his wife.

For his first wife Mr. Fuller wedded Sophia Parker, daughter of Enoch Parker, of Jay. Born of this union are five children — Charles, Josephine, Leone, George, and Fred. His present wife, in maidenhood Ella F. Horne, is a daughter of Thomas and Cordelia (Hussey) Horne, old and highly esteemed residents of Temple. Mrs. Fuller has had one child, who died in infancy. In politics Mr. Fuller is a Republican. His religious opinions are liberal, and he is a comrade of Cushman Post, No. 89, Grand Army of the Republic.

**A**LMON P. PINGREE, Third Selectman of Denmark, and a prominent farmer of Oxford County, was born here, September 24, 1855, son of Edmund P. and Mary (Cutler) Pingree. His grandfather, Parker Pingree, who was a native of New Hampshire, settled in the southern part of Denmark when a young man, being the first representative of the family to come to Maine. After his marriage Grandfather Pingree removed to the farm which is now owned by his grandson, and resided there for the rest of his life.

Edmund P. Pingree, Mr. Pingree's father, was born in Denmark, and was reared upon the home farm. He eventually inherited the property, and successfully conducted it during the active period of his life. He died April 2, 1894. His wife, Mary, who came from Limington, Me., became the mother of three children, as follows; Lizzie A., who is now engaged in educational work in Talladega, Ala.; Almon P., the subject of this sketch; and Cynthia E., a practising physician of Chico, Cal. The daughters are graduates of prominent colleges, and have already attained considerable distinction in their chosen walks of life. The mother died October 19, 1884.

Almon P. Pingree was educated in the common schools of his native town. At the age of sixteen he went to Detroit, Mich., where he worked in a shoe manufactory for four years.

From there he came East to Worcester, Mass., and was employed in the State Lunatic Asylum for the same length of time. After his marriage he settled at the homestead where he has since devoted his attention to farming. The estate, which he now owns, contains two hundred and fifty acres of good land. He carries on general agriculture, raising large crops of hay, sweet corn, and potatoes, and keeping a well-equipped dairy, with twenty cows.

On July 16, 1879, Mr. Pingree wedded Carrie Chase, who was born in Paxton, Mass., August 25, 1855. She is a daughter of John J. and Amy (Warren) Chase, the former of whom is a native of Fall River, Mass., and a shoemaker by trade. His wife was born in Paxton, where both are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Pingree have one son, Charles E., who was born November 2, 1880. In politics Mr. Pingree is a Democrat, and he has served on the Board of Selectmen for the past ten years. He is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M., of Denmark; and of the Order of the Eastern Star. The careful judicious management of his farm has brought him the due meed of prosperity. He has also the hearty good will of his neighbors.

**W**ILLIAM GAMMON, a prominent citizen of Stoneham, Me., which has been his home for over half a century, was born in this town, February 9, 1842. His parents, Welman and Sarah R. (McAllister) Gammon, were both natives of the Pine Tree State, the father having been born in Harrison, the mother in Stoneham.

Welman Gammon was a farmer, and was also engaged for years in the lumber industry, making shook. He located in Stoneham when about twenty-five years of age, settling near where his son now lives, and made many improvements on the farm. He died September 3, 1884. His wife was the daughter of Zaccheus McAllister, the original owner of the farm now occupied by Mr. Gammon, and known as the old Gammon homestead. She passed away in November, 1883. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gammon: Ann, deceased; Zaccheus, of Windham, Me., who married Ida Jordan, now deceased; Will-

iam, the subject of this sketch; Benjamin Gile, Jane, and Edwin, all of whom have passed to the world beyond; Daniel M., of South Paris village, Me., who married Miss Rose Gleason; Joseph, deceased; Isabel, wife of William C. Brooks, residing at Bryant's Pond; and Seth A., who died at the age of fourteen.

William Gammon, the second son, attended the common schools near his home and the Lovell High School. He helped about the farm in his youth, and eventually took charge of it, developing its best resources. In addition to cultivating the land, raising general crops, he has been engaged to some extent in stock raising and dairying, and a fine rich cream being one of his products. As a farmer he has been very successful; and his real estate, which is well improved, now covers three hundred and fifty acres.

He was married May 25, 1869, to Sarah E. Barker, of Bridgton, Me., who was born February 20, 1848, the daughter of Barber B. and Hannah A. (Durgan) Barker. Her father, Barber B. Barker, who was a native of Newry, Me., was a carpenter and farmer. He spent most of his life in Bridgton, dying there at an advanced age. His wife, a native of Stoneham, is living with her daughter, Mrs. Gammon. Mr. and Mrs. Gammon have four children, namely: Stella, born September 28, 1871, now the wife of Harry McKeen, of Albany, Me.; Bertha A., born September 1, 1876, now the wife of Frank A. Keniston, of Lovell, this county; Clinton, born July 2, 1878, who died September 21, 1880; and Ina B., born April 20, 1882, who is with her parents.

Mr. Gammon cast his first vote in the Democratic ranks, afterward became a Republican, and still later joined the Greenback party. He was on the Board of Selectmen for three or four years, was Township Treasurer thirteen years in succession, and has served as Supervisor and in other offices. He is actively interested in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Crescent Lodge, No. 25, of North Lovell. Mrs. Gammon is a member of the Christian church. Both are well known in this vicinity, and enjoy the esteem and good will of a large circle of friends.

**W**ILLIAM E. CURTIS, a progressive and prosperous farmer of Paris, Me., was born in this town, July 4, 1843, a son of William and Marcella (Swift) Curtis.


His grandfather, Noah Curtis, was among the early settlers of Woodstock, this State, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits several years. In 1823 he came to Paris, settling on a farm in the southern part of the town, and there pursuing his peaceful occupation until his death, March 23, 1858, at a ripe old age. His wife survived him but a short time, dying in July of the same year. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion both were strong Universalists. Of their eight children but one, Kingsbury Curtis, of West Paris, is now living. The record of their births is as follows: Mrs. Mahala Dudley, October 10, 1808; William, June 8, 1811; Alonzo, February 7, 1814; Mrs. Columbia Crockett, April 19, 1816; Kingsbury, August 16, 1818; Amanda, April 14, 1821; Augusta, November 23, 1823; and Charles H., April 25, 1829.

William Curtis was born in Woodstock. Coming to Paris when he was twelve years old he assisted his father in the labors of the farm, remaining under the parental roof-tree until ready to establish a home of his own. After his marriage he bought land in Paris, and from that time until his death, June 28, 1865, was engaged in general farming. He was identified with the Republican party from the time of its formation, and in religion was a Universalist. Marcella Swift, whom he married, was a lifelong resident of Paris, the date of her birth being May 28, 1812. They had four children, namely: Isabella A., who married Wallace W. Mitchell, of Mexico, Me.; Marietta A., wife of Caleb Fuller, of West Paris; William E., the subject of this brief sketch; and Alva M., a farmer, residing at West Peru.

William E. Curtis was bred and educated in Paris, and, with the exception of a few years spent in the Bay State, this town has been his place of residence through life. From his youth up he has given his attention to agricultural work, and when ready to commence his career as an independent farmer he

bought his present estate, which contains about two hundred acres of good land. Prosperity smiled on his efforts so that under his judicious management his farm is now well improved, as regards its cultivation, buildings, and equipments, comparing favorably with any in this locality. In addition to general farming Mr. Curtis has made stock-raising a specialty, meeting with good success in this branch also. Politically, he is an uncompromising Republican, and during the years 1881-83 and 1888 he served as Selectman. Fraternally, he is a member of West Paris Grange, No. 298, Patrons of Husbandry; and religiously he is a sound Universalist.

Mr. Curtis was married April 30, 1867, to Cynthia A. Warner, a native of Paris, born March 2, 1841. She died March 3, 1887, leaving three children — Alton L., George L., and William P. Alton L. Curtis, born May 3, 1868, now a resident of the town of Norway, married Cordelia E. Swett, and they have one child, John E.; George L., born August 19, 1870, also living in Norway, married Nellie F. Smith; and William P., born January 1, 1881, is at home. On November 5, 1889, Mr. Curtis married Georgia A. Gage, who was born in South Paris, May 13, 1849, a daughter of Moses and Huldah (Swett) Gage. Mr. Gage was a carpenter and farmer, and a highly respected citizen of this town. He died at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and his wife at the age of eighty-three. Of their eight children but three are living, namely: Joseph S. Gage, of California; Lucinda E., of Paris; and Georgia A., now Mrs. Curtis.

 OSGOOD PERRY, a veteran agriculturist of the town of Norway, Me., was born on the farm which he now owns and occupies September 5, 1824, a son of John Perry. His grandfather, Zebedee Perry, a native of Massachusetts, lived for many years in the town of Paris, this county. He married Judith Tucker, a native of Cape Ann, Mass., and both died in the early part of the present century. He was a natural mechanic, using tools of all kinds with dexterity; and an old oak chair that he made more than a hundred years ago is one of the cher-

ished possessions of his grandson, Osgood Perry.

John Perry was born and reared in Paris, from whence, after attaining his majority, he came to Norway, settling on the farm now owned by the subject of this sketch. Here he worked at the carpenter's trade in his younger days, and was likewise engaged in general farming, living here until his death, May 23, 1869. His wife, whose maiden name was Amelia Bartlett, was born, and lived, in Plymouth, Penobscot County, until seventeen years old, when she came with her parents to Oxford County, making her home in Paris. She attained the advanced age of eighty-nine years, passing away February 13, 1874, on the home farm where her married life had been spent. She bore her husband four children, as follows: Granville, who married the late Elizabeth Turner, and lives in Boston, where, in partnership with his son, he is engaged in the sash, door, and blind business; Osgood, the special subject of this sketch; Lucy Jane, who died at the age of twenty years; and Mercy Amelia, who died when but seven years old.

Osgood Perry received a common-school education, and from his early boyhood days assisted in the manual labors of the farm. After his marriage he continued his residence on the homestead, caring for his parents during their later years, and after their death succeeding to the ownership of the estate. This property, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres of land, is located on Perry's Hill, and is familiarly known as the old Perry farm. Mr. Perry has labored with persevering energy, and has met with well-merited success in making the improvements on his place. In addition to general farming he still works some at the carpenter's trade, which he learned in his youth, having assisted his father in both occupations. Besides the homestead he owns other land in the township. In politics Mr. Perry uniformly supports the principles of the Republican party. Both he and his wife are active members of the Congregational church, which he has faithfully served as Deacon for many years.

On November 18, 1848, Mr. Perry married Miss Emma M. Frost, who was born June 1,



1826, in Norway, a daughter of Edmund and Anna P. (Lovejoy) Frost, both of whom died on their farm in this township. Mrs. Perry's parents were born and reared in Massachusetts, her mother having been a native of the historic town of Andover, which is two hundred and fifty years old in this year of 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have four children, the following being their record: William O., born March 3, 1851, married Mary L. Burnham, and is engaged in farming near the old homestead; Horace S., born May 29, 1855, married Miss Ursula Smith, and lives on the homestead farm; Amelia A. J., born October 29, 1860, is a trained nurse, has worked in a hospital, but is now living at home; and Leland J., who was born November 14, 1869, died October 23, 1879.

**D**AVID McKEEN, of Stoneham, Oxford County, a well-known farmer and lumberman of this place, was born here February 21, 1832, son of David McKeen. His grandfather, Joel McKeen, was the head of one of the old representative families of Stoneham. Joel, who was a native of Stoneham, was for several years in business here and afterward in Chatham, N.H. He subsequently resided in Lovell, this county, for a few years, after which he removed to Oxford township, where his last days were passed. He and his wife were blessed in the birth of five children—Julia Ann, Roxanna, David, Hiram, and Osina, of whom David is the only survivor. The mother has also passed away. David McKeen, Sr., remained with his parents until after his marriage. In 1880 he removed to the farm now owned by his son. Here he and his wife still reside, both now venerable in years.

David McKeen grew to manhood at the home of his parents, receiving his education in the district schools. His farm, formerly owned by his father, now contains between four hundred and fifty and five hundred acres, of which a part is wild land. He conducts general farming thereon, and is also somewhat engaged in dairying. Being now unable to perform much of the farm work, he has practically retired from active occupations, leaving

the estate to be managed by his sons. He and his wife have had ten children—Walter, Edward, Everett, Sumner F., Lottie E., Fred F., Willis E., Linnie M., Annie M., and Ava E. Walter resides at home. Edward is now deceased. Everett married Miss Etta Hibbard, and they now reside at Shelburne, N.H. Fred F. also lives at Shelburne. Willis E. is still at home. Annie M. and Ava E. still live at the old mansion. Sumner, who wedded Miss Flora Dillingham (now deceased), is a resident of Stoneham township. Lottie is the wife of O. Locke, of Bridgton, Me., where they make their home. Linnie also resides at Bridgton, and is the wife of Samuel R. Allen of that place. Mr. McKeen takes an active interest in the general affairs of the town and vicinity, and he has served in several public capacities. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of the lodge at North Lovell. In national politics he has always supported the Democratic party. His life of industry has received its due meed of prosperity, and he has the cordial respect of a large acquaintance-ship throughout the county.

**E**RNEST E. FIELD, a practical and prosperous farmer, and a well-known representative of one of the old families of Paris, Oxford County, was born January 17, 1861, in North Paris. This part of the town was also the birthplace of his parents, Franklin N. and Sabina J. (Andrews) Field. His father was a grandson of Ephraim Field, who is mentioned in the History of Paris as having settled here in 1786.

Galen Field, son of Ephraim, born in 1788, established his home in North Paris. He was a well-educated man, and for many winters was engaged in teaching. He was Justice of the Peace, and, besides often being employed in other public capacities, did much of the probate work of this locality. He lived to be past the age of threescore and ten years. To him and his wife, formerly Polly (or Mary) Thayer, seven children were born, namely: Jane; William; Laura; Franklin, father of Ernest E.; Charles; Hiram; and Mary.

Franklin N. Field spent his entire life in

his native place, being numbered among its most enterprising and active farmers. In 1871 he bought the estate now occupied by his son, Ernest E., and was here engaged in general farming until his demise, January 30, 1892. His wife survived him a very few days, dying on February 7. They had but two children, namely: Lisa E., born August 1, 1858, who is the wife of Frank E. Gowell, of North Paris, and has one child, Eunice; and Ernest E., the subject of this sketch. The parents were liberal in religion, and in politics the father was identified with the Republican party.

Ernest E. Field passed the days of his boyhood and youth in North Paris, attending first the district schools and later the high school of the town. He subsequently taught school four terms, but has been employed the larger part of his active life in the prosecution of the calling in which he is now engaged. He owns the old home farm, containing one hundred and ten acres, which he has greatly improved. The family residence is commodious and comely; and everything about his premises indicates the existence of good management, cultivated tastes, and ample means.

On December 28, 1886, Mr. Field married Emily F. Joy, who was born May 26, 1865, at Prospect Harbor, Me., a daughter of Freeman and Georgia (Moore) Joy. Mr. and Mrs. Field have two children — Ora E., born January 2, 1892; and Keith Joy, born September 10, 1893. Politically, Mr. Field is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is a prominent member of several popular organizations, including Granite Lodge, No. 187, A. F. & A. M.; Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of West Paris; and the Patrons of Husbandry, No. 298, of the same place. Both he and Mrs. Field are liberal in their religious belief.

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**HENRY G. BROWN**, a prosperous farmer and wide-awake business man of Hartford, Me., was born in the town of Rumford, Oxford County, Me., November 22, 1829. His par-

ents were John M. and Martha (Gibson) Brown, the former of whom was a native of Rumford and the latter of Brownfield, Me. The father of John M. Brown was an early settler of Rumford. He owned at one time a part of what is now the site of Rumford Falls village, but subsequently removed to Peru. In religious views he was liberal; in political affiliation, a Democrat. Both he and his wife lived to a good age. They had nine children; but the only one now living is Mrs. Sarah Staples, of Mexico, Me.

John M. Brown took up farming as an occupation, and for many years resided in Canton, where he died at the age of eighty-five, and his wife at the age of ninety-two years. They had five children who grew up, and one that died in infancy. Only two are now living, namely: Henry G.; and Emily R., the wife of Albert Hawes, of Hyde Park, Mass. Margaret, who married a Mr. Soule, died at sixty-four years of age. The others were: Martha, who married a Mr. Brown; and Sarah, whose husband's name was Pierce. In politics their father was a Democrat, and in religion a Universalist.

Henry G. Brown grew to manhood in Canton, and was educated in the schools of that town. Starting out for himself at twenty-one years of age, he went to Massachusetts and secured a position as foreman on a gentleman's farm, where he remained for eleven years. At the end of that time, in 1870, he returned to his native county and purchased the farm in Hartford where he now resides. He is one of the largest land owners in the town, his estate comprising in all about four hundred and sixty acres.

Mr. Brown has been twice married. His first wife was Olive A. Waldron, by whom he had five children, namely: Charles H. and Minnie A., now deceased; Adella V., the wife of Sidney Peach, of Santa Cruz, Cal.; Effie V., wife of Sumner Taylor, of Riverside, Cal.; and Charles H., unmarried, who lives in Hartford, Me. Mr. Brown married for his second wife Mrs. Mary A. Sampson, who was the widow of Elisha T. Sampson. She was born in Hartford, Me., July 5, 1834, a daughter of Levi Cobb. Her four children born of her first marriage are all living, namely: Ella,

the wife of Fred Allen, of East Wilton, Me.; Herbert M. Sampson, of Canton, Me.; Lucy A., the wife of Preston Barker, of Hartford; and Elisha T. Sampson, who makes his home with his mother. Albert V., the only child born of her union with Mr. Brown, also lives at home.

In politics Mr. Brown is independent. He and Mrs. Brown are liberal in religious views. He is not one of those who await a convenient time to achieve a purpose, but one who makes his own opportunity; and the result has been fruitful of the success which every honest and right endeavor merits.

**G**EORGE W. JOHNSON, one of the leading farmers of Industry and an ex-member of the Maine legislature, was born here, July 10, 1821, son of Henry and Catherine (Sullivan) Johnson. The paternal ancestry of Mr. Johnson were residents of Charlestown and Boston, Mass. His grandfather, Zebadiah Johnson, who resided in Boston, married Elizabeth Kneeland, of that city, daughter of Nathaniel Kneeland. Both parents died before their son Henry was four years old.

Henry Johnson, George W. Johnson's father, was born in Boston. He was brought up in Wiscasset, Me., by his maiden aunt, Sarah Kneeland, with whom he resided until he was twenty-one. He learned the trade of a block-maker. After his marriage he bought the farm in Industry now owned by his son, George W. Here he was engaged in farming, and worked at his trade during the rest of his active period; and he died June 24, 1870. His wife, Catherine, who was a native of New Sharon, Me., became the mother of fifteen children, named respectively: John Elliott, Henry, Zebadiah, Daniel Sullivan, George W., Nathan Smith, Eliza Jane, Catherine, Richard Elliott, Elias Hutchins, Mary Paul, John Elliott (second), Sarah Abbie, and Ann Hutchins. Another child died in infancy.

John Elliott Johnson (first), born October 12, 1812, died December 10, 1835. Henry Johnson, born July 14, 1814, died December 10, 1842. Zebadiah Johnson, deceased, born

February 18, 1816, married Clarissa T. Swift, May 12, 1839; he died February 1, 1892, at Appleton, Wis., and is survived by his wife and four children. Daniel Sullivan Johnson, born September 25, 1819, married Mrs. Mary Stanford. Both are deceased. Nathan Smith Johnson, deceased, born April 16, 1823, married Mary C. Butler. Eliza Jane Johnson, born May 18, 1825, married James Sanford Williams, and resides in Hallowell, Me.; Catherine Johnson, born May 7, 1827, who married Isaac F. Mitchell, of Gardiner, Me., died January 15, 1852. Richard Elliott Johnson, who was born in Industry, Me., April 14, 1829, married Louise A. Reed, of Dresden, Me., October 3, 1854. He and his wife had four children—Henry, Harriet M., Gertrude, and Annie Louise,—whose record follows.

Henry, born June 25, 1855, now Professor of Modern Languages in Bowdoin College, residing in Brunswick, Me., married Fannie Robinson, of Thomaston, Me., July 26, 1881. Harriet M., born September 3, 1857, married George H. Ray, of Gardiner, Me., October 14, 1880. She and her husband reside in La Crosse, Wis. He is President of the State Bank of La Crosse and Director in the Gem City Saw-mill Company of Quincy, Ill. He has been re-elected Assemblyman to the Wisconsin legislature for 1897-98. Gertrude, born December 6, 1860, died May 28, 1862. Annie Louise, born November 9, 1863, died June 6, 1878.

Elias Hutchins Johnson, born April 7, 1831, died October 22, 1883. Mary Paul Johnson, born November 10, 1833, successively married Harvey Jack and Samuel Williams, and resides in Litchfield, Me. John Elliott Johnson (second), born February 9, 1836, successively married Ann J. Roberts and Mrs. Sarah Rackcliffe Hall, and resides in New Sharon. Sarah Abbie Johnson, born May 21, 1838, died August 21, 1844. Ann Hutchins Johnson, deceased, born November 5, 1840, married Z. M. Emery, also deceased. The mother of the fifteen children above named died September 13, 1872.

George W. Johnson was educated in the schools of Industry, and began to assist upon the farm at an early age. In young manhood

he bought the homestead property, which he has since continued to cultivate. Having been successful from the start, he now owns one thousand acres of land. He has improved his farm by the erection of new buildings, and he follows advanced methods in its cultivation. His principal crops are corn, hay, barley, and potatoes. He also raises cattle and sheep, keeping an average of fifty head of the former and three hundred of the latter. Besides these he has fifty hogs and six horses. The Johnson farm includes upland pasturage, wood, and tillage, and is considered one of the most valuable estates in this locality. The proprietor and his son receive further income from a large wholesale and retail meat business, through which they supply both the local and Boston markets. Mr. Johnson also deals largely in wool, and has been extensively engaged in stock trading for many years.

On May 15, 1856, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Emily Weston, who was born in Madison, Somerset County, Me., April 12, 1836. She is a daughter of Nathan and Almedia (Pooler) Weston, the former of whom was a native of Madison, and the latter of Bloomfield, Me. Mrs. Johnson's father was engaged in farming and lumbering during the active period of his life, and both he and his wife died in Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have five children, as follows: Viola, who was born April 30, 1857, and is now the wife of Charles E. Weston, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Nathan Weston, born May 25, 1861, who married Inez Watson, resides at the homestead, and has one son, George Kneeland, born July 1, 1896; Clara A., who was born November 23, 1862, and is now an accomplished and successful teacher in the public schools of Milwaukee; Bertha Emily, who was born June 7, 1867, and is now the wife of Dr. John W. Nichols, of Farmington; and Georgia F., who was born July 29, 1870, and is now teaching in a kindergarten in Milwaukee. The children are all graduates of the town graded schools, two of the Farmington High School, two of the State Normal School in Farmington, and one of the Wisconsin State Normal School at Milwaukee. All have talents for drawing and painting.

Mr. Johnson has been long identified with the public affairs of Industry. He served as Collector for eighteen years, was Selectman and Assessor for fifteen years, and in 1880 was elected to the Maine House of Representatives. He was an active supporter of the Democratic party until the present year, when he transferred his support to the Republicans. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge of New Sharon, and is a charter member of the lodge of Odd Fellows in North Anson, having had connection with the order for fifty years.

**S**AMUEL GOULD CRAIG was born on December 16, 1827, in Farmington, where he was a highly successful farmer and a lifelong resident. He died on May 4, 1895, survived by his second wife, Mrs. Susan J. Weatheren Craig, and a son and daughter born of his first marriage.

Samuel Gould Craig's great-great-grandfather, Andrew Craig, was a Scotsman by birth, and was the first of the name who settled in America. His grandson, Enoch Craig, son of John Craig, was born in Wrentham, Mass., September 11, 1758. He enlisted in the American army in the very outset of the struggle for independence, and served in its ranks until 1780, in which year he came to Hallowell, now Augusta, Me. Enoch Craig was one of a party of explorers on this occasion, who were investigating the regions of Sandy River in quest of a suitable spot for a settlement. Finding what appeared to be a desirable situation, he purchased the tract known as lot No. 22, cleared a small portion of it, and built a cabin of humble dimensions. Returning then to Hallowell, he remained there until the following spring, when he once more wended his way toward the little clearing on Sandy River. He now fell to work with renewed energy, cleared more land, raised grain, and built a substantial log house, and was one of the first who settled the town of Farmington. His wife, Dorothy Starling, whom he married in February, 1789, was born in 1763, and died in 1829. Enoch Craig was a man whose high

character and moral worth won for him not only the universal respect and confidence of his neighbors, but a prominent position in the town he had helped to create. He was Selectman for a number of terms, and for four years Town Treasurer. Enoch Craig and his wife were the parents of ten children, John, the father of the late Samuel G. Craig, being the first-born.

His birth occurred November 14, 1789, in the log house fashioned in his father's youth; and here he grew up, assisting his father in cultivating the land until he was old enough to establish himself as a farmer. Soon after attaining manhood he bought lot No. 8, which he cleared and farmed until his death. John Craig married twice. His first wife was Drusilla, daughter of Daniel Stanley, of Attleboro, Mass. She was born in 1788, and died in 1823, having been the mother of four children. Mr. John Craig formed a second marriage with his first wife's sister, Charlotte Stanley, who was born June 15, 1792; and by this union also four children were born, namely: Charles S.; Samuel Gould, of whom this brief memoir is written; Charlotte D.; and Virgil L. John Craig was widely known and honored for his integrity and strength of character. He died January 22, 1873, and was followed to the grave by his wife, Charlotte, July 23, 1874, a year and a half later.

Samuel Gould Craig received a public school education, and remained with his parents until he was thirty years old. He then, having already a large experience in agricultural arts, bought a farm, which he subsequently exchanged for the estate known as the Butterfield farm, and at an earlier date called the Hiscock place. This tract of land lay on the South River Road, and consisted of one hundred and twenty-five acres of fertile soil. By the purchase of an equal amount of adjoining land, his estate was doubled in both extent and value, and rendered a most desirable place by the remodelling of the buildings and other improvements. In 1872, however, the dwelling and out-houses were destroyed by fire. This was, of course, a heavy loss; but the energetic owner at once set to work, and had a handsome house and commodious barns and other farm buildings erected. Mr. Craig

was a Republican in politics. He served the town acceptably as Selectman.

Samuel G. Craig, like his father, was twice married. His first wife, with whom he was united July 16, 1853, was Ellen K. B. Abbot, a daughter of Asa Abbot, the mother of two children — Samuel A., born January 26, 1855; and Lizzie E., born November 12, 1856. Samuel A. Craig married Mary F. Atherton, and is the father of four children — John A., Harry, Margaret, and Samuel G. Lizzie E. is the wife of O. P. Whittier, and the mother of four children — Arthur C., Helen A., Earl O., and Don. Samuel Gould Craig's second marriage was celebrated July 3, 1862, when he was united in the bonds of wedlock with Susan J. Weatheren.

Mrs. Susan J. W. Craig belongs to a family long known and honored in this locality. Arnold Weatheren, her great-grandfather, was the son of French emigrants, and a native, it is thought, of Newbury, Mass. He came to Farmington in the early days of its growth, and purchased lot No. 7, on the west side of Sandy River, where he built a cabin. Here he spent his life, dying at an advanced age in the home of his first-born, Benjamin. His children were: Benjamin, Micah, Micah (second), Arnold, David, and Mary. Benjamin was really the executive head of the family, as his father was an old man when they came to Maine, and it was he who cleared the land of lot No. 7, and made a home there. The high waters gave warning, however, that they were dangerously near the river, and Benjamin found it expedient to move. Accordingly, he built a habitation on the tract of land which was more elevated, and is the present home of the Weatherens. Benjamin Weatheren was justly popular among his neighbors. He was a Universalist in religious belief, but, with the broad charity and tolerance that is the mark of true Christianity, he opened his doors to the gospel services of any denomination, and it is pleasant to think that within his house, which was the first built in this town, members of the Congregational faith were accustomed to gather together to hold services of worship, a beautiful example thus being set of a united fellowship in the faith of a divine Love and Fatherhood.

Benjamin Weathern died March 12, 1834, leaving a memory honored by all. His wife, formerly Susanna Blackstone, who was born in 1760, died in 1837, surviving him four years. Their one son, Benjamin, Jr., was born September 4, 1791, and was his father's successor. He enlarged the boundaries of the farm, and put up more buildings; and, after the burning of the barn in 1818, he built a new one. On November 1, 1818, he married Susan, daughter of Eliphalet and Jane (Plummer) Reed. Mrs. Weathern was born in 1797, and died in 1882. Benjamin Weathern, Jr., died in 1846, after a long and useful career. He and his wife were the parents of nine children—Joel, born March 30, 1820; William H., born January 12, 1823; Eliphalet R., born March 11, 1825, now residing on the old homestead, who married Augusta A. Tufts, and is the father of three children—Benjamin F., Harrison P. T., and Jennie A.; Benjamin F., born May 30, 1827; Susan Jane, Mrs. Craig, born April 11, 1831; George D. and a twin infant, born October 28, 1833; S. Augusta, born July 6, 1835; and Moses L., born February 9, 1840.

Mrs. Susan Weathern Craig is a woman of influence in this community, where for many generations her own name, as well as that of her late husband, has been widely known and uniformly respected.

**F**RED F. BARTLETT, the leading jeweller of Rumford Falls, Oxford County, was born in this town, February 12, 1852, son of Jonathan A. and Harriet Bartlett, both natives of Rumford Centre.

Jonathan A. Bartlett has spent his entire life in this town, engaged in portrait-painting and farming. He is now seventy-nine years of age, and is living on a farm near the centre of the town, where he has made his home during the past fifty years. Mrs. Bartlett died at the age of seventy-five. She was a kind friend and obliging neighbor.

Fred F. Bartlett was educated in the common schools of his native town. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty years of age. He then began to learn the jeweller's trade in Lewiston, Me., and he subsequently

filled a responsible position in a large jewelry store in Boston for two years. In 1892 he opened a jewelry store in Rumford Falls, the first of the kind in the place, which now has a prosperous and growing business. He is essentially a self-made man, his success being attained by his own unaided efforts. He does not "believe in failure." He says, "With good health and plenty of push, almost any one can make a success of life." He is now taking a course in an optical college, and will soon have "Doctor" prefixed to his name. At present he is a busy student, and is never without a book on some scientific work. A large collection of such works is among his most valued possessions. He believes the field of effort and the possibilities of achievement are boundless.

Mr. Bartlett was married in 1879 to Miss Edna F. Thomas, of East Rumford, Me., who died in 1882, leaving one son, Fred F. In 1888 he entered a second marriage, contracted with Miss Sadie Warhurst, of Lewiston, Me. Mrs. Bartlett is gifted with a voice of rare compass and purity, and sings a great deal in public. She is organist of the Methodist Episcopal church, being at the same time a member of the society. Her union with Mr. Bartlett has been blessed with one child, Anna M., a beautiful girl, who took the first premium contested for by eight hundred children at the Lactated Food competition, the selection being made from portraits sent to the Food Company. Mr. Bartlett has been affiliated with the Masonic order for twenty-three years, belonging to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, of Rumford Falls. He is also a member of Pennacook Lodge, No. 130, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the same place; of the Good Templars, the Foresters, and the Order of the Golden Cross.

**R**ATHANIEL BUTLER BEAL, the leading business man of Phillips, and one of the best financiers of Franklin County, was born in Sanford, Me., March 7, 1828, eldest child of Sheldon Hobbs Beal and Tabatha (Butler) Beal. When about three years of age his parents purchased in the town of Avon one hundred

and sixty acres of land for a farm, on what is now known as the "Mile Square." Here the family moved with their two children, Nathaniel and Wilson, and built for themselves a home.

The primeval forest was in time converted into productive acres, and the rocky hillsides into pasture lands. When Nathaniel was a lad of but ten years he visited a neighboring farmer, some four miles distant, and was given the apple pomace left from making cider. This pomace he took home in a sack, slung over his back, carrying it through the woods to his home, where he sowed the seed thus obtained, and started an apple orchard, which in after years proved very productive and valuable.

At the age of twelve Nathaniel went to work for a neighbor, John Wilbur, taking the entire charge of his farm, and for a year performed the work of a man. His education was obtained in the country schools, which he attended winters, arising at four o'clock in the morning, and doing the chores around the house and barn, before walking a mile through bleak winds and deep snow to attend school. For recreation and amusement an occasional attendance at a "muster," a paring-bee, a husking, or a barn-raising, sufficed in those days. Upon one occasion, while attending a raising in which the whole neighborhood was present, including the parson, the ardent spirits were freely imbibed by the crowd, both old and young, except young Nathaniel, who stoutly refused to partake, preferring rather the criticism of his companions. This trait of total abstinence, unusual at that early day, has remained a prominent feature of his character, he having never partaken of tobacco or liquor in any form.

When about nineteen years of age he went to work for Deacon Orren Robbins, of Phillips village, where he performed the duties of miller in the custom grist-mill. When twenty-one years old he was married to Miss Mary Robbins, daughter of Deacon Orren Robbins, his employer, and he soon started in business for himself in the village of Phillips as a trader in general merchandise. His business was a prosperous one, and for several years he continued as a merchant, but failing

health finally compelled him to seek a less sedentary occupation, and one giving better opportunities of open-air exercise. He accordingly went into the cattle business, becoming a drover; and during the Civil War, and for many years afterward, he helped to supply the Boston market with beef.

The Phillips Savings Bank and the Union National Bank of Phillips owe their existence to Mr. Beal's energy and enterprise. In 1875 he became the President of the Union National Bank of Phillips, and so remained until its charter expired in 1895, making a record unsurpassed by any, and equalled but by few, the bank during all those years having lost but sixty-five dollars. One year before the expiration of the charter of the Union National Bank, a new bank, known as the Phillips National Bank, was organized, and Mr. Beal was made its first President in 1894, which office he still holds. He was also for many years one of the Directors of the Savings Bank of Phillips.

In 1879 he was one of the builders of the Sandy River Railroad, and one of its first Presidents, which position he held until 1892. During the latter part of this period he was also its superintendent as well as its President. In the discouraging work of raising extra funds for the building of the road and placing of the bonds, it was Mr. Beal who led the way to a successful conclusion, and the unprecedented prosperity of the road is due chiefly to him. Before the Civil War he was one of the leading town officers, serving not only as County Deputy Sheriff, but as First Selectman, and as such continuing most of the time for thirty years. He has paid more money in taxes than any other past or present resident of Phillips. He was twice drafted in the Civil War, but was unable to pass a satisfactory physical examination, being thus debarred from serving his country in the great struggle for the preservation of the Union.

In politics he was always a Democrat, a Protectionist, and a sound money man, a leader of his party in the northern part of Franklin County. He was twice nominated as Representative to the legislature, and once as Senator and Judge; but, though he ran far ahead of his ticket, the district being strongly Repub-

lican, he was defeated. At one time, during the days of the Greenback party, three of the brothers were nominated from the same district on as many tickets, Nathaniel being the Democratic nominee, Wilson the Republican nominee, and Bradford the Greenback nominee. The second brother, Wilson, received the election. In religious opinions he is in sympathy with the Universalists, although a constant attendant at the Union church, and one of the strongest supporters of the Free Will Baptist church, whose chorister he has been for many years, and in the choir of which he has sung for more than forty years.

A thoroughly self-made man, progressive in his ideas, kind and generous to the poor, ever ready to help in any good cause, eager to promote the public welfare, and strictly temperate, he is honored and respected by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Beal are to-day living in the house they were married in, the one he purchased of Deacon Orren Robbins, his father-in-law, and which has never been owned outside the family. This home has since been as thoroughly modernized as could be done by preserving some of its original features. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beal three children—Fred Marshall, who died when an infant; Minnie Geneva, born May 20, 1858, married June 28, 1880, to J. Watson Smith, now a resident of St. Paul, Minn., has two children—Harold Beal and Mary Nathalie; and Fred Nathaniel, born April 14, 1860, the present superintendent of the Sandy River Railroad, who resides in Phillips, married March 1, 1885, Ella Esther Harvey, who died June 15, 1893, and their children were: a son who died in infancy, Hermia, and Ella Esther.

Mr. Beal is a descendant of some of the earliest settlers of Massachusetts and Maine, and can trace his ancestors back through an unbroken line to the time of William the Conqueror.

He is a grandson on the maternal side of Nathaniel Butler, who served in the Revolutionary War when a mere boy, a great-grandson of Thomas Butler, an officer who served in the Revolutionary War in Captain Ebenezer Sullivan's company, stationed at Cambridge and vicinity in 1775 in Colonel Scammon's

Regiment, a great-great-grandson of Moses Butler, of Berwick, who in 1740 was Captain of a company, and in 1744 recruited a company, which was the Seventh Company of the First Massachusetts Regiment, which he commanded during the remarkable siege and capture of Louisburg, July 4, 1745. He was also at the siege of Quebec, 1754.

Mr. Beal is the sixth descendant of Thomas Butler, who settled in Berwick, Me., about 1690, and who was the fourth son of the ninth Duke of Ormond. The Dukes of Ormond were created under Edward III. of England, and placed over the County Palatine of Ormond, Tipperary, Ireland. They were sent from England to Ireland by Henry II. of England, 1172; were also stationed there under King John. They originally came to England with William the Conqueror, from Glanville, near Caen, France. (See "American Family Genealogy," page 31; also "Thomas Butler and Descendants," pages 20, 21; also volume for 1848, N. E. G. and A. R., page 355.) Mr. Beal, through his grandmother, Mercy Wentworth Butler, is the eighth descendant of Elder William Wentworth, who came from Alford, Lincoln County, England, to Exeter, New Hampshire, 1639. Elder William Wentworth, the emigrant, was the twenty-first descendant of Reginald Wentworth, who was the proprietor of the lordship of Wentworth, of Strafford, in the west of Yorkshire, in the parish of Wath-upon-Dearn, nine miles from Sheffield and thirteen miles from Doncaster, and who was living there when William the Conqueror came to England, 1066.

Mr. Beal is also a descendant of Sheldon Hobbs, who marched from Kittery when a mere lad, in Captain Robert Ford's Company, November 5, 1775, and served during the Revolutionary War, and later was on the Committee of Safety in the War of 1812. Sheldon Hobbs was son of Thomas Hobbs, Jr., and Mary (Abbott) Hobbs. Thomas Hobbs was also a soldier of the Revolutionary War, a town officer of Berwick for many years, and an extensive land-owner. He was son of Thomas Hobbs, of Dover, who later moved to Berwick, and Elizabeth Morrell Hobbs.

Tabatha Butler, wife of Sheldon Hobbs



Beal, was the ninth child of Nathaniel and Tabatha (Joy) Butler. She was born December 19, 1810, in Sanford, Me. Her parents were married February 3, 1791. Her father, Nathaniel Butler, was born July 5, 1762, and died November 25, 1841. He was son of Thomas Butler and Bridget (Gerrish) Butler, and was a merchant in Sanford, Me.

Thomas Butler was born in Berwick, May 27, 1733. He married March 10, 1757, Bridget Gerrish. He was a soldier and officer in the Revolutionary War, as was also his son Nathaniel.

Thomas Butler was the third son of Moses and Mercy Wentworth Butler.

Moses Butler was born in South Berwick, July 13, 1702, and married Mercy Wentworth, of Dover, N.H. He was second son of Thomas and Elizabeth Butler, of Berwick, Me., the emigrant who came to Berwick about 1690, and who was born in the year 1674 in Ireland. He was a fine scholar, and, being the only one in Berwick who had a good knowledge of Latin, he was appointed by the town as teacher. He was elected to office more than thirty-five times during his life. He was possessed of ample means, owned much land, and was owner in the mill in Quamphegan. He was a descendant of the ninth Duke of Ormond of Ireland.

Mrs. Mary (Robbins) Beal, wife of Nathaniel Butler Beal, is also a descendant of some of the earliest settlers of New England. Her mother, Mrs. Mary (Huntoon) Robbins, who is now living and in her eighty-sixth year, is a grand-daughter of Jonathan Huntoon, of Wiscassett, Me., who was born in Kingston, N.H., 1756, and who married Hannah Chase, of Edgecomb, Me., July 8, 1781.

He served all through the Revolutionary War, entering the service from New Castle. He died in Wiscassett, October 16, 1833. He was the son of Samuel and Hannah (Ladd) Huntoon. His father, Samuel Huntoon, was born in Kingston, June 18, 1718, and died at Nottingham, N.H., May, 1796. Samuel married May 26, 1742, Hannah Ladd, daughter of Daniel and Mehitable (Philbrick) Ladd. Samuel Huntoon was a soldier in Captain Bullard's Company, Colonel James Frey's Regiment in 1775. He was a son of John and

Mary (Rundlet) Huntoon, who were married about 1716, and the former of whom died December 8, 1778. John Huntoon was a son of Philip Huntoon, the emigrant, who married Betsey Hall, of Exeter, N.H., in the year 1687. He was born about 1660, and died in Kingston May 10, 1752.

Mrs. Beal is also a grand-daughter of Polly (Pelton) Huntoon, whose father, Joel Pelton, was born November 5, 1753, in Somers, Conn. He entered the Revolutionary War at its commencement, and served until its close. He was in Captain Clark's Company, in Colonel Obediah Johnson's Regiment of Militia from Connecticut, was also in Captain Brigham's Company, in the Fifth Regiment Connecticut line, under Colonel Isaac Sherman. He was one of the body guard of General Washington, spent the winter at Valley Forge, and was present at the surrender of Yorktown. He married Anna Cotter, daughter of Timothy Cotter, of Whitefield, Me., in 1791, and died March 7, 1856, in Madrid, Me., aged one hundred and three years. He was descended from John Pelton, the emigrant, who came from England to Boston in 1630.

Mrs. Beal is also a grand-daughter of Mehitable (Ladd) Robbins, who was descended from Daniel Ladd, the emigrant, who came from London on the ship "Mary and John," January 30, 1633, and settled first in Ipswich, Mass., and later was one of the twelve original founders of Haverhill, Mass. The Ladds can be traced to the earls of Ladd in Norway, A.D. 861. (See Chase's "History of Haverhill.") They married into the royal families of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. One of them married Estrith, daughter of King Sweyn, of Denmark, and came with his brother-in-law, the Danish King Canute, to England, and there settled in Kent County. (See "Pelton Genealogy," "Wentworth Genealogy," "Ladd Family," "Thomas Butler and His Descendants," "Huntoon Genealogy," Keary's "History of Norway and the Norwegians," etc.)

Sheldon Hobbs Beal, eldest son of Benjamin and Olive (Hobbs) Beal, was born in Sanford, Me., January 13, 1808. His early years were spent in Sanford, where he received his education. He married Tabatha Butler,

daughter of Nathaniel and Tabatha (Joy) Butler, in 1827; and about 1832, with his wife and two young sons, he moved to North Franklin County, and purchased of the town of Avon one hundred and sixty acres of land in that part of Avon known as the "Mile Square." Here he built a home, and began farming, experiencing all the hardships and trials commonly endured by pioneer farmers in those days. Seven other children were born to them in this new home, four sons and three daughters.

The names of their children were as follows: Nathaniel Butler, the special subject of this sketch; Wilson Colcord, born in Sanford, Me., May 8, 1830; Horace, born in Avon, Me., March 13, 1882; Lewis, born in Avon, June 13, 1834; Bradford, born in Avon, August 4, 1836; Sheldon Hobbs, Jr., born in Avon, July 12, 1839, died June 17, 1864; Lura, born in Avon, January 5, 1842; Velora, born in Avon, November 8, 1849; Eldora, born in Avon, July 9, 1851.

Mr. Beal was a hard working, honest farmer, and by careful management, industry, and thrift, with the aid of his sturdy sons, he was able to amass a considerable fortune. On April 24, 1855, his wife died, and November 16, 1856, he married Anna Winship, of Phillips, Me., by whom he had four children, one son and three daughters, namely: an infant daughter, born February 14, 1858, died in February, 1858; Benjamin Franklin, born June 21, 1859; Albana Monteze, born August 23, 1861; Eulalia, born August 6, 1863, died May 17, 1889. Mr. Beal died in Avon, Me., January 10, 1875.

Benjamin Beal, oldest child of Zebulon and Lucy (Boston) Beal, was born in Sanford, August 16, 1783.

He was educated in Sanford, and lived there all his life. August 16, 1807, he was married to Olive Hobbs, born April 28, 1788, daughter of Sheldon and Ruth (Stilling) Hobbs, of Sanford, formerly of Berwick. Benjamin Beal was a farmer and brick mason by trade. He served in the War of 1812. There were born to Benjamin and Olive Beal six children, four sons and two daughters. He died in Sanford, Me., February 6, 1866, and his wife, July 21, 1858. Their children

were: Sheldon Hobbs, Susan P., Harrison, Theodate, Horace, and Benjamin.

Zebulon Beal was born in Old York, Me., July 29, 1754. He married Lucy Boston, October 20, 1781. From Old York he moved to Sanford, where he purchased land, and became a farmer. He had four children, three sons and one daughter — Benjamin, Thomas, Woodman, and Olive. Zebulon died in Sanford, January 26, 1843, aged eighty-eight; Lucy, his wife, who was born July 4, 1760, died November 27, 1841, aged eighty-one years.

CAPTAIN PETER PARKER TUFTS, Town Treasurer of Farmington, Me., was born in this town on March 28, 1812, son of Francis, Jr., and Mary (Parker) Tufts. He is a grandson of Francis Tufts, Sr., and Sarah (Blunt) Tufts, and is of the sixth generation in descent from Peter Tufts, who was born in England in 1617, and emigrated to Massachusetts in the year 1638 or thereabouts. Peter Tufts married Mary Pierce; and their son John, who married Mary Putnam, was the father of Benjamin Tufts, the third in the line of descent.

Francis Tufts, Sr., son of Benjamin and Hannah (Turner) Tufts, was born in Medford, Mass., on July 21, 1744. In 1775 he moved to Nobleboro, Me., with a few of his neighbors, and five years later he came to Farmington, travelling through the woods by means of a compass part of the way, and following faint trails. Here he bought lot No. 45 on the east side of the Sandy River, in what was then called Sandy River Township, and settled down to the long and arduous labor of clearing the land and planting crops. In 1783, three years after he had himself arrived there, he removed his family from Damariscotta, the journey taking four days to accomplish. His children he brought in panniers or baskets on horseback. Several years later he went to Boston in company with Samuel Butterfield, and negotiated for the purchase of the township.

He built about this time a saw-mill, the first mill in the place, and later sawed out the timber to construct for himself a new frame dwelling-house, which was one of the first

erected in the town. This was built in 1791. In the year 1810 this progressive farmer established a small brick-yard on his premises, and went to work and built a brick mansion to live in, very naturally also one of the first of its kind in the town. He was during the latter portion of his life a lay preacher, and went about the country expounding the word. On one of his trips he came across a negro slave, of pure African blood, named Cæsar, and Mrs. Barus, his owner, gave him to Mr. Tufts. Mr. Tufts took him away when he went home, and kept him the remainder of his life. He was the only negro in Farmington at that time. Francis Tufts, Sr., was one of the ruling Elders of the Free Will Baptist church, and was universally liked and respected. He reared nine children, to whom he left the heritage of an honored name.

His son, Francis, Jr., the father of Captain Tufts, was born in Medford, Mass., on May 5, 1769. At the age of twenty-two he decided to settle down on a farm for himself, so he bought of Isaac Teague, river lot No. 37, east side. The farm's first owner, Eli Brainard, had started to clear it, and had built on it a log house, which afterward burned down, and Mr. Teague had built another. Francis Tufts, Jr., was a well-known citizen of Farmington. Inheriting from his father a progressive spirit and strong will, he achieved success in his line of effort. He died in very good circumstances in 1825, on the 20th of January. His wife, Mary Parker, born in Dunstable, Mass., December 12, 1771, died on the 5th of April, 1851. Their children were: Mary; Sarah; Francis, who died quite young; another Francis, who was born afterward and lived; and Peter Parker, the subject of this sketch.

Peter Parker Tufts was but twelve years old when he lost his father. He received a limited education in the district school, taking care to improve every opportunity that offered itself to him. When he was twenty years old he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the State militia, and the next year he was promoted to the Captaincy of a company. He received an honorable discharge when he was twenty-five. For some years he and his brother Francis carried on the old home farm together, their

father having willed the property to them, making a certain legacy payable to the two sisters. In 1838 they divided the estate. Captain Tufts then built on his part of the farm, and here he has lived ever since. Although his farm consisted of only seventy-five acres, not very large in comparison with some other farms in the same section, it compares favorably with any in productiveness and general natural beauty.

Captain Tufts has been married three times. His first wife, with whom he was united on February 25, 1841, was Angeline, the daughter of Abner Ramsdell, born January 21, 1823. She died April 16, 1863, leaving five daughters, namely: Augusta A., born April 18, 1843, who married E. R. Weatherly; Emily J., born August 1, 1845, who married first E. E. Richards and second Deacon Charles Coburn; Mahala R., born April 12, 1848, who married William H. Pearson; Flora A., born May 21, 1850, married to G. A. Brooks, who died June 25, 1885; and Leonore M., born July 25, 1854, who died July 28, 1876, the wife of I. C. Richards. Captain Tufts second wife was Abby D. Richards, the daughter of John Richards, of Strong, Me. They were married on the 20th of September, 1864. She was born in Phillips, May 25, 1826, and died September 8, 1869. She had no children. His third wife, Rebecca L. Rackliff, the daughter of Benjamin R. and Rachel Oliver Rackliff, is now living. She was born in Industry on the 21st of May, 1834.

Captain Tufts served as a Selectman of the town of Farmington in 1846 and 1847. In 1847 he was elected Town Treasurer, and, with the exception of a few years, has filled that office ever since, including the last twenty-two consecutive years. In politics he is a strong Democrat. He was for twenty-five years an officer of the Agricultural Society of Farmington, and is yet, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, an active and successful farmer on the finest river farm in the town. He is known and admired as a worthy and progressive citizen and one of the most faithful officers the town has ever had, and his long tenure of office is a proof of the perfect confidence his fellow-citizens have in his integrity and ability.

**D**ANIEL HOLT, a retired farmer of Norway, Oxford County, was born in this town, April 7, 1823, and comes of early Colonial ancestry. His grandfather, Darius Holt, Sr., a native of Andover, Mass., migrated to Norway, Me., a few years after the Revolution, in which he had served, being with General Wayne at Stony Point. He settled on the Buck farm, which was then in its original wildness, and, having cleared a homestead, resided here until his death, in August, 1854, aged ninety-one years. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Chloe Holt, had fourteen children, none of whom are now living.

Darius Holt, Jr., one of this large family, was a lifelong farmer in Norway, his native town, engaging in his occupation first at the Centre, then at Swift's Corner, but finally settling not far from the home of his son Daniel, residing there for the remainder of his life. He was a natural mechanic, and in addition to farming worked considerably at the carpenter's trade. He married Miss Sarah Manson, a native of Kittery, Me., and they were the parents of seven children, as follows: Sophia, deceased; Daniel, the special subject of this biographical sketch; Jonathan, the first, who died in infancy; Jonathan; second, now overseer in the car shops at Aurora, Ill.; Darius, third, deceased; Ann, the wife of Cyrus Good, of Yarmouth, Me.; and William, a soldier in the late Civil War, was killed at the battle of Baton Rouge. Mrs. Sarah M. Holt died some years after her husband.

Daniel Holt obtained his education in the district school, trudging two miles each morning through the intervening woods, and on the home farm received a practical knowledge of pioneer farming. When twenty years of age, desirous of trying some new employment, he went to Somerville, Mass., where he worked six months in a brick yard. Coming back to the parental homestead, during the next year he assisted his father in clearing a portion of the land. The succeeding year Mr. Holt spent in Medfield, Mass., working about eight months on a farm, and some four months in Mr. Partridge's shop, making rakes and other farming tools. Finding no occupation more congenial than farming, he returned to Norway,

and soon after was married and settled with his young wife on the homestead which they now occupy.

In November, 1861, Mr. Holt enlisted in his country's service in Company G, Fourteenth Maine Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Cheney and Colonel Nicholson; but, unable to endure the hardships and privations of army life, he was discharged on account of physical disability, May 16, 1862. Resuming the task of clearing his land, Mr. Holt worked with persistent industry, and in due course of time redeemed a well-improved homestead from the dense forest which he had purchased. He has one hundred and fifty acres of land, devoted to general farming, dairying, stock-raising, and fruit-growing, the farm being now managed by his son and son-in-law.

On April 6, 1850, Mr. Holt married Louisa D. Hill, who was born October 2, 1824, in Yarmouth, this State, a daughter of Jacob and Phœbe (Manson) Hill. Mr. Hill, who followed the sea during his active life, being for many years Captain of a vessel, was born in Yarmouth, and there died. Mrs. Hill was a native of Kittery, Me., but spent her last years in Yarmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Holt have five children—Amanda S., Rufus Henry, Samuel G., Jennie Ella, and Minnie. Amanda S. Holt married Alexander Lafarier, and both died, leaving two children, namely: Ida M., born November 23, 1871, now the wife of Manley McFarland; and Ella Louise, born August 17, 1873, who is at present teaching in Norway. Rufus Henry Holt, a resident of Aurora, Ill., is married and has two children: Louisa, born October 24, 1886; and Daniel, born January 1, 1892. Samuel G. Holt assists in the management of the home farm. Jennie Ella Holt married Walter Buck, a farmer in Norway, and they have seven children—Oliver C., Albion Leroy, Lucia Ella, Walter Sidney, Elsie Minerva, Lena May, and Clifford M. Minnie, who, with her husband, Henry N. Brown, lives on the homestead, has two children: George Leroy, born March 4, 1886; and Ida Estella, born February 11, 1894. Politically, Mr. Holt is a steadfast Republican, and has held several of the minor offices of the town and county. He is a member of the Harry Rust Post, No. 54, Grand

Army of the Republic, of Norway village, and formerly belonged to the Norway Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, but has withdrawn his membership from that organization. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**C**HARLES T. HODGKINS, an enterprising merchant and lumber manufacturer of Temple, Me., was born in this town, August 20, 1864, son of William and Mary (Locklin) Hodgkins.

The family is one of the oldest in Temple, Joseph Hodgkins, Charles T. Hodgkins's great-grandfather, having come here from Minot, Me., when the region was mostly a wilderness. The farm which he cleared and improved in the northern part of the town is now occupied by George Hodgkins. He took up a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, part of which he brought to a state of cultivation; and, after following the shoemaker's trade here in connection with farming for several years, he sold his property, and, removing to Douglass, Mass., took charge of one of the departments in a cloth-mill. He married Rhoda Hodgkins, and both he and his wife lived to reach an advanced age.

Alpheus Hodgkins, son of Joseph, was born in Minot, Me., September 27, 1813, and came with his parents to Temple at the age of nineteen. When a young man he bought a farm in the neighborhood of his father's property; but, after clearing off some eighty acres he sold it to his son William and went to Avon, Me., where he purchased another farm, and resided there for a few years. From Avon he removed to a farm situated upon Sandy River, and resided there until his death. He married for his first wife Caroline Wyman, who was born in Temple, October 12, 1812, and died in 1850. By this union there were born nine children, as follows: William, Mr. C. T. Hodgkins's father; Rufus, who was born March 8, 1836; Alpheus, who was born June 11, 1837; Elizabeth, who was born September 23, 1838; Emma, who was born May 3, 1840; Martha, who was born October 17, 1841; Beulah, who was born March 13, 1843; Julia L., who was born June 13, 1845; and Rhoda

E., who was born January 26, 1849. Alpheus Hodgkins wedded a second wife, and she bore him five children, namely: Aaron, who was born June 3, 1853; Jessie V., who was born March 25, 1854; Sarah C., who was born June 11, 1856; Mary, who was born June 8, 1861; and Elbridge G., who was born January 25, 1862.

William Hodgkins, eldest son of Alpheus, was born in Temple, Me., November 22, 1834. In young manhood he engaged in logging, which occupation he followed for five years; and he then bought the tract of two hundred acres which was being cleared by his father. After improving the farm and carrying it on for fourteen years he sold sixty acres of it, still owning the balance of one hundred and forty acres, and from there moved to the Z. Smith farm of one hundred and forty acres, where he now resides. He successfully conducts general farming, having a well-equipped dairy and keeping an average of one hundred and fifty sheep. In politics he is a Republican, and has served the town with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen for five years. In his religious views he is a Baptist. His first wife was Mary Locklin, daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Carley) Locklin. She became the mother of nine children, as follows: William F., who was born August 22, 1857; Abbie L., who was born October 17, 1859; Mary L., who was born March 27, 1861; Eddie I., who was born July 10, 1863; Charles T., the subject of this sketch; Sheridan G.; Rufus; Mattie; and Clarence. Mrs. Mary L. Hodgkins died at the age of fifty-six years. William Hodgkins's present wife was before her marriage Mrs. Frances Wood, widow of William Wood.

Charles T. Hodgkins was the fifth child born to his parents. He began his education in the district schools, and, after finishing his studies at the Wilton Academy, when he was seventeen years old, he taught school four years. He then bought the H. and J. Russell Mills in Temple village, where he engaged in general sawing and the planing business and the manufacture of excelsior; and, taking his brother, Sheridan G. Hodgkins, into partnership later, he bought the E. Thurston Mills. This firm has rebuilt the dam, put in entirely

new equipments for sawing and planing, together with improved machinery for making laths, shingles, and spool stock, and are doing an extensive and exceedingly profitable business. They have purchased seven hundred acres of woodland, the clearing of which requires the services of a large crew of men and several teams; and the manufactured products are sold at home and shipped to Portland and Boston. In 1895 the Hodgkins Brothers bought the general mercantile business of W. W. Small, which is the only store in town; and they carry a large stock, including groceries, hardware, paints, oils, dry goods, ready-made clothing, and other merchandise. The mercantile branch of the business is under the immediate supervision of Charles T. Hodgkins; while Sheridan G. has charge of the mills, and the entire enterprise is thoroughly organized and conducted upon a sound basis.

On August 22, 1885, Charles T. Hodgkins was married to Belle Sylvester, daughter of John and Jennie (Vinning) Sylvester, of Avon, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkins have three children, namely: Hattie, who was born October 10, 1885; Paul, who was born September 20, 1894; and one younger, as yet unnamed.

Mr. Hodgkins is an able, ambitious and exceedingly alert business man, and, having succeeded in establishing himself upon a firm footing, is now well advanced upon the road to competence. Since reaching his majority he has acted with the Republican party in politics, and for six years has served with ability as Supervisor of Schools. He occupies the E. Thurston residence, which is situated in close proximity to his business and has been remodelled and improved since coming into his possession. In his religious views he is liberal.

**W**ILLIAM G. MORTON, one of the most prominent business men of Woodstock, Oxford County, Me., was born in Needham, Mass., August 25, 1864, son of William H. and Mary A. (Tebbetts) Morton. His paternal grandfather was Cornelius B. Morton, who was born in Middleboro, Mass. He moved to Winthrop, Me., where his son, William H., was born. William H. Morton was a carpenter and builder.

He moved to East Boston, and subsequently to Needham, Mass. He was a member of the Forty-fifth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. His wife, Mary, was a native of Boston.

William G. Morton, the special subject of this sketch, was very young when his father died, and his mother was left a widow with several children and very little to live on except what they could make for themselves. But Mrs. Morton was determined that her children should have education; and by dint of hard labor she managed to keep them in school, even though she was at last obliged to sacrifice her home for the purpose.

After leaving the Needham High School William Morton went to work in the office of the *Needham Chronicle*, where he remained for a year, and then he went to Boston to get a better position. In that city he found a chance to work for the *Beacon Press*, and kept at this for three years. During these years he also did composition work for the *Boston Sunday Mail*, thereby earning a little extra money. After leaving the *Beacon Press*, young Morton went to work for W. B. Mendum & Co., who were wholesale and retail grocers in Boston. He began his business career with them as cashier at their South Boston store. In this position he remained for a year, after that time going to their Washington Street store, where, after serving as book-keeper and salesman, he was given charge of the store. He then went out on the road in the interests of the firm for a couple of years more, thus making his term of employment with them about four years in all.

When he was twenty-one, at the expiration of these four years of experience in the grocery business, he started in for himself, buying a little corner grocery at the corner of Cambridge and West Cedar Streets in Boston. After conducting his business for a year, and very successfully for so small an enterprise, he bought a creamery to run in connection therewith. But the former owner had, as subsequently was proved, grossly misrepresented the "Vermont Creamery," so called; and, as an investment, it proved for the time being almost fatal, Mr. Morton losing about five hundred dollars by the transaction. In buying

the creamery he had gone into debt, and in consequence had to sell his whole business out in order to free himself from this encumbrance. After paying his bills with the proceeds of the sale, he took a pleasure trip to Maine in order to get a little rest and recuperation from the worry that his business troubles had brought upon him.

In the town of Woodstock he met an old friend, who told him that the hotel at Bryant's Pond was for rent, and suggested that he should take it for the next season. Favorably impressed with the place on further investigation, Mr. Morton leased the hotel and ran it very successfully for a year. He then sold out his interest and engaged in the general merchandise business with Ansel Dudley, for whom he worked two years in the capacity of clerk and book-keeper. Shortly after that, Mr. Morton, with his usual energy, started up another business for himself as a dealer in furniture, crockery, and glassware, making a great success of it. At first his stock was quite small, and he ventured only with a stock of holiday goods; but he has been increasing it year by year, making large additions and gaining in every way, until now he is one of the leading and best known business men of Woodstock.

Fruitful in expedients Mr. Morton makes his place as attractive and striking as possible in every way. He was the originator of the Bryant's Pond souvenirs, reproductions on crockery and spoons of local scenes. Mr. Morton's patrons come from various distances, some from twenty-five miles away; for he carries the most complete stock of general household goods in this part of the State of Maine. At the present time he has over five thousand dollars worth of goods in his store. He has made quite a little money, and is the owner of a little peninsula that stretches out into Lake Christopher, containing about two and a half acres of ground, and commanding a beautiful view of the lake and the surrounding scenery, where he proposes to erect a summer cottage. He does a thriving business in boat-letting summers, this place being a favorite resort for the lovers of nature.

Mr. Morton is an active worker in the cause of temperance, being an enthusiastic member

of the Supreme Lodge of Good Templars of Oxford County, and having filled all the offices from the lowest to the highest in the Bryant's Pond Lodge and the Oxford County District Lodge, a worthy branch of this association. He is a member of the Christopher Lake Lodge of the U. O. G. C., a charter member of Bryant's Pond Camp of the Sons of Veterans, and likewise an earnest member of the School Board. While in Boston he belonged to the local Young Men's Christian Association for three years previous to his coming to Maine. He is a Republican in politics, and a Congregationalist in religious belief.

While Mr. Morton is a self-made man of the real stamp, and is justly a little proud of the fact, he attributes all the good that is in him and all that he has done for himself and others to the teachings and love of his mother, who made such a sacrifice to give to him and his brothers and sisters an education in order to fit them for the work of life. Mrs. Morton is now, at sixty-three years of age, living in Everett, Mass., enjoying good health and comfort, besides the pleasure she takes in the contemplation of the success of her children.

**S**AMUEL PLUMMER, an enterprising farmer of Sweden, Oxford County, and a representative of a prominent family of this town, was born here, February 14, 1817, son of Samuel and Abigail (Porter) Plummer. Mr. Plummer's father, who was a native of Farmington, N.H., in his younger days was engaged in the butchering business in Portsmouth, N.H. Soon after his marriage he settled upon a farm in Sweden, and was prosperously engaged in tilling the soil during the rest of his active period. He died April 12, 1868. His wife Abigail, who was born in Conway, N.H., was a daughter of Nathaniel Porter, one of the first settlers of Conway. She became the mother of seven children, as follows: John, at present a resident of Sweden, Me., who married Sarah Holden, now deceased; Samuel; Sally, who is no longer living; George, who married Jane Holden, and resides in Bridgton, Me.; Martha, who died November 10, 1842,

at the age of twenty-one years; Mary, who died January 8, 1846, at the age of nineteen; and Abby, the wife of James Osgood, a prominent resident of Fryeburg. Mr. Plummer's mother died February 24, 1853.

Samuel Plummer was educated in the common schools, and resided at home until reaching the age of twenty-one. He then worked upon farms in the neighborhood for two years, and was employed for one year at a stone quarry at Cape Ann, Mass. Upon his return to Sweden he resumed farming at the homestead, where he remained until 1867. He then settled upon the John Hamlin farm, upon which he has since resided. He has followed both farming and lumbering with success, and now owns about five hundred acres of valuable land. This property, which was originally cleared by his second wife's father, he has greatly improved, and it is considered one of the best homesteads in Sweden. It is now in charge of his youngest son, S. Lyman Plummer, who has managed the property of late in order to relieve his father from care during his declining years. He carries on general farming, dairying, and stock-raising with energy and success.

In 1843 Mr. Plummer wedded Esther E. Nevers, who was born in Sweden, Me., March 5, 1821, daughter of William and Hannah (Holden) Nevers. Her parents were prosperous farming people of this town. William Nevers died July 22, 1865, and his wife, Hannah, on March 3, 1857. Mr. Plummer's first wife died September 22, 1852. On March 21, 1854, Mr. Plummer married for his second wife Mary E. Hamlin, who was born in Sweden, January 31, 1838, daughter of John and Mary (Evans) Hamlin. Her father was born in Waterford, Me., and for many years resided upon the farm in Sweden where his daughter and son-in-law now live. He died in Harrison, Me. Mrs. Plummer's mother, who was a native of Fryeburg, died in Sweden, Me. By Mr. Plummer's first union there were four children, namely: Lyman, who died January 15, 1850, at the age of five years; J. Felman, who married Annie Marshall, and lives in South Paris, Me.; Mary Ann, who was born January 3, 1848, and now resides with her father at the homestead; and S. Ly-

man, who was born March 1, 1850, and is now a prominent resident of this town. The last named, on March 17, 1877, married Carrie M. Stone, of Sweden, Me., daughter of James Stone, of Sweden, and Maria Wilcomb, of Bethlehem, N.H., and has had four children, namely: Alice C., born April 8, 1882; Flossie, born September 6, 1885, who died at the age of two years and four months; Gracie L., born November 6, 1887; and James Samuel, born May 9, 1893.

Mr. Plummer is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and he has served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as Road Surveyor for several terms. He is known as a genial, kind-hearted and hospitable gentleman, who is always glad of an opportunity to entertain his friends and acquaintances at his comfortable home. He and his family are members of the Congregational church.

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**H**ORACE C. OXNARD, a prominent and progressive agriculturist of Norway, Oxford County, was born August 4, 1840, in the city of Portland, son of John and Catherine (Stuart) Oxnard, who were also natives of Portland. He is of English descent on the paternal side, his grandfather, John Oxnard, Sr., having emigrated to America from England in the early part of this century. Grandfather Oxnard was a general merchant in Portland, where he subsequently died. His wife, who was of Scotch origin, bore him five children—William, Edward, John, Lucy (Mrs. Fox), and Mary Ann (Mrs. Moseley), none of whom are now living.

John Oxnard, father of Horace C., was well known in the business circles of Portland for many years. He was cashier of the old Portland bank, and afterward occupied the same position in the Merchants' Bank, which was the former institution reorganized. After the great fire of Portland in 1866, which laid a large part of the city in ashes, he spent a few years in Norway township; but he returned to his former home prior to his death, which occurred in December, 1887, at the age of ninety-two years, eight months, and eighteen days. His wife died while living in this



town, at the age of fifty-seven years. They had five children, namely: George A., a banker, and the United States Consul at Guelph, Ont., Canada, who married Louie Scobel; John E., the purchasing agent of the Michigan Central Railway, residing in Detroit, Mich., who married Miss Maria Pomeroy, of Portland; Horace C., the subject of this sketch; Frank A., now deceased, who married Alice Tucker, now a resident of Norway village; and Mary E., the wife of E. P. Staples, a member of the firm of Bolster, Snow & Co., wholesale dry-goods dealers in Portland, Me.

Horace C. Oxnard was educated in his native city, completing his studies in the Portland High School. At the age of seventeen years he went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he had two brothers living, and for a year was there engaged in the grain business. He subsequently clerked a year for J. A. Merrill & Co., wholesale and retail jewellers, of Portland, and then came to Norway, where he has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. On July 12, 1860, Mr. Oxnard bought his present farm. It contains one hundred and seventy-five acres of land. The extensive improvements made on it since then entitle it to rank among the best-equipped estates in this part of the county. Mr. Oxnard carries on general agriculture, including dairying and stock-raising to some extent. He is a man of influence in his town and county, and has served to the satisfaction of his constituents as Selectman of Norway for several terms. In politics he is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of Norway Lodge, No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Grange at Norway. Mr. Oxnard attends the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Oxnard is a member.

Mr. Oxnard has been twice married. By the first marriage, performed November 28, 1860, he was united with Miss Nancy Lunt, who was born in Portland, daughter of Charles H. Lunt, a carpenter of that city. She died May 4, 1874, leaving two children — Frank A. and Lena G. Frank A., who is a milk dealer in West Medford, Mass., married Alma Lovering. Lena G. is the wife of J. Wesley Sav-

age, an expressman, of West Medford. The second marriage was contracted April 19, 1875, with Miss Mary A. Shedd, daughter of James P. and Mary Ann (Proctor) Shedd, formerly of Norway, now deceased. Born of this union Mr. and Mrs. Oxnard have one child, Hattie C.

**M**AURICE G. FULLER, an enterprising general merchant and extensive fruit-grower of East Dixfield, Me., was born in the neighboring town of Wilton, December 18, 1867, son of Charles H. and Mary A. (Stone) Fuller. He is a great-grandson of Thomas Fuller, a native of Newton, Mass., who was the first ancestor of the family to settle in Maine.

In young manhood Thomas Fuller bought a tract of wild land in the town of Winthrop, Kennebec County, where he cleared a farm, upon which he resided for a time; but later he sold that, and, purchasing another tract in Jay, brought it to a high state of cultivation and erected a good set of buildings. He lived to reach the advanced age of ninety years. His first wife, who was before marriage Elizabeth Bond, died at the age of thirty-six. The children by this union were: Thomas, Nathan A., Charles, Henry, Betsey, and Salome. For his second wife he wedded Martha Sterns, who lived to be eighty years old, and was the mother of seven children; namely, John, Washington, Isaac, Salome, Malance, Maria, and Catherine.

Nathan A. Fuller, Mr. Fuller's grandfather, was born in 1790, and when a young man he learned the trade of a tanner. The products of his tannery in the town of North Jay, where he established himself in business, acquired a high reputation for their excellent quality and durability, and were much sought for in the leather market. He owned a fine residence in North Jay, and was a prominent citizen there for many years. Later he removed to East Dixfield, and continued in business. He died here in 1875. His wife, formerly Minerva Eustis Cutler, lived to reach the age of seventy years. Their children were: Cyrus; John; Henry; Nathan; Darius; Elizabeth;

Rosalina; and Charles H., the father of the special subject of this sketch.

Charles H. Fuller was born in Jay, April 30, 1836. At the age of seventeen he began to teach school, and a year later he went to Boston, where he was employed as clerk in a grocery store. From Boston he went to California, remaining upon the Pacific Coast seven years, during which time he was engaged in teaching school and surveying lumber; and after his return to Maine he engaged in mercantile business at East Dixfield in company with John Reed. This firm carried on what was known as the "White Store" for a year, when Mr. Reed sold his interest in the business to his partner's brother, and a short time later Charles H. Fuller became the sole proprietor. He continued to conduct a first-class country store, carrying a large stock of staple merchandise; and, having been appointed Postmaster in 1885, he served in that capacity until his death, which took place in 1888. He was a conscientious, upright, and exceedingly prosperous business man, who possessed the hearty good-will of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. He was a charter member of Wilton Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary A. Stone Fuller, who is a daughter of Thomas B. Stone, of Dixfield, and Maurice G. Fuller, the subject of this sketch, who is her only child.

Maurice G. Fuller began his education in the public schools, and completed his course of study at the Wilton Academy. When very young he commenced to assist his father, and, having succeeded to the business, is now conducting one of the largest general stores in this vicinity. In 1881 Charles H. Fuller purchased a farm in Dixfield, which he converted into a fruit farm, setting out four thousand apple trees of several varieties; and this farm is at the present time under the supervision of his son, Maurice G. He makes a specialty of raising fine grafted fruit, of which he sold one hundred and seventy barrels in 1894; and he expects this year's crop (1896) will amount to three hundred barrels.

On September 30, 1891, Mr. Fuller married Jeannette M. Ellis, daughter of Isaac A. Ellis, of Canton, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have had one child, who died in infancy. Mr.

Fuller is now serving as Postmaster at East Dixfield. As an energetic and progressive young man, he is very popular in business and social circles. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with the Blue Lodge in Wilton; and in politics he is a Democrat.

**D**ANIEL GREEN, who was a highly respected citizen of Norway village, was born June 19, 1820, in South Paris, Me., son of Nathaniel W. and Polly (Willis) Green. Nathaniel W. Green, a native of Oxford County, was a shoemaker and tanner. The latter part of his life was spent in Otisfield and Paris engaged in farming. His wife was a daughter of John and Patience (Jackson) Willis. Mr. Willis was a preacher of Plymouth, Mass., and one of the first settlers of Paris. Nathaniel W. Green and his wife reared three children—Edwin W., Daniel, and Charles. Edwin W. became a regular physician, receiving his degree from Bowdoin College, and practiced in Milan, N.H., and in the towns of Woodstock and Sumner of this State. His death occurred in Otisfield, Me., in 1890. He married Parmelia Campbell, of Milan, who is now living in Otisfield, and reared four sons—Parker C., Daniel, Edward G., and Nathaniel W. Charles Green, who was a farmer, married Marinda Perkins, of Paris, and died in Norway. His wife also breathed her last in this town.

Daniel Green received but a limited schooling, education being considered of less importance then, by a great majority of people, than it is now. He remained with his parents till the year of his majority, when he purchased fifty-two acres of improved farming land in the western part of Norway. There he made his home for the ensuing thirteen years. Then, selling the property, he purchased a farm in Otisfield, and conducted it until the fall of 1895, when he came to the village of Norway. Here he spent his last days in retirement, and died September 15, 1896. Mr. Green won the measure of prosperity that cheered his old age by hard work. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. Both he and his wife joined the Fred Roby Grange, No. 307, of Otisfield.

Mr. Green was married in his twenty-first year to Miss Susan P. Haskell, a native of Otisfield, Me., and a daughter of Captain Joseph Haskell. She died January 1, 1872, and Mr. Green contracted a second marriage October 26, 1872, with Miss Anna P. Knightly, a native of Ireland, who died in Portland, Me., in 1890. By a third marriage, performed February 24, 1894, he was united with Mrs. Edwin Day, who was born in Bethel, Me., April 17, 1868. Her parents, Samuel and Katie (Hapgood) Grove, both natives of Bethel and respectable farming people, are now living in Stoneham, this State. Mrs. Green's grandfather on the paternal side was John Grove, a farmer of Albany, Me. Her mother's parents, William and Rebecca (Mason) Hapgood, died in Stratford, Me. Her sister, Mary E., is the wife of William J. Culbert, a fireman in a mill of North Stafford, Me., and the mother of two children—Percy W. and Maggie. The other children of Mrs. Green's parents were: William, John, Charles, Arthur, Frank, Albert, Clarence, and Alton.

**W**ILBUR L. FARRAR, the present Postmaster of South Paris, was born in Paris, Me., on February 24, 1858, son of Bela W. and Mary Ann (Mayhew) Farrar. His father was born in Paris, Me., May 30, 1834; and his mother was born on April 24, 1837, and died May 9, 1895. Bela Farrar, father of Bela W., was born in Buckfield, Me., December 27, 1797; and the birth of Lydia Thayer Farrar, his wife, occurred July 3, 1799. The parents of Bela Farrar were David Farrar and his wife Judith.

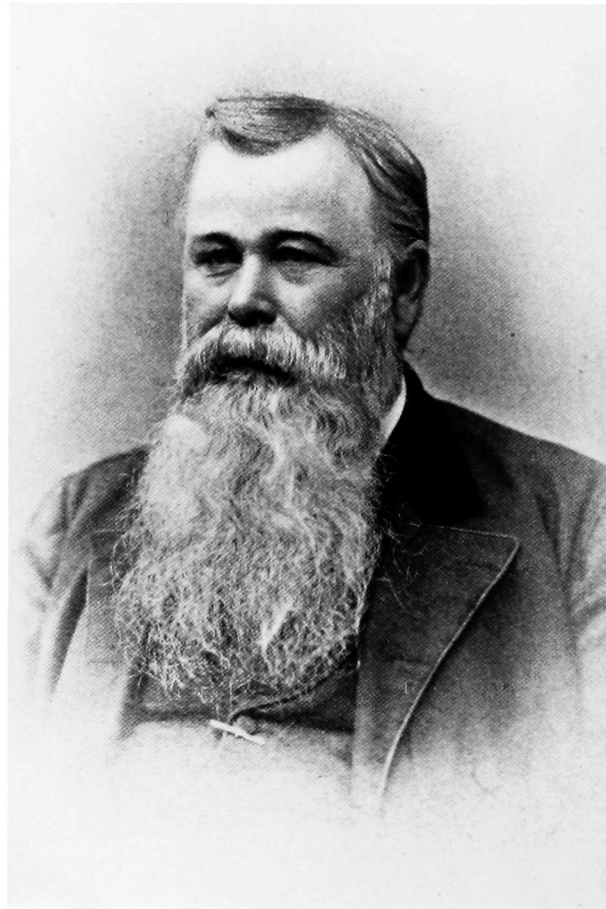
In 1880 Wilbur L. Farrar, then twenty-two years of age, began at Paris the manufacture of picture frames, in which he was there engaged for three years. Then, in company with F. L. Miller, he came to South Paris and carried on the same line of business for another year. Selling out to his partner at the end of that period, Mr. Farrar purchased an interest with G. A. Briggs in the meat and provision business and the shipping of stock to the Brighton market. Seven years later, during which time they had carried on an extensive business,

he sold his interest to his brother, W. W. Farrar. Wilbur L. Farrar received his appointment as Postmaster at South Paris in January, 1894, and by his uniform courtesy and the faithful performance of all the duties connected therewith he has proved himself a very capable official.

On May 1, 1881, Mr. Farrar was joined in marriage with Miss Lizzie M. Double, a daughter of James F. and Sophronia (Heath) Double. Two sons have been born to them: Clyde, who only lived a year and a half; and Guy W., whose birth was on October 21, 1888. The family reside at 4 High Street, in what is known as the Lombard house, which he has remodelled and enlarged. In politics he is a Democrat. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Rebekah Lodge; also Paris Lodge, No. 194, A. F. & A. M., and the United Order of the Golden Cross.

**C**ALVIN HAMLIN, a highly esteemed resident of Waterford, was born here May 18, 1816, son of Luther and Hannah (Kimball) Hamlin, both also natives of Waterford. His grandfather, America Hamlin, who came from Massachusetts, was the first of the family in this section. The grandfather settled on a farm in South Waterford, and devoted his life to the pursuit of agriculture. Luther Hamlin was a farmer likewise. Having resided all his lifetime in Waterford, he died in 1854. His wife had passed away a few years before. Their children were: George, Calvin, Luther, Mary, and Prescott. Mary lived but four years. The subject of this sketch is the only one living to-day.


Calvin Hamlin received a common-school education, giving much of his time when a boy to farm work. Until 1857 he conducted a farm situated about a half mile from his present place, which he then purchased. This farm has been his home now for nearly forty years. His property in all comprises some two hundred acres of valuable tillage and pasture land. He is extensively engaged in general farming, in which he has been very suc-



OCTAVIUS K. YATES.

cessful; has a choice dairy, averaging about twenty head of cattle; and he furnishes cream to the South Waterford Creamery. The greater part of Mr. Hamlin's long life has been devoted to hard and persevering labor, and he has well earned the prosperity he now enjoys.

He was married in 1855 to Nancy Maria Brown, who was born in Waterford, daughter of Malberry and Nancy (Scripter) Brown. Both her parents were natives of Waterford. While Mr. Brown was a blacksmith by trade, he devoted most of his time to agricultural pursuits. Both are now deceased, and are buried in Waterford. Mrs. Hamlin passed away October 29, 1876. She was the mother of three children, of whom two were twins, who died in infancy. Her son, Charles S., who lives with his father and attends to the management of the farm, is a prominent member of the Grange at Waterford. He was married May 17, 1877, to Ella A., daughter of Oliver and Frances (Barker) Kneeland, who was born in Waterford, May 6, 1857. Her father, a native of Harrison, Me., spent the most of his life in Waterford. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Charles Hamlin and wife have been blessed with six children—Annie M., Luther (deceased), Helen F., Mary M., Carl S., and Dana Calvin. Mr. Hamlin and his son Charles are actively interested in politics, voting the Republican ticket. The whole family attend the Congregational church at Waterford. Father and son are well known in the vicinity and have many friends.

 CTAVIUS K. YATES, M.D., a well-known physician and surgeon of Oxford County, and one of the oldest medical practitioners in West Paris, Me., was born in Greenwood, Me., September 25, 1833, son of James and Emma (Cole) Yates. The family is of Scotch origin, and was founded in America by William Yates, grandfather of the generation of which the Doctor is a representative.

William Yates emigrated from Scotland, landing at Plymouth, Mass.; and some time after his arrival he penetrated the then wilderness of Maine, becoming one of the pioneer

settlers of Greenwood. His first residence was a log house, which, after he had cleared up a good farm, was replaced by a suitable frame building. As the settlers increased in numbers he officiated as the local Methodist preacher. He was a man of strong character, possessing the faculty of being able to adapt himself to any situation which might arise. As an example of his ability to mete out justice to offenders, it is related of him that upon one occasion, while preaching in the local school-house, mischievous boys placed some prickly burrs beneath his saddle. Consequently, when Parson Yates mounted his usually quiet horse, the animal reared and plunged, finally throwing its rider, and galloped off homeward, leaving him to return as best he could. The Parson made no stir about the matter; but, quietly ascertaining for a certainty who the culprits were, after preaching as usual the following Sunday, he singled them out, and to each of them he administered a sound flogging; then took them into the meeting-house and prayed for them. On another occasion he went to preach in one of the rural districts of Norway, where the people had been for several weeks excited over certain slanderous reports, etc. Mr. Yates took as his text "Damnable Heresay," and gave his audience an able and earnest sermon on that subject. At the close of the meeting a good brother approached the speaker and said: "Brother Yates, your Scripture text was misquoted; it reads damnable heresy." "Well, well, Brother B., it applied, did it not?" was the answer. Needless to say the whole trouble was investigated and satisfactorily settled before the veteran preacher left the neighborhood. In those days they preached without pecuniary reward. In his absence from home Mr. Yates left his wife and small children in their log-cabin home, their only door being made from hewn or split lumber and held together by wooden pins. It was not an uncommon thing in those days for them to see bears and other wild animals come into their clearing and even into the yard surrounding their cabin. He was strong and active, both physically and mentally, retaining control of his faculties until the last, having been known to walk two miles to attend a

funeral when he was ninety-seven years old; and he lived to attain the unusually advanced age of ninety-nine. He married Martha Morgan, a native of Gloucester, Me., also of Scotch ancestry, who lived to be nearly as old as her husband, her death occurring at the age of ninety-eight. Of their children, the only survivor is Sylvester Yates, a resident of Greenwood.

James Yates, Dr. Yates's father, was born in Greenwood, August 1, 1799. The greater part of his life was spent in his native town, where he owned a small piece of land, which he farmed, besides operating a mill. In his later years he voted with the Republican party, and in his religious views was a Methodist. His last years were passed at the home of his son, where he died at the age of nearly eighty. His wife, Emma Cole, who was born in Greenwood, August 25, 1801, became the mother of four children, of whom Octavius K., the subject of this sketch, is the only one who lived to grow up, the others having died in infancy. Mrs. Emma C. Yates lived to be eighty-seven years old. She attended the Methodist church.

Octavius K. Yates attended the various schools in Greenwood and vicinity, and was graduated from the Bethel High School. While pursuing his studies in Bethel, he for a time was obliged to walk the distance of five miles to and from the school; but later he went to board with Dr. John Grover at Bethel Hill. He at this time conceived an inclination for the medical profession, which, owing to his limited means, he could not gratify until later; and, after completing his elementary studies, he worked at different mechanical employments, being for a time engaged in a furniture and bedstead factory. While in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway Company as a section hand, he found the pay inadequate for the amount of labor demanded, and by drawing up and presenting a petition to the officials he succeeded in procuring an advance of wages for the entire force. Prior to the late Civil War he was engaged for several years in trade in Auburn, Me. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he was the second man to enlist in the Auburn Artillery, in answer to the first call of Abraham Lincoln

for seventy-five thousand of three months' volunteers. Later the Auburn Artillery was changed to an infantry company, and was one of the companies that joined and went to the front with the First Regiment of Maine Volunteers. Our subject, however, did not join the new organization, but was soon after appointed a recruiting officer and detective, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. While on duty in Washington he was present at Ford's Theatre on that memorable night of April 14, 1865, at the assassination of President Lincoln, and was an eye witness of that sad tragedy. At the close of the war he engaged in the oil business in that wild section of country known as Bothwell and Petroia of Canada West, where he remained several years. He was also engaged in selling real estate and oil shares for some three years; and being compelled, in order to do business, to become a subject of Great Britain, he was elected to various offices in Bothwell. Having accumulated sufficient means to realize his ambition to enter the medical profession, he closed up his business affairs in Canada, and, returning to the United States, began the study of medicine with Dr. S. H. Tewkesbury, of Portland, Me. Graduating from the Maine Medical School at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., with the class of 1870, he, on October 1 of that year, located for professional work in West Paris, where he has since resided. He has built up an extensive practice, which covers a wide circuit in this region, and is now not only one of the oldest but also one of the most successful physicians and surgeons here.

On July 25, 1852, Dr. Yates was united in marriage with Elizabeth D. Felt, who was born in Greenwood, January 24, 1835, daughter of Artemas and Desire (Stevens) Felt. Artemas Felt was born in Woodstock, Me., August 25, 1800; and the active period of his life was passed as an industrious tiller of the soil in his native town and in Greenwood, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. In politics he supported the Republican party, and in his religious faith was a Methodist. He married Desire Stevens, who was born in Plymouth, Mass., January 23, 1798, and of the eight children born to this union, five are

living, namely: Desire; Jesse S.; Lucy S., who is now Mrs. Libby; Elizabeth D., now Mrs. Yates; and Samuel S. The others were: Albina, who became Mrs. Welch; Eliza, Mrs. Stevens; and Artemas, Jr. Mrs. Yates's mother lived to reach the age of seventy-one years. Dr. and Mrs. Yates have had four children, as follows: Myrtle D., who was born July 29, 1875, and is now the wife of the Rev. Fred E. Wheeler, pastor of the First Universalist Church at Mechanic Falls, Me.; James L., who died at the age of twenty-three; Alton J., who died aged nearly two years; and Edgar L., who died in infancy.

Exceedingly strong and able, Dr. Yates is one of the most stirring and active men to be found in any locality. He has always maintained regular and temperate habits, and has never been addicted to the use of stimulants or tobacco. He still responds promptly to all calls for his professional services, no matter from what distance; and in 1891 he was appointed division surgeon for the Grand Trunk Railway. He is a member of the Maine Medical Society, is connected with Granite Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of West Paris, and in politics is a Democrat. He is liberal in his religious views, and Mrs. Yates is a Universalist.

**C**HARLES L. HATHAWAY, one of Norway's most enterprising business men, being a wholesale and retail dealer in building materials, was born here, September 6, 1839, son of Lorenzo and Lydia F. (Jones) Hathaway, and grandson of Lazarus Hathaway, Jr., and Lucy (Cole) Hathaway. His great-grandfather, Lazarus Hathaway, who was born in Halifax, in 1774 married Miss Olive Pratt. Not long after, they removed to Bridgewater, Mass., and thence in 1802 to Paris, Me., settling in that part of the town known as the Swift neighborhood, where he purchased land and cleared a good farm. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War. He was progressive and enterprising, and both he and his wife lived to a good age. They had ten children—Patty, Elsie, Polly, John, Lazarus, Nathan, Olive, Lovice, Susan, and Rachel. Lazarus

Hathaway, Jr., was born in Bridgewater. Coming to Paris with his parents, he soon after purchased a farm on the south bank of the river, about two and a half miles from South Paris. He acquired a good property, and was frequently chosen for town office, serving at one time as a Representative to the State legislature. In religious belief he was a Universalist. His wife, Lucy, was a daughter of Eleazer Cole, one of the early settlers of the town of Paris. Five sons and five daughters were born to them; namely, Milo, Lorenzo, Hannah, Mahala, John, Lucy, Nathan, Almema, John, and Mary.

Lorenzo Hathaway, who was born in Paris, May 29, 1808, learned the trade of a carpenter, and became a contractor. In 1838 he came to Norway, and purchased a large building on Main Street, in which he made extensive alterations, and which has since been known as the Hathaway Block. On the second floor is the first public hall used in Norway. Later on he purchased a loft, and built the house now owned by C. W. Horne. In politics he was a Republican; in religion he was a Congregationalist. His wife, Lydia, was a daughter of Charles M. and Deborah (Foster) Jones. Her father served as a private in the Revolutionary War. She died in 1846, leaving two children—Charles L. and Julia E. The latter was born February 11, 1844. Their father afterward successively married Miss Alvice Jones and Mrs. Matilda Lindsay.

Charles L. Hathaway attended the schools of Norway until fifteen years of age. He then went to work with his father at carpentry, which he followed up to 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-third Maine Regiment, and served nine months in the Civil War. Returning home at the end of that time, he soon after went to New Haven, where for two years he worked at his trade. After his marriage he came to Norway, and took up contract work, building several houses, and remodelling the Hathaway Block, a part of which he raised to three stories. He next went into the lumber business, and fitted up a yard for it on Whitman Street. After the railroad was built he purchased land, and erected on it a large building,

where he keeps constantly on hand a large line of all kinds of building timber, sashes, doors, paints, and oils, in a word, all kinds of supplies for building purposes. He was a stockholder and director of the branch railroad to Norway; a stockholder in the water-works and shoe factory; a member of the Opera House Building Committee, and its manager since; and he was one of the principal supporters of the movement that led to the establishment of the banks. He is the owner of a fine residence on Maine Street — what was formerly known as the Denison house, but which has since been greatly altered and improved. He also owns a tenement house on Pleasant Street.

On March 5, 1864, Mr. Hathaway was joined in marriage with Miss Clara H. Dunham, who was born August 28, 1838, daughter of Bartimeus and Matilda (Briggs) Dunham, and a grand-daughter of James and Mary (Ransom) Dunham, of Hebron. Mrs. Hathaway has one brother, James P. Dunham. The fraternal organizations of which Mr. Hathaway is a member are: Oxford Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Oxford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Portland Commandery, Knights Templars; Lewiston Kora Temple, Mystic Shrine; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Knights of Pythias, in which he is Past Chancellor; and Harry Rust Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

**A**LBERT WITHAM, a well-known farmer of the town of Oxford, Oxford County, was born May 2, 1843, in New Gloucester, Cumberland County, son of Parsons and Abigail Witham. His father, who was a miller of that town, died when Albert was five years old. His mother married again while he was still a mere boy. Some time after, owing to troubles with his stepfather, he left home and went to live with his father's brother, John Witham. He remained with his uncle, and was treated with great kindness, receiving a good education at the district schools until he reached the age of nineteen, when he began to work for his living. This was soon after his uncle had

moved to the town of Paris. He engaged in various employments, often changing his residence in the search for them. Having saved his earnings for a long time, he was at last able to buy some property in the town of Paris. About the year 1871 he purchased a farm in the town of Oxford, where he has since resided. The estate contains about one hundred and twenty-five acres of good farming land. Excepting the residence, the buildings and outhouses, which are all modern, were erected by Mr. Witham. Here he carries on general farming with remarkable success.

Mr. Witham was married June 24, 1871, to Hattie (Thomas) De Coster, the widow of Mr. De Coster, and the sister of William Newell Thomas, a well-known and successful farmer and land-owner of Oxford. Mr. Witham has one son — Albert Chester, who was born February 2, 1874. He is liberal in his religious views. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He has fully earned the measure of prosperity he now enjoys and the warm esteem and good will of his neighbors.

**F**RED A. HOLT, Selectman of Fryeburg, was born here, April 18, 1857, son of Thomas K. and Parthenia R. (Johnson) Holt. His grandfather was William Holt, who came to Fryeburg from Andover, Mass., at an early date in the town's history, and settled upon a farm in the neighborhood of his grandson's property.

Thomas K. Holt, who was a native of Fryeburg, in his younger days followed the trade of a tinsmith in the village. He subsequently engaged in agriculture, and, after occupying one farm for a time, he, in 1865, bought the property now owned by his son. His death occurred September 25, 1888. He was first married to Eliza Brickett, who died April 7, 1854. Her children by him were: Sarah A., Harriet N., and Thomas K., who are no longer living; William F., now residing in Bridgton, Me.; James G., of Charlestown; Mary E., the wife of Horace Hadley, of Worcester, Mass.; Caroline E., the wife of R. P. Griffin, of Charlestown; and Benjamin F., who resides in Providence, R.I. The father by a second marriage was wedded to



Parthenia R. Johnson, a native of Brownfield, Me., whose offspring were: Addie M., born May 6, 1855, who died September 31, 1875; Fred A., the subject of this sketch; Fanny A., born March 10, 1861, who died August 10, 1863; Thomas K., born November 8, 1863, who now resides at the homestead; Fanny A., second, born June 15, 1866, who died September 23, 1872; and Augusta B., born March 14, 1868, who died October 7, 1878. The mother is still living, and resides at the homestead.

Fred A. Holt obtained his education in the common schools. When old enough he began to make himself useful upon the farm. After his father's death he took charge of the farm, which he has since carried on in company with his brother. The estate contains two hundred acres of valuable land, devoted to general farming. On June 1, 1885, Mr. Holt wedded Estelle S. McIntire, of Fryeburg, daughter of Thomas S. and Angelia McIntire. Her father resides at Fryeburg Centre. Her mother died some time ago. Mr. and Mrs. Holt have one son, Harry M., who was born July 2, 1893.

For two years Mr. Holt was Third Selectman of the town, and he is now serving as Second Selectman. He always voted with the Democratic party until 1896, when the free silver plank in the party's platform decided him to vote with the Republicans. He is a member of Pythagorean Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; of Fryeburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of the Patrons of Husbandry. His brother, Thomas K., is also connected with the Odd Fellows and the Grange. His many admirable traits of character have won for Mr. Holt the general esteem of the community.

**E**L. TEBBETS, Esq., senior member of the enterprising firm of E. L. Tebbets & Co., manufacturers of thread and silk spools, variety turnings and dowels at Locke's Mills, Oxford County, Me., was born in Lisbon, Androscoggin County, this State, June 6, 1849, a son of John G. and Clara A. (Buckman) Tebbets.

His grandfather, Paul C. Tebbets, was an early settler in Lisbon, and for many years a

prosperous trader. John G. Tebbets was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Lisbon, his native town, during the larger portion of his life, and always kept his home there. He bought the Locke's Mills spool manufactory in 1867, and he operated it until his death, which occurred in May, 1892. He is survived by his wife, formerly Clara A. Buckman, a native of Lisbon, and by three of their four children, namely: E. L., the special subject of this biographical notice; Leila, now living with her mother on the old homestead in Lisbon; and Nora, widow of the late C. E. B. Libby, residing at Auburn, Me. The other child, a son named Ralph, died in infancy.

E. L. Tebbets was educated at the Edward Little Institute in Auburn, Me., and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. Afterward he was engaged in civil engineering in Lewiston, this State, until 1870, when he began working for the Maine Central Railway Company, being rodman in the construction department one year, assistant engineer for five years, and subsequently general accountant in the Treasury office at Portland for six years. On severing his connection with that road, Mr. Tebbets made a trip to California, and spent six months as a civil engineer in the eastern part of that State. In November, 1882, he came to Greenwood, and at Locke's Mill, where the water power is unsurpassed, he engaged with his father in running a grist mill until 1891, when they sold out to the American Bobbin Spooling and Shuttle Company. Afterward they bought back the water power, and leased the spool-mill. Mr. Tebbets is here doing an immense business, being known as one of the most enterprising and successful manufacturers in this part of Oxford County. Assiduous in his application to his own affairs, he is also a public-spirited man, actively interested in promoting the common weal, and occupying a foremost position among the citizens of the town of Greenwood. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party. For several years he served efficiently as Town Treasurer and Selectman, and is now Justice of the Peace.

On September 4, 1873, Mr. Tebbets married Miss Lizzie C. Morton, who was born in

Augusta, Me., the city in which her parents, the late Hallett W. and Lavinia Morton, spent their entire lives. Mr. and Mrs. Tebbets have four children — Charles B., Lawrence, E. L., Jr., and a babe unnamed. Mrs. Tebbets is a member of the Congregational church of Augusta, and takes an active part in church work.

**C**HARLES L. TOOTHAKER, M.D., is the principal medical practitioner of Phillips, Me., and before his patients here required so much of his time, also had a large practice in Rangeley and adjoining towns. He was born in Phillips, April 20, 1847, a son of George and Eliza (Staples) Toothaker, being on his father's side of Scotch, and on his mother's side, of Irish ancestry.

Ephraim Toothaker, the father of George, spent the active years of his life in Bowdoinham, Me., whence he came to Phillips, where he was living, aged nearly one hundred years at the time of his death. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and his widow was granted a pension. In politics he was a Democrat.

George Toothaker has resided in Phillips all his life, and has successfully engaged in farming. Although now past eighty years of age, he still enjoys good health. Four of the seven children born to him and Eliza Staples Toothaker, his wife, are now living, namely: George D., in Southern California; Lillian, the wife of L. L. Balkam, of Kansas City; Frank S., in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Charles L. Hattie M., the eldest child, who married Dr. W. Hunter, of Hampton, died at about fifty years of age; and Ephraim died in the army, aged about twenty-one years. He was in the Heavy Artillery, Eleventh Vermont Volunteers. In politics Mr. Toothaker is a Democrat, but has never held public office.

Charles L. Toothaker, the youngest living child and the special subject of this sketch, received his preliminary education in the common schools of Strong and the Farmington High School, after which he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. In 1871 he was graduated from the Medical School of

Maine at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., and immediately after began practising in Auburn, where he remained two years, coming to Phillips in 1873, where he has since remained. For a number of years he has been a member of the Board of Health, also on the Examining Board of Pensions. In political affiliation he is a Democrat.

In the fall of 1893 Dr. Toothaker married Miss Eva J. Newman, a daughter of Eben Newman, of Weld, Me. They have had two children, both now living, namely: Charles E., two years old; and Lillian B., younger. Dr. and Mrs. Toothaker attend the Congregational church.

**L**ORENZO D. EDGCOMB, who was born in Hartford, Oxford County, Me., September 3, 1820, has profitably engaged in farming at different places in the county, but is at present residing with his son in Norway, Me. His parents, James and Olive Edgcomb, were natives of Saco, Oxford County.

James Edgcomb engaged in farming principally, but was at one time the keeper of a public house, and served as Deputy Sheriff of Cumberland County. The larger part of his life was spent in Oxford and Cumberland Counties, where he was known as an industrious and successful man. He died in Androscoggin County, at seventy years of age. His wife lived to be but fifty-five. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters, and three are now living, namely: Lorenzo D.; Miss Olive Edgcomb, of Jay, Me.; and Mary, wife of Henry Emery, also residing in Jay. The deceased are: Orrin, Jane, Loren, and Sophia.

Lorenzo D. Edgcomb, the eldest living child, grew to manhood in Poland, Androscoggin County, and was educated in the schools of Poland and Hartford. He began the work of life as a farmer, and has engaged in agriculture at intervals ever since. For twenty-seven years, however, he travelled through the country selling nursery stock, and in this met with good success. He resided in Poland on an excellent farm, which he owned there until about three years ago, when he re-

moved to North Paris. Later he came to Norway, where, as already stated, he is now making his home with his son. He owns a good farm in Paris, but expects to make Norway his home. For many years he was a member of the State militia, and some seven years was Captain of Company D. When the Civil War was in progress, he had charge of the muster in Poland, being commander of the nine companies of which it was composed. He also assisted in raising two companies for the service.

At twenty-four years of age Mr. Edgcomb was married to Miss Octavia B. Waterhouse, who was born in Poland, a daughter of Timothy and Peggy Waterhouse. They have three children living: Charles R., a paper maker in Mechanic Falls; Orrin, a shoemaker in Norway; and Clara Hazeltine, residing in North Paris. Clara died at two years of age. Olive, who married Sidney Tobey, and Ella, also the wife of a Mr. Tobey, are both deceased.

In politics Mr. Edgcomb is independent. Fraternally, he is connected with Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, A. F. & A. M., at Poland, being to-day the oldest member of the lodge. He and his wife are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**H** DECOSTER, a retired contractor and a veteran of the Civil War, who is now residing upon a fruit farm in Buckfield, was born here January 14, 1831, son of Henry and Abigail (Irish) Decoster. His father, a native and a lifelong resident of Buckfield, worked at his trade of carpentry and was engaged in general farming until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-six years old. He was known and respected as a worthy, upright man and a useful citizen. His wife, Abigail, who was a native of Hartford, Me., became by him the mother of ten children. Four of these are living; namely, James H., Joseph F., Ellen B., and E. Decoster. The mother lived to be eighty years old.

After receiving his education in the schools of Buckfield and Turner, the subject of this sketch engaged in teaching for several terms.

While still a young man he became a contractor for the construction of railroads and other public works. He was employed by the New Jersey Water Works Company for twenty-five years. He assisted in building the Kansas & Pacific Railroad and the Portland & Rumford Falls Railroad. He was also engaged in the construction of public works in Portland, Me., Concord, N.H., Concord, Mass., and in New York State, having had charge of as many as five hundred men at one time. He retired some time ago upon a comfortable competency, and is now engaged in general farming and fruit-growing, owning a pleasantly located piece of property containing one hundred acres. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in Company C, Twentieth Regiment, Maine Volunteers, with which he subsequently participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Antietam. He was wounded in the last named engagement, and he was honorably discharged in 1863.

In 1858 Mr. Decoster wedded Mary Anna Stowe, a native of Newry, Me., by whom he is the father of four sons. These are: Harry A., who lives in Little Falls, N.Y.; Frederick, a farmer and bee raiser, who resides at home; Edward, a carpenter and blacksmith, who is also engaged in farming at home; and Lester H., who follows the trades of a carpenter and blacksmith in Buckfield. In politics Mr. Decoster supports the Republican party. He is a comrade of Fessenden Post, No. 43, Grand Army of the Republic, of Buckfield. Both he and Mrs. Decoster attend the Universalist church.

**G**EORGE D. GROSE is one of the foremost members of the farming community of Sumner, Me., enterprising and progressive in his methods. He was born in Hingham, Mass., February 10, 1859, son of Dexter and Kate (Whiting) Grose, and is of English descent. His father, who is now Postmaster at North Abington, Mass., was born in Hanover, Mass., his mother in Hingham.

George D. Grose was reared and educated in Abington, Mass. He worked for some time in the employ of his father, who was manu-

facturing shoes; and in 1890 he settled in Sumner, Me., purchasing the Hiram Heath place. This estate, which comprises three hundred acres, is one of the best farms in the locality, and under its present owner is giving more profitable results every year. Mr. Grose makes dairying his main industry, keeping from ten to twenty-five head of cattle, besides a number of horses. Though but a comparatively short time in the town, he is looked upon as one of the representative farmers and is a prominent member of Union Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of East Sumner.

Mr. Grose was married November 23, 1885, to Esther G. Crockett, a native of Hartford, Me., daughter of Samuel I. Crockett. Her grandparents, John and Cynthia Crockett, were among the first settlers of Sumner. John Crockett, who was a native of Cumberland County, this State, was a hard-working and successful farmer. He located in Sumner when the place was sparsely settled, and deer, moose, bears, and smaller game abounded and resided here for a number of years becoming expert as a trapper. The latter part of his life was passed in Hartford, Me., where he died at the advanced age of ninety-one. In politics he was a Democrat. He was twice married, and was the father of eleven children, his first wife, Sally, being the mother of six. His second wife, Cynthia, who was the widow of a Mr. Irish at the time of her marriage to him, lived to be eighty-six years of age. John and Cynthia Crockett were members of the Universalist church. Of his family of eleven children three are living: William; Samuel I.; and Cynthia, Mrs. Glover, all in Hartford, Me.

Samuel I. Crockett, Mrs. Grose's father, was born in Hartford, July 7, 1829, and was educated in Hartford and Sumner. He left home at the age of twenty-one and worked in shoe factories in Massachusetts for twelve years. He then bought land in Sumner, on which he resided for a while, eventually selling it and removing to Hartford. In 1881 he purchased his present homestead in that town, and he now owns about eight hundred acres of farm land in Hartford and Peru. He is extensively engaged in general farming and dairying, and keeps some valuable live stock,

including cows, oxen, sheep, and horses. Mr. Crockett, who is a self-made man, is one of the leading farmers of this part of the county. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as Selectman and in other offices in the town. He is a member of the Grange of Patrons of Husbandry at Sumner. In religious belief he is a Universalist. His first wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Harding, was a native of Sumner. She died at the age of thirty-four. There were no children by this union. His second wife was Ruth B. Gammon, a native of Hartford, Me., daughter of Madison Gammon. By this union he has two children: Esther G., Mrs. Grose; and Abel W., both born in Hartford. Abel W. Crockett is a member of the Masonic Order. He was married in 1893 to Lillian, daughter of Benjamin Irish, of Buckfield, and has one son—Horace B., born February 3, 1893.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Grose has been blessed by two children: Esther Dorothy, who is with them; and Ruth W., who lived but two years and a half. Mr. Grose takes an active interest in politics, and was a delegate to the Republican County Convention not long since. He belongs to Evening Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Buckfield. He and his wife are members of the Universalist church.

**D**ANIEL E. MILLS, an enterprising farmer and respected citizen of Mason, was born in the town of Bethel, Oxford County, Me., March 30, 1847, son of Daniel B. and Mary E. (Gordon) Mills. Daniel B. Mills was a native of Bethel, and spent the greater part of his life in that town. When twenty-eight years old he was accidentally killed in the woods but a few days before the birth of his son, Daniel E. His widow subsequently became the wife of his brother, Nathan G. Mills, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Daniel E. Mills remained with his mother until reaching his majority. After obtaining his education in the common schools he engaged in farming. He now resides upon the farm which he inherited, and which was purchased by his grandfather, and contains about one

hundred acres. Here he carries on mixed farming very successfully. On March 29, 1874, Mr. Mills was joined in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Morrill, who was born February 3, 1853, daughter of Thomas and Belinda (Shurtleff) Morrill, of Albany, Me. Her father, who was a native of the place now known as Windham, Me., removed to Albany about 1859, and died there at the age of about seventy-six years. He was a prosperous farmer and lumberman. Mrs. Morrill was born in Raymond, Me. She died at forty-eight years of age. Both were members of the Advent Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have an interesting family of five children; namely, Sabra O., Vibert R., Ercel V., Dora B., and Frank E., all living at home. Their second child, Bernal D., died at seventeen years of age. Mr. Mills has served as Selectman several terms, also as Town Clerk and Collector. He is a Democrat, politically.

**R**ICHARD L. COLE, a prominent and well-to-do agriculturist of Greenwood, Oxford County, is a worthy representative of the native-born residents of this township. He was born December 9, 1824, son of Cyperin and Lavisa (Perrin) Cole, and a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of Oxford County. His paternal grandfather, Eleazer Cole, in the latter part of the last century, migrated from Bridgewater, Mass., to the town of Paris, where he cleared a farm. Eleazer subsequently came to Greenwood, and there spent his last days.

Cyperin Cole, born in the township of Paris, moved with his parents to Greenwood, where he died November 17, 1861, aged seventy years. He was engaged in agriculture throughout the greater part of his life. His first wife, whose maiden name was Lavisa Perrin, was born in Woodstock, and died in Greenwood. His second wife, Martha (Tuell) Cole, who was a native of Paris, died May 23, 1868. Born of his first union were eight children, of whom Richard L. is the only survivor. The others were: Martha, Loranson, Ann G., Lavisa, Minerva, and two that died in infancy. His second wife bore him several children, of whom the following record is

given: Caroline is the wife of Albert Mountford, of Bryant Pond village, Me.; Francis, a hardware dealer at the same village, married a Miss Bryant; Laura died some time ago; Lorenza is the widow of the late Mr. Mountford, and lives at Bryant Pond; Lucy is the wife of Cyrus Berry, of South Paris; Angelia married Horace Berry, of Bryant's Pond, this county; Givesten resides at Mechanic Falls, Me.; and Henry lives in Massachusetts.

As soon as he attained his majority, Richard L. Cole began the battle of life, starting out poor in pocket, but rich in energy, courage and ambition. Going to Massachusetts, he worked out as a farm laborer, spending the first year in Woodland, and the following two years in South Reading, now Wakefield. After working in Lawrence, Mass., as a teamster for a year, he returned to his native county, and for four years worked in the town of Paris, being employed on different farms. Having saved some money by this time, he bought a farm, and settled on it with his bride, whom he had wooed and won while in Paris. Mr. Cole has since both enlarged and improved this property, so that now he has one of the best managed estates in this section of the county. With the assistance of his son Harry, who is a skilful farmer, he carries on general farming on an extensive scale, besides paying some attention to dairying. Mr. Cole has ever taken a genuine interest in town matters, lending his influence to forward all beneficial enterprises. He has served with fidelity in almost every office within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, including those of Selectman, Town Collector, and Town Treasurer. Both he and his son are staunch supporters of the Republican party; and both, with their wives, are members of the local Grange, and of the Baptist church at Bryant's Pond.

Mr. Cole married Miss Sarah Jane Davis, of Paris, on December 27, 1851. Mrs. Cole was born December 18, 1835, daughter of the late Henry W. and Sarah (Torrey) Davis, the former of whom was born in Oxford, Mass., and the latter in Dixfield, Me. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and both he and his wife spent the most of their lives after marriage in Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have

had nine children, of whom Cora, Alberto, Perley, and an infant are deceased. The others are: Frank P., living at Woodstock, Me., who married Alice Bryant; Elmer N., a resident of Lynn, Mass., who married Lizzie Bond; Herbert E., also residing at Lynn, who married Lizzie Young; Harry D., who lives on the home farm; and Mattie S., who is the wife of Edgar Estes, of Lynn, Mass. Harry D. Cole, with the exception of a few years spent at the plumber's trade in Lynn, Mass., has remained on the home farm, where his help is indispensable to his father. He married Miss Jennie Houten, daughter of Charles Houten, of Canton, Me., and they have two children — Guy and Bessie Lucelia.

**H**ENRY L. DAY, who is one of the most conspicuously prominent business men of New Sharon, Franklin County, Me., where he now lives, was born in New York City, February 18, 1818.

His great-grandfather, Samuel Day, an Englishman by birth and a carpenter by vocation, was the first man in these parts who ever framed a building by square rule. In the rural districts where Samuel Day located, his careful work was considered unnecessary, and he was very generally called a fool. While Samuel Day and his wife were on board the sailing vessel upon which they had taken passage for America, a son was born to them, whom they called after the father, Samuel.

This second Samuel, who claimed the broad Atlantic as his birthplace, grew up and became a mechanic by trade. He purchased the half of a tract of land in Mercer, his share consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. He married Sarah Day, and was the father of nine children — Asa, Daniel, Samuel, Jacob, Solomon, John C., Hannah, Betsey, and Polly. Samuel Day, second, lived to extreme old age, his life extending over the period of exactly one hundred years, the latter part of it being spent in the home of his grandson, Henry L. Day. His wife, Sarah, attained almost as great an age.

Daniel Day, the second son of Samuel and Sarah Day, was a native of Jamaica Point, Me. He went to New York in 1817, a year

before the birth of his son, Henry L., and remained there three years, returning to Mercer at the end of that time, and bought some land, which he partially cleared, also building a house. Finally, buying a farm in New Sharon, and settling here, he remained until his death. Having inherited a strong constitution from his parents, he was active always and worked industriously up to the very end of his life. Daniel Day married first Miss Susan Taylor, who died at the age of thirty-seven years, having been the mother of six children; namely, Elmira, Henry L., Thomas, Betsey, Julia Ann, and Susan. He married second Miss Sarah Boyington, of Mercer, and they became the parents of four children — Daniel, Fannie, Henrietta, and Eunice. The father of this family was a staunch Democrat and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry L. Day, son of Daniel and Susan (Taylor) Day, was sent to the public schools of Mercer in his early childhood, and at the age of twelve years he went to live with Joshua Young, for whom he worked six years. When his term with Mr. Young expired he was just eighteen years of age, and he immediately went into the wooded swamps of Maine, where he chopped wood during the winter months to supply the demands of the lumber trade. During the summer he went on board the fishing schooner "Caroline" under William Willis, and for four years followed a seafaring life in summer and bore the rigor of the long northern winters in a Maine lumber camp. Not an easy life, certainly, but productive of health and energy. While braving the elements one summer in search of cod, provisions ran short, and for three weeks he was compelled to subsist upon a diet of rice and molasses, which was rather a monotonous bill of fare.

After four years of this hardy life he came to New Sharon, where he built a comfortable residence for his father at Sandy River. For thirteen years he occupied the short seasons of warm weather in this way, returning to the logging swamps when winter set in. Meanwhile, he was becoming successful, reaping the results of his labors. He had bought the saw-mills at New Sharon, paying one thousand seven hundred dollars for the property; and for fourteen years he conducted a flourishing busi-

ness here in that line. As his means increased he enlarged his enterprise, and purchasing one thousand three hundred acres of timbered land in Madrid, he operated a mill in New Sharon, using timber from his Madrid tract, for three winters. The mill at Madrid was then swept away by a freshet, and Mr. Day sold his land and bought a hotel, which was called the Sandy River House, and was the first erected in New Sharon. The Sandy River House was destroyed by fire July 29, 1886, and in the following year he built the hotel in which he now resides and which he conducts satisfactorily to the travelling public and with profit to himself. Mr. Day has purchased a farm of about twenty-two acres of land situated a half mile down the river, and uses the hay cut from the fields for his stables. Since he came to New Sharon he has become one of its most prominent as well as prosperous business men, and is a stockholder in the water-works of the town, which forms an important part of the business interests of the place.

Henry L. Day married Miss Judith Pomeroy, a daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Boyington) Pomeroy, of Starks. The following children have been born to them, namely: two now deceased; George, who is a coat maker, and resides at Norridgewock; Edgar, who married Miss Dora Waugh, a daughter of William Waugh, and lives at home; and Effie, who died at seventeen years of age, just in the dawn of womanhood.

Henry L. Day is a Republican in political principles, and a Congregationalist in religious faith. He has won his measure of worldly success by steady industry, honest effort, and the exercise of sound judgment, and few men have a more just claim upon the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens than he.

**J**AMES DANFORTH, a prominent citizen of Norway, Me., was born here on October 10, 1839, son of Dr. Asa and Abigail C. (Reed) Danforth. He is a lineal descendant of Jonathan Danforth, Sr., the noted land surveyor of Billerica, Mass., whose son, Jonathan Danforth, Jr., married Miss Rebecca Parker.

Their son, the next representative in this branch, was the Hon. Samuel Danforth. His son, Lieutenant Joseph Danforth, who was born in Dunstable, Mass., in the year 1720, married Miss Mary Richardson. Josiah Danforth, son of Lieutenant Joseph, married Sarah Blodgett, and lived in Tyngsboro, Mass.

Asa Danforth, son of Josiah, was born August 18, 1795. Having mastered the common English branches in the district schools, he went into the office of Dr. Thomas, of Tyngsboro, under whom he studied medicine, attending also medical lectures at Dartmouth and Harvard Colleges. On July 20, 1820, he was granted by the censors of the Massachusetts Medical Society a certificate authorizing him to practise medicine and surgery; and the following year he started out to find a desirable place for settlement, travelling on horseback, and taking with him a well furnished set of saddle-bags. On reaching Portland, he bought an interview with Dr. Cummings, and was advised by him to come to Norway, as even then the town had won a reputation for thrift and progressiveness. At first he boarded, but it was not long before he married one of the daughters of Norway, and shortly erected the brick house which is still standing at the corner of Main and Danforth Streets, the brick used in its construction having been made in the meadow back of the village.

Dr. Danforth always lived there, and no man was ever more deservedly respected. The first, and for many years the only physician in the town, none since has been more successful or more endeared in the hearts of the people than this pioneer. Many of his patients lived at a considerable distance, so that he was obliged to take long and wearisome rides; and, as it was difficult to turn produce into money, the Doctor's fee was not unfrequently paid in such commodities as oats, corn, beans, potatoes, or firewood. He was, however, always ready to assist the poor; and he interested himself in the material progress of the community, building a paper manufactory at the lower falls, and becoming a stockholder in the South Paris woollen-mills. In religion he was a Universalist, and he was a member of the committee that erected the church edi-

ficie. In politics he was a Whig in his earlier days, and later a Republican, serving one term in the Maine legislature. Dr. Danforth married Miss Abigail C. Reed, a daughter of William Reed, of Norway. Seven sons and a daughter were born to them, namely: William R., Josiah, Joseph H., Sarah, Frank A., John, James, Asa, Jr. Dr. Danforth's wife died in 1872, and he died June 16, 1883.

James Danforth remained with his parents. After obtaining his education, as a young man he took charge of the land owned by his father in and near Norway and on Pike Hill. For a few years he was a travelling salesman for T. H. Huston, a manufacturer of crackers and confectionery at Auburn, Me., also for F. A. Kennedy, of Cambridgeport, Mass. He then purchased a farm in Oxford, but sold it a little later, and eventually settled in Norway, inheriting the farming land owned by his father. In 1862 Mr. Danforth enlisted in Company H of the Twenty-third Maine Regiment, with which he served nine months, the larger part of the time being on the mail service and taking care of horses. He has since been a sufferer from rheumatism brought on by the exposure. The home in which the family now live was inherited by Mrs. Danforth. It was formerly the Clark Whitney Hotel, but was entirely rebuilt by Mr. Haskell, and has since been enlarged so that they have a tenement to rent. Mr. Danforth has purchased land on Pike Hill, and a cottage, where they spend the summer months.

Mr. Danforth married Miss Mary F. Haskell, a daughter of Charles H. Haskell, of Norway village. They have two sons and two daughters; namely, Charles H., Anna L., Sarah G., and Asa. In politics Mr. Danforth is a Republican. He is a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons; and is a charter member of Norway Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**A**NSEL DUDLEY, an esteemed and influential citizen of Oxford County, Maine, residing at Bryant's Pond, was born on the 11th of April, 1844, in Woodstock, Me., the son of Perrin

and Paulina (Felt) Dudley, of the same town.

David Dudley, Mr. Dudley's grandfather, was a native of Sudbury, Mass., and in early manhood came to Hebron. Afterward he removed to Paris, and in 1820 to Woodstock, exchanging farms with Noah Curtis. His first wife was Rebecca Buckram, who bore him five children. After her death he married Charity Tuell, of Paris. By his second marriage he became the father of eleven children, but of all his large family only three children are still living: Perrin, born February 3, 1803; Arvilla M., who married Elijah Bryant, and lives on the old county road in Woodstock, quite near her father's homestead; and Ansel, born February 25, 1825, who married Augusta Curtis, and resides in Paris.

Perrin Dudley has lived in Woodstock for the last seventy-six years, and has always resided on the old homestead. He is held in the greatest esteem by his fellow-citizens, having proved his worth and his faithfulness to the interests of the town by the efficiency and zeal with which he has discharged the duties of various public offices.

As a military man he has showed great ability, and has served successively as Major, Lieutenant-colonel, and Colonel in the National Guard of Maine. When the late war of the Rebellion broke out, although too old to enter into active service, yet, in order to do for his country what he could, he organized and drilled a volunteer company at Bryant's Pond, and, as a matter of fact, nearly every member of this company subsequently went to the front.

Perrin Dudley was married on May 30, 1828, to Paulina Felt, the daughter of Joshua Felt, of Woodstock. From this union eleven children sprung: Otis S., born January 25, 1830, who died May 2, 1832; Jairus, born October 7, 1831, who married July 3, 1860, Amanda M. Clark, the daughter of Norman Clark, of Bethel, Me., and died in Bethel in 1881, his wife still living; Angelina, born July 20, 1833, married July 4, 1853, Alvin P. Bowker, of Woodstock, where they still reside; Clementine, born May 8, 1835, who died August 15, 1838; Margaret, born June 2, 1837, who died July 15, 1839; Otis



S., second, born April 11, 1839, who married June 21, 1862, Mahala Curtis, now deceased, of Woodstock; Adelia, born March 29, 1841, married, December 26, 1861, Jeremiah Curtis, of Woodstock, he being now deceased; Ansel D., of Bryant's Pond; Amanda M., born March 31, 1846, who married, January 1, 1868, James Sheram, now deceased; Evelyn O., born December 20, 1849, who married on November 7, 1869, Freeland Young, and resides in Norway, Me.; and Perrin A., born December 14, 1853, who died on September 16, 1855. Perrin Dudley is still living at his old home, hale and hearty, though ninety-three years old. His wife has been dead some years.

Ansel Dudley, their eighth child, spent his early youth on his father's old homestead, receiving his education in the public schools of his native town, and at the South Paris Academy. In the spring of 1868 he went to Boston, and learned there the trade of moving buildings. Returning to Woodstock in the fall of 1871, he immediately started in upon a prosperous business as a contractor of lumber. For twenty years he supplied the Yarmouth, Me., Forest Paper Company with all the immense quantity of poplar that they needed.

He was married on March 4, 1868, to Josephine Childs, the daughter of Joseph Childs, a wealthy farmer of North Paris, Me. They have two children—Olivia D. and Carl C. Olivia D. Dudley, born November 16, 1875, who is now living at home, received her education at Westbrook Seminary, Deering, Me., and at Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vt., graduating from the latter institution in the spring of 1894. She then went to Boston, where she attended the Berlitz School of Languages, and also Chauncy Hall School. Carl C. Dudley, born May 15, 1878, spent his early life at home attending the public schools of Woodstock, and in the winter term of 1894 entered Goddard Seminary in Barre, Vt., where he will graduate in 1897.

Besides his contracting business Mr. Dudley keeps a general store at Bryant's Pond, where he is one of the leading merchants, and he is one of the most prominent men of the entire district, both in a business way and socially. His political belief is staunchly Republican.

He and his family are active members of the Universalist church. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging both to Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, and to West Paris Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**J**OHAN D. FURNEL, an enterprising furniture dealer of Wilton, Me., and the leading undertaker in this section of Franklin County, was born in Wilton, May 10, 1837, son of Dimond and Mary (Bennett) Furnel. The family name, which was originally Fernald, has been changed to Furnel by the present generation. Mr. Furnel's grandfather, David Fernald, was a prosperous farmer of Loudon, N.H. Further particulars concerning him and his posterity will be found in a sketch of Captain George R. Fernald, which appears elsewhere in this work.

Dimond Furnel, son of David, was born in Loudon. He acquired a district-school education, and when a young man he learned the cloth-dresser's trade, which he followed as a journeyman in Warren, Me., for seven years. He then came to Wilton, where he bought the Colonel Hodgman carding-mills. Carding the wool into rolls, and having it spun and woven by women at their homes, he then fulled and dressed it; and after carrying on business in this manner for some time he added a shearing machine and dyeing facilities, and became the first regular woollen manufacturer in this region. He later engaged in the manufacture of yarn, producing a superior quality, which acquired a wide reputation up to 1862, the Wilton yarns being standard goods in the New England market, where they found ready sale at the highest prices. Erecting a large mill, he engaged in the manufacture of woollen cloth upon an extensive scale; but his plant had been in operation only three months when he was stricken with pneumonia, and died at the age of seventy-five years.

His business ability and progressive tendencies were of great value to the town in developing its industrial resources, and he did much toward increasing its importance in this direction, as well as furnishing many of its inhabitants with steady employment. Pre-

vious to his death he erected a new residence in the new neighborhood of the factory, also remodelling the stable and other outbuildings. This property is now owned and the business carried on by G. F. Goodspeed. Mr. Dimond Furnel gave the land for the erection of the Methodist Episcopal church to the building fund, of which he donated one thousand dollars, besides assisting otherwise in its completion, and he acted as a Deacon and class leader for many years. He was a Royal Arch Mason, and in politics he acted with the Republican party. His wife, who was before marriage Mary Bennett, became the mother of three children, namely: William C.; Albert S.; and John D., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Mary B. Furnel lived to reach the age of sixty-two years.

John D. Furnel began his education in the public schools, and completed his studies at the Foxcroft Academy. In young manhood he became his father's travelling representative, selling the Wilton yarns upon the road, not only making direct sales to customers, but also taking large orders, and he sold as high as five thousand dollars worth at a time to one firm. When his father began the erection of the cloth manufactory, Mr. Furnel went to Braintree, Mass., where for a short time he had charge of a yarn mill. Returning to Wilton, he bought the mill formerly operated by his father, and in company with G. S. Fernald engaged in the house furnishing business and the manufacture of office furniture. His partner having retired a year later, he has since carried on the business alone, and has enlarged his factory to its present capacity. He manufactures furniture and caskets, and has a repair and finishing shop. He also does a large business as an undertaker, and his warerooms contain the most varied stock of goods in this line carried by any dealer in this part of the county.

Mr. Furnel married Emma Fairbanks, daughter of the Rev. Jonathan Fairbanks, a Methodist preacher of the Maine Conference, and by this union is the father of four children; namely, Guy G., Carl B., Roy G., and Evangeline E. Guy G. Furnel, who is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and possesses much ability, was for three years principal at

the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind in South Boston, later becoming a teacher in the Friends' School in Providence, R.I., and is connected with the Masonic fraternity. Carl B. Furnel was graduated at the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy in 1893, and is now in the drug business at Rumford Falls, Me. He is a member of Blazing Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Roy G. Furnel is a graduate of Wilton Academy, and of an embalming school, and has charge of the undertaking department of his father's business. Evangeline E. Furnel is a graduate of the Boston School of Oratory, and is now a teacher of elocution.

Mr. Furnel was made a Mason in Maine Lodge at Farmington in 1864; and, taking his demit some time later, he was instrumental in founding the Blue Lodge in Wilton, of which he is still a member. In politics he is independent. He has acted as a Justice of the Peace for ten years. A few years ago he bought the Matthews place for a residence, and this property he has greatly improved by enlarging and remodelling the buildings. In business and social circles he occupies a prominent position. Both he and his family attend the Congregational church.

ALLEN G. ABBOTT is one of the oldest residents of Sumner, and belongs to one of the first families of the town. He was born here August 28, 1813, son of Daniel and Sally (Tripp) Abbott. His great-grandfather, Andrew Abbott, who was a Revolutionary soldier, came with the pioneer settlers of Sumner, which was then called the Butterfield Plantation, and died here at an advanced age. George Abbott, the grandfather, was born in Massachusetts, and spent much of his life in Cumberland County. He was a sturdy and hard-working farmer, a leader among his contemporaries; and he died in Falmouth after a long life. His wife, whose maiden name was Tabitha Sawyer, also lived to be quite old. They reared six children—Daniel, Amos, William, George, Levi, and Hannah. Levi is yet living, and resides in New Hampshire.

Daniel Abbott was born in Falmouth in

1792. He resided for a number of years in Sumner, industriously occupied in agriculture, at which he was quite successful. Mr. Abbott was a loyal Republican from the time of the formation of the party, and a devoted member of the Free Will Baptist church. He died at the age of eighty-two. His wife, who was born in Yarmouth, Cumberland County, 1791, worked as industriously as her husband, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters. Of these four are living, namely: Allen G., the subject of this sketch; Marian, now Mrs. Rowe, of Sumner; Alpheus A., residing on Franklin Plantation; and James J. The others were: Andrew, Lucy, and Margaret. Lucy was the wife of a Mr. Campbell.

Allen G. Abbott was educated in the schools of Sumner, and while attending school aided about the home farm. He now owns a farm of seventy-five acres of good land, where for years he has been successfully engaged in raising general crops. He was married March 6, 1834, to Anna Gowell, who was born in the town of Sumner, December 16, 1816, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Gowell. Mr. Gowell also was one of the early settlers of Sumner. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have had seven children, namely: Harriet P., born April 24, 1835; George W., who was born March 2, 1837, and died in Libby Prison, November 27, 1864; Luther C., born May 29, 1839; Charles G., born July 7, 1841; William G., born September 24, 1843; Susan J., who was born February 15, 1846, and died October 25, 1866; and Alpheus A., born March 7, 1848. The parents, who have lived together over sixty years, celebrated their golden wedding in 1884. There is but one other couple in this locality who can boast of a longer term of wedded life. Together they cared for their children in sickness and health, through childhood and adolescence; together they anxiously watched the reports from the Southern battlefields, when five of their sons were fighting for the Union; and together they bore the shock of the news that one had died in Libby Prison. Now, drifted into quiet waters, they see other generations growing up about them, for they have eighteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Abbott, who is a Republican, has served as Town Assessor, and in other capacities. He and his wife are connected with the Universalist church.

**M**ARIA B. LOWELL, of Chesterville, an able and successful school teacher, was born in Chesterville, January 30, 1825, daughter of Reuben and Lois P. (Bradbury) Lowell. Her grandfather, Joshua B. Lowell, was one of the early settlers of Chesterville Hill. Reuben Lowell, who was a native of Chesterville, bought a part of his father's farm, and engaged in agriculture at an early age. He was an honest, hard-working farmer, who made the most of his opportunities of advancing himself. He engaged in lumbering during the winter season, carrying his shingles by ox-team to Hallowell, Kennebec County, from which place they were shipped to Portland and Boston. He was also, to some extent, engaged in bridge building. Taking much interest in bees, he had a large apiary. In politics he supported the Democratic party, while he was liberal in his religious views. He died April 5, 1867, aged sixty-four years. His wife, who was born in Chesterville, May 26, 1806, daughter of John Bradbury, of York, Me., became the mother of nine children—Maria B., James M., Nathan R., John S., Joshua B., Arthur D., Jennie D., Julia F., and Albert C. James M., who was born in 1827, died in 1886; Nathan R., born in 1829, now resides in Oakland, Cal.; and Jennie D. is now the wife of the Rev. George B. Ilsley, of Bangor. The mother, who was a Calvinist Baptist, lived to the age of eighty-four years.

Maria B. Lowell acquired her education in the district schools of Chesterville and at the Farmington Academy. After teaching in the district schools of her native town for several years, she was similarly employed in the public schools of Bangor, Me., for four years, and in Rossville, Ia., for three years. Subsequently, in Haddonfield, N.J., she taught for three terms of ten months each, including in her work the instruction of an evening school for colored children during three months each year. After some years passed at her home

in Maine, during which time her father died, she went to Gibsonville, Cal., where she taught for two years in the mountain districts, also spending some time in Sonoma and Napa Valley. She returned East in 1873, and has since resided with her brother, Joshua B., at the old homestead. Her brother's wife, Mrs. Joshua B. Lowell, died in 1873, leaving one daughter, Carrie L., who was afterward reared by Miss Lowell. Carrie L. is now Mrs. Plaisted, and resides at the home farm. Miss Lowell's last term of school was taught in her old school-house in Chesterville after her return from California. Since then she has lived in retirement. Her most gratifying reflection to-day is the fact that the educational work she has done has been fruitful in good results. Miss Lowell is a Baptist in religious belief, and a member of the First Calvinistic Baptist Church of Bangor.

**R**OLLIN N. STETSON, an esteemed Selectman of Sumner, was born here, September 15, 1866, son of Abel and Adeline H. (Howe) Stetson, and grandson of Abel Stetson. Both the latter and the parents were likewise natives of this town. Hezekiah Stetson, the great-grandfather, who was born in Pembroke, Mass., about the year 1751, fought in the Revolutionary War. After peace was declared he, with other Revolutionary soldiers, settled in Sumner on a tract of land which he cleared and developed, building a log cabin at first. In 1796 he erected the frame dwelling that is now occupied by his grandson, Deacon Josiah T. Stetson. He died in 1833, aged eighty-two years. He married Elizabeth Tillson, who bore him eight children, all of whom reared families. They were: Elisha, Zenas, Abel, Tilson, Hezekiah, Lydia, Ephraim, and Mary.

Abel Stetson was born on Sumner Hill. He was the original settler on the land now occupied by his grandson, Rollin N., erected the present dwelling-house, and died there at an advanced age. In political preferences he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Congregationalist. Abel Stetson, Jr., father of the subject of this sketch, was one of the elder

sons in a large family. He was born January 21, 1824, and spent his active period in the pursuit of agriculture, residing for a number of years on the home farm. He voted the Republican ticket. In religious belief he was a Baptist. He died October 29, 1891. His wife, who was born January 10, 1822, is now residing with her son, Rollin N. She has two other children — Cornelia B., the wife of J. F. Moody, of Massachusetts; and Carlton B., residing in Waterville, Me.

Rollin N. Stetson, who is the youngest of his parent's children, acquired a good education in the schools of his native town. Having begun to take an interest in farm work in boyhood, he is now one of the ablest farmers in the locality. He raises general crops, keeps some live stock, and is up-to-date in his methods. Though only thirty years old, he is regarded as a representative farmer of the locality. Mr. Stetson was married December 21, 1890, to Ada B. Heald, of Buckfield, daughter of B. F. Heald. They have one daughter, Althea H., born November 7, 1891. Mr. Stetson is a popular member of the Democratic party, and he served on the Board of Selectmen for two years. He is an esteemed member of the Baptist church.

**H**ARRISON BONNEY, one of the oldest residents of Sumner, who is highly esteemed by his townsmen, was born in this town, November 26, 1814, a son of John and Naomi (Ford) Bonney. His paternal grandfather was Isaac Bonney. John Bonney was a native and a lifelong resident of Sumner. He was an industrious blacksmith and a competent farmer. His life was comparatively short, ending in his forty-seventh year. His wife, who was also a native of Sumner, lived to a ripe age.

Harrison Bonney was reared and educated in Sumner. In his early manhood he went to Massachusetts, where he worked for about eight years, and managed to save some money. Returning then to his native town, he made his first purchase of land, a part of the farm on which he is now living. A careful husbandman, he develops the best resources of his farm, looking carefully after every detail.

From time to time he has added to his original purchase, so that now it is considerably larger. The farm is a good one, and it yields him a comfortable income. Mr. Bonney was married in 1843 to Miss Sophia Stetson, of Sumner, who died in 1844. He subsequently contracted a second marriage with Miss Louisa E. Keen, who was a native of Sumner. Three of his children are living. These are: Abigail C., who resides in Massachusetts; and William F. and Josephine, who reside in Sumner. In politics Mr. Bonney is a Republican. On religious questions he and his wife hold liberal views, believing that right for its own sake should underlie all human motives. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bonney belong to old Sumner families, and are connected by ties of kindred with the best people of the town.

**H**EBRON ACADEMY, one of the best-known educational institutions in New England, is also one of the most interesting in its history. Its foundation was the outgrowth of the necessity for a good school in the district, which, about the first of this century, comprised the present towns of Hebron and Oxford, under the name of Shepardsfield. The territory was originally granted by the General Court of the State of Massachusetts on the 8th of March, 1777, to Alexander Shepard, Jr., of Newton, Mass., as a recompense for surveying most of the land that now lies in the counties of Oxford and Cumberland. To quote from the address of the Hon. Percival Bonney, President of the present Board of Trustees, on the general history and growth of the academy, "It has been said that, if a colony of New England people should be planted on the remote frontier in any quarter of the globe, within twenty-four hours they would have a church under cover on the most available corner, and a school-house on the nearest knoll."

And this is just what happened in the district of Shepardsfield. The first school here was established and supported by these men: John Greenwood, Isaac Whittemore, Samuel Whittemore, Stephen Myrick, Asa Bearce, and Nathaniel Cushman. It was taught by a Mrs. Baker, who was at one time a resident of

Weston, Mass. This school, which was only a private school, lasted for a few years, until popular feeling began to agitate for another and larger school, more fitted to the needs of the town. In the first year of the nineteenth century the result of this feeling was seen in the shape of a new building, erected for the purpose of housing the proposed academy. This was done even before a charter was granted by the General Court, by Deacon William Barrows of revered memory, in his great zeal for the establishment of the much-hoped-for school. The charter was granted on the 10th of February, 1804, a few months after the building was completed.

Hebron Academy reverences as its incorporators the following prominent citizens of the district: the Rev. James Hooper, pastor of the Baptist church at Paris; Ezekiel Whitman, an attorney of New Gloucester, afterward Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine; Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, whose son, Hannibal Hamlin, afterward became so prominent a statesman; Samuel Parris, the father of a future governor; John Greenwood, of Hebron; Dr. Luther Carey, of Turner, future Judge, State Senator, and Representative; Jesse Rice, a physician; the Rev. John Tripp, of whom some account has been given in the sketch of the present principal of the academy; William E. Sargent, A.M., in this work; and William Barrows, the Deacon of the old Baptist church of Hebron, which as a society rendered great assistance for many years to its foster child, the Hebron Academy.

These men met first as a corporation on the 6th of June, 1804. The charter was adopted without any division of sentiment, and two committees were appointed to solicit donations for the academy, and to draw up a series of rules and regulations for its government. That strong old preacher, the Rev. John Tripp, was elected to serve the infant academy as its clerk, and he held the position through its times of need to the times of prosperity that were soon to follow, until his death, which took place in the year 1847. Deacon William Barrows was asked to fill the office of Treasurer, which he did until he handed in his resignation in 1823. The number of students was limited to forty, until an assistant

teacher should be provided, a thing that could at that time hardly be hoped for for some few years. The requisites for admission to the academy were just such as might have been expected from the natural characteristics of the strong, true-hearted, faithful men, who evolved them from their own knowledge and sense of what they thought to be the right and only way of living up to the standard of their forefathers, without which no community could in reason expect to exist. Their two great watchwords, "Education and Religion," resounded equally loud, flying side by side.

The building erected by the gifts of the grateful people of the surrounding district was dedicated on the 2d of September, 1805. The land for the purpose had been given by a brother of the Deacon, Mr. Joseph Barrows, and the cost of the building itself was divided into about seventy shares, which were paid for by generous men and women of the district. The whole property was valued at fourteen hundred dollars.

On the 3d of September the school first opened its doors for the reception of students. Its young principal was William Barrows, a son of the Deacon, and at the time a Senior in Dartmouth College. As he was assisted by Bezaleel Cushman, a native of the town, and a future graduate of Dartmouth, the rule about the number of students to be admitted happily never needed enforcing.

At the opening of the academy, between sixty and seventy students of both sexes were in attendance, a larger number than had been expected by any one. In 1807, more money being needed to assist its growth, an appeal was again made to the General Court, and after a certain stipulated sum had been raised by subscription in the vicinity, a grant of eleven thousand, five hundred acres of land was made to the institution by the State. This land was sold by or under the direction of the Trustees for fifty cents an acre, and, as ten lots of one thousand acres apiece were sold at once, the sum of five thousand dollars was immediately raised, which, added to the sum of three thousand which had been raised by the subscription, made eight thousand dollars, which was put to use for the benefit of the young institution.

It is interesting to learn that the price of tuition was originally set at twenty cents per week, if the student was constant in his attendance during the term, and at twenty-five if he was not regular. The Trustees were allowed at first one dollar a day for attending meetings of the Board, but a few years later they themselves generously voted to make all their services free of charge, and even to cut off their travelling expenses, which they had been granted on the mileage system. The first building of the academy was also used as a church.

In 1819, owing to the destruction of the academy building by fire, and the academy being in more or less financial distress, the neighboring towns took advantage of its condition to urge its removal to a place where it would be more convenient for them. But at the next annual meeting of the Board the Trustees gently but firmly refused their earnest and insinuating request.

By 1821 the necessary funds had been secured, and the new academy building was erected and ready for use. It was a two-story one of brick, large enough for those days. Eight years later a principal's house was built by a son of one of the institution's greatest benefactors, Caleb Barrows, at a cost of eight hundred dollars. This building has been several times added to and enlarged. In 1845 the then Board of Trustees decided that the school-house erected in 1820 was useless, not to say dangerous, and it was voted to build a new one, which was done at a cost of five hundred and twenty dollars, besides the value of the old materials that could be used from the first structure. Still two years later a bell was purchased with money given by the Board to the extent of fifty dollars, and by the society of the Baptist church to the extent of seventy, in return for which benefit they were to have the use of the bell at all times when necessary for their religious purposes, the school to use it at other times. In 1866, at a special meeting of the Board, a chapel was decided on as a necessity that could be easily afforded, and it was soon built and in use.

Two years later, at the earnest representation of Principal Herrick, who was a member of the House of Representatives, the State

legislature made a grant of one thousand dollars to the institution.

In 1872 came the astonishing and delightful proposition from Governor Coburn "to endow," etc., "on condition that another fifty thousand dollars be raised to endow two other schools, east and west"; and as Hebron was finally selected as the "western school," a faithful canvass was at once begun and, notwithstanding the severe financial depression of the time, successfully conducted by the great friend and benefactor of the academy, the Rev. A. R. Crane.

Thirteen hundred friends of the school made generous contributions; and the full amount was obtained in 1883, the completion being made by a gift from the Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, of Boston. Since that time several new scholarships have been given and bequeathed, and sums of money have been given for other

purposes. Mr. B. F. Sturtevant, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., has been one of the largest recent donors, he giving twelve thousand five hundred dollars, to which forty thousand dollars was raised by subscription for building and endowment purposes.

At the present time the school, which has steadily been prospering, has about half-a-dozen fine buildings, all equipped in modern fashion, and some spacious grounds. After all improvements now contemplated have been accomplished and paid for, about sixty thousand dollars will constitute the Endowment Fund of Hebron Academy. One of the old school's greatest benefactors and helpers of later years is the man who has been President of the Board of Trustees, and the writer of its history, the Hon. Percival Bonney, than whose name none is better known in Maine.







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